

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND



EVIDENCE

Have you been along the waterfront road in Ville La Salle lately? asked one of Montreal's nature lovers last November. There's a rose hedge around a big property there, and ever so many dead mice are hanging on the thorns. I haven't seen the butcher yet, but this evidence enough that a Shrike is living nearby.

of song bird and bird of prey. Their strange habit of impaling the victims springs from the fact that their feet, weak like those of song birds, are incapable of holding them. But their hooked beaks, with which they tear the prey apart, resemble those of Hawks. Like Owls, they disgorge the indigestible parts (bones, hair of mice, feathers of birds) which come up from the stomach rolled into compact pellets.

Roughly speaking, the size of a Robin, the Northern Shrike is light grey above, white below, and wears a suitable black mask through the eyes, like the villain that he is. Boldly perched on a prominent branch, the better to see, he awaits his victim. He will pounce on a mouse. But he must dart after a little bird, chasing it until he comes near enough to strike. Then slowly the heavy burden is carried to some convenient hook, which may be a thorn, a sharp twig, or even barbed wire.

Some think Shrikes do as much good as they do harm because of their taste for rodents, the ever-increasing English Sparrows, and destructive insects. However that may be, their worst fault seems to be their needless killing. Unfortunately these butchers hang a great deal more meat than they ever eat. And so a whole row of spiked mice, found any time from October until March, is an indication that a Northern Shrike is in the neighbourhood—probably, only one.

Can Owls see at night?

Y. M. C. A. News

A joint meeting of all the four Hi-Y Chapters was held in the Social Room of the Y. M. C. A. on Monday night. The meeting which opened with the Charlotteville Hi-Y Prayer was a very impressive occasion. Don Large who had been elected to the Charlotteville Hi-Y Clubs by the Y. M. C. A. Centennial International Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 21-24, 1951 gave his report. He also described the Hi-Y Conference at Oberlin, Ohio which was attended by 1,000 Canadian and American boys and girls. Don brought back a real challenge and the offer to help all the clubs in carrying out this challenge. An induction of new members was then held. This was conducted by Barry Beers, President of Grand Council of Hi-Y. Six members were inducted. Marjorie MacLeod then reported on the 10th Maritime Hi-Y Conference held in Halifax over Thanksgiving week-end. This ended the serious business of the evening. On the lighter side "Wild Bill Hickok" rode again. "Nigro" quartette specially imported for the evening on three loyal "Islanders" entertained. The plentiful lunch was then served followed by a square dance. All members left with a feeling of jolly good fellowship, having not only enjoyed themselves but having added to their insight of Hi-Y.

A party sale to be held on Saturday, October 27, 1951 at 3 p.m. at Moore & McLeod Ltd. was planned by the Beta Chapter of Hi-Y. Plans were made to pick up the donations on Saturday morning.

Movies were featured at the Delta Hi-Y meeting. A short business meeting was held with Barbara Rupert in the chair. A sing-song was held followed by a movie called "Barbara Ann".

An unusual program feature of the Beta Phi Sorority last Thursday was a short talk by two of the club members, Lois Shaw and Betty Proctor on the subject "Afternoon Teas." Many interesting points came out in the discussion which followed. The meeting was chaired by Audrey Cutcliffe and it was decided that the next meeting would take the form of a supper meeting after which there would be an initiation of all new members. As at least half the members are new this year the meeting should prove very interesting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was decided to go ahead with formation of the new club, and a nominating committee composed of Percy Simmonds, George MacDougall and Fred Norton was selected to bring in a proposed slate of officers on Wed. Oct. 31st.

Twenty-one members of the Phalanx Club turned out at their weekly supper meeting last Friday evening. The Ladies' Auxiliary served a lovely supper and the new "waitresses" got along fine. Following the supper Charlie "Backville" Hennigar led the boys in a sing-song—imagine!!! We were also favored (?) with a solo by Fred Norton. Thanks, Fred. The business meeting came next and the follow-up was films. These were "Life on the Western Marshes," "Seaside Holiday" (P. E. I. National Park) and "Songs by the Four Gentlemen." They were enjoyed by all and our thanks to the National Film Board for their use. The evening was rounded off with some rousing games of badminton. Our next supper meeting is at 6:15 tonight. Come on along.

The October meeting of the Mt. Ryan C.W.L. was held on Oct. 7 with an attendance of seven members. Meeting opened by prayer recited by Father Butler. The president, Mrs. J. J. McDonald occupied the chair.

Mrs. Herbert Beagan acted as secretary for the meeting and a letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Noonan, for donation to bar. It was moved and seconded that minutes of convention be held over until next meeting. A short talk on League Scholarships was given by Fr. Butler and Mrs. J. J. McDonald and Mrs. Thomas Brazil were appointed delegates to attend the scholarship meeting at St. Dunstan's. It was moved and seconded that \$50.00 be given Fr. Butler to help fix up the vestry. Treasurer reported \$32.50 proceeds from an entertainment and a cash balance of \$59.85. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Dumville - MacNevin Wedding

A wedding of wide interest to many friends in the Province was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 24th at 2.30 p.m., when Rev. W. G. Dickson, B.A., united in the bonds of holy matrimony Miss Mary Thelma MacNevin, daughter of Mrs. Daniel MacNevin and the late Mr. MacNevin of O'Leary, son of Mr. Ben Dumville and the late Mrs. Dumville.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, which was very attractively decorated with pink and white streamers. The marriage ceremony was performed under an arch gaily decorated with flowers.

The Wedding March was played by Mr. Norman Morrison of Hebou, P.E.I., a cousin of the bride. During the signing of the register, he played "Father in Heaven". The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Roderick MacNevin of Summerside.

The bride looked the picture of girlish loveliness in a floor-length gown of white lace over taffeta featuring a high neckline with nylon marquisette, yoke, lily point sleeves; the full skirt was gathered to a pointed midriff with double ruffles of nylon marquisette at hemline. She wore a floor-length veil gathered to a tiara of iridescent sequins and a bouquet of American Beauty roses. Her only ornament was a rhinestone necklace, the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid was Miss Freda Smallman. She was charmingly gowned in a floor-length dress of sky blue brocaded nylon over taffeta and matching headpiece. She carried a bouquet of yellow mums.

The best man was Mr. George Stewart of the R.C.A.F. stationed in Halifax. After the ceremony a fine buffet luncheon was served to about forty guests. Pouring was Mrs. Herbert Milligan, aunt of the bride. Replenishing was Mrs. Stanley Dumville and Mrs. Albert Noonan. Mrs. William MacNeill (nee Miss Lorna Harris) served the bridal party. Assisting in serving the guests were: Miss Jeanette Milligan and Miss Phyllis MacNeill, cousins of the bride, also Mrs. Atwood Dumville and Mrs. Therin Ellis (nee Miss Shirley Gorrill). Receiving the guests was Mrs. Roderick MacNevin of Summerside, sister of the bride. The bride's mother was gowned

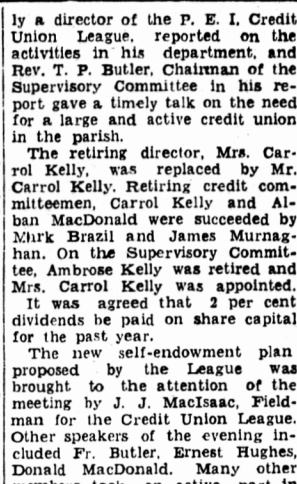
Fort Augustus Credit Union Meeting

Fort Augustus Credit Union held their annual meeting in Fort Augustus Parish Hall on Monday evening, October 15. The president Maurice Oummsakey, called the meeting to order and gave an interesting report of the past year's activities, and posed some alterations in the present local credit union setup with an eye to giving greater service and convenience to members. To this end it was decided, following a lengthy discussion, that two members of a credit committee of five be chosen from the Mount Ryan district to approve or disapprove loans from that area. The other credit committee members from other sections of the credit union territory would accept the decision of these committee men.

Most noteworthy feature of the meeting was contained in the treasurer's report, submitted by Mr. Alfred Hughes. This report showed that share capital in the credit union increased by over 50 per cent in the past year over the amount that had accumulated since incorporation in 1937. It was further noted that earnings were comparatively low, and it was felt that the reason for this might be that members were not aware that such a sizable amount of money was available for loans following the rapid increase in share capital. Members were urged to patronize their credit union when in need of a loan and in so doing help to build a better credit union and a better community.

Mr. Ernest Hughes, convener of the credit committee, and present in a royal blue taffeta dress with net trim and a corsage of pink carnations. The young couple who are two of the most popular young people of the district, received many lovely gifts and telegrams, including a telegram from the bride's brother, Mr. Harvey MacNevin who is with the R.C.A.F. stationed at Aylmer, Ont.

Before her marriage the bride was a valued member of the staff of Jelly's Department Store in O'Leary while the groom is engaged in a trucking business. The happy young couple left on a honeymoon trip to points of interest in this Province and also on the mainland. On their return they will reside in O'Leary. For travelling the bride wore a yellow shortie over a chocolate brown suit with accessories to match. Her corsage was of Tallman roses. They have the good wishes of many friends for a long and happy wedded life.



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