

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS:—MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Mrs. Byron Stewart, Mrs. Bruce MacPhee, Miss Joyce Wigginton, Miss Joan Johnston AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers.

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..REAL VALUES from now until October 31st at Dunn's, Gaspereaux.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jenkins Georgetown, were visitors to Montague yesterday.

Mrs. Milton Kennedy and Mrs. Guy Nelson have returned to their homes in Montague after a pleasant visit to Boston and other cities in Massachusetts.

..MURRAY HARBOR Pastoral Charge, United Church of Canada, services Sunday, October 28th, 11 a.m. Murray Harbour; 2 p.m. Little Sands; 3:30 p.m. Belle River. Rally Day: 7:00 p.m. Murray River. Rev. D. Wallace MacPherson, Minister.

..HOME ON FURLOUGH—Mr. Herb Parker, who is stationed with the R.C.A.F., Summerside, is spending a short furlough at the home of his parents in Georgetown. Mr. Parker has completed an aero-technician's course in Ontario and three months ago was transferred to Summerside where he has undertaken the study of navigation.

..LOADING PRODUCE — The motor vessel General Bursall, from Bellorum, Newfoundland, which opened the shipping season this spring at its earliest date, April 12th, arrived in port at Montague yesterday morning and will take on a cargo of mixed produce from Poole and Thompson, local exporters, for Newfoundland ports. The vessel is under the command of Captain Levi Kearly.

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Mrs. Carl Gay and Mrs. Edward Murphy left yesterday on return to Boston after spending the summer months in Montague.

..Mrs. Glad Higginbotham, Montague, left yesterday to spend a few days in New Glasgow, N. S., visiting friends and relatives.

..SUDDEN DEATH OF CHILD

The sudden death of Ethel MacLeod, age two years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert MacLeod, occurred at her home in Brudenell on October 24, after a short illness. She leaves to mourn besides her father and mother, three brothers, Charles, Willard and Basil and one sister, Gloria. The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at the Baptist Church, Montague. Service was conducted by Lic. William Johnston. Interment was in the Montague Community Cemetery.

..SUCCESSFUL APPLE DAY—

The First Montague Boy Scout Troop held a very successful apple day this year with total returns amounting to \$98.45 from the sale of approximately nine hampers of apples. Scoutmaster Eric Duvar was well pleased with the results, and was very grateful to the people for their generosity. The money has been sent to Mr. Gordon Kerr, executive committee of Boy Scouts, and will be used to promote Scouting throughout the Province.

..LODGE MEETING —

The regular meeting of Acme Rebekah Lodge, Montague, was held in the lodge rooms Thursday evening, conducted by the Noble Grand, Mrs. H. E. Nelson. Following roll call and the minutes of the last meeting, the correspondence was read by the secretary, Mrs. Leo Johnston. A letter from the secretary of Hillsdale Lodge was read conveying an invitation to the Rebekahs to attend a social evening in the lodge rooms next week, when the guest speaker will be Deputy Grand Master, D. J. Chisholm. A number of sick calls were reported. Mrs. Carl Stewart reported for the furnishing committee, and Mrs. D. M. MacDonald reported for the entertainment committee. Plans were discussed for future meetings. Lodge closed in regular form.

ATTLEE RESIGNS

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True-blue Tory votes in rural areas.

Attlee Resigns

When it was over Attlee, a sombre figure in his usual dark Homburg hat and coat, drove to Buckingham Palace to hand his resignation to the King. Churchill visited the palace later to begin the formalities that go with the high office. The two interviews were the first political visitors the King has had since he was operated on Sept. 23. It was reported that the King got out of bed to receive them. In a sober victory statement, Churchill foresaw a hard time ahead but pledged the Conservatives would seek the aid of all men of goodwill to restore Britain to her rightful place in the world—a need which burns in the hearts of men far beyond these shores. It appeared that Churchill would be slightly better placed than Attlee had been to govern effectively. In the last deadlocked parliament Labor had only a single-figure majority. But Churchill—always the master strategist—has an ace in the hole in case he faces a similar situation. He is almost certain to restore the university seats to bolster his voting power in the Commons.

These 14 seats—abolished by Labor—were occupied by 14 extra members elected in a special poll of university graduates. For years safe Conservative seats, their reinstatement would give Churchill a much enlarged majority. In addition, many believe he could work out a deal with the once-powerful Liberals gaining some more voting strength.

Pressing Problems

Turmoil in the Middle East, a hazardous trade balance and home front shortages are among the pressing problems which will command Churchill's attention. In a statement to party officials and election workers at Conservative headquarters, Churchill, with tears in his eyes, declared, "There lies before us a difficult time, a hard time. I have no hesitation in saying that I have seen worse, and had to face worse. I do not doubt we shall come through because we shall use not only party forces but we shall use the growing sense of the need to put Britain back in her place—a need which burns in the hearts of men far beyond these shores." There was deep gloom at Labor Party headquarters, but party chairman Morgan Phillips took comfort in the fact that Attlee's followers polled more votes than Churchill's. He stressed that all losing Labor seats went under by majorities of 3,000 or less.

With returns nearly complete, the Labor Party had 49.3 per cent of the popular vote against 48.3 per cent for the conservatives. At the same stage in the 1950 election, Labor had 46.7 per cent to 43.9 per cent for the Tories. But tens of thousands of Labor votes were wasted piling up whopping majorities in the big cities. The Tory victory, less resounding than advance betting had indicated, was powered partly by

the vote of unattached Liberals who favored Conservative to Labor by a ratio of about three to one.

The Liberals only ran 109 candidates compared with 475 in 1950. In many vital ridings won by Labor last year, the Liberal vote was the winning margin for the Tories.

Caught between the big battalions, the Liberals ruefully saw four of their stalwarts beaten—Lady Megan Lloyd George, a Liberal member since 1929; Lady Violet Bonham Carter, foremost woman speaker; party chairman Frank Byers, and Philip Footes, president of the party organization.

Communists Lose Out

Communists were thoroughly trampled, their 10 candidates trailing the polls. All lost their deposits.

Neutral political observers, looking into a future beset by serious economic problems, asked these main questions about the country's course under a new regime:

Will the psychological "lift" induced by a government which looks more kindly on business and industry help restore the country to solvency, or will American aid be sought? Will the trade unions and workers, accustomed to regard Labor as "our government" respond petulantly to a party which for many Britons still symbolizes the days of mean tests and unemployment? (An early statement by union chief Arthur Deakin indicated organized labor will keep an open mind.)

The Conservatives come to power committed to a brand of "welfare capitalism," combining private enterprise and the welfare state. A substantial section of opinion fears the party may shirk from doing what they believe is necessary for the country's economic health in fear of antagonizing public opinion.

Party titans of both main political hues were largely rejected, which followed closely the pattern of the 1950 election. The difference was that this time it was the Conservative Party rather than Labor which won the extra handful of votes on which the fate of government rests.

There are rumors that Churchill will step out of public life and be succeeded by Eden after making an all-out attempt to end the cold war with Russia. During the campaign Churchill described world peace as "the last great prize I seek to win." He has repeatedly called for a face-to-face meeting of Joseph Stalin and the leaders of the west to seek a long-term settlement of east-west differences.

Truman Meeting Rumored

Rumors quickly began circulating in Washington that Churchill will go there for a meeting with President Truman. This could be the opening gambit in Churchill's peace campaign.

Attlee's resignation was announced in a brief statement issued at 5:30 p.m. from 10 Downing Street. The headline character of the election was shown by an analysis which disclosed that 41 seats were won by fewer than 1,000 votes. A total of 58 were won by fewer than 1,500 votes and 80 by fewer than 2,000.

The Conservative Party announced "the glorious victory" at 4:22 p.m., when the count showed election of 313 Conservatives, an overall majority. The Labor Party conceded defeat at 4:30 p.m.

With only five Liberals known elected, the party issued a statement declaring it will "fight on, conscious of our responsibility as the only organized body in parliament which is free to express the opinion of the individual without bending its conscience to the dictates of mere parliamentary tactics.

Liberal leader Clement Davies was returned to a seat in Commons as were Churchill and Attlee.

Georgetown Ladies

Auxiliary To Canadian

Legion Holds Meeting

..The monthly meeting of the Georgetown Ladies' Auxiliary, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., was held on Monday, October 22nd, in the Legion Hall, with 20 members present.

President, Mrs. J. W. Lavers opened the meeting by calling for two minutes silence in memory of departed comrades. Eleven new members were in attendance and were made members of the auxiliary. Agreement was reached on the amount of membership dues to be paid.

It was decided to extend an invitation to Mrs. Davis of the Charlottetown Auxiliary to attend a future meeting of the local organization. A number of names were selected to be placed on the Charter which will be applied for, through Provincial Command, by the Georgetown Branch of the Legion. Arrangements were also made to obtain a number of badges. The Secretary, Mrs. J. A. B. MacConnell, read the minutes which were moved adopted.

A committee consisting of Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Howard Llewellyn was appointed to obtain the names and addresses of all Georgetown boys now serving in Navy, Army and Air Force so that they may be remembered at Christmas.

Discussion took place regarding Remembrance Day celebrations and it was decided that sandwiches and tea would be provided for the Veterans. Mrs. F. J. DeLory and Mrs. Mary Yorston and Mrs. Adolphus Scully were appointed on entertainment committee for the next meeting, and a lunch committee was also appointed. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. A delicious lunch was then enjoyed by all.

Electric Rates And Rural Electrification Discussed In Mt. Stewart Resolution

At a public meeting held at the Legion Hall, Mount Stewart, on Monday evening, Oct. 22, a report was received from a delegated committee of their interview with the Public Utilities Commission about the increased rates of electricity. The delegation consisted of two representatives each from Cardigan, Mount Stewart, Morell and St. Peter's Bay.

The delegation had complained to the Commission that the increase seemed to be excessive and in some cases unjust, and if the rates were to be continued rural electrification will likely be retarded, and certainly extension will be curtailed. This would seem to be opposite to the intention of the Government which has done so much to improve roads and highways, and to encourage the farming industry.

"It was found," the delegation reported, "that the Commission is not happy about the increased rates, but with expert advice of a recognized man in that kind of work, they did set the rates as low and as just as seemed possible to them."

"Electrification is not a social endeavour, but a business or capitalistic venture, which means that assets and profits must be sufficient to attract investors in order that extension may be undertaken. In our economy this is understandable, but what is the use of extension if the cost of using the power is excessive over and above the means of the people; so that the benefits are less than the burden imposed. The people who can afford all electrical equipment in their homes may not find the rates excessive, but the great majority of our people are not so blessed. They are the small users who are hardest hit by the apparent, unnecessary, excessive rates in the present stage of development as far as electricity is concerned. Electricity is not established in the rural areas, but in its infancy. It takes time for people with low incomes to change over so that a full, and possibly profitable use, may be made of electric power."

"It is felt by the people of Mt. Stewart, that this matter is of grave concern to the future welfare and progress of the farmers of this Province. The people in the rural areas should register their opinions in this thing, and through Government and cooperation should strive to find some means of producing electricity and distributing it at a lower cost. Cooperation, in this as in other things, may be very successful, and may eliminate the always exorbitant cost of outside capital. The will to do is the way to win."

It was decided by motion that the above be sent to the Press.

and the following resolution be sent to members of the Government.

"Whereas Rural Electrification is becoming essential to farm work, and also an inducement for younger people to remain on the farms;

"And whereas the larger centers are dependent upon prosperous rural conditions;

"And whereas the new schedule of rates imposes a burden on rural economy, which is becoming more and more dependent upon electrical energy;

"And whereas the change to electrical equipment is costly and must be gradual, the excessive cost of power in the early stages would tend to discourage the use of electricity on the farm, and therefore defeat the hope of extension, which means a lessening of the benefits to the company, people and Province;

"We the people of Mt. Stewart, solicit the good offices of the Government to investigate and try to arrange more equitable distribution of reasonable rates, so that the rural people will be encouraged to a greater use of electrical power."

(Signed):

The Delegated Committee: Wm. T. Mercer, H. W. McKay.

Murray Harbor North and Vicinity

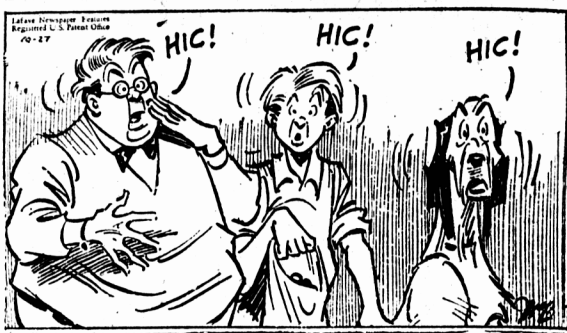
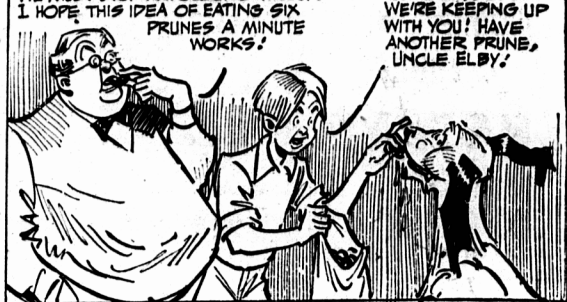
Mrs. Lyle Bechner and two children, Wayne and Lowell, Montague, were visitors to Murray Harbour North on Wednesday, Oct. 24th, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Millar.

Miss Lulu Graham, employee of the Maritime Electric Co., was a visitor to Gaspereaux on Wednesday, guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Graham.

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