



Valleyfield Lady, 100 Today, Says She's Never Cast Ballot

MONTAGUE — Margaret MacPherson, Valleyfield celebrates her 100th birthday today. She enjoys good health, is able to get around on her own, is witty and jolly but does have some difficulty in reading and writing.

She has received messages of congratulation from the Queen, Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman, Premier Walter R. Smead, Mrs. Margaret Macdonald, M.P., Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker and several others.

On being told she was to have her picture taken she said, "Oh my! not all this fuss over my birthday, I should have died sooner."

She attributes her longevity to "good buttermilk, I guess," which she has eaten since she was a child. She thought of the political situation she replied, "It does not bother me, I have never voted in my life."

19 Islanders Receive Life Saving Awards

LIEUTENANT Governor F.W. Hyndman yesterday presented 19 lifesaving awards to persons who rendered life saving assistance to accident victims. The awards, sponsored annually by Radio Station CJRW, Summerside, were given at Government House here.

Lieutenant Governor Hyndman is seen presenting an award to Gary Ward, who along with Joseph Paquet, rescued four-year-old Jackie Roche from drowning in Souris Harbor in December, 1961.

A total of 19 persons who rendered life saving assistance to accident victims in imminent danger of death were honored at Government House yesterday by Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman presented each a lifesaving award.

The 19 cases which called for life saving action included eight drownings, four of these, ice floes or broken ice were involved. Among the award winners were two women and a boy.

Jan Rankin, chairman of the Red Cross water safety services, and chairman of the advisory board for the awards, read the citations. Other speakers included Mrs. E.M. Cudmore, Robert Scherman, Superintendent of the P.S.I. Red Cross Inspector A.S. McNeill, RCMP, and Miss Iphigene Arsenault, Red Cross Commissioner.

The awards are sponsored annually by CJRW Summerside and presented at the FIDEST award.

Master Gary Ward and Joseph Paquet received the first award for rescuing four-year-old Jackie Roche from drowning in Souris Harbor in December, 1961. Kenneth Owen and Earl Taylor received awards for saving the life of Charles Taylor by rescuing him from a hole in the ice in Mahomet Bay in January of last year.

Leah MacWilliams received the award for rescuing a six-year-old Mrs. Clarence Johnson from her burning home in Altonville, William Constable, John White, and Joseph Yuzzo received awards for rescuing John MacNeil from drowning in the Cardigan Bay in April.

Mrs. Clarence Smith and Mrs. Yvonne Davis received six-year-old David Smith from the waters off West Point Wharf in Summerside from their awards.

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Millice 4-H Club Holds Program

The fourth meeting of the Millice 4-H Club was held recently at Millice School. There were 19 members present.

A speech was given by Corinne Gallant on a book report "The Wind Blows Free". Pearl McQuaid and Mary Aring are to give speeches at the next meeting.

The program was presented by Nancy McQuaid and Norma Morrison.

The next meeting is to be held March 7, at Millice School.

For several years she lived in the United States, returning eventually to Valleyfield where she resided on the old home, around until three years ago, at which time she moved to Upper Montague where she lives with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ross.

Each summer she goes back to Valleyfield where she spends the holiday period with her brother Donald and her two nieces, Mrs. Catherine Waugh and Miss Edna Walker.

Today she will have a large birthday cake with candles and expects a visit from her brother and others.

Cub Pack Progressing At Montague

An active Cub program is flourishing under the leadership of Cub Master Mrs. Ina Helcox with assistants Mrs. Douglas Coffin and Mrs. Art Sullivan.

Cubs meet each Monday at 3:30 in the assembly room of the Montague Elementary School.

The time elapsing from school dismissal until the boys can assemble is spent in games and contests of skill, under the direction of Patrick Donahoe and Harry Griffin.

The boys are progressing very favorably in their first and second star tests. Stars were awarded recently to Robbie Hebert, Scott Beck, Alan Coffin and Ralph Sorrey.

The pack will be attending church parade with Scouts, Guides and Brownies, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Feb. 24.

During Scout Week the pack will appear in uniform each day.

Commissioner Gordon Kerr visited the pack this week. He spoke concerning the use of registration fees and told of the magazine for boys which will be available to all clubs next year.

After a game the pack led by Ralph Sorrey, gave a rousing yell in appreciation of Mr. Kerr and the grand howl.

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'Head' On Cabot Bldg. Definitely Of Explorer

A Charlottetown man known for his interest in Prince Edward Island history has unearthed evidence which clearly indicates the carving atop the now demolished Cabot Building was that of John Cabot.

Major T.E. MacNutt has discovered in old newspapers a reference to the carving at the top of that Cabot.

Some weeks ago some doubt had been expressed as to the authenticity of the claim.

On Feb. 12, 1963, MacNutt told the following story in a story dealing with a description of the building.

Carved work will be freely introduced and in the centre, a short distance below the pediment, will be shown the carved head of Cabot, the discoverer of Prince Edward Island."

REMOVED INTACT
The carving was removed from the Cabot Building intact and will be used in the new Provincial Building, to be constructed this year.

Major MacNutt was surprised at the few references made to the building in the newspapers of 1883. One would think, he says, that when a building of such dimensions and importance was being erected references to it would be frequently made.

In May of 1883, The Patriot ran an article intimating that all was not above board in the letting of the contract. "If there has been any crookedness in the letting of the contract," the article said "let us have the facts of the case by all means!"

In June, Hansard contained the following, apparently an answer to the article:

Mr. Burpee for Mr. Weldon asked: "Has any contract been entered into for the construction of the new Dominion Building at Charlottetown? If so, who is the contractor? What is the amount of his tender? What is the amount to be paid under the contract? Has the department of public works permitted such

Cavendish Men Plan Concert

The February meeting of Cavendish Men's Association was held at the home of Ralph Burpee, president, over by Mr. Fyfe, the president.

Mr. Burdett led the singing, and the devotions were led by Maynard Simpson and John MacNeill. Rev. Morley Bent led the study period.

It was decided to have a variety concert.

Bas MacCounrey thanked the ladies of Cavendish U.C.W. for the refreshments.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of W. Tombs, North Rustic, March 4.

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