

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Short Course

If you have not filed your application to attend the Agricultural Short Course at the Vocational School commencing February 16, do so immediately by contacting the Supervisor of the Vocational School.

Junior Club News

The reorganizational meeting of the Baldwin's Road Poultry Club was held January 6, at Tom Curran's with 13 members present.

Poultry News

At a recent meeting of the Prince Edward Island Poultry Industry Committee, it was decided that a Chicken Bar-B-Q will be held in P.E.I. in 1954.

Good Seed

The seeds that you plant this spring can have a great effect not only on this year's crop but also on your whole farm program for the next year or more.

Dairy Farmers of Canada

Mr. Gilbert MacMillan has been reappointed President of Dairy Farmers of Canada, for the fifth year in succession.

PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT reduced 25% to 50%. The Bike Shop.

NOT TO-NIGHT—Next Wednesday—P. W. C. Hall. 8:00 p. m.

VISIT HI-STYLE MILLINERY 163 1/2 Great George Street. Every style Hi-style.

ALL TOYS reduced 33 1/3%. The Bike Shop.

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REGULATION hockey sticks to clear 59c. The Bike Shop.

FOR THE BEST IN VALENTINES see the Rust Craft selection at Reddin Bros.

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"WE TREAT THE SICK WELL". Giggery's Pharmacy, next Stewart's Bakery.

TEEN-AGE DRESSES. Coats, Jackets, etc., clearing at 33 1/2% off regular price. S. A. McDonald.

KEROSENE, Electric and Propane Gas, Refrigerators, Bryenton and Mackay.

"NEW HAVEN JAMBOREE" at Long Creek Hall, Friday, February 12th.

I LOVE YOU—Say it with a Rust Craft Valentine. The Island Book Room.

PRICES REDUCED ONE-THIRD on all winter merchandise in our Children's Department. S. A. McDonald.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

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Boys and girls of this generation may have their skating rinks, calf clubs, and so on, but how many of them ever lingered on their way home from school to watch the smith put shoes on a horse, or to see the miller grind a grist of wheat? When I look back over the years that have gone I consider myself fortunate to have been born in the north light or front door of pioneer days and the beginning of the machine age with all its marvels and labor-saving gadgets.

And I was born early enough to see the last of the stone fences erected by the early settlers. We had one on our farm running along the highway, while between us and our nearest neighbor was a fence made of huge pine stumps.

These we hauled to our home for kindling and replaced them by a modern wire fence.

Another popular fence on our farm in those days was what we called a brush fence. It was made of fresh cut fir and spruce of medium size and staked at the ends, and in the center to hold it in place.

This type of fence was used only to hold in the sheep when we put them out to pasture. It required considerable repairs from time to time, and that, incidentally, was Granddad's and my chore. He always kept his fences in Al condition and often expressed the wish that our neighbors would follow suite for as he put it, "gadding livestock are more troublesome than dogs that wouldn't stay on their own premises."

And speaking of straying dogs—well, Granddad simply would have none of them on our farm. Once they crossed the fields into our place he would yank out the old muzzle loader, fill it with a terrific charge of powder and shot and blow them right into kingdom come, no matter whose animals they were or whether they were of high or low pedigree.

He had to do so to protect our sheep from being killed by these gadding marauders.

I'll always remember the day the gasoline-driven engine was pulled into our barn, connected by belt to the old-fashioned drum and shaker and set in motion to thresh our harvest.

Prior to this we'd used the tread mill which was kept in motion by a couple of horses. When they grew tired of the monotonous tramp, tramp, they were taken off and a fresh pair put in their places.

If nothing serious happened like a breakdown, or bursting of the big fly-wheel, or a young horse kicking up and refusing to do his stuff, a threshing crew could run through enough sheaves to tally about 400 bushels of grain in one day.

A modern threshing outfit could chalk up a better record in just a few hours.

The Caplin tread mill was before my time, and before its advent farmers used the flail.

I can also remember the first year we had our grain cut with a binder. Granddad had much faith in the gadget although he'd hired the machine from one of our neighbors just to try it out. But when the field was cut down, and all the sheaves neatly tied he had to admit that it was better than the scythe of which implement he was master.

Often I have seen him mowing down a patch of clover or cutting around the fences with this scythe. He would stand almost straight and swing the blade in easy rhythmic strokes that left the fodder in almost perfect windrows.

"Let me try it," I said to him one day. It seemed so easy I felt sure I could make a creditable start. Then he passed the scythe to my hands and leaned against the fence to watch me.

"Watch out for your feet!" he cried when I made the first swing, "or you'll cut 'em clear from your legs." The second attempt was even worse than the first, but when I made the third swing and drove the point of the scythe well into the soil, Granddad took the thing out of my hands and said "I'd never make a scythe because I didn't know the 'just' thing about how it should be handled and that a good knife cost money and he couldn't afford to have the blade twisted.

Several times afterwards I tried to get the hang of it but to this day I've never learned to cut with a scythe. I know now that scything is a lost art just like embalming, the dead is lost art, and here-fore I don't want to have anything to do with either art.

(To Be Concluded)

and faithfully, through the year. Also the treasurer's report, Mrs. Augustus Downe, showed a balance after all requests and bills had been paid. The president thanked all the groups for the help she had received from them in the past year.

Rev. A. F. MacLean was called on to install the new officers for the coming year. He gave some complimentary remarks on the work of the W. A. in the church. This was followed by a short prayer. It was also decided at this meeting to have the annual turkey dinner in early March.

Novel Polio Campaign

On Friday the 12th of February the P. E. I. Polio Chapter is staging in Charlottetown a new method of raising funds. This method has been successfully tried in many American and other Canadian cities and is known as "Mothers March on Polio" or "Porch Light Battle against Polio."

This is not a direct house to house canvass but is an opportunity for householders to express their desire to contribute to the work of combating Polio by giving an indication such as leaving their porch light or front door light on between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m. on the evening of Friday, February 12th.

Some 80 volunteers are being provided by the Women's Organizations of Charlottetown, each of whom has been allotted a street and they will call on those houses which show the signal. They will have no sales talk as there is no pressure put upon anyone to give to this cause, they may be identified by the fact that they will carry a coin-cash distinctly marked "For Polio March of Dimes."

It is not practical to cover the entire city and therefore the residential areas only will be surveyed. These will include the areas west of Pownal and Spring Park Road and the area east of Prince and Upper Prince, together with the three main streets in Parkdale.

This is the first time such an economical method of raising much needed money has been tried and it is earnestly requested that all people interested in overcoming Polio will make some donation however small.

Remember 7 to 8 p. m. Friday the 12th of February.

Halifax Commercial Traveller Dies

HALIFAX, (CP)—Harry C. Murphy, 76, a commercial traveller who helped the poor and earned the Order of the British Empire for helping seamen in wartime, died here Sunday after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Murphy always thought of himself as a salesman, but it was his generosity and understanding that earned him a wide reputation for his efforts on behalf of the underprivileged.

He was actively engaged in Red Cross work for 31 years, and during the Second World War personally administered to the comfort of seamen aboard more than 5,000 merchant ships. For this he was awarded the O.B.E.

When he resigned after his third term as president of the Nova Scotia division of the Red Cross, the society said his retirement closed a chapter "unsurpassed in any local history for unselfish and unflinching devotion to volunteer service."

Resigned Last May he worked with nearly every charitable organization in the city, and only last May resigned as chairman of the Maritime division board of management of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

During his long career as a commercial traveller, he served with Moore and Partridge, the drygoods firms of Smith Bros., Halifax, and Greenshields and W. R. Brock, Montreal. He also went into business himself, as commission merchant.

During his 25 years in the selling business, he travelled over Cape Breton in districts where the railroad was still a dream, and often by foot and team in other parts of the Maritimes.

His colleagues often referred to him as "the human directory of the Maritimes."

He is survived by his widow, three daughters and two sons. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning from St. Thomas Aquinas Church, with interment in Holy Cross cemetery.

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The Kremlin in Moscow has brick walls from 20 to 30 yards high.

ELLEN'S DIARY

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him to banish any ogres of the night. "Hay is heavy stuff to lift—and you're getting to be pretty old, you know."

But we followed, helping them tuck plenty into the mangers, down the line of faces and at last to the team in the corner.

"Hay first—grain on top!" Gage said, opening a shutter.

"But not both together!" we exclaimed. "Your Grandfather..." "I know he chuckled, "but don't you find that he's just too fussy about the feeding? As long as they lick it up, what difference?" And we smiled too. What could a little lad like this know of "the eye of the master" so necessary to "fatten the ox?"

Until tomorrow - - - - - Diary - - - - - Good-night - - - - -

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our Father, GORDON G. HOUSTON who died February 10th, 1946.

Always Remembered by Evelyn and Lloyd.

We And Our Neighbours

by Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

A RATHER HAZARDOUS ASCENT

Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Mt. Everest is making a tour of the United States and Canada, and I was privileged to hear him, my first week in New York, and to view the breath-taking technical films of the expedition.

Two other members of the party spoke: George Lowe, a fellow countryman from New Zealand, who oddly enough is a primary school teacher, and Charles Evans, a distinguished British surgeon. But it seemed to be Hillary who filled almost every seat in the vast auditorium and four encircling balconies of Carnegie Hall, (capacity 2600) at each of his two appearances.

Hillary is of course the one who reached the very summit of Mt. Everest (together with Tenzing, the Sherpa tribesman) but there is something about Hillary's manner and appearance that makes a special impact on the audience.

There is power in the tall thin figure, and magnetism in the oval face with the lengthened chin and protruding lower lip, and wide warm smile.

To hear Hillary speak the 29,000 ft. ascent was not an extraordinary accomplishment, really. Yes, it was rough at times. Some of the men did slip occasionally into crevices (who knows how deep!), but they had foreseen such emergencies and were tied to a rope and were pulled out none the worse. Indeed, this seemed rather funny to Hillary who spoke with a chuckle of one man who had a particular gift for finding and falling into ice-holes! Rather serious, Hillary admitted, was the problem of getting enough air. For the last 7,000 feet, breathing was precarious, even with gas-masks — and sometimes sprang a leak. However, luck was with them, and no permanent damage was done.

The nights were somewhat hazardous commented Hillary. One could only hope that the great overhanging crags would not reave hundreds of tons of snow upon them while they slept. Or that the heavy spears of ice would not break off; or that the snow-storms would not come. But it hadn't really been as bad as it looked, smiled Hillary.

Such undertakings were amusing in face of the actual facts shown by the films. The first part of the ascent was beautiful and not difficult. The party encamped on a fertile plateau, in a corner of the grounds set aside as a training college for Lamas. The Holy Men of Tibet. Here they stayed for three weeks—to fatten up (men like migratory birds can store fat) against the time when it is possible to lose four or five pounds a day. Later they climbed, for a while, up slopes starred with orchids, and glowing with giant blossoms in brilliant colors, and the air was warm and fragrant.

But very soon, vegetation gave way to naked cliffs, and often these became steel-blue ice-walls, perpendicular miles upon miles of them, where foot-holds had to be chipped in as they climbed. Now and then, too, fissures, like sword-blades, suddenly appeared, making it necessary to crawl on hands and knees along rope ladders. Imagine these "somewhat hazardous" performances in the face of terrifically strong and icy winds, with the constant threat of avalanches!

How was it possible for the entire party—even the porters laden down with tons of equipment, to come back safely from this perilous journey? Hillary constantly stressed the element of luck, and this surely was significant. But he did not minimize the arduous preparation, with minute attention

to each detail, nor the great advantage gained through the experience of the many less fortunate ventures, and through the newest medical and technological discoveries.

Wise planning and the accumulated knowledge of the past, must figure in every great achievement. But there is another factor... the feeling of the people involved toward each other. Hillary acknowledged this repeatedly, and Sir John Hunt, leader of the British expedition, pointed out the "comradship, teamwork and persistent courage" that brought success.

Fittingly then, Hillary planted, at the very top of the world, the Union Jack, the flags of India, Nepal, and the United Nations, thus representing all members of the expedition. For a thrilling moment on the screen, we saw these emblems, seemingly secure — with nothing above them but the sky. "But," said Hillary "they couldn't have lasted more than fifteen minutes in the wind. We never did stop to look back." He is looking forward, however, he assured us, to other mountains to conquer.

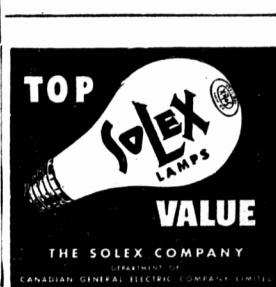
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