

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE W. H. NOONAN

On Monday evening, June 7, after a lengthy illness, George W. H. Noonan, eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Noonan, passed peacefully away at the Misericordia Hospital, Winnipeg, by the rites of the Catholic Church and by the ministrations of his pastor and chaplain.

George Noonan was born at Albany; educated at the Public Schools at Albany and at Sealestown—from the latter he passed his Matriculation Examinations to Prince of Wales College. After graduation from college, he taught school for three years at Middleton. Like so many others of his generation, he answered the call to the West, and settled in Manitoba where he lived until his death. He was employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway until illness forced his retirement about twelve years ago.

Many of those who read Old Charlottetown—Student Days at P. W. College—in a March issue of The Guardian, will remember the fine tribute paid to Dr. Alexander Anderson by the late Sir Andrew Macphail. Recalling that writer's description of the sterling qualities of the distinguished and renowned Dr. Anderson, one could understand why one of George's most cherished treasures was a penned copy of a Letter of Reference from Dr. Anderson which read as follows:

Education Office, Prince Edward Island, 9th May, 1903. "I hereby certify that I remember George Noonan as a good student and a well-conducted young man. He was energetic, conscientious, and painstaking. I have always heard him spoken of as a successful teacher." Signed, Alexander Anderson, LL.D., Chief Superintendent of Education.

George Noonan, like many others was privileged in coming under the magnetic personality of that illustrious gentleman, Dr. Anderson.

Although he had lived beyond the allotted age of man, he continued to help and encourage the less fortunate and throughout his many years in the West he was generous beyond his means. He lived quietly and simply, denying himself comforts and luxuries so that he might help by giving to others.

Three reasons might be given for the outstanding characteristics of this gentleman: He was born into a fine Christian home where obedience and discipline were taken for granted; he grew up under the spiritual guidance of Rev. J. J. MacDonald, his Parish Priest; and he was fortunate in being a student at P. W. C. while Dr. Anderson was Principal.

Prayers for the dead were recited at the Chapel on Friday evening; the funeral service was at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Austin Street; Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by his pastor, Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald, (Georgetown, P. E. I.); four Altar Boys served during the Mass; the Church School Choir sang the Mass very well, which contributed much to the solemnity of the beautiful service. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Besides his pastor, Rt. Rev. J. E. Cahill, also from P. E. Island, Rector St. Mary's Cathedral, was at the graveside.

The late Mr. George Noonan leaves two brothers, O'Connell at Sealestown, and Grattan at Albany; four sisters, Mrs. Harriet Johnston, Lucy, and Mrs. Laura Green at Albany; Elizabeth at Victoria, B. C. Two brothers and one sister predeceased him some years ago. A number of nieces and nephews have lost a kind generous uncle.

Those left to mourn a good brother recall the words of the poet:

"God calls His loved ones, but we lost not wholly
What He hath given;
They live on earth, in thought and deed, as truly,
As in His Heaven."

POOR RESULTS

TOTLAND BAY, Isle of Wight (CP)—The total catch of 28 anglers in a contest here was two trout and one seagull, snagged on a fisherman's hook.

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100,000 Workers Idle On 4,000 Italian Farms

FERRARA, Italy (AP)—A farm worker strike, with hundreds arrested, nine police hurt, roads barricaded and cattle starving, has been spreading for more than 60 days. Now an estimated 100,000 grim-faced farm workers stand idle and 4,000 farms are hard hit in Ferrara province, Italy's little Holland with 400 square miles of diked farmland rich in dairy products and grain.

Italian troops stand on the alert ready to move in if police are unable to maintain order. Farm owners say 30 cows have died and hundreds are starving or facing death from poisoned wells. Thousands of gallons of milk have spoiled, shut off from markets by roads embedded with spikes, blocked with manned barricades, or cut with three-foot-deep ditches which have stalled police jeeps trying to escort milk trucks to town.

The big dikes that guard flood-menaced Canabianco in the Po delta lowlands were cut at one place, flooding hundreds of acres of farmland.

In repeated clashes between strikers and police since the strikes began to spread last April 22, nine police have been injured, mostly by stoning, and 400 demonstrators were arrested. Of these a score or more still are held on charges of "resistance and outrage to police."

WORKERS CLUBBED

Some workers who tried to stay on the job in defiance of the strike have been clubbed or beaten. Behind the violence lies the complex pattern of economic ill-adjustment. To angry complaints of farm owners and authorities, urging that the workers at least take care of hungry thirsty cattle and cows which must be milked, the workers have replied bitterly:

"You who can hear the painful lowing of cattle, can you not also hear the whimpering of hungry children?"

The farm workers demand wage increases and improved working conditions. Wages vary with classes of workers. But the ordinary farm hand gets 17,000 lire a month, with some meals and food to take home. That pay amounts to \$30 a month. Time workers get 12 lire an hour—20 cents.

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Says Number Of Unwed Mothers In U. S. Increasing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The number of unwed mothers in the United States is increasing—especially among "teen-agers or upper class girls—and a "sex hysteria" in American society is partly to blame, a physician said Wednesday.

Many influences are at work producing "an emotional shambles which fosters many of the deviations and denatured biological trends which are common among our young folks," Dr. Goodrich C. Schaeffler of Portland, Ore., told the American Medical Association. He had seen "too many impressively happy endings" to think these matters cannot be "decently handled—many of them by the physician." Having their babies may "turn out to be a maturing experience—often a distinct psychological advantage as compared to an abortion."

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the 'poor working girl' or 'peniless domestic' of the beginning of the century."

Modern customs which "precipitate precocious sex activity of young people" are one cause, he said. Young people are more aware of sex, "stimulated and maintained by the sex hysteria which is a calculated instrument of modern journalism and so-called entertainment trends.

"Beyond this, there are loose practices, bad examples and lack of supervision in parental and home influences; liquor, narcotics, automobiles, auto courts, and finally, gang influences which combine the above elements and tend, in certain groups, almost to enforce premarital sex practices."

Stress Need For Welfare Work In Great Britain

TORONTO (CP)—Britain today has a greater need for voluntary welfare work now than at any other time in her history, George Haynes, general secretary of the United Kingdom national council of social service, said Wednesday. In an address to the Canadian Welfare Council's annual dinner here, Mr. Haynes said many thought the need for voluntary effort would disappear when Britain built up her welfare services after the Second World War.

"The truth is that no state, however rich in resources, can ever provide for all the needs of its people," he said. He said voluntary effort is needed to build on the board welfare foundation provided by the state. This was especially necessary in Britain because of the profound political, industrial and economic changes which have occurred since the First World War. Mr. Haynes, also president of the international conference of social work, said he was deeply impressed during visits to southeast Asia with the efforts to bring new services to people whose lives were dominated by disease, hunger and ignorance. He said more must be done if the areas are not to suffer from political exploitation.

OUTLINE PROGRAMS TO MEET POWER DEMANDS NEXT DECADE

MURRAY BAY, Que. (CP)—Top Canadian electrical engineers and executives Thursday outlined vigorous programs being carried out to meet this country's power demands for the next 10 years. In a symposium at the annual meeting of the Canadian Electrical Association, representatives of leading electric utilities gave reports on projects in their respective provinces.

Mr. Ingledow, chief engineer and vice-president of British Columbia Electric Company, said B.C. is fortunate in her power future as there are still a number of good hydro electric sites close to populated centres capable of economic development.

WRONG IMPRESSION

Mr. Ingledow said B.C. is second only to Quebec in amount of hydro capable of development, and government estimates have placed this at more than 10,000,000 horsepower, not including possible development of headwaters of the Yukon river by diversion through B.C.

mand. F. L. Feeney, chief engineer of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, said there is a deep-seated impression in the minds of business, financial and industrial leaders, and even in engineering minds, that New Brunswick lacks power resources.

LAST ELECTRIC SITE

"Certainly we have no Niagara nor Shiphaws but we have a substantial amount of potential hydro electric energy and coal fields which by joint development can provide reliable power at a reasonable price," he said.

Dr. R. L. Hearn, chief engineer and general manager, Engineering of the Ontario Hydro, said the St. Lawrence power development is the last remaining major hydro electric site in Southern Ontario and the long-term forecast of the Ontario system indicates power from the St. Lawrence will be required by December, 1958.

W. G. MacDonald of the Nova Scotia Light and Power Company said his province will depend for some years on steam gas turbine or diesel for new electric resources.

Atomic power may be expected to follow depending on its future development and the cost of producing power from this source, he added.

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