

THE EASTERN GUARDIAN

AGENTS:—MONTAGUE: Harold F. Landry, Mrs. Byron Stewart. AGENT GEORGETOWN: Waldon Lavers

The Guardian may be bought at the following places in Montague: Blue Dome Restaurant, and Guardian Office; In Georgetown: The Post Office; in Souris: The Snack Bar.

MONTAGUE pre-Easter services. Five nights, Baptist, Presbyterian, United Churches, begin Monday, April 12.

YOU WILL enjoy the evangelistic service at the Murray River Church of Christ, Sunday night, April 4, at 8 p.m. Special singing for this Sunday night includes: special number by large combined choir; due; and mixed quartet; joyous congregational singing. True-to-the-Bible gospel message by Kenneth T. Norris, evangelist. Regular services for the Lord's Day are: Montague: 10 a.m. Bible school for all ages. 11 a.m. Lord's Supper and preaching service. Sermon "The Obedient Christ of the Cross". Murray River: 11 a.m. Bible school and the Lord's Supper. Murray Harbour: 6 p.m. Bible School and the Lord's Supper. Everyone welcome to these services.

NURSERY CLUB MEETS - The regular meeting of the Montague Nursery Club was held at the home of Mrs. Archie Hilleary, with the president, Mrs. Mae Jamieson, presiding. Roll call was answered by nine members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was moved by Mrs. Charles Aitken that the buying committee buy material for crib linings. There was further discussion on the afternoon tea and it was decided to hold it the first week in May at the Presbyterian Church hall. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jan Bennett. The lunch committee will be Mrs. Thelma McCarron and Mrs. Henrietta Clair. The evening was spent in sewing on material for the hospital nursery.

WANTED Women and Men to work in Lobster Cannery Montague Cold Storage

FINAL TODAY Betty Grable "FARMER'S WIFE" Shows 2:30 - 7 - 9

MONDAY - ON STAGE "SPRING FASHION SHOW"

PRINCE EDWARD TUE. - WED. - THUR.

M-G-M's great drama of desire under fire! HUMPHREY BOGART JUNE ALLYSON "BATTLE CIRCUS" KEENAN WYNN ROBERT KEITH

CAPITOL NOW SHOWING "THE TRAIL BLAZERS" Starring Allan Hale, Jr.

MON.-TUES.-WED.

THE MIGHTY MYSTERY SENSATION OF OUR TIME HOUSE OF WAX

GEORGETOWN PASTORAL CHARGE - United Church of Canada. Services for April 4th, 11 a.m. Sturgeon: 2:30 p.m. Milltown Cross: 7 p.m. Georgetown Men's Choir: 7 p.m. Rev. W. A. Paterson, Minister.

BREAKS WRIST IN FALL - The many friends of Mrs. Ada Collings, Montague, who is spending the winter in Charlottetown, will be sorry to hear that she had the misfortune to fall and break her wrist.

HOME FROM FLORIDA - Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McIntyre and Mr. Daniel McIntyre have returned to their respective homes in Montague after a three-months sojourn in Florida. Their many friends are happy to see them in Montague again.

C.W.L. CARD PARTY - The regular weekly card party sponsored by the Montague C. W. L. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Clair on Wednesday night with a good attendance. The door prize was won by Mrs. John Clair, the ladies' prize by Mrs. George McKeeman and the men's prize by Mr. Theodore McKeeman.

REBEKAH LODGE MEETING - The regular meeting of Acme Rebekah Lodge, Montague, was held Thursday evening with Mrs. Catherine Stewart presiding. There were 18 members present. In the absence of the secretary, the minutes were read by Mrs. Ruth MacLeod and were approved as read. One application for membership was read. The correspondence was read and discussed. Final arrangements were discussed for conferring the Rebekah degree on four candidates next week. The committee in charge of the banquet arrangements gave a very satisfactory report. At the close of the meeting degree practice was held.

LODGE MEETING - The regular meeting of Hillside Lodge I. O. O. F., was held on Tuesday night with the Past Grand Spencer Llewellyn presiding. Due to the stormy night and travelling conditions, the attendance was not as large as usual. A banquet in conjunction with Acme Rebekah Lodge is to be held shortly, the details of which are in the hands of a capable committee. It is the intention of the lodge to confer the second degree on Friday Lodge, Charlottetown, on Friday night. As there was no further business, lodge closed in due form. It is reported that D.D.G.M. Bro. The Malcolm MacKenzie is now confined to the P. E. I. Hospital. All brothers and friends hope that he will shortly be restored to good health.

Personals - The many friends of Mr. William Hennigar, Montague, will regret to learn that he is a patient in the King's County Hospital. All wish him a speedy recovery.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE CHANGES Effective SUNDAY APRIL 25th, 1954 CANADIAN NATIONAL

The All New PAPER-MATE PEN IN Gleaming White 1.98

Available At H. M. Simpson Ltd. OFFICE EQUIPMENT 160 Richmond St.

FRANCIS SPOLJAR Plumber and Tinsmith Souris, P. E. I.

Shingle Storage Shed At Montague Razed By Fire

The Montague volunteer fire department were alert in answering the alarm yesterday afternoon when about 3:30 p.m. fire broke out at Poole and Thompson's shingle shed located directly to the rear of the Bank of Nova Scotia, and completely destroyed the building. Within a few minutes the whole frame building, approximately 60 by 40, erected in 1910, was a mass of flames, emitting black clouds of smoke which enveloped every surrounding building. Forty tons of hay, almost a carload of shingles and much other material together with the building amounted to an unofficial estimated loss of about \$5000, partially covered by insurance. Whipped by a westerly wind, the flames quickly consumed the main supports of the building which collapsed in on the burning mass. Flying sparks for a time endangered the main large warehouse and office of Poole and Thompson, and at another time the warehouse of Clark Bros. general store. Water and snow were used to protect these buildings from the heat and sparks until the fire had died down. The very smart work of the efficient fire department saved two close adjacent buildings, MacLean's large and Higginbotham's tin-smith shop, and confined the fire within the walls of the burning building. The roof of MacLean's large shed caught fire a half dozen times and each time was extinguished by the alert firemen. In the forge was Wellington Nicholson's horse Oyclonic, being shod at the time. Because of the rapid progress of the fire, it was impossible to move the animal in the fear that it might panic and perhaps kill someone in attempting to escape the fire. As a result it was shut in the building and remained there throughout the fire. Mr. Sid MacLean, who usually kept his car stored in the shingle shed, had removed it fortunately a few days ago, thus averting another loss. Completely under control within a half hour or so, the fire would break out again in the hay which was smouldering deep within the bales. A bulldozer opened the hay section to break open the pile so the firemen were able to get enough supplies for a full load. I think that at the moment our role should be one of watchful waiting. The Minister stated that he did not intend to discuss the Fisheries Division too fully as he had had occasion to refer to the problem many times recently. However he stated that the Fishermen's Loan Board had financed the building of 11 druggers at a total cost of \$405,643. Of this amount the Federal Government contributed \$76,685 and the fishermen who used the boats had paid \$42,200. The total repayment by way of 12 1/2% of the cost was \$36,940 while the sale of one dragger brought \$29,043. The amount outstanding on the dragger loan account is \$248,000 and the amount outstanding on the small loan account is \$51,285. 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Continued from page 1 in some Health Grants where a basic sum has been provided for all provinces and the balance of the grant divided on a per capita basis. "Such was not the case in the setting up of the Laboratory and Radiological Services Grant which is a straight per capita grant, and does not take into account the relative increased cost in this Province. Consequently, with the permission of the Assembly, we wish to submit recommendations for the continuance of Laboratory services without detracting from the quality or quantity of services presently supplied to our people. Old Age Assistance A complete explanation of the manner in which the amount of Old Age Assistance is determined was given by the Minister. He stated that Department investigators make reports on every case it is possible for them to contact and send on their recommendations to an advisory committee. In cases that the investigators can not contact, reports are taken from reliable citizens of the district and from the Members representing that area. "If any member has a case where he thinks a mistake has been made and that the person receiving assistance is being underpaid I would appreciate his writing to me and I will assure him that his case will be investigated," stated Mr. MacDonald. The Minister pointed out that the Department had been given much unfair criticism for the manner in which it was spending money on Old Age Assistance for people between the ages of 65 and 69. He referred in particular to two cases which were cited by Mr. Hubert Gaudet (PC First Prince) and he stated he would have to refute one of these cases in the House. Mr. MacDonald quoted a newspaper report which reported the board as saying that a certain person in the First Prince area was receiving a cheque of \$9.15 a month when it should have been higher. "We have on record where this person worked for 20 weeks for \$10 a week thus earning a total of \$200," stated the Minister. "At the same time she received free board and lodging for five months valued at \$30 a month for a total of \$150. She also received free board and lodging at the home of her son for the other seven months of the year for a total of \$210. "She received a cash return from the farm of \$50. Thus for the year according to the Federal regulations her income for the year was \$610. A single person is allowed \$720 a year so that we were only allowed to give her \$110 assistance. This works out to \$9.15 a month. She got 100 per cent of what was allowed to her under the Act passed in this House when all the members were present. Spending of Estimates The Minister stated that he could not go along with Mr. John A. MacDonald, the Progressive Conservative financial critic, with his criticisms of the Department not using up all its estimates. The Kings County member had been "mixed up in his figures just as he had been mixed up in the elections last year, reported that the Minister had been pretty well mixed up himself a few years ago during one election. The Minister went on to point

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