MAYOR PRESENTS SCOUT TROPHY

Scout Malcolm McGowan, Montague, is pictured receiving the series "B" Scout trophy on behalf of his team Monday night at Montague. Mayor B.H. Yeo in making the presentation of this hockey trophy congratulated the scouts and their leaders and said he was pleased to be able to make the space for their meetings available in his theatre, especially when they were under such excellent leadership as, Cpl. Douglas Hender and such an able coach as Cnst. Walter Pincent, both of the Montague detachment of RCMP.

Many Ideas Advanced For Tourist Industry

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While Prince Edward Island is steeped in history, and has played a large role in the formation of Canada, many people feel that not the least of the historic events and items are the 'things' people knew and used in the distant past.

It has been suggested to the P.E.I. Tourist Association that cellars and attics of island homes, as well as storehouses and barns in rural area, should be scoured in a search for wooden articles, which played so large a part in Island home life in the early days of settling.

OLD SPINNING WHEEL

The spinning wheel is widely known to all and there still are many of them in Island homes as decorations. Few are in use as there are probably few women today who would know how to use one.

However, it is the many other articles made of wood which should be hunted down, collected and carefully preserved. For instance, how many can even remember the wooden porringer on the meal tables of long ago?

A suggestion has also been advanced that in catering to the tourist who likes to fish, there should be definite areas marked with tourist association signs telling the angler that he may fish there.

LACK OF SIGNS

But that again brings up the recurring plaint of ordinary Islanders, as well as tourist operators, regarding the lack of adequate signs throughout the province. Whether this is something to be remedied by the department of highways, or that of tourist development, makes little difference to the motorists. But in view of the many complaints, it would appear that something should be done quickly before the 1962 tourist season is in full swing.

Another suggestion which might easily be developed concerns the countless small coves and their beaches which may be found all along the Island coastline. There are innumerable places like this which are delightful and it is only necessary to point them out to the tourist.

One writer to the P.E.I. Tourist Association proposes the establishment of a large entertainment park located somewhere between Charlottetown and Summerside, and points to the tourist success of similar centres elsewhere. Particularly mentioned is the widely known Tivoli in Copenhagen where may be found zoos, sports arenas, open air theatres, cafes, fountains, exhibitions, children's amusements and many other things.

However, this would be expensive and likely would take much time to establish. But it might be considered for a long-term project.

Of more than passing interest is the proposal that souvenirs of the Island be made here. After all, a "made in Japan" tag makes a souvenir lose some of its attraction.

The making of these souvenirs right here could be the beginning of a new and large-scale industry for the province.

The old saying has it that one picture is worth a thousand words, so a suggestion for a souvenir booklet of photos of Island scenes is worth considering. The idea is that photographers, amateurs and professionals alike, should submit pictures of real Island beauty spots and the best collected into a volume which could be sold in a souvenir album form.

EASTERN BRIEFS

SPEND SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jenkins and their daughters Ann Becky and Peggy Jr., of Waverly Court, Charlottetown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Jenkin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Beck.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harper of Lancaster, N.B. who motored to Montague to attend the funeral of Mrs. C. Herbert Poole on Friday afternoon returned to Lancaster on Sunday.

DEATH OCCURS

The sad news was received on Sunday by Miss Bess and Miss Martha Poole, Montague, of the death of Ausin Livingstone of Dorchester, Mass. Death was due to pneumonia following a severe case of hepatitis. Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone have spent the last 12 summers in Montague as guests of the Poole family.

POOLE FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. C. Hubert Poole was held Friday afternoon from Trinity United Church, Montague. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. John MacDonald. Hymns sung by the choir directed by Mrs. Lloyd Fraser were "The Lord's My Shepherd", and "Abide With Me". Mrs. Douglas Coffin and Mrs. Arnold Wightman, sang "Beyond The Sunset." Flowerbearers were Bud Westaway, Douglas Collings, Junior Collings, Everett Thompson, Paul Dewar, Fulton Campbell, Hubert Nelson, Douglas McKenna, and William Steel. Pallbearers were: Jack Annear, Roy Gillis, Garnet Moore, Lionel Collings, Clarence Thompson and William Thompson. Interment was in the Montague community cemetery.

EAST BALTIC

Miss Connie Roach, Souris, spent the weekend with Miss Janet Dixon, East Baltic.

Miss Audrey Robertson, Charlottetown, spent the weekend at her home in Red Point.

Dalton Robertson, Charlottetown, attended the funeral of his niece, Mrs. Fred Dixon, in the Kingsboro Baptist Church on March 18th.

William Acorn, MLA, Souris, was a visitor to Amherst, N.S., and Moncton, N.B., during the past week.

Neil Gerard McLellan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil A. McLellan, Red Point, is a patient in the Souris Hospital.

The Eastern Districts were represented at the recent meeting of the National Resources held recently in the Souris High School.

Mrs. Fay Glover, Charlottetown, attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Fred Dixon, in the Kingsboro Baptist Church March 18th.

Care Of Eyes Stressed In World Health Week

"In the world today, there are at least 650,000 blind children," explained T. Kays, president of the Friendship Club of the Blind, "but only 40,000 of them are going to school." In a CNIB salute to World Health Week, now under way, Mr. Kays drew attention to the Canadian record of blind school children.

"Of our 1,700 school - aged blind children, about one hundred complete high school each year and either go to work or enrol for higher education," he said. "With CNIB's help they become self-supporting and an asset to their community." CNIB estimates that in 1961 blind Canadians earned more than $3,000,000.

"It is difficult to appreciate the human significance of figures," Mr. KaKys said. "There are more blind people in the city of Calcutta than in the whole of Canada."

"During World Health Week, Canadians should do three things: they should resolve to take care of their own sight and to see a doctor at the first sign of eye trouble; parents should make certain that children get a check-up when any eye condition appears; everyone should learn about the serious eye troubles of the world and do every thing possible to keep Canadian standards high."

"Preserve Sight — Prevent Blindness," the theme for World Health Week, now under way, has a meaning for all of us when applied to eye accidents," stated P.C. Bower, Charlottetown, of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. "In Canada last year almost 300,000 industrial eye accidents occurred while others happened on the farm. They brought with them untold personal suffering, wasted working hours and serious economic losses.

"An accident can happen in a second and destroy a lifetime of useful work and independent living," he said pointing out several constructive methods of avoiding eye accidents. "If you work in industry, on dangerous operations, wear safety glasses. If you have a home workshop in your basement, wear safety glasses too.

All Canadians concerned with good vision have a share in a program now taking place all over the world. According to W. S. Chandler, chairman of the Prince Edward Island Advisory Board to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the World Health Organization, a United Nations service, has dedicated its 14th anniversary, April 7, to prevention of blindness.

"In the emergent countries, two-thirds of blindness could be prevented," Mr. Chandler said. "It needs the right medical treatment in the early stages of the disease and modern sanitary standards. Vast health education programs are needed to reduce blindness to a level where regular health services can cope with it.

"Canadians should know these needs and encourage the government to give more help to the serious eye problems around the world. Above all preserve your own sight and urge your fellow Canadians to take care of theirs," he concluded.

PIUSVILLE

Harry Murray, a former resident of Piusville, died recently at his home in U.S.A.

Pauline and Palma Gallant, have returned to their homes in Piusville after spending some time in Toronto, Ont.

Winston Corcoran, student at Prince of Wales College, spent the weekend at his home in Piusville.

Marian and Marie Perry, Montrose, were recent guests of Shirley and Marina Gallant, Piusville.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor, Burton, were recent visitors to Piusville.

Pearlene, and Cheryl Corcoran, students at Miscouche Convent spent the weekend at their home in Piusville.

Miss Hermia Corcoran and Allison Bowness have been chosen as King and Queen of Alberton Regional High School for the Easter Prom. Miss Geraldine Rooney, and Alan Nicholson were chosen as senior prince and princess, and Miss Florence Foley, and Stanley Murray, as junior prince and princess.

MAPLE SUGAR

Experts say the ideal maple sugar bush lot as about 25 to 30 large trees to the acre.

Call For Federal Election Awaited Within 10 Days

OTTAWA (CP)—This may be the last full week of work for members of Parliament before the federal general election.

Dissolution of Canada's 24th Parliament within 10 days for an election June 18 is being freely predicted.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, by not yet definitely committing himself to a date, has left the door open for a fall election but his statement last week and other indicators point to June as being the month of decision.

Arriving at London airport Thursday to embark on a day-long barnstorming tour of the southwestern Ontario riding of Middlesex West, he said the election would be held in the "very near future."

That night at a Conservative meeting in Strathroy, Ont., he again accused the parliamentary opposition of obstructionist tactics, a theme he has pounded away at consistently in recent weeks and which has "election issue" written all over it.

This obstruction was holding up legislation—and government promises—and made "a decision (by the electorate) not too long delayed."

Returning to the Commons Friday, Mr. Diefenbaker's statement that he was agreeable to a Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in September brought the tongue-in-cheek suggestion by Opposition Leader Pearson that he should be consulted as possible successor in the office of prime minister.

PM CONFIDENT

Mr. Diefenbaker, buoyed by his previous day's campaigning —he had drawn an audience of 1,400 at Strathroy—replied confidently: "My experience in the last two days has been that (Mr. Pearson's) expectations are not going to be realized."

Mr. Pearson slumped back into his seat with a scowl. He has pressed the government for more than a year now to call a general election, "the sooner the better."

Less than a month ago, in Summerside, P.E.I., he accused the prime minister of irresponsibility in not setting an election date.

Friday also brought firm word on the date of the budget —second only to the election date as the event most eagerly anticipated by Parliament and the country.

Finance Minister Fleming's sudden announcement—in an interruption of a hum-drum Commons debate — that he would bring down his budget Tuesday night was viewed as another indication that the election is not far off.

Such announcements have been coming from the government almost daily in the last two weeks, giving every appearance of an administration clearing the decks in advance of an election.

Last week there were these announcements:

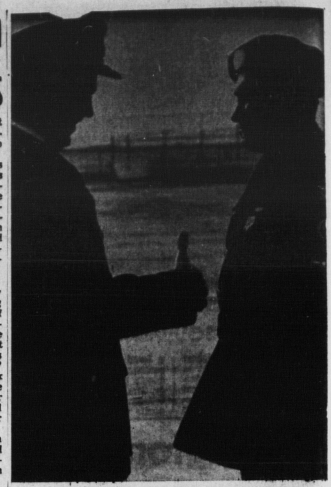
Monday — Government intention to extend the Freight Rates Reducation Act for another year at an increased subsidy of $70,000,000; Tuesday — Acceptance by Hong Kong of the Canadian government's request that Hong Kong impose restraints on exports of certain cotton goods to this country, a measure of aid to Canada's hard-pressed textile industry; Wednesday — Broadened social subsidies for the Maritimes; Thursday—Notice to the Commons of the prime minister's Senate reform measure; Friday—The budget date.

The previous week's announcements: Monday—A federal loan towards construction of three power projects in New Brunswick; Tuesday—A federal contribution of $225,000 towards the freight cost of moving seed oats to drought-hit areas of Manitoba and Saskatchewan; Wednesday—A $75,000,000 wheat sale to Red China, the biggest yet; Thursday—An increase in the special government monthly allowances to children of immigrants; Friday—An average final payment of 31.8 cents a bushel — a record — to Prairie farmers under the 1960-61 wheat pool.

IS CORPORAL

Wing Cmdr. J. Dempster, commanding officer of RCAF Station Edgar, Ont. recently announced the promotion to corporal of Vance Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Strickland, Murray River, P.E.I.

Cpl. Strickland joined the RCAF in 1956, after graduation from Murray River School, and Provincial Vocational School at Charlottetown. He has travelled widely throughout Canada since his enlistment, and is now proceeding to the United States for additional training.



P.E.I. AIRMAN DECORATED

Air Commodore R.J. Lane (left) Air Officer Commanding, Air Transport Command, awards the United Nations medal to LAC J.E. Coady of Charlottetown, P.E.I., at El-Arish, Egypt. The award was made during a recent visit of the Air Commodore to the men serving with No. 115 Air Transport Unit, an RCAF Air Transport Command contingent serving with the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East. The unit's primary task is border patrol along the Egyptian-Israeli armistice line on the bleak desert sands of the Sinai Peninsula.

BREAKS RELATIONS

QUITO (AP)—President Carlos Arosemena announced Monday night that he has decided to break diplomatic relations with Cuba, Czechoslovakia and Poland. The military had threatened to unseat Arosemena unless he broke with Cuba and adopted a moderate course in international relations instead of a left-leaning policy.

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