

One Family In Ontario Hamlet

PUNKYDOODLE'S CORNERS, Ont. Feb. 21 (CP)—A man in Cobalt wants a job as municipal clerk in Punkydooodle's Corners.

A fellow in Tacoma, Wash., also wants a position (nature unspecified).

A Detroit firm asks statistics on population, stores and industry.

The interest in this crossroads hamlet (population six) was born with publication recently of a story reporting that most of the children hereabouts—they come from surrounding farms—were down with mumps. That was three weeks ago, they've all recovered. All applicants are doomed to

Never Ride Again

ARCADIA, Calif., Feb. 21 (AP)—Johnny Gilbert, one of the country's top jockeys until he was severely injured last winter in a riding accident here, has been told by his doctors that he will never be able to ride again.

Accordingly, Gilbert applied for a trainer's licence yesterday.

Gilbert has no feeling in his left hand. His neck was in a brace for a long time after a spill with movie executive William Goetz's Spinaround, Jan. 4, 1951.

Most of the mail has been diverted to Woodstock, 15 miles south of here. Punkydooodle's Corners hasn't a Post Office.

Redistribution May Be Studied At New Session

OTTAWA, Feb. 21 (CP)—A committee likely will be established at the forthcoming session of Parliament to study redistribution of representation in the Commons on the basis of the 1951 census.

Formation of the committee may be forecast in the speech from the throne to be read at the opening of the session Feb. 22.

If the redistribution is undertaken at this session it probably will mean that no general federal election will be held before 1953 or early 1954. Life of the present Parliament expires Aug. 25, 1954.

Unless the basis of allocating seats is changed, Saskatchewan will lose five of its 20 seats in the Commons. Manitoba will lose two seats and Nova Scotia one. British Columbia will gain four, and Ontario and Quebec two each. Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Alberta and the Yukon will remain unchanged.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, and John Diefenbaker, prominent Progressive Conservative, are among Saskatchewan representatives who may have to seek new seats.

On the basis of the 1951 census figures this is how the 262 seats in the Commons will be divided in the next Parliament, with existing representation in brackets:

Newfoundland seven (seven); Prince Edward Island four (four); Nova Scotia 12 (13); New Brunswick 10 (10); Quebec 75 (73); Ontario 85 (83); Manitoba 14 (16); Saskatchewan 15 (20); Alberta 17 (17); British Columbia 22 (18); Yukon one (one).

Island four; Nova Scotia 10; New Brunswick 10; Quebec 24; Ontario 24; Manitoba six; Saskatchewan six; Alberta six and British Columbia six. The Liberals hold 77 of the seats and the Progressive Conservatives eight. There are 17 vacancies—six in Quebec, four in Ontario, four in New Brunswick and one each in British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba.

The formula for distribution of seats in the Commons is set out in the British North America Act. It requires that a redistribution be made after each decennial census. The last redistribution, delayed because of the war, was made up in 1947 and took effect in the general election of 1949.

The population of most of the country is used to find the appropriate representation for each province. Yukon is guaranteed a seat although it has a small population. The formula also states that no province may have fewer members in the Commons than it has senators.

Prince Edward Island, on the basis of population, would be entitled to two members in the Commons. However, since the Island has four Senate seats, it retains four seats in the Commons as well.

For the purpose of fixing representation in the other provinces, the population of Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and the number of their seats in the Commons are subtracted from the figures for the country as a whole.

The census figure for the total population was 14,009,429. With the populations of Prince Edward Island, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories subtracted from the total, the remainder is 13,885,900. That figure divided by 257 seats—262 less four for P. E. I. and one for the Yukon-Northwest Territories—gives the number of seats to which each province is entitled to in the Commons.

A straight division shows that Ontario is entitled to 85 seats. Quebec 75, Nova Scotia 11, New Brunswick nine, Manitoba 14, Saskatchewan 15, Alberta 17, British Columbia 21 and Newfoundland six. These seats added to four for P. E. I. and one for the Yukon-N. W. T. would bring representation in the Commons to 258.

In order to bring the representation up to the required 262, additional seats are given to provinces with the highest remainders following the division.

For instance, the quotient of 54,031 divides 11 times in Nova Scotia's population of 64,254 and leaves a remainder of 46,243. That remainder is large enough to give the province another seat. British Columbia, Newfoundland and New Brunswick also qualify for a seat each on the basis of their remainders.

Saskatchewan was the only province to show a decrease in population in 1951. Its population at 831,728 was 64,264 lower than in 1941. Newfoundland, which joined Confederation in 1949, had a population of 361,416 in 1951.

The population of the other provinces with the amount of the increase from 1941 in brackets:

Prince Edward Island 98,429 (3,382); Nova Scotia 642,584 (64,622); New Brunswick 515,897 (58,296); Quebec 4,055,681 (723,799); Ontario 4,397,542 (809,887); Manitoba 776,541 (46,797); Alberta 939,501 (143,332); British Columbia 1,165,210 (347,349); Yukon 9,096 (4,182); Northwest Territories 16,004 (3,976).

York Y.P.U. Valentine Social

The York Y.P.U. scored a success with their valentine social and weighing party held in the York Community Hall, Wednesday, Feb. 13.

The hall was nicely decorated in the traditional fashion with red and white streamers, hearts, cupid, and valentine box lights.

The evening's entertainment began with dancing by the Cornwall Highland dancers under the direction of Mrs. Gordon MacMillan. The audience was delighted with the marked talent of the "lassies" and greatly enjoyed all encores given throughout the evening.

After readings, "Mrs. Gilhooly's Bunglow" and "Herman" by N. Richards, Arthur Vesey entertained with the reading "The School Ma'am" followed by a second, "Little Willie". Then, members of the audience took part in a "Lifesaver" relay race. Amid much cheering, clapping and laughter on the part of the participants and lookers-on, the lifesavers finally arrived at the end of the line and the winning team was heartily cheered.

Again the Highlanders entertained while the audience was recovering its composure and members relaxing after their "lifesaving" efforts. Then Mr. Vesey lined up more victims for another game Bottle Cork race.

Miss Gladys MacDonald won the "Poisoned Bean" relay.

In the weighing contest prizes were awarded to Mr. Frank Vesey and Mrs. Ernest MacDonald as the heaviest couple, and Carol Hardy and Mrs. Edison Hardy as the featherweights.

The evening's program concluded with dancing by the "Highlanders". Then a delicious lunch was served by the members of the Y. P. U., which topped off the evening's entertainment in fine style.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon MacMillan and the dancers for helping to make the program a success.

The committee in charge of the social was Mrs. A. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Jewell, Miss Catherine Wood and Rev. J. Douglas.

Spent 54 Hours In Snow Bank

BAR HARBOR, Me., Feb. 21 (CP)—Seaman George V. Delaney was returning to his base here after a date Sunday night when he ran into a snow-covered ditch.

He couldn't get the car out and dozed off. When he awoke the car was completely buried by Maine's worst snowstorm of the century.

Yesterday, Police Chief Howard MacFarland and his son, John, drew a muffled yell from snowy depths they prodded with a pole. They clawed the hard-packed snow away, exposing an auto, and wrenched the door open.

Out stepped Delaney, stiff-jointed and blinking but otherwise in good shape after 54 hours of confinement.

The Police Chief and his son said they decided to poke through the big drift on a hunch.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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side Timmy and peeped out, too. Sure enough, there was Killy, the Hawk, coming straight toward them. It seemed to them that those keen eyes of his were fixed right on them as he drew near. Hurriedly they backed away from the doorway. A moment later, there was a soft thud on the roof overhead, and the sound of claws on wood. Killy had lighted there.

"What do you suppose he has come over here for? Do you think he can know we are living here?" whispered Mrs. Timmy.

Timmy didn't know, so he shook his head. They kept perfectly still, but their small ears were wide open as they listened for some sound from the little Hawk. There was no sound. He was sitting on top of that house keeping as still as were they. He was looking down in the grass watching for his supper.

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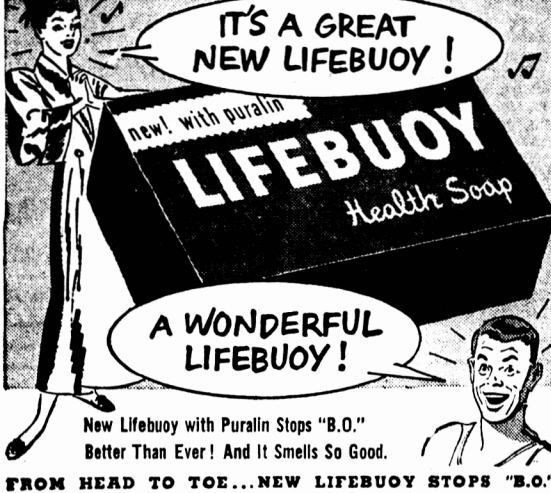
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Commons Standing

This is the present standing in the Commons:

Liberals 184; Progressive Conservatives 45; C. C. F. 13; Social Credit 10; Independent four; Independent Liberal two; vacant four; total 262.

Representation in the Senate is fixed by the British North America Act and will not be affected by the redistribution. Seats in the 102-member upper chamber are divided as follows:

Newfoundland six; Prince Edward

Quickies by Ken Reynolds



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