

Murray Harbor Notes

"The many friends of Mr. Marvin Herring will be sorry to learn that he is confined to his home through illness. Marvin, who is one of the Harbour's most popular and energetic citizens, has a host of well-wishers pulling for his speedy and complete recovery.

Mrs. Fred Harris has returned to her teaching duties at Murray Harbour school after an absence of several days due to sickness. Mrs. Harris has been on the teaching staff here for several years and has given faithful and excellent service.

It is pleasing to note that Bobby Bell, who has been sick at his home for some time, is now well on the way to complete recovery and very soon all hope to see the genial Bobby back in the swing of things.

Messrs. Walter MacLean and Howard MacLean of Georgetown were motor visitors to Murray Harbour recently and while here Walter purchased a beautifully designed and speedy motor boat from Mr. Angus MacNeill. This craft registered under the name of "Catherine A" has, under Mr. MacNeill's skilful guidance, won many open and featured races at different regattas. Here at the Harbour she has led the way on three successive years in the Free for All as the 8 Cylinder Class and at the Pictou Carnival she won two firsts and a second out of three starts. The speedy craft sailing out of Georgetown had better look well to their laurels this season when Walter cuts this new speed lady loose on the tranquil waters of their beautiful harbour.

Mr. Milton Howe of Guernsey Cove was a business visitor to Charlottetown on Monday March 30th.

The condition of Sharam White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester White, is the cause of much concern to her relatives and friends. Sharam was operated on at the Montague Hospital a short time ago, returning shortly after wards to her home. She was then as well as could be expected but later her condition took a more unfavorable turn, and all are hoping she will soon be better.

Peakes And Vicinity

Mr. John MacDonald, St. Theresa, was a business visitor to Charlottetown March 25th.

Mr. Ralph Gillan left for Boston March 27th where he plans to spend a few weeks with his sisters and relatives.

Mr. George Anstil was a business visitor to Charlottetown March 25th.

Mr. Alfred Crane, Peake's Road, was a visitor to the City March 31st.

Mr. Richard Birt was a visitor to St. Stewart March 31st.

Mr. John Trainor, St. Patrick's Road, was a visitor to Windon on

Georgetown and Vicinity

"Chief Petty Officer Robert Jenkins of Halifax, a member of the Royal Canadian Navy, left recently for Vancouver, B. C., where he will take a three months medical course at the naval establishment. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jenkins.

Miss Adele Fitzgerald, who is employed in Charlottetown, spent Saturday and Sunday, March 28th and 29th at her home in Georgetown.

Mr. N. W. Hansen spent several days in Charlottetown last week and was a guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmonds.

Mr. Billy Murphy and Mr. Gordon Babineau, who are employed in the City, spent the March 29th weekend at their homes in Georgetown.

Mr. J. A. B. MacConnell, Principal of Murray Harbour School, spent the March 29th weekend at his home in Georgetown.

Mr. Arthur MacSwain, Mr. Ernest Jamieson and Mr. James McKearney were recent visitors to the City.

Mrs. Preston McDonald and Mrs. Sterling Blackett were visitors to Charlottetown on Thursday, March 26th.

Mr. Alec Arsenault, Canadian National Railway trainman, was a recent visitor to his home in Georgetown.

Mrs. Minnie Rafuse returned on Sunday, March 29th to her home in Georgetown after having spent

March 31st, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Trainor.

Mr. Joseph Kenny, St. Theresa, left by plane for New York March 31st to visit his mother who is seriously ill.

Friends of Mrs. A. J. Mooney will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. James Devine, who has spent the last few weeks in Charlottetown, returned to Peake's March 26th.

Mr. Walter Roberson was a visitor to Charlottetown March 30th on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Birt Head of Hilleboro were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Trainor and family on March 29th.

Mr. Joseph Duffy, Morel R. R., was visitor at the home of his uncle, Mr. Michael Handrahan, on March 29th.

St. Patrick's Road Women's Institute held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Birt on April 1st.

First Aid Course Concluded

"The First Aid class which has been conducted by Mrs. Janet Baker at Murray Harbour for the past several weeks concluded on Monday night March 30th with some fifteen candidates writing the examinations and taking the practical tests. Miss Arsenault of the staff of the Provincial Red Cross at Charlottetown conducted the tests while the exams were written under the supervision of Mrs. Baker.

At the conclusion of the examinations a most enjoyable social hour was held during which suitable gifts were presented to Mrs. Baker for her tireless efforts throughout the course and to Mrs. T. H. Fraser for her faithful attention in seeing that everything was in readiness for the weekly classes.

Miss Arsenault in the course of a brief address congratulated those present for their sustained interest and remarked on the high percentage of the original class that had continued on to the finish. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Miss Arsenault for her kind co-operation.

The results of the written examinations will not be known for about two weeks. Present plans call for a public presentation of certificates to the successful candidates at a function later to be arranged. A delicious lunch was served to all present.

The winter months with relatives in Charlottetown.

Friends of Mr. Daniel Skinner are sorry to hear that he is confined to his home through illness, and all hope to see him about in the very near future.

Miss Joan McQuillan and Miss Gladys Fouchere, who are employed in the City, spent the past weekend at their homes in Georgetown.

Mr. Jerome Condon, Principal of West Royalty School, was a weekend visitor to his home in Georgetown.

Mr. Harold MacLean, who has been employed in the City, has returned to Georgetown, where he will be engaged in the lobster fishing industry.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Ings and daughter Jean of Souris motored to Georgetown on Sunday, March 29th. Mrs. Ings and daughter will remain in Georgetown on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mair.

Miss Sheila DeLory and Miss Bernice DeLory, Prince of Wales College students, visited their home in Georgetown on Sunday, March 29th.

On Sunday, March 29th, Miss Rose Mary Mair of Charlottetown was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mair.

Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman CHAPTER VI Continued

The creek twisted sharply to the right just above where the boat was lying, and on the inside of the bend the water shallowed to a few inches above a shelving mudbank. On this spit, and rising half clear of the stagnant surface, his eye was caught by an object that looked at first glance like the upper part of a greyish yellow ball.

He had noticed it casually before, but now, looking at it more carefully, he suddenly realised that it was the back of a human skull! After he had identified it, he could see that the remainder of the skeleton was lying submerged in the muddy water, parallel with the boat and no more than ten feet from it! He stared at it fascinatedly for some moments, and as he looked he became aware with a kind of sick horror that it was a centre of scuttling, crawling crab-life. With a shudder he turned away at last. Hardened as he had fancied himself to be, this was rather more than he could stomach.

Further examination of the boat could wait, but it had become a matter of urgent necessity to leave this grisly spot. He cast off the bow line with shaking hands, and snatching up the boathook, began polling the boat down the narrow channel in trembling haste. He had to clamber over the side again a few yards down to pick up the water-breaker, but once this was aboard he continued to haul and push the boat down the winding waterway till a last twist in its tortuous channel brought him in sight of the open sea.

He had got over the first ugly shock by then, and as he tied the boat up again to the trunk of a young mangrove which was growing up out of the water, he reflected grimly that but for sheer good fortune he might himself have presented some such sight before another two days had passed. If he had failed to find the boat he must have died here in this ghastly swamp, and

THORNTON ABBEY, England (CP) — To try to stop wild geese from leaving this Lincolnshire area 500 farmers and landowners have banded together to prohibit sportsmen from shooting them.

provided yet another feast for the obscene scuttling life of the mud and ooze. It would have made little difference to him once he was dead, but at the grisly fancy he shivered.

He had small inducement and less opportunity to dwell upon the theme, however, for a glance on the yard of the lugsail and through the thinning mangrove trunks to seaward showed him that there was little time to spare. Already the brilliant sunlight of the afternoon had melted into the yellow glow of sunset, and in another quarter of an hour darkness would be upon him—the swift, sudden darkness of the tropics.

His plan was to put to sea as soon as night fell and head eastward in order to be well clear of the land at moonrise. But before he did so, he wanted to make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the details of the boat in order to know exactly

how to handle her. Once darkness descended it would be doubly difficult to find these things out.

He set to work briskly and began by clearing the tangle of ropes and canvas. When he had sorted out the halliards, he hooked on the yard of the lugsail and ran it up, and then set the jib. This left the boat's interior comparatively clear, and he proceeded to bale out the remainder of the water and stow the water-breaker and biscuit tin safely amidships—covering them carefully with the stiffly painted boat-cover in order to prevent the contents of the latter from being spoiled by the drippings from the sodden lugsail.

He untangled and coiled down the grassline neatly in the bows, and then worked his way aft, picking up various odds and ends which were lying in the bottom of the boat and which had evi-

dently been taken from the regulation stern locker. They were not particularly valuable at the moment, being only such articles as are to be found in any ship's boat, but already he was beginning to acquire a proprietary interest in her and he felt that they should be in their proper place. Apart from the steel marine-spike which he had already utilised, he found a tangle of spun-yarn which he coiled up carefully, and a boat's lantern, in which a candle had guttered down to an end and which had had one of its panes of glass smashed. The remains of a box of matches lay scattered among the bottom boards, together with a sailmaker's "palm", a small axe helve with the head missing, a heavy mallet, and—under the stern bench—a boat's compass which had been rendered completely useless by having been immersed in water.

He brought all these aft to-

gether with the dead man's clothes, and placing them on the stern bench, opened the locker door which formed the back of the seat.

The locker itself stretched aft into the stern of the boat, and as he peered into it, he saw that its contents had been untouched by water by reason of the fact that the bottom of the locker was on the level of the stern bench itself.

Actually, it seemed that there was little in it to spoil. A gallon drum of oil stood at the back, lashed into the curved timbers of the stern, while the space in front of it was occupied by a canvas bag containing a hammer, the missing axe-head, a couple of hanks of sailmaker's twine, a tin box in which were a dozen assorted fish-hooks, and two or three lead sinkers, and last of all—but by no means least—a small file.

(To be continued)

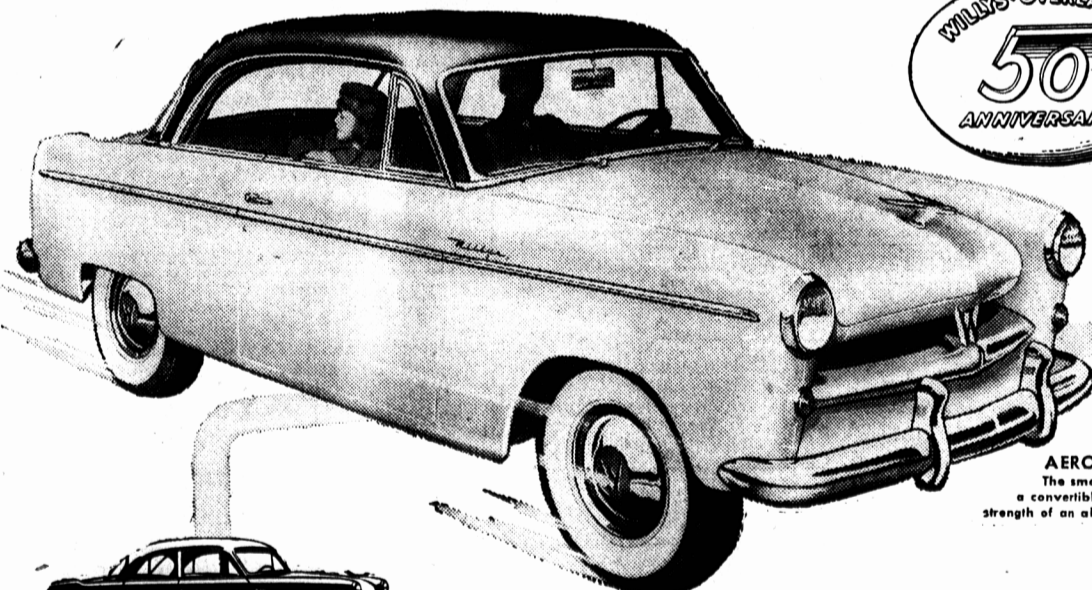
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