

Sealing Fleet Heads For Ice Front From St. John's

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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Newfoundland's 1957 sealing fleet headed north along the "cow-path" towards whelping ice Wednesday under a sky promising both sun and snow showers.

They seek the silky white coats of pups born since late February in great sealbergs dwelling on the "front", the endless band of ice that drifts south from the Arctic each year and jams against the northeast coast of Newfoundland.

A seal spotting plane took off from Gander with Michael Hope, the official spotter aboard, for a second look at the icefields. No seals were spotted in a flight made Tuesday with indifferent visibility.

The 261 Newfoundland seal hunters that sailed with the fleet are not only rugged but certified healthy. A mobile x-ray unit, checked practically all the men as they signed crew lists earlier in

the week and pronounced them free of tuberculosis.

The first ship to leave for the front Wednesday was the Halifax-owned Arctic sealer, not counted with the Newfoundland fleet, which had stopped here for provisions. She carried an estimated 75 men.

The Arctic Prowler signed her 85 men at the same time as the Newfoundland ships, and is considered one of the fleet. She sailed Wednesday along with the Algerine, Terra Nova, Glenwood and Placencia, with 73, 45, 30 and 28 men, respectively.

BANDS MISSING

The Bessie Marie will not sail before Friday and her crew list is not yet complete.

A colorful and traditional feature of the hunt is missing from the Algerine and Terra Nova this season. The vessels are owned by Bowring Brothers here, whose directors ordered that men should not be allowed to carry flipper barrels with them this year.

Flippers, paws of the seals, are considered a delicacy by some and bring up to \$10 a dozen when the fleet comes home. Previously men were allowed to take flippers from the seals they killed, and their pale augmented their share of the catch.

However, flipper lovers will still get a taste of flipper pie—each peit taken has one flipper intact, and these are removed and distributed among the men for sale when the pelts are unloaded.

The fleet left Wednesday with little fanfare, but a century ago when the great fleets of 400 sailing ships with 15,500 men aboard brought back a catch valued then at \$1,700,000, St. John's decked itself with bunting, and bands and ships whistles cheered the hunters northward.

Last year's seal hunt, with three ships sailing from St. John's, captured 77,000 seals and brought \$56,000. Pelts of young seals bring up to \$12 a quintal (112 pounds) at this year's prices.



Cpl. Dave Russell of Quebec City (left) with a group of Danish soldiers look on as an Arab farmer plows a field of sand in the Sinai Desert. The use of camel power in lieu of horse power to do the job of plow pulling may appear a little odd to the Canadian but Cpl. Russell takes it all in his stride.

Zion Young Peoples' Society

On Tuesday March 5, Zion Young Peoples' Society held its regular weekly meeting at the church. During the business period, it was announced that the World Day of Prayer (service for girls, would be held on Friday, March 8, at 4:15; in Zion Church.

The Worship Service which followed was led by Mary Farquharson. As it was Missionary night, Mary Farquharson and Elizabeth Gill led a Mission Study on the work of Rev. Un Ha Lee in Japan; and on "What it means to be a Missionary."

After the Study period Faye Hickox and Donald Moore led a Record Quiz which proved perplexing, but interesting. The meeting closed by singing "Blest Be The Tie that Binds."

Ladies Auxiliary Of Y. M. C. A. Met

The March meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. was held on March 5th with the president Mrs. Irvine in the chair.

Correspondence included letters from the "Red Cross," Maritime Division Canadian Council of the

Blind and the Y.M.C.A. in Chatham, Ont. Workers were secured for the weekly suppers at the "Y." The vice-president, Mrs. Bruce convener of the annual Spring Tea on March 12th then completed the plans for this Tea. Meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Honored At Covehead

A large number of neighbors and friends from Covehead and vicinity gathered recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen to honour their son Donald and his bride (nee Mary Forsyth) with a miscellaneous shower.

The wedding march was played by Mrs. Chesley Hughes while Mrs. Leith MacMillan and Mr. David McKinnon escorted the newly weds to the seat of honour. The many lovely gifts which consisted of linen, chinaware, and money were opened by Mrs. Grove MacMillan and Mrs. Chesley Hughes.

The verses were read by Mrs. Lorne MacMillan and the gifts arranged on table by Mrs. Miller Bearisto and Mrs. Walter MacLauchlan. The groom very fittingly replied and all joined in singing "For They're Jolly Good Fellows."

A delicious lunch was served

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Good Progress In Opening Roads In South Kings

After battling through Wednesday in an effort to open blocked roads in Southern Kings, the rest from the plow dispatcher last night was that the Montague-Murray Harbor highway is now open, also the St. Mary's Road to Caladonia, and the Whim Road from Commercial Cross to Albion through to Lower Montague, continuing on to Montague.

Two bulldozers will be out early this morning to break tracks for the plows to begin opening roads which are still blocked.

The road from Montague to Charlottetown was opened shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Roads to Cardigan and Georgetown were open and plows were working on the Seven Mile Road towards Bridgetown.

by the ladies and a very pleasant evening was spent. Then all departed to their homes wishing couple many years of happy wedding life.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

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MONTAGUE Rink double header play-offs. Montague Bakery trophy. Skate after. Saturday night at 7:30.

Dr. Zella Clark Is Given Tribute

Mrs. G. H. Myers was hostess to the members of the Montague Baptist Women's Missionary Society for the February meeting, which was conducted by the president, Mrs. Leroy White. The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Jeanie MacKenzie followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Mrs. Arthur MacNeill lead the devotional period on the theme "The Love of God." Beautiful poems on the theme were read by Miss Clemmie MacLean and Mrs. Angus Matheson. The hymns sung were "More Love to Thee" and "Sweeter as the Years Go By." A solo, "Why Should He Love Me So" was rendered by Mrs. Thomas Jackson.

A tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Zella Clark, a retired missionary who passed away in Charlottetown recently, was read by Miss Freda Apt. A season of silent prayer by the members closed with prayer-by Mrs. A. M. Rogerson.

Sixteen members responded to roll call with a verse of Scripture. There were five visitors present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Arrangements were discussed for the Women's World Day of Prayer which will be held in the Baptist Church March 8th.

Interesting missionary readings were given Mrs. Emery MacNeill, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Rogerson. An instructive quiz on the book of Proverbs was conducted by Mrs. White. Through the efforts of Miss Apt. and Aldis star 300 watt projector was purchased, which should prove to be a great assistance in the various phases of church work. A note of thanks was extended to Miss Apt. and the many friends who assisted in this very worthwhile enterprise.

At the close of the meeting, lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Raymond Dewar and Miss Freda Apt. and the members and guests enjoyed film strips on the work of Baptist Missionaries in Bolivia. These were shown by Miss Apt. assisted by Mrs. Rogerson.

Basilica CWL Sub-division Holds Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's League, St. Dunstan's Sub-Division was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 5th, in the Knights of Columbus Home, with Mrs. Matthew Lee presiding. The meeting opened with the League prayer by the Director, Very Rev. P. F. MacDonald. Before the business of the meeting, Mrs. J. E. Fleming played "The National Anthem."

The minutes of the last monthly and executive meetings were read by the secretary, Mrs. L.L. Noonan, and approved.

The correspondence was read by Mrs. Fred Coyle and was as follows: Mrs. Fred Nash, scholar ship convener musical Festival; Neil Matheson, M.P. for Queens; increase in B.P. pensions; Red Cross Society P.E.L. Branch re annual meeting; P.E. Island Drama Festival Association; F.A.S. Jones, chairman Blood Donor Clinic; Miss Estelle Bowness, secretary Education Week; Brig. G.G.K. Peake, campaign chairman Red Cross Society; Mrs. Arthur Cain, Provincial convener magazines; Mrs. Wilfred Perry, provincial convener Girl Guides; Mrs. Cecil MacCarthy, Provincial convener of social action; Mrs. W.J.P. MacMillan, Provincial convener of Immigration; Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, S.J., re Sacred Heart Program.

The treasurer, Mrs. Maurice Griffin, read the financial statement and this was very satisfactory. The president thanked all members who helped at the recent cake sale.

The following conveners gave reports:

Spiritual — Mrs. Peter Holland said that a High Mass would be offered for the living members on April 26th; also arrangements had been made for a book to be placed in the Library.

Education — Mrs. Fred MacMillan commended St. Dunstan's on winning the Dominion debating finals.

Citizenship — Mrs. Matthew

Mary Miller Evening Auxiliary

The Mary Miller Evening Auxiliary of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, held their meeting in the West Parlour on Monday evening, March 4, with twenty-seven members and one guest present. The Worship Service was in charge of Mrs. Gordon Holmes. Sick visiting — Mrs. Leo Murray visited all sick members.

Membership — Mrs. P. J. Nealis reported thirty-four members paid dues during the past month.

Magazine — Miss Gertrude Coady reported two renewals and one subscription.

Telephone — Mrs. J.E. Fleming said her committee contacted all members re cake sale.

In the absence of the social service convener Mrs. Matthew Lee reported that twelve sheets, one quilt and 114 infants garments had been made at the Bureau during the month; also that a number of the members are sewing and knitting in their homes.

Miss Gertrude Coady, Mrs. P. J. Nealis, Mrs. Matt Lee and Mrs. Maurice Griffin were appointed to take charge of nominations for the annual meeting which will be held on April 2nd.

Very Rev. Father MacDonald congratulated the members on the good work they were doing and spoke on the contents of the Bishop's letter and how he stressed charity and "asked us to offer our prayers and good works during the Holy season of Lent for the conversion of sinners."

He also congratulated the president of the newly formed sub-Division St. Pius Tenth, Mrs. Percy MacDonald, who was guest at the meeting.

After the meeting adjourned several delightful piano selections were played by Mrs. Coyle, and Mrs. J.E. Fleming rendered two beautiful solos which were greatly enjoyed by all.

The hostesses were Mrs. C. L. MacDonald, Mrs. Walter Morrissey, Mrs. Patrick McKenna.

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The new committees are as follows: Mrs. Carole Phillips and Gloria Stewart, Recreation, Kitty Gass and Margaret Parker. Mrs. Acorn read some suggestions for community service. Miss Hazel Hunter showed the group a calendar which she had received from India.

A story describing life in the Philippines was read by Mrs. R. Acorn. Worship was conducted by Virginia MacKay. Games were led by Carol Thompson and Carol Chandler. The meeting closed with Taps.

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Nursery Club Has Its Regular Meeting

Mrs. Carl Stewart was hostess to the members of the Kings County Hospital Nursery Club on Monday evening. The president, Mrs. Horace Fraser, presided during a short business meeting. It was decided to purchase a bolt of flannelette. Several bills were presented, and it was moved by Mrs. Fredrick and seconded by Mrs. Phillips, that these bills be paid.

The remainder of the evening was spent in sewing for the nursery. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Phillip. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. D. M. MacDonald, when the lunch committee will be Miss Florrie Beaton and Miss Jean MacKenzie.

P. E. I. Hospital Senior Aid Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Ladies Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital was held at the Cundall Home on Monday afternoon, March 4th. The vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Thompson presided and opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer, Mrs. Bagnall, gave her report, which showed a substantial balance. Donations for the Marathon Bridge were received from Mrs. George Richards, Mrs. Vernon Gay, Mrs. Parker Moore and Mrs. J. P. Lantz.

A mittened sweater for the gift tabbies was handed in by Mrs. Ewen Anderson. Further arrangements were made for Easter Tag Day. Three new members welcomed to the meeting were: Mrs. Jack Larrober, Mrs. Julien Herdine and Mrs. James Walker.

After the meeting adjourned, tea was served by Mrs. Harry Miller, Miss Lorna Weeks and Mrs. Karen Champion.

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