Girl Guide News

Dr. O'Meara Speaks At Training

The second training class held on Monday at Red Cross House for Guide Leaders was well attended. Those present were: Commissioners J. G. MacDonald, Mrs. Ralph Dumont, Camp Comm. Miss S. McKinnon, Field Sec. Mrs. F.S. Jenkins, Leaders, Miss Joan Large, Mrs. Marg. Matheson, Mrs. Cy Pickard, Miss Mary Trayner (Central Royalty), Mrs. Art Wellner, L. Gallant, Miss Ena M. Murphy, Mrs. Ian Burnett, two Sisters from St. Vincent's Orphanage, and also a newcomer to our Island and our Guides, Miss Kristina Moysiyakha from Prague. Kristina was a former Guide and is to help with the St. Vincent's Guide Company.

"Working for points on a competition basis" was the first discussion led by Mrs. Ian Burnett, who said that she did not consider that competition in the Pack or Company was good but that between outside groups it was useful and promoted enthusiasm. Kristina replied that she thought that all competition was good but in moderation.

Mrs. Cudmore added that we must be completely impartial in this world of competition. Guides should be able to lose with a smile and be ready to congratulate the winners. Patrol relay games were demonstrated with all the Leaders taking part in an arm sling relay. The next question was, Is it wise to develop the average girl as a Patrol Leader?

Mrs. MacDonald was first to speak and said that the Patrol system is a valuable factor in Guiding and that not all girls could become Leaders, but all should be good followers.

Mrs. Dumont said that Patrol Leaders were usually drawn from the older girls. Six girls were ideal for a Patrol but every girl should have a chance to be a Leader before leaving Guides; most girls would be glad to try it. The discussions were most interesting and were conducted by all participants in a very lucid manner.

The Leaders were then privileged to hear Dr. O'Meara, Director of Dental Public Health, discuss the care of teeth. He emphasized the need for correct brushing which should be up for the lower and down for the upper teeth so that they were always brushed the way of growth. Candy and pop should not be indulged in between meals but fruit and milk instead encouraged. If all children observed this habit, said the Doctor, it would help considerably towards the prevention of decay.

As we know, care of the teeth is part of the Second Class Guide test and also the Golden Bar Brownie Test and the information obtained from Dr. O'Meara's talk can be conveyed to our Guides and Brownies through the Leaders. Mrs. Cudmore thanked the Doctor. Leaders then adjourned for informal discussion and refreshments. Next training meeting will be held Monday next at 7.30 and Leaders should make a special effort to attend. There will be another speaker of interest.

More badges for Parkdale

The Brownies of Parkdale are going ahead so fast that it is quite a race to keep up with them. At this week's meeting, Golden Hand Brownies, Dianne Dixon, Joycelyn Stewart, Brenda McKay and Fay Hickox passed many Proficiency tests with demonstrations watched by the whole Pack. Joycelyn showed some really excellent work including a fretwork bracket for the Woodworkers and beautifully made soft baby toys fo. Toymakers. To pass the Readers Joycelyn had to choose from a list, 6 books, and be able to tell us something about them and she did it splendidly and we all listened to extracts from Just So Stories, Bambi, Heidi, Black Beauty and others. What a memory for a little girl. . . Joycelyn had 8 badges to sew on; they were all well earned. Dianne's knitting was excellent, also Fay's. House orderly was passed by all the Golden Handers. These Brownies will really have a sleeve full of badges. Marlene Gregory and Florence Gormley received their Golden Bars. The Field Secretary presented all the Badges to the excited Brownies and gave a little talk on the Care of Teeth with illustrations of the correct way to use a toothbrush. This is part of the Golden Bar Test. Brown Owl, Mrs. Helen Vessey; Tawny, Mrs. Marie McKay and our new Tawny Mrs. Lorne Ramsay, have their hands full dealing with such a large group, but they certainly get results. Next week an enrollment of Tweenies is planned.

W.C.T.U. NOTES.

THE DRINKING DRIVER

The Canadian Temperance Federation presented a brief to Prime Minister St. Laurent, asking use of scientific tests to determine presence of alcohol in the blood stream, with results receivable as evidence in all courts, and recommended experiments with an "alcohometer," employed by some U. S. police.

Present Laws Archaic

Present Canadian laws governing the drinking driver are archaic, the C. T. F. said. It quoted expert opinion that the motorist with a few drinks under his belt is more dangerous than the one thoroughly drunk, and urged amendments to the criminal code to cope with him.

"It should be expressly stated," the brief said, "that in order to convict a driver of driving under the influence of alcohol, it is not necessary to prove he was drunk or intoxicated in the ordinary sense of the term. If it can be shown his driving ability was impaired to any degree by the alcohol, he should be convicted.

"In a prosecution, if there is evidence that within a couple of hours a driver has partaken of liquor (such evidence might be personal testimony or the odor of alcohol on his breath), that fact established should be taken as prima facie evidence that he was under the influence of alcohol; and whether there are outward signs of drunkenness or not, the court, in absence of proof to the contrary, should convict the accused."

Want Scientific Tests

The Federation, noting 13 convictions in 736 Toronto cases involving drinking drivers, asked a criminal code amendment to provide scientific tests "to determine the amount of alcohol in the blood stream of anyone involved in a highway accident, at the time of the occurrence." Police should be give authority and equipment to make the tests, the brief said, since a doctor is not always available and the human body discards alcohol rapidly.

"The law should also specify the amount of alcohol in the blood stream that would indicate the person was under its influence," the brief said. "We suggest an alcoholic content of .05 per cent up to. 15 per cent be taken as prima facie evidence and that .15 per cent or more be taken as conclusive evidence the person is under the influence of alcohol."

The brief reminded the government that Prof. L. Joslyn Rogers, Ontario medico-legal expert, estimates liquor is a factor in about 50 per cent of all serious motor accidents. It added Prof. Rogers can be credited with "caution and accuracy," and is constantly on guard against exaggeration.

His estimate means "1,100 Canadians were put to death last year on our public highways because drivers of motor vehicles were more or less under the influence of alcohol," the brief said. "By the same token, more than 20,000 were injured, many of them seriously and some of them permanently. An average of three violent death per day in Canada as a result of drinking and driving is surely something to make the government and the parliament of Canada take notice."

Canada's all-time record drink bill of $630,000,000, represents approximately $48 per capita squandered on alcoholic beverages.

Hefler - Buchanan Wedding

Saturday evening Feb. 3rd., the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Hefler was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Mabel Jeanette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Buchanan, Eldon, P.E.I. was united in marriage to Murray Robert Hefler, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Hefler, Middle Sackville, N.S. Rev. J.R. Colder Trasher, pastor of United Church, Bedford, officiated. The bride, given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Colin MacDougall, was charmingly attired in heavenly blue taffeta with an overdress of blue lace and wore a shoulder length veil of blue net with a halo of flowers. Her corsage was red roses. The bridesmaid, Miss Doreen Hefler, sister of the groom, wore a dress of pink sheer. Her corsage was of small pink roses. She wore a veil of pink net and halo of small flowers.

Kenneth Beazley, Halifax, was best man.

Miss Marion Hankey, pianist, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

At the close of the ceremony Mrs. Howard Howbold, Bedford, rendered "O Promise Me." The rooms were tastefully decorated with flowers and white streamers and the bridal party stood under an arch centered with a wedding bell. The beautifully appointed tea table was centred with a two-tier wedding cake and white tapers in silver holders. About 65 guests were present. Tea was poured by Mrs. George Fredricks and Mrs. Graham Hefler. The toast to the bride was proposed by the Rev. Colder Fraser and was responded to by the groom.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Conrad of P.E.I., Miss June Robinson, Don Straubie, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Goucher, B.C. (Buddie) Cruikshanks, Gordon Slauenwhite, all of Halifax, Mr. and Mrs. Yeoman, Bedford.

Y. M. C. A. News

The Beta Hi-Y Club held a very successful cake sale on Saturday afternoon. The project was very generously backed by the Ladies' Auxiliary whose help the Beta Club sincerely appreciated.

The Senior Leathercraft group which meets on Thursday evenings has been very fortunate in securing Mrs. Edith Robinson to instruct them for the remainder of the season. Mrs. Marion McCallum, who has been instructing this group, left recently for Ontario.

Last week the program committee began plans for an "Open House" display to be held the latter part of April or early May. This will include exhibits and information on various 'Y' programs, including gym classes, clubs and special activities. Members of the committee hope to expand this into a much broader Hobby and Crafts show for the youth of the entire Island, but plans for this expansion are to be deferred until next fall or spring.

Two Canadian 'Y' secretaries have been appointed to World Service positions. Mr. E. Glenesk of Winnipeg, after retiring from the position of General Secretary, has agreed to spend two years in Y.M. C.A. work in Peru. Mr. Ed Wyborne of Toronto Central staff will leave in August for Ceylon where he will do 'Y' work. This will add to the number of Canadians working in foreign countries.

The regular Saturday night dance at the "Y" was somewhat unusual last week. At last the gang got together and made good use of the famous old-time music of the Don Messer orchestra, in a fine barn dance setting. The atmosphere was sufficiently scented from bales of straw upon which the crowd sat between dances, and occasional bits of harness and an odd lantern added to the general effect. Highlight of the evening was the old-time set in which squares crowded the floor to "Duck the Oyster." The dance arrangements were made by the Delta Hi-Y Club.

Kingston and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Willis spent an enjoyable week-end in Charlottetown as being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Willis.

His many friends are glad to see Mr. Dan MacRae home from the P. E. Island Hospital where he was a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. Annabelle Docherty of Kingston has entered the P. E. Island Hospital for treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery,

Friends of Mrs. Oswald Newson will regret to learn that she is confined to her home owing to illness. She is wished a speedy recovery.

The many friends of little Blair Buchanan, will regret to learn that he is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital and all wish him a speedy recovery.

A large number of the hockey fans travelled to North River Rink to see the hockey game with Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs versus Milton Hornets. The Milton Hornets won the game by a 6-5 victory.

The Y. P. U. held their regular meeting on Friday evening, March the 2nd. Several members attended the meeting. Hymns were sung and Scripture Reading was taken from St. John. Recreation was enjoyed by all. A dainty lunch was served by hostess assisted by committee in charge.

On Thursday night March the 8th., Mrs. Merrille Green was hostess to the Ladies of the Women's Institute. The President presided ov the business matters. Minutes were read, approved and signed. Two visitors were welcome at the meeting. After a dainty lunch served by the hostess, assisted by committee in charge, a social hour was enjoyed by all.

The Women's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Alton Newman on Tuesday evening March 6th. A large attendance was present. Business matters were presided over by the President, Mrs. Zelpha Newson. A special occasion at this meeting took place, when the group presented one of their members who is leaving the Society shortly with a gift. A dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by committee in charge.

Marked Revival Noted In Sheep Breeding Industry

"The sheep industry of Prince Edward Island is undergoing a considerable revival", stated Mr. W.R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, at the annual meeting of the Sheep Breeders Association yesterday. "Flocks have been extended and new flocks have been established and the total sheep population has gone up, according to our estimates, by approximately 5,000 head during the past season." There are a number of reasons, of course, for this change in sentiment — favourable prices for lamb and mutton, the high price of wool — but more particularly, possibly, the element of labour, has directed attention to sheep raising.

"The objection to the long, tedious detailed processes of livestock feeding, particularly associated with dairying, has directed attention to the lesser detail needed in sheep industry. The arguments of reservation of valuable land for potato production, the general expense in fencing, and depredation of dogs has weakened in the light of the recognition of the value of sheep in the farm economy.

"After the full value of sheep raising has been properly assesed, I should not be surprised to see a large number of flocks of sheep established on farms all over Prince Edward Island, within the next few years.

Market Prospects

"If this development takes place there should be a splendid market for breeding ewes and rams of suitable type. The sale of rams itself should be from one to two thousand annually, if an expansion as indicated, takes place. According to our present statistics, over a thousand rams are in use on Prince Edward Island. The possibilities for the breeder of good animals are indeed great.

The situation also indicated the need for expert direction in our breeding policies and the Directors of this Asociation should be in a position to suggest constructive policies covering our activities for the next few years.

"Are we to go along using breeding units that lack standards and efficiency or should we take a very strong stand in weeding out inferior ewes from our flocks and disposing of these during this period when meat prices are high?

"On the other hand, what is to be the suggestion of the Departments of Agriculture and the Breed Association on the extension of breeds and crosses and the methods of handling this program to be initiated as a general principal governing constructive and economically sound breeding practices?

"In my survey on conditions in Scotland, I find that a very definite procedure takes place which is more or less uniform throughout the whole country. Black-faced Highland sheep are used, as vigour and hardiness are characteristics of of this breed. A Leicester ram is crossed and the result of this cross is then carried as foundation ewes and either a North Country Cheviot or a Dorset Down is usually utilized. Strange to say the latter breed seems to be giving the best results. I saw lambs that at four months weighed up to 160 pounds, from these crosses, and they seem to be finished at almost any weight. I am not advocating this cross as a definite standard to be followed in this province but I feel we should be very sure regarding the work to be undertaken here before deciding on what is the best cross for ordinary grade commercial flocks.

North County Cheviots

"We have now North Country Cheviots in this Province and our basic flocks are Shropshire or Oxford Down crosses. It may be necessary that experiments be conducted to ascertain the value of any breeding program. In this connection I would like to see a flock of sheep established at our Experimental Farm where accurate records on breeding results might be secured and made available to our sheep breeders.

"In any event our financial statement gives some information on the importation of twenty-four shearling ewes of the North Country Cheviot breed. These have been distrbuted to a number of breeders and I sincerely hope that the breeders in whose hands these sheep have been placed will fully ascertain all information available before proceeding in the use of the off-spring and their disposal.

"The sheep importer were, to my mind, splendid representatives of this breed as I saw them at the shows in Scotland and England. They are hardy, good mothers and it is generally considered, a flock who breeds from 1¾-2 lambs on the average.

We are having quite a widespread interest in this breed by flock owners in the province and inquiries for a further importation. The grant of $750.00 from the Department of Agriculture and a lesser amount by the Prince Edward Island Sheep Breeders' Association made this importation possible.

"The time has now arrived when breeders should set aside a week for the treatment of sheep for internal and external parasites. Nothing can reduce profits in any form of livestock as rapidly as parasitic infestation. At shearing time particularly, every farmer should treat for ticks and lice and this is possible with facilities available on every farm. The use of phenothyazine pills has been encouraged through a subsidy but I believe the time has arrived when the Sheep Breeders' Association, through some designated agencies, should have ready for distribution in all parts of Prince Edward Island, this material for the treatment of internal parasites. Full publicity in this respect should be undertaken.

Ram Premium Policy

"The Ram Premium Policy was conducted as in former years and only rams were graded. It is encouraging to note that the demand for rams remains keen. Prices were maintained at very satisfactory levels, but in view of present commercial levels, an adjustment in the cost of registered animals seems necessary. The marketing of lambs on rail grade standards has not developed as rapidly as desired. Sometimes I wonder whether the bonus that is being paid by the Department of Agriculture, an amount of 60c and 40c for the two bonus grades, is serving the purpose originally intended for it.

"I am convinced that if the sheep industry is to be built on a strong vigorous basis in this province that lamb grading should be made a compulsory feature and be established on the same basis as that for hogs. The wool off the sheep is graded at the present time and it has done much to stabilize prices, why not carry it right through to lambs?

"There is only one person suffering by our present system of marketing of lambs and that is the man who is producing them. There is no incentive to produce a high-class, vigorous quality product. The person who has the poor scrubby lamb under the present setup receives the same recognition as the breeder who puts full care on the production of an excellent animal. Further consideration should be given to our lamb marketing techniques.

Price of Wool

"The price of wool has advanced very rapidly and there are one or two matters in relation to marketing that I would like to bring to the attention of the meeting. At the time wool was shipped to the Grading Station last year wool was being purchased on Prince Edward Island for from 30-32c a pound and large quantities were picked up for this price. The price you received from the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers as you will notice, ranged up to 50 cts. per pound. After the wool was marketed through the Co-operative, prices went up still further and as a matter of fact a late shipment of wool brought 23c more for the top grade than was the case in the earlier settlement. The markets at the present time are strong and wool has passed the $1.00 mark for fleece wools.

"I am convinced in view of war commitments and the world situation that wool will continue to maintain a strong level. I am also convinced that wools should be marketed through the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, which now handle about 70% of the Canadian clip, and be sold on a grade basis. At the same time the requirements of Prince Edward Island mills should not be overlooked and I would suggest that your Directors ascertain these requirements and, if possible, have the wool graded here and these mills supplied with the Prince Edward Island product.

"It seems to be an uneconomical process to ship our wools to Lennoxville for grading and then have the mills import wools from Lennoxville for their domestic use. Full consideration should be given to firms within our province who are employing Prince Edward Island labour and paying Prince Edward Island taxes.

Itinerant Buyers

"On the other hand I am intensively critical of the practice employed by itinerant buyers who come in from other provinces without a license, without any interest in this province, without any taxes to be paid in this province and who go about the country picking up wool here and there from farmers at half its value.

This is a matter of serious concern and there is to much itinerant trucking and purchasing at less than market values going on by people whose sole interest is to make a killing on their purchases. In a year like this when wool prices are high, conditions are ideal for the activities of that fraternity who are conducting business of the nature indicated.

"The next year should be a splendid year in the sheep industry. We can make it more splendid if every detail in production and marketing receives support in the direction desired.

"I would like further to point out that the business of the Sheep Breeders' Association has been conducted primarily in the Department of Agriculture and the time and service involved has been taken too much for granted." The cost of marketing and handling wools and sheep materials cannot be carried on without the expenditure of money and the employment of those connected with this work, irrespective of their position or estate, from the funds which are available for expense purposes, but which have been assumed to belong to other developments within the Association, should be authorized by the Board of Directors from year to year.

"I would like to express appreciation of the fine associations that have existed and which I hope will continue to exist, between your Board of Directors, the sheep men of the province, and our staff."

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That Body Of Yours

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Thomas P. Almy and Catharine R. Lee (Cornell University) state that as a group patients with heartburn are dour, humorless, wary, suspicious, noncommital rather than aggressive in their daily dealings with everyday problems. They bear grudges and brood over small slights and humiliations. In a series of cases of heartburn it was possible to relate every attack to some episode or frustration of plans.

In regard to this couple, as the mother was able to give vent to her feelings and got the affair "out of her system," she had no heartburn but the father, by holding his feelings to himself and brooding upon the disobedience or ingratitude shown by the child, developed the condition. It was only after use of sedatives for a few weeks and an acceptance of conditions that his heartburn symptoms disappeared.

Heartburn can be a symptom of real or organic conditions of the organs of digestion but disturbing emotion is often the underlying cause.

Hampton and Vicinity

One of Hampton's oldest citizens, Mr. Robert MacDonald passed away at the home of his nephew, Mr. Joseph Dunsford, South Melville on Saturday, March 3rd. Although in his 96th year Mr. MacDonald was well and about until a few days before his death. He was a very intelligent and interesting man and much respected by all who knew him. He was one of a large family of whom only one sister survives, namely, Mrs. Phoebe Dunsford, South Melville. The largely attended funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon Rev. S. J. Armstrong assisted by and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. S. Woolfrey. There was a short service at the home followed by a service in St. John's Anglican Church, Crapaud. The hymn "Life's Railway to Heaven", was sung by Mr. Clayton Morrison at the home. The pallbearers were: Messrs Verner Moore, William A. MacQuarrie, John H. Myers, Wilfred Ferguson, Wilmot MacDonald, and Gordon Dunsford. Interment was in the church cemetery nearby. Left to mourn beside his sister are two sons Charles in Camrose, Alberta, William in Seattle, Wash., and one daughter, Maria, Mrs. Crocker, Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

ATTENTION MOTHERS

Commencing on Monday, March 19th., the Health Branch, Department of Health and Welfare, will start its annual immunizing programme in all the Charlottetown schools and in Spring Park and Parkdale. These school clinics will be for infants and young children as well as for the pupils.

Whooping Cough may be a severe and even fatal illness in children, particularly in those under one year, consequently inoculation at an early age is to be desired. Diphtheria remains prevalent in countries where immunization procedures are not adequate. Mothers should have their children protected against these communicable diseases.

Protection will be given against Diphtheria for the school children and the "triple" protection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus for infants from three months and young children up to five years of age. Four inoculations are necessary for immunization. The first three are given at four week intervals and the fourth dose given 3-6 months later.

A RE-INFORCING Dose will be given to pre-school children who received the "triple" protection last year and the year before. This will also be given to the five year olds, who should report for their last re-inforcing dose before attending school next fall. The RE-INFORCING DIPHTHERIA inoculation advised for school children every three years will be given to the puplis in Grades I, IV, VII, and X.

The clinics will be held at:

West Kent	1.30—Monday, March 19
Rochford Square	2.30—Monday, March 19
Queen Square	1.30—Tuesday, March 20
Notre Dame	2.30—Tuesday, March 20
Model	1.30—Wednesday, March 21
Parkdale	2.30—Wednesday, March 21
Spring Park	1.30—Thursday, March 22
Prince Street	2.30—Thursday, March 22

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