

### Union Commercial College Students



Photographed above are members of the 1953-54 class at Union Commercial College: Front row, left to right: Marlene Peters, Winsloe; Barbara Whitlock, Charlottetown; Bette Simpson, Kensington; Madeline Stewart, Southport; Shirley Spence, Hunter's River; Shirley MacEwen, St. Peter's Bay; Mabel Saunders, Charlottetown; Rena Wood, Hazelbrook; Joan Cloussey, Tignish; Aneta MacDonald, South Lake. Second row, left to right: Betty Stevenson, New Glasgow; Bertha Walton, De Sable; Norma MacKay, Emerald; Norma Rayner, Alberton; Blanche Craig, Conroy Station; Velma Myers, Hazelbrook; Marjorie Goodwin, Charlottetown; Perle MacDonald, Johnston's River; Susan Murray, Brackley Beach; Arlene Gallant, Charlottetown; Josephine Roberts, Grand Tracadie; Wanda Robertson, East Baltic. Third row, left to right: Beulah Ferguson, Hampton; Thelma Ryan, Morell; Mary McAleer, Charlottetown; Pauline MacIntyre, Milton; Harvey Ford, Charlottetown; Robert Lafferty, Charlottetown; Richard Sawyer, Cape Traverse; Leonard MacDonald, Armadale; Barry Ings, Pownal; George Walker, Charlottetown; Janet MacDonald, Nine Mile Creek; Margaret MacDonald, St. Margarets; Shirley Gamester, Charlottetown; Audrey Thomson, Crapaud.



Other Commercial students are: Front row, left to right: Elaine MacEwen, St. Peter's Bay; Priscilla MacDonald, Charlottetown; Helen Hardy, Howland; Miss Mary MacInnis, Instructor; Mr. W. D. Fraser, Principal; Mr. Arnold L. Hubley, Vice-Principal; Janet Carver, Charlottetown; Ireta Stevenson, Fredericton; Shirley Ladner, Charlottetown. Second row, left to right: Joyce Gibbs, Grand Tracadie; Doreen Howatt, North Tryon; Irma Cook, Bloomfield; Evelyn MacPherson, Hampshire; Beatrice Bruce, Souris; Barbara Irving, Cape Traverse; Alice Jenkins, Winsloe; Edythe LeLacheur, Murray Harbour; Susan MacCormack, Souris. Third row, left to right: Erma Bell, Murray Harbour; Lois Good, Charlottetown; Evelyn Gardiner, Albany; Mary McGee, Charlottetown; Barbara Duffy, Southport; Dorothy Hendricksen, Fanning Brook; Lillian Johnston, Belmont; Janet Dalziel, Charlottetown; Annie Campbell, Central Lot 16.

Out Our Way By J. R. Williams



OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE



### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Manufacture of a one-ton bomb requires two tons of coal. Trinidad and Tobago have the honor of issuing the first complete current set of Elizabeth II stamps. Values retail around \$7.00 or less. Australia released the first coronation stamps on May 25th. Canadians are among the highest paid workers in the world. The average weekly paid employees of manufacturing plants at Feb 1, 1953 was \$56.05; \$43.87 in 1950, and \$20.14 a year ago, \$43.87 in 1950, and \$20.14 in 1939. No need to worry about where your next cut of beef will come from with 845,000,000 head of cattle in the world. The estimate is made by the United States Foreign Agriculture Service.

The common spider would put our best carpenters to shame when it comes to building a home. First the beams are laid in position — truer than any carpenter could do the job — next comes the parallels, then the scaffold, then the circular net. The skillful little builder now puts up the cross lines, which, all passing through the centre, have the appearance of spokes in a wheel.

If you have never seen one of our common spiders at work by all means do so before another summer goes by. You'll be amazed to see a house go up right under your very eyes. See how he constructs the hub as he moves along on winged feet! Wonderful! That quick dart you see him make to the left is to strengthen some weak spot. That moment's pause is not a breather, no siree. The pause is made to replenish the supply of web. Now he's off again to fasten a loose end, nimbly walking on the stage so recently set up. The last, but by no means the least of the wonder Worker's task

is making the spiral tunnel that serves as a corridor to the parlor. Round and round the skeleton he goes, and at each spoke he stops and fastens a strand. Thus the task goes on until all the spokes are linked up and the lovely house is completed.

Although spiders work by instinct, their homes are among the most wonderful to see. But there's a catch to this web home as many a fly has found out when it was too late.

Trapped on a high trestle, Mrs. Nancy Lyles of Alton, Ill., flung herself between the rails while a fast train sped over her. She escaped injury and still clutched the paper bag containing her lunch, which she was taking to work. So you see, truth is stranger than fiction.

On the morning of May 19, 1980, an unusual darkness enfolded the Garden of the Gulf. By one o'clock that memorable day the sun became a blood-red disk in the sky and visibility was so poor the inhabitants could scarcely see one another. Then out of the darkness came a terrific electrical storm that sent everyone scurrying to cover. Some spoke in hushed whispers of the day of judgment. But that was only the beginning. When the sun had set and the storm had abated and the stars came into view the heavens suddenly burst into a 4th of July celebration: a sight never seen before by the inhabitants of Prince Edward Island. It literally rained stars and to this day that day is known as the "night of shooting stars."

Judge Brown that "I get into trouble only on Sundays." So the jovial judge sentenced him to five consecutive Sunday's in jail. One July night 21 years ago a flash of lightning demolished the gravestone of a former Canadian soldier, Maj. Sumnerford in a cemetery in British Columbia. In the 1st World War the Major's house was struck by lightning and the major also was struck and partly paralyzed. He was returned to Canada and in time recovered sufficiently to get about with a crutch.

In 1924 the Major and 3 friends went fishing. A bolt of lightning struck the tree where Sumnerford sat. He was further paralyzed from the shock.

Then in 1930, while walking in Stanley Park with a group of friends, a sudden thunder storm broke out and they all sought shelter under the awning of a refreshment booth. Again lightning struck the major rendering him hopelessly disabled during the two years more that he lived.

Two years ago lightning struck a tree on the East Wiltshire road, three times during the same storm. Who said that lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

### Montreal Proper Not Likely Target

MONTREAL, (CP)—A city councillor said Wednesday he does not believe Montreal proper will become a target for the hydrogen bomb.

Councillor Leon Lortie, a University of Montreal professor, warned however that the enemy probably would try to hit such outlying sites as Montreal East, Ville Lasalle, the Beauharnois canal and hydro-electric development and other suburban areas. The councillor's comment came during a debate on the civil defence budget. He questioned whether \$76,000 was enough to set aside for civil defence projects.

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