

Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

(Excerpts from letters received from Flying Officer Archie J. Johnstone, of Burlington P. E. I., now travelling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield agricultural scholarship; continued from a previous issue.)

LONDON, England—On Sunday morning (May 14), Andrew Hamilton took his wife, Fred and I to church in East Kilbride, where he was anxious for us to hear the minister, also by the name of Hamilton. The sermon was good but the most remarkable thing about the whole service was to see Andrew so very quiet for so long and we wondered how long he could last. The service was so soon over when Andrew gave his wife a resounding smack where it made the most noise. It was most embarrassing to her as we were up on the balcony and everybody leaving their seats down to see what the unust sound was. She was quite peeved with him for a time but as no one could stay cross with Andrew for long, she soon forgot the incident although she complained about it stinging for a long time.

When in America Andrew was caught speeding one night when he was returning home from a party late with his host's car. He was fined eighteen dollars on the spot, which he thought rather too much and complained to his host who knew a judge that Andrew had already met earlier. An appointment was arranged to get the fine judge who agreed to get the fine back. The judge must have had a sense of humour as when Andrew arrived he appeared quite firm and told him that the case had gone just a little farther than he had anticipated and that the best thing that Andrew could do was appear in court. Andrew, who had been assured that the money would be easily returned, but finally agreed to take it to the court. As he had brought his suit, he wore it at the trial, on which occasion he found the courtroom filled with townspeople, which he thought rather odd. Coming before the judge, the judge looked at him severely saying: "Mr. Hamilton, when a criminal comes before this court, it is usually the policy of the court to have him sing." At first Andy was a bit bewildered, but seeing that the judge meant it, he sang "I Belong to Glasgow" which was quite appropriate as the town he was being tried in was named Glasgow.

This coincidence, and his singing delighted his American audience and he was applauded so loudly that he was induced to sing again and again, with the end result that he got his money back, but not without the incident getting into the British papers. "Scots Lad sings way out of American Police Court." It may have delighted the Yanks, he says, but it didn't please the Major General at the Nuffield Headquarters, with the result that he received a very stiff note from that source. A senior American official hearing about this, wrote the Nuffield Foundation and the matter was smoothed over to the satisfaction of all. Life is never dull around Andrew Hamilton's.

On our way south we passed through Strathaven (pro. Straven), where I had a dental appointment. A mile outside the town we ran into a snow clad countryside, which is amazing considering the time of year. The sun later came out and melted the snow rapidly before we were very far on the road, but there was possibly an inch all over the area, before the sun broke through. I went into a shop to buy some post cards and was instantly spotted as a Canadian and asked all kinds of questions by the lady in charge, who has relatives somewhere in Canada.

This is not unusual here, as everyone seems to have relatives in Regina, Vancouver or somewhere and always want to know if we happen to know them. It is difficult for them to believe that

Conway

—Mr. William MacNeill, who is employed in Windsor, N. S. spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Oscar MacNeill and brothers, Frederick and Ronald.

Miss Jean Adams who is employed in Moncton, N. B. spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams.

Miss Lorena Thompson, Saint John, N. B. spent a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson.

Mr. William Morrison, Saint John, N. B. spent a week's vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford MacKinnon.

Masters Robert Keizer, Foxley River, Russell Palmer and Lloyd Banks, Freeport, and Frederick Ronald MacNeill, Conway, attended the Anglican Church Camp at Craupaud recently.

Mr. Wilbur Palmer and Mr. Bertram Keizer, St. Catharines, Ontario, were visiting relatives and friends at Freeport recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Patterson and family, Upper Steviacke, N. S. spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Malone and family, Halifax, N. S., are spending a vacation at their home in Foxley River.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustin Bulger, New Hampshire, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Bulger, California, and Mr. Frank Bulger, B. C., are spending a vacation at "Uncle Bob's Cabin", Foxley River and are visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Patrick Murphy, Mr. Leo Murphy and son of New Hampshire, U. S. A. were visiting old acquaintances in Conway and vicinity recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacDonald and family, Charlotteville, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner, East Bedford and Mr. and Mrs. William MacDonald, Freeport recently.

Mr. Lawson Oatway, who is employed in Beaver Bank, N. S. visited his wife and family on July 3.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn and family, Quincy, Mass. were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Murphy.

Mrs. David MacIntyre, Winnipeg, visited her brother, Mr. Otto Murphy, Freeport, recently.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. Roger MacArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard MacArthur, Northam, whose marriage to Miss Margaret, Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Craig, Poplar Grove was performed by Rev. Mr. MacDonald at the Conway United Church on Wednesday afternoon, June 29. Mrs. Hugh Smith played the wedding music. The newly-weds will reside at Northam.

Mr. Banny Craig, accompanied by his sister Miss Blanche Craig, Poplar Grove, left on July 3 for Toronto, Ont. where they will be employed.

Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Dignan, country in the direction of Kelso in the East Borders, among the famous Abbeys along the beautiful Tweed banks and the Border Keeps. Our route lay through a picturesque country, over high hills, past many stone dikes and near to the Devil's Punch Bowl, where the English cattle were once hidden. We passed through sparsely inhabited country, except for sheep and playful little black-faced lambs, which had to be driven off the road with the hooter. The black pavement, which we supposed had absorbed some of the sun's heat, seemed to be their favourite place for sleeping. Some are killed by less careful motorists as the lambs rarely move unless awakened by the hooter or noise of an approaching auto.

(To be continued.)

Silver Wedding

—Mr. and Mrs. Erskine MacMurdo, Kelvin Grove were at home to neighbors, friends and relatives on June 18, their Silver Wedding Day, when some 70 guests gathered to extend good wishes.

When all assembled, Rev. L. M. Murray made suitable reference to the occasion and called on Mrs. Roy Woolner who read an address on behalf of those present.

A bouquet was presented to the bride by Fairlie Paynter, a grand daughter and a chest of silver on behalf of their family was presented to the couple by a daughter, Katherine. A well filled purse, the gift of friends and relatives was presented by Mrs. W. D. Profit, and individual gifts of silver, Profits, and crystal were received from other friends.

Both Mr. and Mrs. MacMurdo fittingly replied. Among other speaking briefly were Dr. L. M. Callbeck, Dr. J. A. MacMurdo, Mr. W. D. Profit, Mrs. Erle MacMurdo, Rev. Alexander MacKay and Mr. James Marchbank.

Ice cream and cake were served and the bride's and groom's cakes were cut in traditional manner and passed to the guests. Those assisting were Mrs. Newton MacLure, Mrs. Sterling Stewart, Mrs. Elwood Paynter, Mrs. L. Callbeck, Miss Katherine MacMurdo, Mrs. W. D. Profit and others. Cameras recorded the highlights of the happy evening.

Bushel May Be On Way Out As Measuring Unit

By Lawrence Eldred
CHICAGO (AP)—Just maybe, the bushel as a unit of measure may go the way of the horse. At least it will if important leaders in the U. S. grain industry have anything to say about it.

Seems there's a drive on now to switch over to measuring grain and similar products in 100-pound units instead of bushels. Proponents claim that it is possible to save millions of dollars by eliminating conversion callisthenics.

Here's an example of what they mean: Farmer Brown takes a truckload of grain to the local elevator and is quoted the current price on a bushel basis.

But his loaded truck is weighed in pounds, emptied and weighed again. The difference is the net weight of the grain. This is divided by a fixed ratio of pounds per bushel, depending on the kind of grain. The result is multiplied by the price per bushel to find out how much Brown gets.

COST IN MILLIONS

Says Earl M. Ellis, general manager of Hales and Hunter Co., a Chicago feed manufacturing firm, "the extra time and labor in converting bushels to hundredweight and back again, in marketing grain off the farm and until its final use, annually costs the government, grain exchanges, mills and feed mixers millions of dollars."

"These unnecessary costs of marketing are, of course, finally borne by either the producer or the consumer, or both."

Bushel troubles go deeper than that, though, Ellis emphasizes. Supposing farmer Brown is selling oats. Standard weight is 32 pounds a bushel. Yet, newer, heavier varieties commonly weigh 37 to 42 pounds a bushel. The differential on millions of bushels is stupendous.

On the west coast, trading of grain and feedstuffs by the hundredweight has been in effect for many years.

H. C. Eagles, assistant general manager of the Poultry Producers of Central California, notes that grain firms in California who report to midwest and eastern offices must convert their figures from hundredweight to bushels.

TIME WASTED

In addition to the conversions themselves, Eales says it is necessary to carry on an elaborate system of checking. He added: "We would conservatively estimate that if the entire nation were to go on a strictly hundredweight basis, approximately one-half to two-thirds the time would be saved that is now required for billing, auditing and other clerical work."

O'Leary

—The Local Convention of the Women's Institutes of O'Leary and surrounding district was held in West Point on Wednesday afternoon; Mrs. Felix Arsenault, president and Mrs. Harry Arbogast, Secretary.

The meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada"; followed by the creed; minutes of last convention read and approved.

Reports were given by the Secretaries of the different institutes which showed great work being done by all institutes.

Dr. Charles Dewar was the special speaker; and gave an outline on what is being done about the new hospital it is hoped to have in O'Leary. Miss Robin lead have in singing, which was enjoyed very much. A paper on Education was read by Mrs. George Shaw. This was very instructive and interesting.

Miss Robin also gave a very fine demonstration on the making up of jute bags into very nice useful articles, such as cushions, drapes, bags.

She also gave very interesting talks on what other Institutes are doing throughout the different parts of Canada. The meeting closed brought in the National Anthem after which a delicious supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris of Knutsford were visitors to Summerside on Wednesday. They visited Mrs. Helen MacWilliams who is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Albany Recital

—Parents and friends of the pupils of Mrs. George MacKay were present at an enjoyable recital on the afternoon of June the twenty-fifth. At the conclusion of the program, ice cream and cake was served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed. The following numbers constituted the program.

Reading: "The Child Next Door"—Diane Webster.

Piano solo: "Blue Bells of Scotland"—Judy Thomas.

Piano solo: "To Celia"—Sandra MacFadyen.

Piano solo: "Spring Song"—Margaret Howatt.

Piano solo: "Tiresome Woodpecker"—Diane Webster.

Piano solo: "Swans On The Lake"—Joyce Elaine Dixon.

Piano solo: "The Fir Trees Dance"—Joan Hamilton.

Reading: "The Milkman"—Sandra MacFadyen.

Piano solo: "The Frog Chorus"—Eather Carruthers.

Piano duet: "Comin' Round the Mountain"—Judy Thomas and teacher.

Piano solo: "Book of Ages"—Eather Carruthers.

Piano duet: "Comin' Round the Mountain"—Margaret Howatt.

Piano solo: "Cobbler, Cobbler."

Workshop Patterns

The monthly meeting of the W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Blais McEwen. Meeting opened with singing of Ode and repeating the creed in unison. Roll call was answered by 9 members and there were also two visitors present.

Sick committee reported flowers sent to a member in hospital and other calls made. School committee reported the teacher would like help in buying Books of Knowledge for the class room. It was decided to help buy them.

New visiting committee is Mrs. H. S. McEwan and Mrs. Wallace McKay. Correspondence was then read and discussed. Two delegates were appointed to attend convention in Ch'town, also decided to canvass district for Salvation Army, and to paint inside of the school room.

Next meeting will be at home of Mrs. Earl Carr. Lunch Committee is Mrs. M. Malone, Mrs. C. McKay, Mrs. Green, Mrs. R. Douglas and Mrs. K. McKay. Programme Committee is Mrs. McGuigan and Mrs. D. B. Reid. Programme Committee put on their programme which was enjoyed by all. Collection \$2.15. After a delicious lunch meeting closed with singing of Queen.

A Little Walk!—Diane Webster. Piano solo: "Barcarolle"—Joan Hamilton.

Duet: "Home On The Range"—Diane Webster and Sandra MacFadyen.

Piano solo: "To A Skyscraper"—Eather Carruthers.

Vocal solo: "Swing Song"—Joan Hamilton.

Several more pupils were unable to take part in the recital at this time.

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