THE HAPPY, healthy group shown above are six of seven children, who today are proud to share in the honor that has been bestowed upon their mother, Mrs. Mary Robison who has been declared "Mother of the Year". The children left to right front are: Rita, 11; Eileen, 7; and David, 8; rear, Rosemary, 12; Ann, 14; and Paula, 10. Missing from the picture is 13-year-old John who is a patient in hospital.

Children's Letters Help Mother To Gain Honor

By JEAN MacISAAC
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

Children of all ages will remember mother on her day tomorrow, but the seven children of Mrs. Donald Robinson, 191 Weymouth Street, did it ahead of time and in a special way, by playing a role in having their mother chosen Charlottetown's Mother of the Year.

"I certainly was surprised", Mrs. Robison said, referring to her nomination, "but I feel a lot of mothers are more worthy of it."

Each of the children, ranging from seven to 14 years of age, wrote a letter to The Guardian-Patriot Mother's Day Contest, telling why their mother should be selected as the winner. Eight year old David will miss out on the festivities, however, as he is now a patient in the hospital.

Mr. Robison is an employee of Canada Packers Ltd. They were married 16 years ago. Mrs. Robison, the former Mary MacIntyre, was born in Winnipeg, and moved to P.E.I. in 1935. She worked in Toronto and New Glasgow, N.S. for some years before her marriage.

FULL TIME JOB

This 43-year-old mother agrees that caring for a family of seven is a full time job, but each member has his own tasks to do; these include making his own bed, helping with the dishes. The girls do quite a bit of baking on weekends, she said.

"If you plan a day ahead, schedule your work and plan meals, you get along so much better", she said. In this way she has free time in the afternoon. If she wants to go uptown, her husband, who works on the night shift, will be at home when the children arrive home from school.

Mrs. Robison is also enrolled in a 10-week home nursing course. In addition to this, she is a member of the Catholic Women's League, St. Dunstan's Basilica Alter Society, and three Home and School Associations.

BEST EDUCATION

"I very seldom miss a Home and School meeting", she said, "Parents should attend, it makes the children feel they are interested."

The five girls are students at Notre Dame Academy, one boy goes to Queen Square, and the oldest is in grade eight at Birchwood High School. "We are going to try to give them the best possible education we can, so that they can get good jobs later," she stated.

She helps the children with their home work in the evenings as well as sewing and mending.

Talking about family life she expressed the opinion that if one shows children enough love and understanding as well as discipline they will co-operate in doing what is right.

It is a simple life without any lavish entertainments, she said, but she and her husband try to go out at least once a week, and the children understand their need for a "break".

TEACHING VALUES

The mother of the year stressed the importance of teaching children the value of things and how to appreciate them, saying that children today often have too much of everything, and are always looking for more.

"Often in a large family where you have enough of everything, but not too much, you appreciate little things more, because you don't always have them", she concluded.

As the 1962 Mother of the Year, Mrs. Robison will receive gift certificates from Kennedy's Ladies Wear and Moore and MacLeod Ltd. "Primitif" ogne from the Hughes Drug Co., passes for a week to the Capitol Theatre, a pair of summer casuals from LePage's, and a Kay Silver blouse from Island Furriers.

THE LETTRS

Here are some excerpts from the letters which won the honor for Mrs. Robison:

Eileen, 7: "My mother works hard all day — gives me a good dinner — loves me all the time — looks after me when I'm sick".

David, 8: — "—she is very nice and takes a nursing course so she can help us when we are sick — she lends her things to other people when they need them".

Paula, 9: — "—my mother is a very nice and hard working woman. She gives clothes to the people down the street and to the bazaar at Notre Dame Academy".

Rita, 11: — "My mother is nice and kind. She washes and irons our clothes and mends them. She helps out all the neighbors when they are sick or hurt".

Rosemary, 12: "She is thoughtful, tidy, clean and very kind. She does her best to help the seven of us and finds it hard, but manages".

John, 13: — "My mother helps people in their time of need. There are seven of us and she takes good care of us, especially when we are sick".

Ann, 14: — "I think my mother sould be elected Mother of the Year because she is kind, thoughtful and always cheerful. She looks after the seven of us and gives us everything we need and can afford. She hardly ever goes out because she has so much to do around the house".

MRS. MARY (DONALD) ROBISON, MOTHER OF THE YEAR

LATE NOTICES

(Also see announcements in columns adjoining Classified Advertising section.)

PRATT — At Tryon, Thursday, May 10, 1962, George Pratt in his 94th year. Resting at the Chisholm Funeral Home from where the funeral service will be held today, Saturday, at 2 p.m. advanced summer time. Interment Peoples cemetery, Tryon.

RICHARD—At the Prince County Hospital Friday, May 11, 1962, John Alexis Richard of Mont Carmel in his 77th year. Forwarded from the Bowness Funeral Home to his late residence. Funeral to be held on Monday, May 14th, to Our Lady of Mont Carmel chur h for Solemn High Mass at 10 a.m. (advanced summer time). Interment in the church cemetery.

FIELDING—At the Charlottetown Hospital, Friday, May 11, 1962, P. S. Fielding, aged 64 years. His remains are resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home, where funeral service will be held Monday, with service commencing at 2 o'clock. Interment in Sherwood Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

CAMPBELL—At Charlottetown Friday, May 11, 1962, Duncan Campbell, formerly of Elmira, in his 81st year. His remains will be transferred today at noon from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to the residence of his brother-in-law, Aeneas MacPhee, Elmira, from where the funeral will be held Monday leaving the house at 9 o'clock, for Requiem High Mass at St. Columba's Church, East Point, at 9:30. Interment in the church cemetery.

SMITH — The death of William Smith, Kinkora, occurred on May 10, 1962. The remains have been transferred from the Monaghan Funeral Home, to the home of his son, Charles Smith, Kinkora, from where the funeral will be held on Saturday, May 12, leaving the house at 9:45 (advanced summer hours) for service in St. Malachy's Church, Kinkora. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

CAMPBELL — At the Charlottetown Hospital, Friday, May 11, 1962, Captain Archibald J. Campbell formerly of Clermont, P.E.I., aged 81 years. Remains will be transferred this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Hennessey Funeral Home to the residence of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John F. MacAleer, Jr., 98 Mount Edward Road, from where the funeral will take place on Monday morning, May 14 at 8:30 to the Holy Family Church, Kensington, for Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock (advanced summer time). Interment in Indian River cemetery

Mont Carmel Merchant Dies At 77

SUMMERSIDE — John Alexis Richard, 77, Mont Carmel merchant, died yesterday at noon in Prince County Hospital where he had been a patient for the past several weeks.

Mr. Richard, who entered the retail business in 1926, owned and operated a general store, with his son Antoine, at Mont Carmel.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Ann Cormier of Egmont Bay, and by the following sons and daughters: Margaret, in Mont Carmel; Gus and Frank, in Summerside; Albert, in Moncton; Edna, Mrs. George Arsenault, Mont Carmel; Louise, Mrs. Simon Gallant, Summerside; Mary, Mrs. Abel Gallant, Mont Carmel; Antoine, in Mont Carmel.

Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Ethelbert, in Detroit; Ned, in Bangor; Archie, in Athol ville, N.B.; Gus, in Mont Carmel; Lamarche, Mrs. Ben B. Arsenault, Mont Carmel; Sister Saint Jean, Sherbrooke, Que.; and Sister Mont Carmel, in Ottawa.

He was predeceased by one infant son, and two brothers, Cyrus, of Mont Carmel, and George, of Summerside, and one sister, Mrs. Sylvaine Poirier, of St. Nicholas.

The late Mr. Richard was a member of Mont Carmel Parish church, serving as member of the board of trustees, and was also active in community, church, and school organizations.

Rainfall Said Above Normal

SUMMERSIDE — Both rainfall and snowfall amounts for April for the Summerside area were well above normal according to statistics revealed by the meteorological section at the RCAF station.

Total rainfall for the 30-day period was 5.81 inches, while the normal amount is 2.08 inches. The actual depth of newly fallen snow during the month was 20.9 inches while the normal is 6.3 inches.

Most of the rainfall occurred on Sunday, April 1 when 3.48 inches was recorded. The heaviest snowfall was 14.8 inches on April 16.

Judgment Given In Damages Case

SUMMERSIDE — Judgment was handed down yesterday in Supreme Court at Summerside by Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell in an action for damages in which the plaintiff was G. J. Hamilton and Sons Ltd., New Glasgow, N.S. and the defendant was Kenneth Williams, Tyne Valley.

The judgment of the court was that the defendant, Mr. Williams, who was counselled by J. Watson MacNaught, QC, recover against the plaintiff 75 percent of his damages ($285.00) or $213.75 and that the plaintiff G. J. Hamilton and Sons recover against the defendant 25 percent of its damages ($500.91) or $126.48.

The litigation resulted from a collision on Sunday morning, January 7, 1962, at the intersection of Fitzroy and Granville Streets in Summerside.

Ross Lefurgey, an employee of the plaintiff was driving a 1961 Pontiac sedan, owned by the company, north on Granville Street, while the defendant, Mr. Williams was driving south on Granville. Evidence revealed that as Williams car proceeded south to the intersection of Fitzroy and Granville Streets and seeing no traffic approaching, started to make a left turn into Fitzroy. Mr. Williams said he turned on his direction signal lights when making the turn, and that he was proceeding very slowly owing to a combination of ice, salt and slush on the pavement. A collision resulted with damage to the left front portion of each car.

In handing down his judgment the Chief Justice stated "Lefurgey appears to have been unaware, as in fact the majority of motorists appear to be unaware, that he was bound to yield the right-of-way to the defendant, whom he saw turning left in the intersection which he himself had not yet entered. His failure to yield the right-of-way was, in my opinion, the basic cause of the accident. I also find that he contributed to it by travelling at a rate of speed, which, though not extreme, was too fast in view of the condition of the street surface. Also that he failed to take available measures to prevent a collision by judicious application of his brakes, or by veering to the left or both.

"As to the defendant, I find that he was entitled to the right-of-way but that he was not keeping a proper look-out. The plaintiff's car was undoubtedly approaching within the defendant's normal field of vision, and he should have seen it coming."

Technical And Vocational Standardization Said Aim

OTTAWA (CP) — Representatives of the 10 provinces have agreed to work toward standardized curriculums in technical and vocational high schools, the labor department said Friday.

Reporting on a two-day meeting here of the national advisory council on technical and vocational training which ended Thursday, the department said members had recommended that curriculum experts from the provinces and federal government meet next fall to work out standard courses for all parts of the country.

The council was told by C. R. Ford, federal director of vocational training, that curriculum development is an "urgent problem" in view of the great number of trade schools under construction across Canada.

He said it is essential that provinces place more emphasis on training programs to be used in the new schools.

In other business, the 23-member council recommended that its composition be revised to give more representation to management and labor and teachers' groups.

Under the proposal, there would be six representatives of organized labor, six representatives of management and 11 representatives of education bodies. The 10 provincial directors of vocational training no longer would be members, but would continue to attend meetings.

Eighth Nuclear Blast Is Fired

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States Friday touched off its eighth nuclear detonation of the current Pacific series in the atmosphere.

As with most of the other shots, the device was dropped from an airplane.

A joint announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission and the defence department said the detonation took place about 11:45 a.m. EDT.

The explosive force was described as in the intermediate-yield range, meaning it had force greater than 20,000 tons of the TNT but less than 1,000,000 tons.

The test was in the vicinity of Christmas Island.

U.K. Tories Reel Under Local Voting

LONDON (Reuters) — The ruling Conservative party reeled Friday under a renewed assault from Liberal and Labor party opponents piling up big gains in Thursday's municipal elections throughout England and Wales.

The Conservatives had an over-all loss of 558 seats and independents a net loss of 70 seats.

The Liberals had a net gain of 332 seats and Labor a net gain of 292.

The Communists, fielding only 335 candidates for the 4,239 contested seats, won two seats.

With the big losses, the Conservatives surrendered control of 36 town councils to the opposition Labor party and the resurgent Liberals.

The municipal contests serve as a barometer of the federal government's popularity and indicate how the country might vote in the next general election, possibly in 1963 or 1964.

The middle-of-the-road Liberals were stunned by their big win. Before the balloting, they had hoped to gain about 50 seats.

The Liberal upsurge has upset the old concept of the local municipal elections as basically a Socialist versus anti-Socialist struggle.

Pair Remanded In Theft Case At Summerside

SUMMERSIDE — John (Buddy) Richards of Summerside pleaded not guilty in Police Court here yesterday to a charge of theft of an electric iron from R.T. Holman Ltd., and the case was adjourned for hearing until next Tuesday by Magistrate R.S. Hinton, QC.

Lester Yeo of Harmon, who was apprehended at the same time and charged with possession of stolen goods — the electric iron— also pleaded not guilty and was remanded for hearing until the same time.

Evidence by police officer Elmer Matheson revealed that he received a phone call around 2.30 Thursday afternoon from Holman's store and as a result of a later conversation with the manager of the China department, Wilfred Woodside, went to the Trading Post. The police officer stated he found Yeo in possession of an electric iron and placed him under arrest. He added that Richards was in the Trading Post at the time. Cust. Matheson testified that Yeo told him he received the iron from Buddy Richards who asked him to sell it at the Trading Post.

The cases were adjourned in order to call more witnesses for the crown.

William Walsh, of no fixed address was fined $20 and costs or the alternative of 15 days after pleading guilty to an intoxication charge.

Police Chief Peter White told the court Walsh "is making a habit of coming here and getting drunk". Walsh stated he was on his way through to Tignish but stopped off and met up with some buddies.

John Arseson, a Roman Catholic bishop, brought the first printing press to Iceland in 1529

3 Cars Of Cattle Due Here Today

Three carloads of cattle will arrive on the Island today, the result of a trip to Ontario made by 70 local farmers.

Canadian National Railways said the cars were due at Moncton Friday evening from the Massey Ferguson farms where they were purchased by Island cattlemen.

The tour, which enabled local farmers to see how their Ontario counterparts operator, was arranged with Canadian National Railways by L.W. Roper, director of livestock farming.

RCMP Band Plans Visit To Province

OTTAWA (CP) — The RCMP band will make a month-long tour of the Maritimes beginning July 9 after giving a concert in Quebec City July 8, it was announced Friday.

The band's itinerary in New Brunswick: Edmundston, July 9; Fredericton, July 10; Woodstock, July 12; St. Stephen, July 13; St. Andrews, July 14; Saint John, July 15; Bathurst, July 16; Moncton, July 21; Alma, July 22; Chatham, Aug. 5; and Campbellton, Aug. 7.

Nova Scotia: Dartmouth, July 23; Kentville, July 24; Lunenburg, July 26; Yarmouth, July 27; Digby, July 28; Halifax, July 29-30; Sydney, July 31; North Sydney, Aug. 1; Truro, Aug. 4.

Prince Edward Island—Charlottetown, July 17-19; Montague and Souris, July 18; Summerside, July 20.

Drug Is Blamed For Deformities

EDMONTON (CP) — Alberta health department officers said Friday it is believed the drug thalidomide was responsible for deformities of three babies born in Edmonton hospitals.

Dr. F. B. Rodman, director of medical services for the health department, said malformations or other handicaps in babies are not reportable and the department does not hear of all of them.

Three cases were reported earlier in Calgary.

Accused Pleads Guilty To Assaulting Woman

SUMMERSIDE — Following the evidence of one crown witness, before Summerside Magistrate R.S. Hinton, QC, yesterday, Joseph Alban Luce, of Summerside, changed his plea to one of guilty, on a charge of assaulting Amy Burroughs, of Summerside and causing her bodily harm. The case was adjourned for sentence on May 14.

Miss Burroughs, 76, last night testified that on the night of April 20, she was awakened by her niece, Miss Margaret Howatt, of Charlottetown who was staying with her that evening, and went down stairs to see who was at the door.

She stated that a man she later identified as the accused, asked for shelter and then for a cup of tea. After she suggested that he try the police station, "I called my niece, and then he knocked me down," said the witness.

Miss Burroughs then explained that after coming downstairs Miss Howatt told the intruder to leave her alone, whereupon, "he got his hands around our throats and said he would kill us".

Further evidence showed that Luce dragged the two elderly women into the dining room at the end of the hall and "flung them on the floor."

The witness, still bearing some marks from the incident, stated that the force of the blows dazed her and she could not remember anything else until the man was gone.

Upon conclusion of her evidence, Luce asked the court for an adjournment until Monday, May 14, to give him a chance to get a lawyer.

The magistrate pointed out that he had been given plenty of time to do so already, but they would adjourn for half an hour to give him a chance to contact his father and a lawyer. Before that time was up, the accused notified the court that he could not reach his father and had decided to change his plea.

Crown prosecutor George R. MacMahon stated that he did not wish it to appear as if the accused changed his plea because the court would not grant an adjournment, and proposed that the case be held over until Monday. However, Luce reported that he did not want the adjournment.

To acquaint the magistrate with the facts of the case, Mr. MacMahon called Dr. Henry Moyce to the stand. The doctor said that he examined Miss Burroughs on the night of the assault and noted a small gash, which required one suture, above the eye, a large scalp abrasion and considerable bleeding. He also added that she apparently had difficulty moving her head in any direction.

An adjournment for sentence, until the same date, was also granted on two other charges facing the accused; one of damaging property at Andy's downtown restaurant and a second of assaulting Charles (Bud) Cullerton. He had earlier entered a plea to the first charge but pleaded not guilty to the second and was convicted after evidence was heard. Both these offences occurred the night following the assault on Miss Burroughs. The man is serving a three month term on another assault charge.

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