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THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a new nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

CRASWELL for Photographs. JUST RECEIVED. — Car-load Ferguson Tractors. W. G. Barbour Ltd.

V-MASTER cigarette papers and rollers now available at Worthy's Drug Store.

SUBSTANDARD NYLONS, 51 Gauge. \$1.19 at The Fashion Shoppe.

DR. O. S. NORDLAND, Veterinary Surgeon, Charlottetown, will be absent from his office approximately two weeks.

THE JUNIOR FARMERS and Boys and Girls Club, Public Speak Contest will be held in Montague School, Wednesday, September 13th, at 8 P. M.

DR. J. D. REDDIN'S OFFICE will be closed on Thursdays until further notice. He will be doing Public Health work on that day.

ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Dockendorf of North River announce the engagement of their daughter, Leone, to Allan Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter of R. R. 1, Keene, Ontario. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 20th in Peterborough.

ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. John Newell of Brackley announce the engagement of their second youngest daughter, Irene Thelma to John David Russell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, Charlottetown, formerly of Southal, Middlesex, England. Marriage to take place October 11th in Central Christian Church at 7 P. M.

Personals

Miss Miriam Reid spent the week-end visiting her friend, Miss Ellen K. Munn, Little Sands.

Miss Ellen K. Mann, who is teaching at Winsloe, spent the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie N. Munn.

The Misses Elinor and Katherine MacDonald, Glenfennar, have resumed their teaching duties after having spent their holidays in London, Ont., and Boston, Mass.

Lucy Hogan, daughter of Mr. Louis Hogan, Kelly's Cross, has entered Tracadie Convent for the coming school term. Her friends wish her every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Murnaghan and daughter Eleanore returned to Watertown, Mass., after visiting friends in Charlottetown and Fort Augustus.

Mrs. James Kelly and son Francis returned to Newton, Mass. She was accompanied by Mrs. Della Callaghan and son Chester of Aborn and while here she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Murnaghan, Charlottetown.

Rev. J. S. Bonnell left by train for New York on Monday after a pleasant holiday with his family at The Highlands. Georgetown. Next week he will go by plane to California where he will attend a two-day conference to be held in Sacramento. Mrs. Bonnell accompanied by Miss Elizabeth and Mr. George will be leaving for New York on Saturday.

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Winter Steamer Communication

By J.F.L.

In 1873 when P. E. Island entered Confederation one of the claims of the people was for continuous communication with the rest of Canada. In an endeavour to carry out this agreement the Dominion Government made a start in the winter of 1874 by the placing of a small steamer called the "Albert" in the service.

This steamer inadequate to buck the heavy ice in the straits which at time ranged from 15 to 25 feet in thickness was almost a failure and after two winters, trials were abandoned and no further effort made until 1876.

In that year a contract was given to a firm at Quebec for construction of the first ice-breaker. This steamer was 144 ft. long, 25 ft. in width and 16 ft. in depth of hold, constructed of heavy hardwood timber, was of 393 tons and powered by a compound surface condensing engine of 120 h.p. and was named the "Northern Light." She took up the service in the winter of 1876-77 between Georgetown and Picou.

In the early part of the winter she proved of good service making regular trips daily. Later as ice became heavy, trips became more irregular and there would be long periods in which no trips would be made at all. These conditions continued from winter to winter. In 1879 there were no trips from January 15 till the first week in February. Not being able to enter Picou an effort was made to land at Wallace, but this boat was unable to get to Georgetown on February 23 she broke one of the outer bearings of the shaft and was out of commission for the balance of winter.

In 1880 conditions were as in previous years. Good in the early part of winter the boat was often unable to cross for as long as a month at a time.

In 1881 the "Northern Light" became caught in the ice on January 21 and did not get back to Georgetown until February 14 when she was laid up until March 25. From this date service was fairly good.

In 1882 she was unable to make any crossings from February 4 to March 28. These conditions continued from winter to winter until 1888 when the "Northern Light" was declared unfit for further service and was withdrawn from service.

During the winter of 1888-87 when she was unable to operate from February 4 and was forced to tie up at Souris, one of the Newfoundland sealing steamers, the "Neptune", was placed in service early in the season. Work-continued in conjunction with the "Northern Light" this boat made 19 round trips from December 11 to February 3 when heavy ice forced her withdrawal. The steamer "Landdowne", of the Lighthouse service, was tried but being found unsuitable was soon withdrawn.

In 1888 a contract was given a shipyard in Scotland for the building of a heavy steel reinforced ice breaker and in winter 1889-90 the "Stanley" took up the service.

With much heavier power and built with a runner stem which would run up on top of ice, thus breaking it down the "Stanley" was able for years to give a much better service; but often there were periods of more than a week in which no trips could be made.

In 1900 a much more powerful steamer, the "Minto", was placed on the route. She was of the same build as the "Stanley", and with the two steamers the service was much improved although there would often be days when neither steamers could make the crossing.

In 1902 at the opening of winter season, the "Stanley" was placed on the Summerside-Tormentine service, and made a total of 47 round trips. In 1903 she was again placed in this service,

Walter S. Thompson To Be Honoured

Montreal, September 11 — Ten of Canada's top ranking newspaper cartoonists have been commissioned to prepare special caricatures depicting highlights in the career of Walter S. Thompson, retiring Director of Public Relations for Canadian National Railways System. Enlarged to eight feet high, the illustrations will form a unique backdrop at a testimonial dinner to honor Mr. Thompson being held in Montreal on October 7 under the patronage of a national committee headed by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

The illustrators from dailies across Canada are Bob Chambers, Halifax Chronicle-Herald; Jim Reidford, Montreal Star; Bob La-Palme, Montreal Le Canada; John Collins, Montreal Gazette; Jack Boothe, Toronto Globe and Mail; Harry Hall, Toronto Telegram; M. E. (Ting) Tingley, London Free Press; Ed. McKibbin, Winnipeg Free Press and Len Norris, Vancouver Sun.

Attending the dinner being organized by the Montreal Men's Press Club will be colleagues of Mr. Thompson from press, radio, magazine and public relations circles.

Mr. Thompson's wide travels during his more than 35 years of service with Canadian railways have made him personally known to thousands of newspaper and magazine writers throughout this continent and in other countries. He has handled press relations for many of the distinguished visitors to Canada including the Royal Family. A veteran journalist, in his own right, before undertaking responsibilities of publicity and advertising for the Canadian National System and for eleven years with Trans-Canada Air Lines, he first entered newspaper work in Fleet Street in London, England. After serving on newspapers in England and in South Africa, he came to Canada in 1911 and was city editor on both the Montreal Witness and the Montreal Herald.

NEW GLASGOW W. M. S. Mrs. Harland Hill entertained the members of the New Glasgow Christian Church Women's Missionary Society at her home on Tuesday evening, August 8.

Mrs. Howard Ling was devotional leader and read "The Call To Worship and Meditation, followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Hymn, "Blest be the Tie That Binds", Scripture Readings John 1: 5-7 and John 2: 4-6 was read by Mrs. Revell Dickenson.

Prayer by Mrs. Lorne Houston. The devotional programme was prepared by Mrs. Edison Rollings and the following interesting readings were read, "India Spells Opportunity was given by Mrs. Leigh Warren. "Will Japan Become Christian" was the title of the reading given by Mrs. E. B. Stevenson and Mrs. W. J. MacLeod.

Mrs. Lorne Houston read "Crusade Progress." Closing hymn, "We Give Thee But Thine Own".

The business period followed with the secretary, Mrs. Richard Dickenson, reading the minutes. Members responded to roll call with a Bible verse containing the word "seed". Twelve members and also several visitors were present.

Treasurer Mrs. Leigh Warren gave the financial report. Mrs. Howard Ling was appointed Friendship secretary. Mrs. Harland Hill devotional leader and Mrs. Earle Houston prayer leader for next month.

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Leigh Warren. Roll call to be answered with a Bible verse containing the word "blessing". Closed with Benediction.

CUT RED TAPE

HALIFAX — (CP) — City Hall has decided to go easier on forgetful motorists who overstay their welcome in front of parking meters. The penalty has been reduced from \$4 to \$1, doing away with court procedure. The offender is usually happy to pay up without having to argue with the judge.

PLANT TROUT FRY

VERNON, B.C. — (CP) — Some 75,000 trout fry were released in Polson Park rearing pond recently in a fish re-population project. The scheme is being sponsored by the provincial government.

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In The World of Books

With Will R. Bird

The four leading novels in the lending libraries of Ontario this summer are "The Lamp is Heavy" by Russell; "The Pink House" by White; "Jubilee Trail" by Brissett and "The Outlander" by Guevremont. The four leaders in non-fiction are "I Leap Over the Wall" by Baldwin; "Rommel" by Young; "The Cocktail Party" by Elliot and "Worlds in Collision" by Velikovsky. All eight books have been reviewed in this column.

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Mr. Drake has used an easy conveyance for his work. He has used an army major as his male character, giving his novel an autobiographical touch. The major is fifty and experienced in the ways of the world. In his work of tracking down the leakage of valuable information it is necessary for him to go from Chungking to Hsian. This has to be done by plane but there was passage only for privileged persons or those with established authority. The major's struggle to obtain a seat in a plane is a revelation of the graft and ineptitude and indifference that lost the war for China. The major wins at last but is largely the work of a young Chinese dancing girl, the Little White One.

The girl is but sixteen yet she develops a great love for the man older than her father, and she serves him with amazing devotion and self-sacrifice. Her actions show the reader what might be done with this great race if the right influences could be used. The author pictures her as lovely as the flowers she embroiders on the beautiful robes she wears in the theatre. He portrays her as being unusually intelligent and so clever is the writing that before long the reader is in love with this dainty beauty. The girl's father is a typ-

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TRUE SUCCESS STORY

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Company. He didn't care for the job and longed for freedom, and for more time to engage in the literary work which he had set out to do.

The break finally came after thirty-three years service with the East India Company, when he was retired with a small pension, yet sufficient to take care of his own needs as well as the needs of his sister.

But alas! the liberty he so dearly longed for came too late for him to enjoy the fruits of years of toil. He passed away in December of 1834, at Edmonton, where his ashes now lie. That sister that had been his special charge for so many years, outlived him by more than a decade, during which time her mind was almost a total blank.

Some persons move because it is cheaper than paying rent. Charles and Mary Lamb occupied no less than ten apartments between 1796 and 1834 not because it was cheaper than paying rent but because Mary's malady made them unwelcome tenants.

In spite of all these handicaps Charles Lamb looked at the world through optimistic eyes. He could see the silver lining in every dark cloud; and, strange to relate those who went to cheer him up were themselves in turn uplifted by his gaiety and natural wit. "The most witty and sensible of men," Haslitt called him.

Like the poet Burns, much has been written about Lamb that are not truthful portraits, and in fact no two pictures are very much alike. We know that he was a very actual person and rather delicate that he always dressed in black and wore long gaiters that reached up to his knees; that he smoked a vile smelling pipe, stuttered and had different colored eyes. That he drank to excess would seem to be an exaggeration, for as Barry Cornwall writes, "During all my intimacy with Charles Lamb I never knew him to drink immoderately except once."

Lamb belonged to that group of mortals who never stopped climbing the hills of adversity yet could sing: "For as Thy hand the weather steers, So thrive I best 'twixt joys and tears, And all the years have some green ears."

Lovingly Remembered by Grandson and Grandpa Farquharson. Mrs. Harry Scott kindly invited the members to her home for the Oct. meeting with roll call to be answered by house hold hints. Lunch committee is Mrs. Russell Wheatley, Miss Eleanor Younker, Mrs. Fulton Warren, Mrs. Earnest Ladner. Business being finished the meeting was then adjourned and a very dainty lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge. Collection was \$2.03.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear little grand-daughter Bessie Kathryn Aorn, who passed away September 10th, 1948.

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In loving memory of our dear husband and father Calvin T. Reeves who passed away September 10th, 1947.

Safe from all life's pain and care To peaceful sleep and rest. And we who loved him dearly, Try to think God's will is best. Ever Remembered by His Wife and Family.

Card Of Thanks

Mrs. Leighton Harrington, Spring Valley, wishes to thank this means of expressing her sincere thanks to Dr. Austin Delaney and Nurses of Prince County Hospital for the splendid care and attention received while a patient there. Also to the Dramatic Club, Women's Institute, Choir of St. Stephen's and School Children for treat received.

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