



CAMERA CLUB WINNER

Vice-president Barry MacLaren presided at a very enjoyable meeting of the Charlottetown Camera Club held at the Monday evening. Entries in the Class B competition "Winter Weather" were judged by "Bud" McMurtry with constructive commentary on each picture. The winners placed as follows: 1st, Alice Chandler; 2nd, Edith Hume, 3rd, Lois MacDonald. The first place picture is shown above. A very interesting and highly informative photographic "quiz" was put on by George Lewis in the manner of the old fashioned "spelling bee". Lois MacDonald

RUHAMAH SCHEINFELD FRANK

WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

ECHOES OF THE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Luckily the question of a raise in salaries didn't come up at the dinner party for the island teachers during their annual convention last week. They seemed to be getting along all right. The way they were—bright-eyed, well-fed, and pleasant charmingly! However, personally I believe their appearance was a tribute to their ingenuity and good-taste rather than their incomes!

I noted something about the teachers not more important—apart from an index to morale—but equally significant. In the workshop or discussion group I attended (typical of others) the teachers were truly interested in professional problems. "Can't we have more demonstration lessons during the year?" they asked. "Can't we have evening courses, week-end courses, more summer courses with credits leading to higher certificates and to further improvement for those who have first class license?" It was suggested that a money bonus be granted the latter as a recognition of the time, effort, and money involved in taking these courses. (This is done in some schools, I believe).

BRIGHT CHILD

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I should let him go ahead as fast as he can? I know he can read as well as my fifth grade pupils—even many of my sixth graders." The answer, to my satisfaction, was, "yes, let him go along with the higher classes in all the subjects where he can do so without strain."

From the question, I gathered there is no fixed official policy in this matter and that teachers can use their discretion. In the rural school, especially in the one-room rural school the answer given above, seems to me a very wise one. The bright child can go along intellectually with the older pupils in the higher grades and still mingle on the playground and in social activities with his own age group. This arrangement seems ideal, undemonstration lessons during the year? they asked. "Can't we have evening courses, week-end courses, more summer courses with credits leading to higher certificates and to further improvement for those who have first class license?" It was suggested that a money bonus be granted the latter as a recognition of the time, effort, and money involved in taking these courses. (This is done in some schools, I believe).

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I know she is leaving school in grade 9, and I'll be responsible for her until then."

It seems that this girl is large for her age and much older than the pupils among whom she rightfully belongs. I agreed that the course my friend had taken in this case and planned to take was a kind one—and sensible too. Whom could it benefit if the girl was stamped as a failure in the eyes of her little world? Of course they fit all too well herself, but there would be fewer daily humiliations (I believe) if outwardly at least she was sitting among those of her own age and passed along with them.

ONE ROOM

Out of the questions concerning the bright and the slow-learning child came to me a new insight into a possible advantage of early education in the one-room rural school. Not only is the country especially the farm, a wholesome background, generally speaking, for a child, but hasn't the bright pupil much more chance to go ahead mentally and the slow child more chance to go at his own pace, where all grades are found in one room?



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P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

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every spring until the fly is eliminated. This can be started by doing it on a Community basis. Let's give thought to the cutting down of this high annual loss in Farm Income.

COCCIDIOSIS

Coccidiosis is a disease caused by a microscopic protozoan parasite. There are eight different species of this parasite which may affect chickens. Of these eight, two are more deadly than the rest. The infection caused by the two most serious types of the coccidiosis parasite results in death more often than do infections caused by the other six. In both of these there is a passage of blood with the droppings. In the one form, blood-stained material will be found in the feces (bird guts), while in the other there is a severe and extensive inflammation of the intestines, and portions of the lining membrane may slough off. The other six types of the infection in chickens do not result in such a high mortality, but they cause sufficient damage to warrant the adoption of some remedial measures as soon as they have been diagnosed.

Three or four species of the protozoan affect turkey poults, sometimes resulting in heavy losses. In the goose there are three intestinal species, two of which are capable of causing severe infections. There is also a species which is found in the kidney. Only one species has been described affecting ducks. Other birds affected with

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Sir Ernest MacMillan Bows Out This Week As Conductor Toronto Symphony Orchestra

TORONTO (CP) — Sir Ernest MacMillan, the first person in the British Commonwealth outside the United Kingdom ever knighted for his services to music, this week takes his final bow as conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

After 25 years as its conductor Sir Ernest is to conduct his last two concerts with the TSO tonight and Wednesday evening in Massey Hall where, as a 10-year-old organist he began his career 53 years ago.

After his retirement he plans to continue as president of the Canadian Authors, Composers and Publishers Association and as chairman of the Canadian Music Council.

Czech-born Walter Susskind, 42, was named last November to succeed Sir Ernest on the Toronto podium. Susskind, latterly conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra in Melbourne, Australia, made two guest appearances with the orchestra in December.

The TSO and the Mendelssohn Choir will perform a powerful swan-song to one of Canada's most dynamic musical figures.

The 63-year-old composer, teacher and writer, was named TSO conductor in 1931, succeeding the late Dr. Luigi von Kunis who founded the symphony during the First World War.

Born in the Toronto suburb of Mimico, he appeared as a concert organist in Massey Hall at the age of 10. He continued musical studies at Edinburgh and Oxford winning the diploma of associate of the Royal College of Organists at 13 and getting a fellowship at 17.

In 1914 while studying at Bayreuth, Germany, he was interned on the outbreak of the First World War. During that time put in the study required for his doctorate of music at Oxford.

Sir Ernest was appointed dean of the faculty of music at the University of Toronto in 1927, becoming also principal of the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

In 1935 he was knighted by King George V for his services to music.

Basilica C.W.L. Sec'y's Report To Ann. Meeting

St. Dunstan's Basilica sub-division of the Catholic Women's League of Canada held its annual meeting Tuesday evening. Following is the report of the recording secretary.

Ten regular general meetings and eight executive meetings as well as three special executive meetings were held. Mrs. F. A. Coyne fulfilled the duties of corresponding secretary by writing letters concerning announcements of general meetings, telephoning notice of executive meetings, sending Mass cards to be-avaed members and cards of cheer and encouragement to those who were ill and all other necessary work in connection with her office.

Mr. P. J. Nealis reports total receipts of \$1,383.57 obtained

through proceeds of Tag Day, tea and an anonymous gift. Disbursements included National and Diocesan obligations, donations to T.B. League, P.E.I. Music Festival, Catholic Social Welfare Bureau, Catholic Girl's Scholarship, St. Vincent's Orphanage, Monastery of the Precious Blood, Brownies, The Lay Apostolate (Graville), School college and catechetical prizes, flowers for Basilica at Christmas and Easter, Christmas presents to Sacred Heart Home and Monastery of the Precious Blood, Aid to Hospital Bazaar and Mass offerings.

Convener of education, Mrs. C. L. MacDonald, faithfully attended Parent-Teacher meetings and different lectures held throughout the year.

Mrs. John McGuigan, Spiritual Convener, made arrangements for Masses for living members and for deceased members and Mass on Remembrance Day for the war dead of the parish and for the League communion breakfast. Several members spend one half hour adoration on first Fridays, and members visit homes of deceased relatives of members in a body and recite rosary.

Mrs. L. L. Noonan convener of immigration and citizenship, reports collecting for the Dispensary, Cancer, Polio and Red Cross Campaigns by teams from this sub-division. It is represented on the following local boards: Home and School Association, Musical Festival Association, Canadian Institute for the Blind, P. E. I. Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Local and Provincial Girl Guide Association, Canadian Council for the Blind, and P.E.I. Polio Chapter.

It is represented at the ceremonies held in the Law Court when new Canadians received their certificates of citizenship and sub-

scribes to the National Immigration Fund and Our Lady's Missionaries. We laid a wreath on the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. Miss Ephigenie Arsenault, convener of Girl Guides, reports two Guide com., sales and one Brownie pack registered under the sub-division, 57 guides, 27 brownies with 5 leaders, Ten Religion and Life Badges were received this year. We contributed \$25.00 towards accommodations for the Brownie Pack.

Mrs. Ernest McTague, press convener, reported all general and the annual meeting as well as notices of events.

Mrs. J. B. Fleming of the Catholic Social Welfare sewing committee reports that 275 pieces were completed and donations from members included 86 pieces of clothing and bedding. The sub-division donated and packed 16 complete Christmas dinners for needy families, \$400.00 in cash and a sewing machine.

Mrs. Holland, convener of radio, television, films and book review, reports one new book purchased for the Public Library, several new books asked for and others read and reviewed. We appreciate the broadcast of the Sacred Heart Program over CFCY.

Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Murray capably organized our fund-raising projects which are already referred to in our treasurer's report.

Mrs. R. J. MacDonald visited our sick in hospital and homes bringing cheer and words of encouragement and followed these visits up by telephone calls which were very much appreciated.

Mrs. W. J. P. MacMillan visited the institutions each month bringing Catholic papers and magazines. On our annual sanatorium Day she and her committee visited each patient in the Sanatorium bringing home-made candy, magazines and flowers.

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