

HAPPENINGS

Nine tables of bridge were in play at the regular weekly meeting of the Duplicate Bridge Club held Tuesday evening at the Charlottetown Hotel. North and South winners were: 1. Mrs. Lloyd Wellner and Mrs. Helea Dunbar; 2. Roy Vessey and Louis Gaudet tied with Mrs. J. Carl Green and Mrs. M. Alban Farmer. East and West winners were: 1. Mrs. Robert Hines and Miss Mary Duffy; 2. Norman MacLeod and Alan Forsythe.

er's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Murray and family.

Mr. Lloyd MacKay of Alberta is spending some time in Kensington at the home of his mother, Mrs. Bessie MacKay.

Miss Jeanette Poole, student at Mt. Allison University, spent Christmas at her home at New Annan.

Miss Marilyn Paynter, student at Mt. Allison University, spent the holiday season at her home at French River.

Miss Riley MacNeill, Montreal, spent the Christmas holidays at her home at Kensington.

Mrs. Horace Glover and Mrs. Edwin Brown, entertained at the home of the former at Kensington on Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. William E. Johnstone, RN. Decorations were in the Christmas motif, and the table featured a Yuletide centerpiece and Christmas candles. The occasion was graced with the presence of two charming ladies, Mrs. Andrew Johnstone, Sr., mother-in-law to the guest of honor, who celebrated her 94th birthday on the following day, and just turned 90 Mrs. Joseph Davison, mother to Mrs. Glover, as well as other relatives, and nursing associates of Mrs. Johnstone. Assisting the hostesses in serving were Mrs. Lorne Adams, Mrs. Ernest MacEwen and Mrs. Waldon Davison.

John McGowan student at Acadia College, Wolfville, N.S. left yesterday by plane to resume his studies after spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch McGowan, Kilmuir.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Kelly, and Peter, Jr., Fredericton, N. B., spent the holiday season with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Hobbs, 242 Kent Street.

Dr. and Mrs. Ted Thorne and family, Halifax, N.S. spent the New Year weekend with Mrs. Thorne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hill, 164 Weymouth street.

Miss Alberta Smith, student at Mt. Allison, spent the Yuletide season at her home at Kensington.

Mr. Vernon Boyle, Conway, was the guest of his brother, H. D. Boyle, Kensington, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Earl Carrier has returned to his home at Kensington from a tour of New Brunswick centers when he accompanied members of the P.W.C. hockey team, Terry Carrier and Alan Andrews, both of Kensington to Moncton, Saint John and Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Sinclair and little daughter, Natalie, are spending their vacation with members of their families at Springfield and Margate.

Mr. Errol Caseley, who is employed with the firm of MacDonald and Currie, has returned after spending Christmas at his home at Kelvin Grove.

Shower Given Bride-To-Be At Souris River

SOURIS — A largely attended bridal shower in honour of Miss Maureen MacKinnon was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John MacGillivray, Souris River. The many beautiful and useful gifts were presented by Miss Gladys Howlett and Miss Moira Grant while the accompanying cards were read by Miss Joyce MacCormack.

Music for the occasion was supplied by Joseph Conway and Leo Faquet. Dancing was enjoyed by all.

A most delicious lunch was served to everyone by the women of the district. Miss MacKinnon became the bride of Mr. Francis Howlett, Souris River, on Saturday, Dec. 30, 1961 in St. Mary's Church, Souris.

JOINT OPERATION
The radio and meteorological station at Mould Bay, N.W.T., started as a joint Canadian-U.S. operation in 1948.

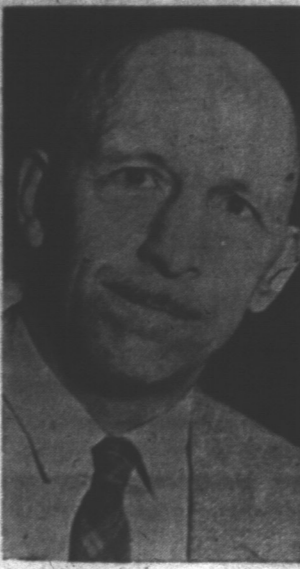
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ISLANDER OF 1961
Well, Who Will It Be?

Nominations Must Reach

The Evening Patriot by Noon Jan. 6 to be Considered

HIGH HONORS TO BE PAID 'ISLANDER OF THE YEAR'

It is as a continuation of what has become established as one of the happiest new traditions of the province that steps are under way to select the person to be honored through the 1961 "Islander of the Year Award".

The award, as created three years ago by The Evening Patriot, has the single purpose of expressing appreciation for significant contributions to the well being of the province, or for notable acts of good citizenship, and of doing so in behalf of the people of the whole province.

The Patriot regards itself as an instrument to serve this purpose, in behalf of all Islanders, and it will be the people of the province, through a distinguished board of judges, and not The Patriot, who will make the choice of the person to receive this significant honor for 1961.

All three of the province's counties are represented on the three-member board of judges.

ACT NOW TO NOMINATE YOUR CHOICE FOR 1961

Selection of the "Islander of 1961" does not involve any form of "contest". The final choice rests solely with the members of the board of judges. The only suggestion offered to them, is that the award should honor "that person who has, during 1961, best used the means available to serve a worthy Islander purpose".

But interested Islanders are invited to play a part in seeing the honor goes where it is best deserved by submitting letters of nomination, as a means of making sure that all who should be considered for the award, and the deeds to their credit, will be brought to the attention of the judges.

All letters will be considered by the judges and every letter has a good chance of greatly influencing their decision.

The one way to be sure the person you favor will be considered is by seeing to it yourself that his or her name has been submitted in a letter of nomination.

No letter should exceed 300 words in length. All must be signed. However, if they are used for publication, pen names will be used whenever this is requested. Only letters received by noon of Jan. 6, at any office of The Patriot, in Charlottetown, Summerside, Montague, Alberton, or Souris will be considered.

Announcement of the "Islander of 1961" selected, and of the event at which the award will be made, will follow shortly after judging is complete.

FAMED AND HUMBLE HAVE EQUAL CHANCE

One thought behind this award is that it should be as easy for it to go to some person who is scarcely known beyond a limited circle of acquaintances as to one occupying a place of prominence—that recognition should be on the basis of "use of the means available" rather than according to the size of a particular deed.

Accordingly, if proper nominations are received, it follows that the award could go to some woman who has made a quiet sacrifice to help a neighbor's child to health—to a pastor who has been unusually effective in helping enrich the lives of those with whom he works—or, just as well, to the Premier, a Mayor, or some other official—perhaps depending on presentations made in letters of nomination.

The way to make sure that consideration is given, the person you believe should be honored is by telling, about that person now, in a letter of nomination.

Address Nominations to
Islander of the Year Editor

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FIVE GENERATIONS CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, Knutsford, celebrated the 47th anniversary of their wedding at their home Dec. 10, 1961, with five generations of their family in attendance. At a turkey dinner the couple was presented with a purse

from the family and with flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Johnston, also from Gayl, Lane and Lyanna Johnston. Many telegrams of congratulations were received among which were one from Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hynd-

man and one from Premier Walter R. Shaw. Mr. and Mrs. Harris had 12 children, 11 of whom are living. Two daughters and a son who live in the Toronto area were unable to be present for the happy occasion. Pictured above are,

left to right, Mrs. Harris; Charles Ashley, (great-grandson); Mrs. Harold Ashley, granddaughter; Arthur Harris, son; Mr. Harris; and in front Kenneth and Kevin Ashley, great, great grandchildren.

Lions Club Honors Couple At Party

SOURIS — The Souris Lions Club held their annual New Year's party on Jan. 1, 1962, in Fortune Hall, Fortune. During the party, J. Arthur Peters, on behalf of the Lion's Club presented a going-away gift to Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Birt.

Mr. Birt while a resident of Souris operated a service station and was prominent in civic activities both as councillor and mayor.

Mrs. Birt was presented with a gift from the Pinch Hitters— an entry in the Souris Women's Bowling League of which she was a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Birt will take up residence in Truro, N.S.

Men, Women Lose Money On 'Miracle Help'

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. Barbara McLaren says Canadian men and women are losing money, not excess pounds, on "miracle help" such as mechanical reducing machines, special foods, low-calorie products, vitamin mixtures and appetite depressants.

"It is estimated that Canadians spend \$30,000,000 each year on various get-slim-quick schemes. Despite the gimmicks, "Canadians still are carrying around more than 20,000,000 pounds of surplus fat," the director of the household science faculty at the University of Toronto said.

Writing in a pamphlet, Dr. McLaren suggests a visit to a doctor for a complete medical checkup, then consultation with a nutritionist for a personally planned program of diet and exercise.

"It is a fact in this automotive society of ours that if we were half as considerate of our bodies as we are of our cars, we wouldn't have half the problems we have today."

Island Girl Wins Fame As Artist

Mrs. Hugh (Thelma) Farrell, Vancouver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burke, Southport, and sister of Mrs. Russell Ewing, St. Peter's Road, is called an extremely talented housewife artist in a recent article in the North Vancouver Daily. Her fine art work has put her to the front lines among Indian head painters of Canada. Recently a greeting card firm, Austin Marshall Ltd. of Toronto has accepted some of her pastels. For past years shops on Vancouver Island have been selling her pictures to many American and Canadian tourists. An amazing fact is that Mrs. Farrell has had no specific formal art training. Her home career has budged and blossomed from a well-loved hobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell and their children visit the Island every summer.

ELLEN'S DIARY

Farmers A-Woodsing Go Against The Wintry Chill

So pretty a morning we came to today: branches feathered with the down of yesterday's snowfall, sky a clear winter blue. And above the wooded hills toward the sunrise, the colors spread beautifully: amber and rose deepening into gold and violet and flame. And the sun's smile was reflected in many a glistening frost-diamond in yard and on field. Mack hailed us from the yard across the lane.

"This is one great morning!" he said. "Hear those bantams crow!" he smiled stopping a moment to listen. "I reckon they like to see the sun as much as we do. Well, I guess I'd better keep moving. We've a lot of work lined up for today."

After the stress and strain of schooldays, the excitement of the school concert, and the Eve and the Day of Christmas, the holidays following are most welcome to this lad. The change from an exacting schedule to a more casual round is pleasant. Busy still he is, but there is time now to linger in the stables, to make friends of the youngsters there.

Now too he can join the manly affairs of the farming. Of these none pleases him more than to get away with his axe to the woodlot to have a share in the harvesting there.

"Reckon I won't bother going with the boys this afternoon. I'll tend to some of the chores at home instead. They don't need me there," James said at dinner today. "But" on second thought "it takes a power of wood for all our fires these years" he nodded.

And when presently the little truck faced towards the scene of the wood-cutting, he put on his jacket smartly, called for a pair of mitts, and was away with

Mack and his father to John Rob, and his two boys there. So in three generations of the name, they meet in a common interest, the older and younger, to give a nice satisfaction to all.

"The way I'm situated—with no help to harvest it, I decided it didn't pay me to hire to get out our wood," a farmer visiting us this evening commented. "So we're burning oil."

In a combination of many willing hands making light work of it our supplies of firewood are made.

"Oh me, oh my-y-y!" the black cat yawns, waking a moment from his nap on the couch to take stock of his surroundings. He puts a paw over an eye to shut out the light but a smile flickers on the smooth cheek below.

"I'm afraid Christmas was too much for me" he offers. "Every bit of mebody and mind is weary. And my sense of taste is, to say the least, all mixed up. Too much to eat" he nods "turkey and everything. And between you and me, I prefer the flavor of creatures of the wild. There's more zip to their meat, spiced as it is with this and that. Now" he reflects "that sparrow I had today was a nice change from the rich food I've been having of late."

"You— dispatched a sparrow—and Christmas—barely past! For shame!"

"Oh well, it is past" he grins. "The heart hardens again, it's the way of the world, isn't it?" he queries.

"A grand day, Ellen, this was" James smiles happily, come now at his work's close, to the comfort of the old armchair.

Until tomorrow—Diary—Good-night.

Farewell Party Honors Couple At York Point

Capt. and Mrs. A.C. MacEachern were honored recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. MacEwen, York Point, on the occasion of their departure from that district to take up residence in Charlottetown.

In appropriate addresses high tribute was paid to the pair this couple has taken in every community endeavour for the 41 years of their residence there.

The York Point Women's Institute of which Mrs. MacEachern was a member for 30 years, in an address, read by Mrs. Marian MacEwen, pointed out how unstintingly Mrs. MacEachern had given of her time and musical talents to the schools, concerts, or any other occasion in which she was asked to take part.

As a token of her years of association and work with the WI group Mrs. MacEachern was presented with a Life Membership in the P.E.I. Women's Institute.

Mr. Fulton Sanderson read an address to Mr. MacEachern expressing words of regret at their departure and made special mention of his distinguished military record in World Wars I and II, and of their kindness to friends and neighbors at all times.

The couple was presented with a generous purse, a blanket and an electric teapot.

Both Mr. and Mrs. MacEachern replied fittingly and feelingly for such a kind gesture on the part of the community.

Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies and a social hour enjoyed.

School children in order to have a longer program. Treats were to be given to all School and pre-school children at the closing which was held Dec. 2.

An Auction of household articles was held instead of usual exchange of Christmas gifts and \$11.85 made in aid of Institute.

It was voted that eight dollars be paid to Mrs. Wallace Rose for rent on rooms for the sewing classes which were held recently. All members subscribed to Federated News. A few more articles for layettes were turned in.

Lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

HOWLAN

The closing of Howlan School for the Christmas holidays was held on Friday morning, December 22. Santa visited the school giving the children treats; and a Christmas program was held.

Ralph Arsenault, Camp Gagetown, N.B., spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Arsenault and sisters, Jean and Sandra.

Miss Dorothy Griffin, teacher at Howlan School, spent Christmas at her home in Milburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell of Camp Gagetown, N. B., visited with Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Arsenault for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacBain and son Allan of Forest View, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Colin Caruthers, Jean and Ronnie.

David Bryan, Charlottetown, spent Christmas at his home in Howlan.

A Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 20, marked the closing of O'Leary Regional High School for the holiday season.

Misses Sandra and Elaine Arsenault, students at Miscouche Convent, spent Christmas at their home in Howlan.

Miss Florence Gallan, Howlan, attended the Regional High School Christmas prom in O'Leary.

Ernest Gallant, Halifax, spent Christmas in Howlan.

Miss Helen Platts of Boston, Mass., arrived on the Island in time to spend Christmas at her old home in Howlan.

Yuletide Evening Wedding Unites Couple In Zion Church

A quiet wedding ceremony was held at 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 29, 1961 at Zion Presbyterian Church when Mrs. Zilpha Smith, Charlottetown, was united in marriage with Mr. Stewart MacLean, Durham, N. S. Rev. Donald Campbell officiated.

The church was tastefully decorated in the Yuletide theme. Miss Madeyla Madden was organist and accompanied Mrs. Zilpha Wood as she sang "The Lord's Prayer" prior to the ceremony and "Happy The Home" during the signing of the register.

For her wedding the bride chose a Dior blue street length dress, white accessories, and corsage of pale pink carnations. Her matron of honor, Mrs. Bruce Smith was attired in Avocado green with white accessories and corsage of deep pink carnations.

Mr. Bruce Smith attended the groom.

Following a buffet supper at

the Queen Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. MacLean left for Nova Scotia where they were tendered a New-Year's reception at the home of the groom in Durham.

Prior to her marriage the bride was guest of honor at a party held in the conference room of the Department of Health, Dr. Ian Craig was master of ceremonies and she was presented with a number of lovely gifts. Other members of the staff entertained for her at a dinner party at the Windmill.

Also entertaining were Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Reid and Mrs. Hilda Bettis.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLean have taken up residence in Durham.

It was decided to raise money to help sponsor Bishop Sheen's television program. Members were asked to save old stamps to help educate missionaries. Plans were made to make quilts for the Social Welfare department for Christmas. Arrangements were made to have altar linens washed.

An instructive talk was given by the director, Rev. Eugene Murray. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess and a social hour was spent.

MORELL W.I.
Mrs. B. F. McCarty entertained the December meeting of Morell Women's Institute which was attended by 5 members with one new member joining. Due to small attendance, appointment of conveners was left to next meeting.

The president, Mrs. J. J. Rooney urged the members to attend the Blood Donor Clinic and reminded them of W.I. Farm Forum programs on Jan. 8 and Feb. 5.

A motion, was passed to give capsules to children in school on trial basis, also to donate \$2. to TB League.

Report of Leadership Course was given by the president.

Treats will be given at Christmas to a shut-in member, to patients at Morell Nursing Home, and to school children.

EAST BASTIC W.I.
The members of the East Bastic Women's Institute held their December monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Dixon.

A letter from the convener of Cultural Activities was read.

Plans were made for the Christmas Concert and it was decided that some of the institute members go in with the

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

South Lake WI Ladies Report Year's Activities

The annual meeting of South Lake Woman's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Daniel MacDonald. Nine members answered roll call by paying dues. The retiring president, Mrs. Kermit Bruce, in her address, thanked the members for their kindness and co-operation during the seven years she held office.

The secretary gave a report of the year's transactions showing a pleasant and profitable year with the humanitarian side not forgotten.

Eight sewing kits and a knitted skirt were packed for Greece. Three pieces of sewing were sold increasing our funds by \$4.25.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Daniel MacDonald; vice-president, Mrs. Charles MacDonald; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Kermit Bruce; directors, Mrs. Alford Fisher and Mrs. A. J. Cameron; auditors, Mrs. Norman Bruce and Mrs. Henry O'Brien; press reporter, Mrs. Elmer Fraser.

Mrs. James Fraser will

GREENVALE W.I.

Mrs. Guy Gameter was hostess when the members of Greenvale Women's Institute held the December meeting conducted by Mrs. Gertrude Weeks. Roll call was answered by six members with an exchange of small gifts.

Reports were received from standing committees and a letter from Mrs. Dixon, convener of cultural activities was read.

Mrs. G. Weeks invited members to her home for January meeting when theme will be Health and Welfare and roll call will be answered with a gift for the Unitarian Service Committee.

ST. TERESA'S C. W. I.
The December meeting of the St. Teresa's sub-division of the Catholic Women's League was held at the home of Mrs. George Smith with 14 members present.