



Winners At Carnival

Shown above are the winners of the fancy dress carnival held at the Montague Rink. In the center is Bruce Wannamaker dressed as Pumpkin Head, winning first prize. On the left is Cecil Fraser and on the right is Kenny Campbell who won second prize as Ghosts. (Guardian Photo)

Capacity House Sees Variety Concert At Montague School

The Montague High School auditorium was filled to capacity Friday evening and parents and friends enjoyed a splendid variety program under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Raoul Raymond, Mrs. Ralph Beck, and Mrs. Elsie Waterworth, and sponsored by the Women's Institute. Each number was enjoyed and heartily applauded by the appreciative audience. Hon. Keir Clark acted as master of ceremonies and the piano accompanists were Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Waterworth, Mrs. D. M. MacDonald, Mrs. Beck and Miss Peggy Becker. The program was as follows: O Canada; choruses, grades one and two; "A Song of Thanks"; "The Tick-Tock"; solo, Patsy Sinclair; "Let the Sunshine In"; audience joining in chorus; "Gweneth"; Gwennie Clark and Dianne MacLeod, chorus, grade 3; "Polly the Pony"; "Mice"; The Drummer Boy Drill, pupils of grade two; tap dance, Ralph Fraser; chorus, grade 4; "Idle Hours"; "Blow the Man Down"; quartette; "The Snow"; Jean MacLeod, Joan Coffin, Kenneth Campbell, Joseph Rogers. Piano solo, Myrna Beck; tap dance, Wendy Johnston and Carolyn Sullivan; chorus, boys of grades 5, 6, 7; "Shenandoah"; soloist Gwyn Phillips; solo, Florence MacDonald; "Alice Blue Gown"; "Silver Lining"; Old Doc and Down-East Melody Makers featuring the "Queen of the

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

WINTER TRAVEL

Until about twenty years ago, horses and sleighs and trains were the accepted mode of winter travel. It was taken for granted that automobiles would be stored away, usually early in December, and would remain there until the first day of May. The era of snow ploughs and snow free roads had not arrived. There was a saving in not operating the car or truck and tractors with their ability to waddle through snow had not become sufficiently numerous as to be a factor in winter transportation. As the years went by, horses became fewer, cars became more dependable in winter and more and more wheel travelling has come to be the accepted pattern for winter. The transition during the past five years has been favored by comparatively light snowfalls but the present winter is apparently not overly concerned with man's dependence on gasoline and rubber tires. Should a situation arise that snow ploughs cannot cope with a period of enforced hibernation will be in order for the great many rural Islanders who no longer own horses.

HOPE AND EXPERIENCE

Agriculture perhaps more than any other industry or calling represents a triumph of hope over experience. In spite of reverses, losses, disappointments, discouragement and the apparently unfulfilled hopes which go to make up the historical pattern of farm life, farm people nevertheless bring to bear on their problems and into their lives that hope which leads them to believe that there is a sunny side to the cloud and a bag of gold at the end of the rainbow. It is well both for farm people and for consumers that this is the case. If experience and the realities of the past were the only guiding principle for the farmer, farm production would follow a much different pattern and the consumer in particular and the nation in general would very soon face the reality of providing agriculture with fair pay for its labor and a fair return for management and investment. The people who state that farming is a business and who believe that it can be rationalized with figures in a ledger overlook the fact that farming involves a great deal more than the ordinary pursuits of buying and selling and manufacturing. Canada can show thousands of farms which were successful business propositions but which have since failed a contribution to nation building which cannot be evaluated in dollars and cents.

LOWER OR HIGHER

Some time ago a Dominion civil servant for whose opinion we have a great deal of respect, suggested to us that a Maritime farmer during the next couple of decades could remain in agriculture and on the farms only at the price of accepting lower standards of living for himself and his family. Should this statement be correct than we foresee more and greater difficulties in retaining young people on the farms and a further dwindling of a rapidly falling rural population. In this age of rapid travel and easy communication young people readily become aware of what other industries and centres offer in the way of living standards. This is the competition which the farmer and the rural community must face.

If the rural community cannot, through the efforts of agriculture, provide itself with satisfactory education, health and social facilities, then in the national interest the assistance of other groups and other industries must be enlisted in promoting a healthy and satisfactory rural life. While it may be entirely possible that from an economic standpoint, agriculture might become a relatively unimportant industry, nevertheless, the people that make it up will always be important from the standpoint of providing replacements for the Cities and a stabilizing core for society in general.

MARKETING LEGISLATION

While little, if any, effective use is being made at the present time in this Province of marketing legis-

lation, nevertheless, the trend in the rest of Canada is towards the setting up of more marketing Boards, the enactment of marketing legislation in Alberta and Quebec through a clarification of existing legislation by the Province of Ontario and a reference to the Supreme Court of Canada. Ontario farmers and the Government of Ontario are taking the question of marketing legislation seriously and Premier Frost has promised that if necessary a special session of the Ontario legislature will be called to amend the Marketing Act in conformity with the findings of the Supreme Court. Nova Scotia apple growers are once more planning the reorganization of the Board which was voted out of existence a few years ago. The Province of Quebec which for many years did not consider the setting up of the Legislation is now proceeding with it at the present session of its Legislature.

If agriculture is to continue on a sound basis and survive the present cost-price squeeze, attention must be paid to more than productive efficiency, that attention must extend to marketing efficiency and economy in all its branches and this suggests the necessity and importance of farmers examining carefully in all branches of agriculture the systems and practices common in moving their products to the consumer.

NOT POTATOES ALONE

The importance of potatoes as a cash crop and the effect of potato prices on the general economy of the Province tends to mask the fact that all may not be well with other sections of the agricultural picture. In years of good potato prices returns from this Department may be used to make up for losses occurring in cattle, poultry, or hogs and to mellow the present basic weakness in agriculture, the ever increasing cost of production. Too often, low potato prices are given all the blame for the farmer's problem. Other aspects of the picture should be carefully studied and their importance placed in the proper perspective.

FARM CREDIT

Generally, agriculture over a long period of years has not been sufficiently profitable to provide fair returns for the labor involved, interest on capital investment, depreciation on equipment or operating capital in sufficient volume. To a large extent, agriculture has always been financed on borrowed money. Credit has been and will likely continue to be an essential requirement. In fact, the high cost of equipping, stocking, purchasing and operating farms at the present time suggests that credit policies, short term, intermediate and long term which may have been satisfactory up to the present time, will require a great deal of modernization if they are to serve satisfactorily. It is doubtful whether agriculture can afford to pay 5 percent interest. It is questionable whether it should be expected to, particularly in the cost of loans guaranteed or financed by Government under the Farm Loan Board or the Farm Improvement Loans Act. The ideal position would be of course for the farmer to be free of the necessity of using credit at all, however, there seems little likelihood of this coming about and in the meantime, nothing should be left un-done to liberalize the rates and terms under which farmers finance loans for farm operation and development.

Montague Camera Club Meeting

The Montague Camera Club held its regular meeting on Thursday evening at the club room. For the last few meetings the members have been busy fitting up a fully equipped dark room in the club room. The club has obtained permission to use a room in the Town Hall.

Much credit is due Mr. Gilbert Clements and other members who have lent equipment for the use of the members who can go to the dark room to do a complete photo job—from developing a film to enlarging the final print with the equipment now available. It is felt that this will give an excellent opportunity to present and prospective members to practice the fun of photography without having to buy expensive equipment for themselves.

Members are at present busy with pictures for the annual show to be held in March in Charlottetown. Also at recent meetings several showings of color slides have been greatly enjoyed.

Girl Guide Column

7 TRINITY BROWNIE PACK

The following Brownies were enrolled recently into No. 7 Brownie Pack at Trinity Hall, by Mrs. W. A. Smith, Field Sec'y: Francis MacPherson, Margaret Bell, Lynn Johnson, Norma Jean Matheson, Vida Waller, Jean Wright, Mrs. McKay, Brown Owl, thought that as all the little Brownies had worked so hard getting ready for their enrolment, that it would be an afternoon of play, and play we did, games, songs, and then Dougie Reid came, and very kindly showed us some interesting films. This is an extremely enthusiastic young Brownie Pack, and we wish Mrs. McKay, Brown Owl, and Mrs. Found, Tawney Owl, good Guiding.

CENTENARY CAMP

Attention Guides, all Guides who will be sixteen years old before the summer of 1957, here is some news that should be interesting and exciting to you all. A Centenary Camp is being held during the summer of 1957 at Doe Lake, Ontario. There will be twelve hundred Guides in attendance, four hundred from foreign countries, and four hundred from Canada. You will hear more about this camp in the future, but in the meantime you Guides who have your sixteenth birthday coming up by 1957, this is really something to work for.

5TH BROWNIE PACK

On February 3rd, the 5th Brownie Pack, Holy Redeemer Parish held a regular meeting at The

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the P. E. Island Plowing Match and Agricultural Fair Association will be held in hall, Bridgetown, Thursday, February 16 at 1:30 p.m. All interested please attend.

ALBERT ACORN, Secretary.

MAYFAIR THEATRE

Murray River, Feb. 13-14 — 8 P.M. MONDAY & TUESDAY ONLY "Forbidden Cargo" Starring: Nigel Patrick - Elizabeth Sellars Special Added Short subjects

KINSMEN PRE-LENTEN DANCE ROLLAWAY BALLROOM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13th Music by the Downtowners Dancing 10 to 2. Admission 75c.

EASTER BEEF SHOW & SALE

Remember that the closing date for entries is February 15th. Definitely no entries will be accepted after this date.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

All cattle breeders in Lots 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 48, 49, 50 and 65 are invited to attend a meeting in Prince of Wales College Auditorium at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 15th—Purpose: to organize Artificial Breeding Clubs.

CHARLOTTETOWN and DISTRICT P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

Community Centre. Miss Zephigie Arsenault, District Commissioner greeted the first Brownies to be received into the Pack and presented the Brownie Badges to Mary Lou Callaghan, Gail Curley, Betty Ann Maloney, Maureen Nantes, Patricia Shelton, Paula McAvinn, Judy LeClair, Linda Egan.

On January 27th at a regular Pack meeting the mothers of the Brownies were present while the meeting was in session. As this is the first time that a Brownie Pack was organized in the Holy Redeemer Parish, it was interesting for all to see how meetings were run, and what progress has been made since the Pack was formed in the fall.

THINKING DAY

As you all know, the twenty-second of February is Thinking Day for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world. And rather than a Rally this year, each Company is having a Thinking Day Program of their own at the regular Company meeting. On the Sunday nearest Thinking Day, all Guide Companies and Brownie Packs will attend Church service. We hope to see all Guides and Brownies looking their best, uniforms clean and meeting shoes in season. Brownies, Brownie socks, Guides socks. Don't forget to polish your Pins. 1ST AND 2ND BROWNIE PACK We welcome Mrs. Cliff Orford, Acting Brown Owl, and Miss Roma Korrey, Tawney Owl, of 1st and 2nd Brownie Pack. These Brownies are working like little beavers, and we expect to hear big things from them.

MAU CHIEF SURRENDERS

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters)—The leader of one of the Mau Mau terrorists' toughest gangs, "Field Marshal Kanji," 28, has surrendered, a military spokesman said Saturday. Kanji, who also called himself "Sir General Hika Hika," was the nominal leader of all members of the anti-white cult in the Mount Kenya area.

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New Securities Racket Found

TORONTO (CP) — Crown Attorney W. O. Gibson said Saturday that brokers who take stock orders over the telephone without confirming them are largely responsible for a securities racket that has left brokers here holding the bag for thousands of dollars' worth of stock.

The racket, said organized by a gang of former convicts, was revealed Saturday by O. E. Lennox, chairman of the Ontario securities commission.

Lennox said an undercover investigation has been under way since last summer but that the swindlers are still operating and have branched out with fake mine development reports.

The gang worked by buying stock legitimately under fictitious names to establish themselves with the brokers and gain recognition as market speculators.

PLACED FAKE ORDERS

They then placed fake telephone orders with brokers to make it appear that stocks were going up. When the price had risen sufficiently for them to make a comfortable profit, they sold out their legitimate holdings.

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ATTENDS FUNERAL — Word has been received by Mr. Harry MacGregor, Montague, of the death on February 9 at the New Glasgow Hospital of his sister Mrs. William MacQuarrie, Old Doe Glasgow, N. S. Mr. MacGregor left Saturday to attend the funeral which was held in New Glasgow yesterday afternoon.

C. G. I. T. MEETING — Aketa C. G. I. T. held their regular weekly meeting in Trinity manse on Thursday, with Veronica Taylor presiding. Gwenneth Clark led the devotions. Miss Elsie Hickox, who was introduced by Mrs. W. H. Hickey, gave a very informative talk on her work during her year as a teacher under the Anglican Church of Canada, in the Indian residential school in Alert Bay, B. C.

SLEIGH RIDE — Trinity Young People's Union held a very enjoyable sleigh drive on Wednesday evening, being driven by Mr. John R. MacKenzie and Roddie MacKenzie, Lower Montague. On their return to MacKenzie Hall, group games were enjoyed and luncheon was served. The meeting closed with taps. Aketa C. G. I. T. and Trinity Y. P. U. plan a joint Valentine party next Wednesday evening.

YOUTH SERVICE — Christian Youth Week was observed in Trinity United Church, Montague, with the service last Sunday morning, having the emphasis on youth. The Canadian Girls in Training were present in a body. The choir anthem was "Near to the Heart of God". Rev. J. M. Fraser preached the words in Deut. 30:19, "Choose Life", on "Life's Greatest Choices", particularly "A Life Mission", "A Life Mate", and "A Life Master".

HOME and School, Montague High School, Monday, February 13 at 8 p.m.

VALENTINE CONCERT and dance, Lower Montague Hall, February 14. Proceeds for the Hall.

TICKETS for Scottish concert at Yeo's Theatre, Thursday, Feb. 16, may be obtained at Jamieson Pharmacy and Mabon Drug Co.

PREVIEW presentation of "Pygmalion" 3-act play, Georgetown, Monday, February 13. Curtain 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Georgetown Branch Canadian Legion.

HEATHER and Evelyn Fraser, Charlottetown, will be added attractions at the repeat performance of the Scottish concert Thursday, February 16 at Yeo's Theatre. One of their numbers will be the traditional dance "Flora MacDonald's Fancy" to the pipe accompaniment of their brother, George.

Prospects Dim For Reforms In Algeria

(By Gerald Long) PARIS, (Reuters)—Prospects of rapid reforms in Algeria receded Sunday night when Premier Guy Mollet postponed a press conference he had called for today to report on his five-day mission to the troubled French North African territory. Mollet flew back from Algeria Saturday after talks aimed at finding a way to end the rebellion

YEO THEATRE MONTAGUE

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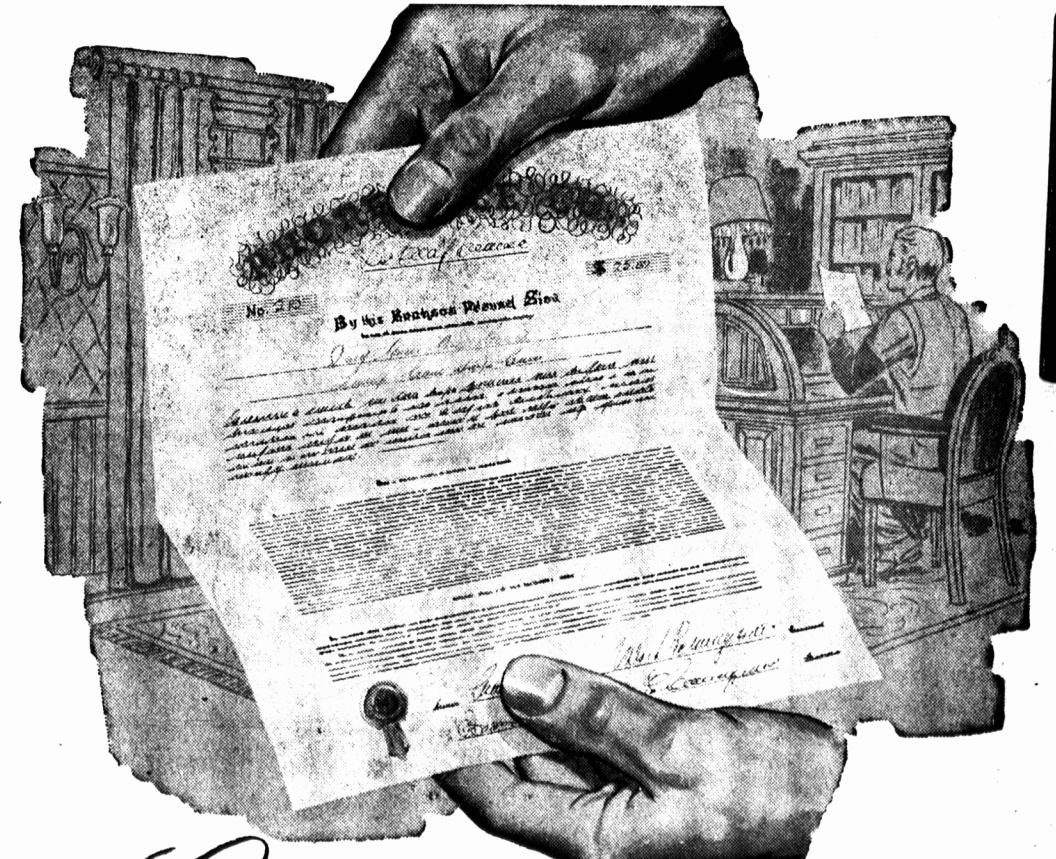
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