

Scholarships Are Presented At Montague RHS

Mrs. Athol Robertson, Kings County Zone Commander of the Ladies Auxiliaries, Royal Canadian Legion, presided at a Zone Rally held at the Morell Legion Home Thursday evening. Auxiliaries at Souris, Morell, Carleton Place, Georgetown and Montague were well represented at the meeting. Mrs. Bryon Stewart acted as secretary.

Mrs. Edgar MacKinnon, chairman of the Scholarship Committee gave an interesting report of her committee. The sum of \$200 was voted towards a scholarship for a student in Grade 12 in Kings County. Mrs. MacKinnon was appointed to take charge of this project, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Macinnis, Mrs. S. John Jarvis, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Tille McIntyre, Mrs. Jean Butler and Mrs. Athol Robertson.

It was decided to continue the cribbage tournament with teams from the five Auxiliaries participating. A pointed on the committee were: Elizabeth Grant, Tille McIntyre, Mrs. S. John Jarvis, Mrs. Wallace Jenkins and Mrs. Arthur Macinnis.

Altar Society At Borden Will Hold Sale

The Ladies Altar Society, Borden, met in the church hall for their October meeting with Rev. Reginald MacDonald in attendance. The meeting opened with prayer and nine members answered roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the financial statement was read by the secretary.

Father MacDonald thanked the members for their payment in full for the new altar for the church.

Fortune Bridge WI Celebrates Anniversary

The members of the Fortune Bridge Women's Institute celebrated their 30th anniversary at the Hillside Inn, Montague, on Sept. 27th. Each member invited her husband or a guest to attend.

Mrs. Francis Blanchard, acting director of Women's Institute work was the guest speaker.

The tables were beautifully decorated by Mrs. Jackson with flowers and blue candles in silver settings. A birthday cake baked by Mrs. Mildred Morrow and decorated with blue and yellow centered the head table.

The president, Mrs. Harold MacKenzie asked the blessing after which she welcomed husbands and guests. A toast to the Queen was proposed by Mrs. Clarence Dixon responded to by singing "God Save the Queen". Following this a hot turkey plate was served. Mrs. Sterling Burke proposed a toast to the husbands, to which Edwin Cook responded. After dessert had been served, Mrs. Lloyd Townsend proposed a toast to eight of the chartered members who have a membership of 30 years. These members were: Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. Harry Burke, Mrs. Ernest Johnston, Mrs. George Campbell, Mrs. Earl Johnston, Mrs. Ernest Aitken, Mrs. Charles Townsend, and Mrs. Harvey Aitken. The toast was responded to by the singing of the institute ode. At the conclusion of the meal a toast was proposed by Mrs. George Dixon to Mrs. George Jackson, the founder of the institute.

Mrs. James Bennett gave a review of the institute's work for the past 30 years. Mrs. Blanchard, the guest speaker congratulated the members on their achievements and gave a brief history of the founding of the institute in Canada. She spoke especially of the Adelaide Hoodless homestead and concluded her talk with an appropriate poem entitled "Do Not Quit".

Mrs. Jocelyn Coffin, then extended a vote of thanks to Mrs. Jackson for the meal, to the guest speaker and to members who helped in any special way.

Following the banquet a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

Scholarships donated by the South King's Women's Institute group were presented recently at Montague Regional High School to Kathy Stuart, Whim Road, winner in Grade 12, Beth MacLeod, Heatherdale, winner in Grade 10 and Mary Bruce, Brooklyn, winner in Grade 8. The presentations were made by Mrs. Richard Campbell, president of the convention group. Mrs. Arthur MacKinnon, convenor of cultural activities and Mrs. Murdoch MacGowan, past president of the Provincial Women's Institute, each in turn congratulated the girls on their achievement and wished them continued success.

First Youth Minister Has Plans To Assist Teenagers

EDMONTON (CP) — Ideas for helping young people spring from Robert Clark like corn from a popcorn popper.

And as Alberta's first minister of youth he's in a position to do something about them.

The 29-year-old former teacher wants to carry out programs to reach youth of all backgrounds but he's particularly interested in children from poor homes.

To help them he's planning a sort of provincial Peace Corps, department counselling for school dropouts and a 4-H program for city youths.

"Half the Canadian population is under 25," he said in an interview. "It staggers you when you look at it this way. This means young people must be ready to take a productive place in society if our way of life is to continue."

He realizes that his department is an experiment.

"We're going to try things out and we're going to make mistakes but we are definitely not going to maintain the status quo. The eyes of Canada are on this department and if we are successful, youth ministries may spring up all over Canada."

In a bid to change the lives of Alberta's young people, he plans to create leadership and personal development programs. He wants to attract university and vocational school students into an Alberta Service Corps, members of which would use their skills and knowledge to help less-fortunate youngsters.

WOULD MATURE THEM

"Working with the corps would provide a maturing experience for the students.

They'd see how other people live, what the problems are and what can be done to help solve them.

"It would be a wonderful opportunity for youths to demonstrate their worth. When people meet on the street they don't discuss the honor student but the drunken so-and-so who drove through a red light and killed someone."

Mr. Clark is considering ways of helping 16-to-20-year-olds, perhaps by providing "training in family planning, responsibility to the community, budgeting and vocational selection."

As for dropouts, he says they might not respond to someone from the department of education "because he has shown by quitting that he has had his fill of the system."

"But if someone from our department were to sit down with him and discuss what he plans to do and then help channel his abilities, (the department representative) might be of considerable help."

Mr. Clark says he believes city youths could benefit from an urban version of the 4-H clubs now operating in rural areas, especially from their

Leadership - training program. One difference would be that city clubs would admit members 10 years old. The 4-H Club age is 12.

Mr. Clark says his department will not interfere with existing youth programs but will serve as a consultant and possibly help reduce duplication resulting from the fact that "too many organizations now are working in the same area of endeavor."

BRISTOL

The war in Viet Nam came home to us last week when we chatted with Mrs. Bill Alyward about her son, Eric, who is serving with the U. S. forces there. He joined up some time ago. He told his mother there was nothing much she could send him except her prayers to end the misery so all can come home again. Eric is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alyward, and in years past was a noted singer at concerts and on radio, mostly western style. No doubt at times he will entertain fellow soldiers with his songs.

The vicinity lost another of its older veterans on Saturday in the passing of Edgar Hawbolt. A life long resident here he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hawbolt, and served in world war one. He has been in poor health for many years most of the time and spent several periods in the sanatorium and in hospitals. The memory of Ed-

gar Hawbolt as one of the finest residents we ever had will live long with us, and to his wife and fine family we extend our sincere sympathy at this time.

Mrs. James F. MacDonald, has re-entered the Charlottetown hospital for treatment. Well along in the twilight years now, she had been in good health until this recent attack.

Harold Jay, who left here nearly half a century ago to follow his trade as a machinist in Boston, is coming home again to live in retirement. He is having a new home built in the village near his old home where he expects to reside in future. Mr. Jay retired a year ago. For several years previous he has come here to spend the summer months in his summer home at Lakeside beach. A brother J. B. Jay also lives in retirement there.

Word was received here last week of the passing of Roy Douglas in California where he resided for many years. Roy Douglas left here in the early twenties for the west and never came back to stay. Those of us in his class of the twenties will remember him, and we regret to learn of his death. Two sisters reside here, Mrs. Vernon Anderson, and Mrs. Lloyd McEwen, a brother Harold died two years ago, and a sister, Ethel many years ago. The old homestead still stands where this family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ben Douglas once resided.

A group of hungry travellers and working men were disappointed last week when they pulled into the Village Diner parking lot to find a sign on the door closed for vacation and to make it worse it was getting past noon hour and no other restaurant in the village, but we must admit the manager had an ad in this paper in big print saying that the diner was to close for the holidays. Those who work all day and half the night must have holidays.

That ardent fisherman from the city whom we mentioned some time ago as losing two

pair of glasses while fishing trout, struck back over the week end when he called to present us with a basket of smelts from his catch of some forty dozen in one morning. Thanks Ben.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O'Brien who moved to the Island from Halifax, a year ago and then went back to Halifax, to reside last spring, have returned to the Island again to take up residence in the city where they are employed. Mr. O'Brien's old home is in Bristol.

Wendel T. Coffin, our Imperial oil man here for many many years has retired from the company. A faithful servant you could always depend on Wendel was on time rain or shine. Those who came here for the summer months would just have to call him and when they arrived their oil tank was full. Such a prompt servant of the public will be missed by all of us. We wish him a happy retirement.

A well known man was seen last week going to a spot where a large skunk had been killed by a car to cut of the snout for the two dollar bounty. He was armed with a long sharp knife and ripped the prized snout off only to find out later there was a bounty on snouts at present. Any way it's nice to know those things not learn them the hard way.

Mrs. Mary Malone, the teacher in Bristol school was a weekend visitor to the city.

Mrs. Nettie Ranaghan, who was in the city for two months with her daughter, Margaret following a hospital stay was returned to her old home to reside with her son Leonard and Mrs. Ranaghan.

Nursery School Teachers Need Very Special Training

By MARILYN ARGUE
OTTAWA (CP) — Nursery school teaching shouldn't just be left to "people who are kind with children," says Mrs. Polly Hill, director of the Children's Creative Centre at Canada's Expo pavilion.

"Nursery school teachers need very special training," says Mrs. Hill, a former nursery school teacher and founding member of the Canadian Committee on Early Childhood. "The child of pre-school age shouldn't be left to chance."

Schooling for pre-schoolers should include toys and programs that a child of this age needs. "They will follow any pattern they are given," and if it's not the right pattern, the child will be frustrated. "Then he may have tantrums, and people will think he's just spoiled."

The blue-eyed blonde mother of five children, the oldest 22, says there is a tremendous interest in Canada in programs for young children in day care centres, hospitals and playgrounds. "But we have to be careful people aren't jumping on the

bandwagon and setting up programs without proper training, and without turning to experts in the field, of which we have some."

Most Canadian pre-school centres are privately run — "It's too bad, because they don't reach the kids who need them most."

PLAYGROUNDS HELP
A delegate to a recent international conference on the pre-school child in Paris, Mrs. Hill says interest in the Expo children's centre is high.

"They think it's a tremendous thing we're sponsoring it at an exhibition not primarily concerned with education, where it will reach such a wide audience."

Delegates traded ideas on treatment of young children in their countries. "The problems vary so much. For instance in some European countries, they're so desperate they have to use one teacher for a class of 50 children, simply because it's better than leaving them to the street."

Playgrounds can sometimes solve this problem. Mrs. Hill describes a program "terribly

popular in England" called "one o'clock club."

Mothers living in high-rise apartments can bring their pre-schoolers to specially-designed playgrounds where trained staff cope with the toddlers while mothers sit back and watch.

"These young parents can't afford nursery school, yet the playground provides rest for the mother and a program for the children."

The Canadian Committee on Early Childhood plans a national convention in Toronto this November. They will try to work out a program implementing ideas from America and abroad, but not duplicating work done by other Canadian organizations such as the Vanier Institute of the Family.

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