

Brackley W.I. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Brackley Women's Institute was held at the school on Friday evening, Nov. 16. The meeting opened with the singing of the Institute Carol followed by repeating the Creed in unison. Sixteen members answered roll call with the paying of annual fees, and the minutes of last annual and monthly meetings were read and approved.

The president, secretary, treasurer and Red Cross Convenor then gave their reports. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$214.64. The reports of the various committees were also given. The school committee reported that the blackboard compass was needed. On motion it was decided to buy this, and also a map of the Maritime Provinces for the school. The sick committee reported one call made and fruit sent to a resident of the district.

The new committees were appointed as follows: Sick and visiting, Mrs. Brenton Diamond and Mrs. Frank Blatch; school, Mrs. Guy Pierce and Mrs. Leona Cameron; lunch, Mrs. Hedley Stewart and Mrs. Earl Clark; program, Mrs. Brenton Diamond invited the members to her home for the December meeting and roll call is to be answered with an exchange of Christmas gifts.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place and resulted as follows:
President: Mrs. Earl Clark; vice-president, Mrs. Keith Cudmore;

secretary, Mrs. Frank Blatch; treasurer, Miss Marion Younker; Red Cross Convenor, Mrs. William Younker; directors, Mrs. Leslie Prowse, Mrs. Charles Mallett and Mrs. Harold Stead; auditors, Mrs. Ivan Bryenton and Mrs. Raymond Sellick.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring president, secretary and treasurer. It was also moved and seconded that the Institute buy an Institute pin and that it be the duty of the retiring president to present the past president with the pin.

On motion it was decided that in future the members who do not have anything with which to answer roll call are to pay a fine. Bills amounting to \$7.51 were voted paid. The collection amounted to \$1.05. The district has been canvassed for the Cancer Society and funds were passed in at this meeting. The program consisted of a contest put on by Mrs. Earl Clark.

The meeting adjourned and lunch was served by Mrs. Earl Clark, Mrs. George Jackson and Mrs. Keith Cudmore.

RECORD SMASHED
YORKTON, Sask. — (CP) — Andy Marr's automobile was damaged when he ran into a deer which jumped from a ditch. It was his second accident in 49 years of driving; the first was caused when he ran over a cow in 1927.

WEAKER SEX
On the average, women are 85 per cent as heavy as men, and have only about 60 per cent as much physical strength.

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"Great news, honey! The way things are booming at the plant I've had to hire twenty more in help."

Montague Post Office

(Written in October 1951)
This morn I went a-strolling
When the sun was warm and friendly,
I listened to the little birds
Chattering in their fall assembly—
Making plans for their departure
To warm and sunny climes
And leave to us the leafless trees
Among the murmuring pines.
I sat upon the garden seat
A little while—to ponder o'er
How God has made things so complete,
And never one does He ignore.
Jack Frost comes with a freezing puff
Quickly turns the emerald green
To glorious tints of yellow, red and brown
An act of sadness some folks deem.
But God has a mission for each and all,
Even the leaves of the beautiful trees—
He bids them cover the ground
sleepers over
And hug them close so they will not freeze.
A rustle in the leafy carpet—
Caused by the postman's hurried tread
Awoke me from my reverie,
And for the mail I quickly sped.
Wherein I found a friendly letter
Postmarked at Montague.
This letter stirred old memories
Sweetly passing in review,
Among the many—the old post office
In Daddy Cameron's shop
When returning from the school
near by.
For mail would often stop.
To the wicket Daddy hurried
Carpet slipped feet ascuin'
With dim blue eyes the mail he'd scan
Result quite often, "no wee missie nuthin".
A convenient structure was erected
Quite close to the river's edge
Overlooking the beautiful village
From a high and sunny ledge.
The base stones came from Brin-
nick's quarry
Bob Stewart supplied the red-
brown brick.
From Pearson's lime, cement was made
With water from old Gawney's
crick.
Brightly may this beacon shine
Upon its warm and sunny hill,
And may the echoes thru its portals
With bygone sweetness ever trill.
E'en now, with tear dimmed eyes
I see
Our dear old mailman happy Joe
With his faithful Tom a-jogging
As across the old wooden bridge
they go.
—Lena Vessey
Formerly of Montague.

SOUP'S ON
WINNIPEG — (CP)—Mrs. Petra Anderson, cook at a Winnipeg Hotel, has set a culinary mark for others to shoot at. She figures that in 31 years she has turned out a total of 5,052,300 meals.

HISTORIC ROAD
The Cariboo Road from Hope B. C. to the Cariboo Goldfields was completed by the Royal Engineers in 1865.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Besides being the graveyard of the Atlantic, Sable Island is the home of shaggy ponies, swine, cats, dogs and rabbits, all running wild on this windswept dangerous tract of sand. How did they get there? It is known that cattle and horses had been left on the island in the early days, when attempts to colonize Nova Scotia were under way, but many hold the belief that these animals of Sable Island are the offspring of those that came ashore from the 200 vessels that were wrecked there.

Dreaded by mariners all over the world, this treeless, rockless, monotonous island of sand, over forty miles long and two miles wide, has a gruesome, fantastic history that weaves its magic spell over all who set foot upon its shores.

But before one can land on this sand pile in the Atlantic it is necessary to obtain a permit from Ottawa. Why? Well, landing permits used to be necessary in the days when the notorious island was the home of shipwreckers and pirates. The landing permit which one must get today is actually a hangover from those early times—a sort of custom that is still kept in force, or maybe it's because the only safe way one can get there is aboard the government boat that makes authorized trips to this dangerous island.

Sable Island never loses its curtain of fog. One can understand this when one learns that the waters of the gulf stream warm one side while the opposite side is laved by the icy waters coming down from the north. The mingling of the two causes the water round fog already referred to.

In 1901, the Canadian government planted 80,000 trees on this sand pile to give a touch of beauty to the place and to check the ever shifting sands. Today they are all gone, root and stem. The cruel winds from the Atlantic swept them into the sea like nine pins.

In the interior grows a coarse grass and this offers herbage to the wild animal that roam the island.

Two score people dwell in this land of desolation. They include lighthouse keepers, patrolmen and their families.

At the west end of Sable Island is "Sailor's Home" which is a sort of hospital and resthaven for shipwrecked seamen while they are awaiting transportation to the mainland. On the walls of this crude building may be seen hundreds of carved names and dates. And behind each brief recording is the story of a shipwreck, of death and of rescue.

Also at the west end of the island is "French Gardens" enclosed by a crude wooden fence. Within this narrow plot lies the ashes of French convicts who were left on the island in the early days of Nova Scotia.

For long years these unfortunate people wondered why no ship came to rescue them. Finally the King of France sent a rescue ship and pardons, but it was a case of too late for most of them. Only the handful returned to France. The rest lie forever in French Gardens, the graveyard of the Atlantic.

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Nowadays we hear a lot about eternity but it appears but once in the Bible — Isaiah 57: 15.

Speaking about pint sized churches — you'll find the smallest church in the world at Covington, Kentucky. This midgit building accommodates only three persons, including the priest!

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