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### Presentation Marks Wedding Anniversary Of Irishtown Couple

—For Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Campbell the New Year looked upon the completion of 40 years of happy wedded life, and on the following Thursday evening they were pleasantly surprised when friends and neighbors gathered in their home at Irishtown to celebrate with them the auspicious event.

Mr. H. B. MacLeod as Master of Ceremonies humorously addressed the celebrants and guests, and called upon Mrs. Harold MacLeod who read an address. Best wishes and congratulations and assurance of the esteem in which this worthy couple are held, was coupled with the sincere hope that many more

returns of the date might be enjoyed. A bid for remembrance was made in the concluding lines. "And every time this clock you wind, your friends and neighbors will come to mind". Mr. Kenneth MacLeod made the presentation of a beautifully styled mantel clock with walnut finished case, accompanied by a well filled purse.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell each expressed their grateful acknowledgment of the gifts as well as the kind words with which they were accompanied.

The remainder of the evening passed happily with cards and conversation. A delicious and beautiful lunch was served by Mrs. Irving Campbell, Mrs. Harold MacLeod, Mrs. Glenwood MacLeod, Mrs. Thomas Campbell and Mrs. James MacLeod. — Bur.

#### RESEARCH CENTRE

More than 5,000,000 volumes are kept in the library of the British Museum in London.

### BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

WINIFRED E. WILSON



John Burroughs, the naturalist, once wrote, "You must first have birds in your heart before you can see them in your garden."

The truth of this statement is continually before us. Two people go for a walk together, and while one is unaware of the presence of a single bird, the other knows that 8 or 10 different kinds are around, either because he has had a brief glimpse of something (not necessarily feathers), or has heard a faint noise — perhaps musical, but very likely not. Wild creatures are trying not to draw attention, but evade us. If we want to make their acquaintance we must be on the alert, eyes and ears open for any sign, however insignificant it may seem.

A mere shadow crossing the path ahead should not be overlooked. A bird is flying past. Like the city pedestrian at a busy intersection, we need to see all sides at the same time. When our eyes are searching for life in nearby trees we may miss a flock flying across the sky. Our quarry may, indeed, be almost at our feet, lurking in low branches of the bushes, or clinging to the tops of last summer's weeds now practically buried in snow. That movement seen for a moment on a tree trunk may be a Brown Creeper just disappearing to the opposite side.

Our ears are almost more important than our eyes. The slightest sound must be considered, and made use of in trying to trace a bird. The tiny tinkle of a falling cone may pave the way for a splendid view of a Crossbill, member of a roving tribe. Tapping on a tree trunk tells us a Woodpecker is within hearing. Is the drumming irregular? It must then be a Sapsucker. Were it a Hairy Woodpecker the beats would be evenly placed. When the Downy is at work the beats are even also, but not as loud, because of the drummer's much smaller bill; however, this little Woodpecker often keeps up the tapping for a very long time.

Ston, and listen intently. Two sounds float to us from far away, the "flick, flick, flick" of a Flicker, and the "caw" of a Crow. There is nothing musical about a Nuthatch's nasal "yank," but heard from a distance it intrigues us. Much sweeter are the tinkling, whistled notes of a flock of Snow Buntings, as they come drifting low over the snow clad ground, or the Canary-like call of little Pine Siskins, when, with one accord, twenty or more alight on one of their favourite conifers. Are Screech Owls grey? to feed on its seeds.



### Scout News and Notices

#### Sir Richard Bevan To Visit Canada

Rear Admiral Sir Richard Bevan, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O., D.L. of Greyland, Minchampton, England, is coming to Canada for a brief tour as a guest of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association.

Sir Richard, who is County Scout Commissioner for Gloucestershire, will speak in a number of centres in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. He is due to arrive in Halifax on January 31st and scheduled to sail from there again on March 15th.

#### —And To Do A Good Turn Every Day—

By their own efforts, making and selling candy, Wolf Cubs of the 4th, Oakville-Linbrook Pack of Oakville, Ontario, last month raised \$35 which they sent to Dr. L. H. Hirschmanova, Director of the Ukrainian Service Committee of Canada, for the "Milk for Korea" fund to help provide 25,000 Korean primary school children with a daily glass of hot milk, make from powdered Canadian sweet milk.

#### A Salute To Canadian Scouting

An original oil painting, "Scout Camp," by Fred Finley, O.S.A., A.R.C.A., of the Ontario College of Art, has been presented to Toronto Metropolitan Scout Headquarters by H. L. Enman, President of the Bank of Nova Scotia. The painting illustrates the Bank's 1953 calendar and is the Bank's tribute to the part Canadian Scouts are playing in the growth of Canada.

On International Scout Business. As Deputy Director of the International Scout Bureau, Maj. -Gen. D. C. Spry, of Ottawa, leaves New York by air on February 4th, for Panama to visit Central American Scout units, prior to attending the Third Inter-American Scout Conference in Havana from February 20 to 25. He will visit the Dominican Republic prior to returning to Canada on March 5.

#### Two Scouters Leave For Falkland Island

Two Boys Scout Leaders, Arthur Martin of Cambridge, England, and Ian Clarke of Brisbane, Australia recently left Southampton on board the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey Vessel, "John Biscoe" on her annual relief voyage to seven British Antarctic bases. The Scouts will serve as meteorological assistants on the Falkland Islands for 18 months.

#### "Strengthen Scouting! Strengthen Canada!"

To ensure continuation and further expansion of Scouting in Canada, which now has more than 140,000 Scouts and Leaders, Scout Councils in many Canadian centres will conduct a Financial Appeal from February 2 to 23. Slogan for the Campaign is: "Strengthen Scouting! Strengthen Canada!"

#### Burgess Bedtime

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around while we are living here." "He isn't any more likely to visit us here than he was to visit us out in the house in the pond," declared Paddy.

"Yes, he is," retorted Mrs. Paddy. "You know as well as I do that he always looks into every hole and den in this neighborhood."

"Well, he isn't here, and he may not be here. It will be time enough to worry if he does come here. I'm just thankful that we have this place, and can get along through the rest of the winter with no more than a little inconvenience," declared Paddy.

"I suppose," said Mrs. Paddy, "that by a little inconvenience you mean getting our food sticks from the pond up here. If you ask me, it will be more than a little inconvenient. Over in our pond the water was almost still. Here it is running quite fast. Towing food sticks from that pile out in the pond against that fast water isn't going to be any fun at all."

Paddy had to admit that this was true. But again he pointed out how fortunate they were to have the food where they could get it without exposing themselves to the danger of attack by hungry enemies. It was true that they would have to tow it against a current, and that would not be too easy. That is, they would have to do this if they brought the food sticks up to their den. But that was better than it would have been had they had to drag their food sticks over snow and ice, where they would be exposed to danger all the time. They really were not so badly off after all.

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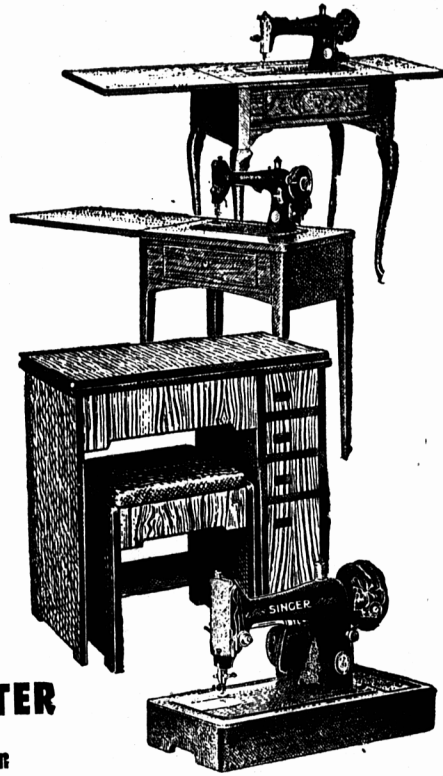
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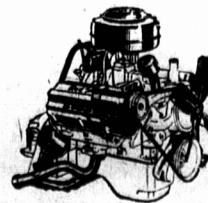
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