

York Highlights

New Drug To Combat TB

Miss Vera Mallett of York was hostess to her cousin Miss Irene Ellis of Stanhope recently.

A few friends and neighbors were entertained by Mrs. Frank Vessey at an old fashioned quilting party at her home recently.

Miss Anita Lewis, who has been spending the winter in Toronto, Ontario, returned to the Island on Wednesday, March 12.

Miss Helen Lewis, Charlottetown, was a recent guest in York at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

Many beautiful quilts and hooked mats have been made by the ladies of York this winter, furnishing interesting and pleasant pastime during the snow storms.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson have returned to their home after a pleasant visit at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chappell.

Miss Norma Lewis of Milton, Mass., has been spending a light holiday in York, Charlottetown. In York she spent her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.

One of the new pastimes in York is that of snowshoeing. The huge drifts of soft snow and the uncertainty of the mails have created the necessity and pleasure of snowshoeing.

The Government snow ploughs are still continuing to open up the roads through the districts of Covehead, Stanhope and West Covehead.

The many friends of Mrs. Frank Watts will be pleased to know her condition as a patient in Prince Edward Island Hospital is much improved.

Mrs. James MacLauchlan, Stanhope, has returned to Stanhope after several weeks in Charlottetown and York. While in York she was the guest of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mallett and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swan.

A unique occasion took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Vessey during the week of March 2nd to 8th when four generations were present.

OTTAWA, March 15 —(CP)—Canada may soon be getting a new drug to help in the fight against tuberculosis.

Dr. G.J. Wherrett, secretary of the Canadian Tuberculosis Association, returned from New York today and said he is "enthused" with the new drug's performance.

The drug is rimifon, invented by United States scientists and in use experimentally at the Sea View Hospital in New York.

Dr. Wherrett said rimifon is "not a wonder drug" in the sense that it will do away with all other tuberculosis treatment, but it will be a "useful additional aid."

He compared it with streptomycin, now in use in connection with T.B. treatment and said rimifon appears to be cheaper to make and easier to handle.

Streptomycin is injected by hypodermic. Rimifon is in tablet form.

MARGATE SCHOOL Report for February. Grade VII.—1. Joseph McGuirk; 2. Sheila Dunphy; 3. Eric Moase.

Grade V.—1. Kay Dunphy. Grade IV.—1. Alan Woodside and Paul Henderson; 2. Marjorie Woodside; 3. Isabel Adams.

Grade III. Sr.—1. Mary Dunphy. Grade III. Jr.—1. Donna Baker; 2. Roland Proffitt; 3. Edwin Johnson.

Grade II. Sr.—1. Douglas Johnson and Terry Gallagher. Grade II. Jr.—1. Helen Dunphy.

Grade I. A.—1. Kenneth Thompson; 2. Kenneth Ramsay; 3. Sharon Baker.

Grade I. B.—1. Gloria Tuplin; 2. Sharyn Paynter. Teacher—Miriam Hickey.

Vessey during the week of March 2nd to 8th when four generations were present. These were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Vessey, with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Lewis and Mr. Lewis, of York, Mrs. Lewis' daughter (Bernice) Mrs. Douglas Moore, of Charlottetown, and her infant daughter, little Miss Moore.

BATTLE OF THE DRIFTS TODAY AND YESTERYEAR



Pictures on the left illustrate the "battle of the plows" to re-open highways and roads blocked in the recent series of storms. The pictures directly above, supplied by Mr. J. Finley MacLeod, were taken in 1926 and show the Souris train almost completely engulfed by the huge snow banks. The scene is just 100 or 150 yards out of Souris.

The lower right picture shows the plow derailed. A telephone pole in the background gives some indication of the height of the banks. Mr. MacLeod states that near here the train crew were walking over the lines. The train crew included John Hughes, conductor; Ed Moynagh, baggage-master; Cliff Cox, brakeman; a Mr. Donovan, fireman; Cyrus Partridge, engineer; Jack Horton, express messenger and J. F. MacLeod, mail clerk. The pictures were taken by Morley Acorn, Souris.

The picture top left shows a bulldozer at work near Searletown on the Albany Road; centre shows a section of the road near Borden after the plow had broken through with huge banks dwarfing the car. The lower photo gives some indication of road breaking between Searletown Corner and Albany. These pictures were taken by W. Gerald Gray, Charlottetown, on February 27th.

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Victoria By The Sea

The regular Mission Band meeting was held in the school house on Tuesday afternoon, March 11.

The many friends of Mr. Jim Knox welcome him back to Victoria after spending the winter in the U.S.

Residents are sorry to hear that our faithful and efficient mail-driver, Mr. Walter Trowsdale, is confined to his home through illness.

Mrs. Everett Rogerson and son Garth of Hampton spent a day in Victoria recently, visiting friends.

Mr. Lyman Wood of Dalhousie University, Halifax, spent a recent weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood.

The Women's Missionary Society held their regular meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James Lea. The president, Mrs. Donald Murcheson, conducted the meeting.

Mr. Emerson MacDonald, our milkman, deserves special mention for never missing a day while supplying his customers with milk through this unusually stormy winter. On two occasions he was forced to use a hand sleigh, the snow being too deep for horses.

The weekly meeting of the Happy Gang Sewing Club was held at the home of Mrs. Allison Lea recently, all members being present. Under the capable leadership of their instructress, Mrs. Murcheson and Mrs. Whit Howatt, the girls will soon have completed their year's work.

The World Day of Prayer was observed on Saturday, March 1st in Victoria United Church at 3.30 p.m., having been postponed from the previous day due to the severe storm. Presiding on the platform in turn were Mrs. Donald Murcheson, president of Victoria W.M.S., Mrs. Jack Dixon, president of Hampton W.M.S., Mrs. L.D. MacLeod, vice-president of Victoria Evening Auxiliary, and Miss Sylvia Boulter of Victoria Mission Band. Mrs. Keith Boswell was organist and a duet was sung by Mrs. Lorne Ferguson and Mrs. B.K.

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND BY WINIFRED E. WILSON



UNINTENTIONAL KINDNESS

Like ourselves, the inhabitants of Birdland are sometimes unintentionally kind to others, the chief benefactors being Woodpeckers. Houses of all sizes are carved by the various types of Woodpeckers for their own families, and are afterwards used by birds that are unable to fashion their own homes.

They range from the huge hole, three or more feet deep, excavated by the Pileated Woodpecker in the trunk of a large tree, to the Downy's little apartment with a round entrance only about one and a quarter inches in diameter. The doorway of the pileated is oblong, almost square, measuring three and a half by three and a quarter inches, giving plenty of room for the new tenants, which may be Screech Owls, Sparrow Hawks, or Wood Ducks, to pass in and out.

But the best carpenter is the Flicker. This Woodpecker and his wife work together, chiselling out their home in some tall, dead tree. It may be only a few feet above the ground, or as much as 90 feet up, with an opening about two and three-quarter to three inches in diameter. Thus a great choice is given. Screech owls occasionally take the very high sites, Bluebirds the low, Tree Swallows medium and Saw-whet Owls are not particular.

The Tufted Titmouse and the Great Crested Flycatcher also depend on Woodpeckers for their nests, while Chickadees and House Wrens rent cavities of some sort, which may very well be abandoned Woodpecker homes. As Wrens prefer small doorways, and love orchards, they often move into a Downy's vacant house.

But several other species, unwittingly, do good deeds. The Merlin is a Hawk unable to make its own dwelling, so besides Woodpeckers' wooden houses also uses the stick nests of Crows or Magpies. The Long-eared Owl also likes these. Purple Grackles have been known to bring up families in crevices around the edge of big, untidy nests of Ospreys when those birds were actually in residence.

Big birds that are not builders find themselves restricted in choice. The 20 inch high Barred Owl requires either a large hollow in a tree or a large stick nest. The still bigger Great Horned Owl takes over neglected homes of Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, or even Herons.

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Ducks now and again lay in the nests of other Ducks. The canvas-back is most frequently imposed on, especially by the Red-head and Ruddy, and these two play the same trick on each other.

How early do birds return? SPRINGFIELD W. I.

The March meeting of Springfield W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Crawford Sinclair with ten members and two visitors present. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. Reginald Haslam, presided.

Sick committee reported two get-well and one sympathy card sent and one pair of socks was passed in to the Red Cross. It was decided that the secretary should write to Eatons and Simpsons for remnants.

All interested in sending old woollens away for blankets were asked to have them ready by the next meeting. Correspondence was then read and discussed and one get-well card was acknowledged.

The following new committees were appointed. School: Mrs. William Haslam; lunch: Mrs. Hughes; Mrs. William Haslam and Mrs. Keith Mayne; programme: Miss Emily Howard and Miss Marion Ramsay. Mrs. Norris Sinclair invited the members to her home for the next meeting when the roll call will be answered with a "house-cleaning hint".

The treasurer reported \$15.80 as proceeds from Valentine Social Cards from Homer Warren Co. were then distributed and a "Pantry Contest" put on by Mrs. C. Sinclair was won by Mrs. Norris Sinclair.

Meeting closed with the National Anthem after which lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

COASTAL FEATURE Mount Carmel, an 18-mile range of hills in Palestine, is the only promontory on the Palestine coast.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

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either at home, at an early show or at a school dance, should be the extent of your boy dating for the time being.

DEAR MISS DIX: Do you think a boy can show his love too much? I'm 16 and he is 17. We go to the same school and he calls for me every morning. He waits for me after every class, and calls me up when I get home in the afternoon, and on Saturday and Sunday calls me about four times. Sometimes he talks for an hour.

ANSWER: This surely is overdoing it! Your family must have infinite patience to let you monopolize the telephone so much. Few households would permit it. Tell your friend that you must leave the telephone free once in a while so the other members of the family can make or receive calls. Short of hurting the boy's feelings, however, you can't do much about his mooning around at school. What kind of marks does he get, anyway, with so much romancing?

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.

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