

Tignish United Congregation To Observe Anniversary Sun.

ALBERTON — Rev. Dewis J. Miller, Rector, BA, BD, will be the guest preacher at the anniversary church service in Tignish United Congregation Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Rector, minister of the United Church in Oxford, N.S., is a former pastor of the West Cape Breton and is well known favorably known in the western part of the province.

A special music will be sung by the Wilnot Quartet, one of the best known church quartets in the Maritime Provinces.

The history of the Tignish congregation dates back more than 100 years when a community church was built about the present site of the village. It was presided by Episcopalian, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist people.

The present edifice was built by the Presbyterian church in 1883 and dedicated in July of that year.

Ministers of the Presbyterian tradition who served Tignish in the early days were Allan Fraser, Rev. A.F. Carr, Rev. George Fisher, Rev. J. A. MacKay, Rev. A.D. Murray, Rev. W.A. MacKay, Rev. J.H. MacHattie, Rev. Emmanuel Lockhart and Rev. T.L. Williams.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Johnson Violin's Traditions

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

I SAW a "Stradivarius" violin last week and the story of how it came to the home of Joseph Johnson in Georgetown is just as interesting as the instrument itself.

Mr. Johnson's father was a carpenter from the West Indies with Captain Hugh MacPhee, father of the late H. Frank MacPhee who was one of the most capable lawyers. Mr. Johnson found he had the wrong suitcase when he opened it in his home, and it contained the old violin in its case. The man who took Mr. Johnson's suitcase by mistake was drowned when the ship he was on was lost off Pamunore Island shortly afterward.

Before I leave that part of the story, I should tell you that Mr. Johnson's suitcase had also contained an item valuable to him. It was his mother's gold wedding ring.

HERE'S ALWAYS a question whether a Stradivarius violin is a genuine master or not. Mr. Johnson doesn't know, but his instrument carries the name of the old master and the words "Anno 1717" which dates it almost 200 years ago. I didn't hear it for there was nobody around at the time who could play it but I was told it is "in tune" and I would spend the money.

Mr. Johnson has had many offers for the instrument ranging up to \$1,000, but it's not for sale, he told me. "It's a valued and treasured heirloom. Now if I sold it I would spend the money and have nothing left," he explained. Offers include one from the Boston Pop orchestra people, which qualified the bid by saying they wanted to take it as the old violin to use in it.

Assessed value of violins made by Stradivari runs from \$15,000 to \$50,000, an issue of a nationally known American magazine stated some time ago. It said in part:

"The remarkable resonance, a unique carrying power, a full, rich sonority, an ineffable sweetness—Antonio Stradivari, 1644-1707, 'had an instinctive knowledge of acoustics' the magazine emphasized.

Chair Carved From Market Sq. Tree

MY FINDING Mr. Johnson came as a result of my search for an old chair of considerable historic value which has been in Holy Trinity Church for some time.

I have to thank Edward Easton, owner of the interesting museum at Georgetown, for telling me he had the chair and to help me to see Mr. Johnson who kindly opened the old church and showed me the chair.

The old story says it was carved from a tree that was cut when the site for the first market house was being cleared on Market Square. I couldn't trace all of its history—If anyone knows it I would appreciate a call—but it does know that it was here for a time by the late Maria Easton who died here April 5, 1963 in her 102nd year, and I understand she gave it to the church. The old chair is certainly an interesting piece of furniture carved in a time when it was in one piece, with the exception of a separate seat on top of the chair back, which I believe was a piece cut off.

Grisly Rum Barrel Keeps Them Happy

A RELIABLE lady from Prince County tells me a "true story" that has its origin in the Bidford area, not far from where the fisheries biological station is situated at Ellerslie.

The girls and two boys were married mostly by men from the Bidford, Devon areas and a sea-going captain took on a neighbour's young son as cabin boy for a lengthy voyage that ended with a call at the Bahamas for a cargo of rum.

On the way home the young boy sickened and died. The captain died at sea, because the ship was so close to his parents' home, so he broached a punchon of rum, but the boy's body inside and reeked and marked the cork he could tell it in from the others. Other casks were unloaded when the boat reached this province, but Malpas Bay was discovered and the rum was used for the winter.

Horse Pumps Own Drink Of Water

LAST WEEK'S column on horse stories of the long ago, brought many comments and a story suggestion from John Martin of the New Brunswick.

Ernest Cullen, former agriculture minister, who is the proprietor of the early days of an old black horse, Sam, that showed some unusual intelligence.

The Cullen had an old horse-power machine hooked up to the hayrack pump so the horses could get water from the stock. The platform was rigged so the horses could easily get on to the tread-mill portion, and off again without trouble.

Sam knew that, apparently, for he would come for a drink. The water trough was empty, and promptly walk on to the mill and pump some water, then back off carefully and have turned a drink.

"It's one of the better stories I have heard and I thought you might like it too.

Congratulations To Institutes

A PACKED auditorium gave full marks to the Provincial Women's Institutes on Wednesday night for their production of a colorful pageant which portrayed vividly some of the scenes and activities of 40 to 50 years ago. I'm not going to mention any individuals, even though they appear to be worthy of it, for I couldn't possibly be overlooking some worthy ladies. So here's a shout-out to everyone who helped make the 50th anniversary party so grand.

I have always had a warm spot in my heart for the Institutes. In the earlier days of their existence they started the trend toward better schooling, better facilities and a period when improvements were badly needed. The costumes of those days were different, as the pageant showed, but the women were the same, in fact I suspect to several of them, that the costumes made little difference anyway. They seemed to have been doing the same things they were doing today, with more glamorous dress and more modern beauty aids.

Married Women Working Said Individual's Problem

By JEAN KOENIG

The topic of married women working outside the home is a individual question; "in some cases it causes ruin, in some cases it is a blessing." This is the opinion of Mrs. Georda Van Beekhoff, Holland, president of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Mrs. Van Beekhoff is visiting Charlottetown this week as part of a Canadian tour that will take in each province.

"Many of our members are successful business women," she continued, but added that on farms women have always, in every way that one can see, worked outside the home.

Since she was first elected to the post of president in 1959, Mrs. Beekhoff has spent approximately three months each year

in visiting countries who have membership in the association. Next year she will visit India.

159 SOCIETIES

The Associated Country Women of the World is the organization that links up 159 countries. Mrs. Van Beekhoff added, however, that although the main part of the membership is made up of rural women, it is not limited to them. "Nowadays the distinction between rural and urban is fading."

Mrs. Van Beekhoff regrets the



MRS. VAN BEEKHOFF

ALBERTON'S PAGE

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Country Women Lead To Visit West Prince

ALBERTON — Mrs. Georda Van Beekhoff, president of the Associated Country Women of the World, will be guest of honor at a reception in Alberton when the Women's Institutes of West Prince will host her Saturday afternoon. Institute members in the four districts of the province will be present.

All WI members west of Summerside are cordially invited to attend. The reception will begin at 3 p.m. It is anticipated that Mrs. Van Beekhoff will address the gathering.

Mrs. Van Beekhoff came to this province Wednesday to attend the fifth annual convention of the Women's Institutes of Prince Edward Island. The federated Women's Institutes of Canada is a member organization of the ACWW of which she is president and her visit is of widespread interest in this rural province. On her tour of the western part of the province she will be accompanied by several members of the provincial executive.

Mrs. Van Beekhoff, the daughter of a clergyman, was born in Holland and was educated in Holland, England and Switzerland. She speaks English, French and German fluently. By profession she is a nurse.

Now the wife of a Dutch farmer, she lives in the agricultural area between the Maas and the Rhine rivers. With his occupation of fruit farming her husband combines the duties of purveyor and count of the dykes of the district. His duty of guarding the dykes is a most important one since the area is particularly susceptible to flood.

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image presented to foreign countries in films, but 'you can't fight Hollywood,' she says. "At some conferences resolutions have been passed, but I don't think they will help."

ACWW work now tends to focus more on the aid schemes, she said. She feels that everyone must carry a load of responsibility for developing countries and help the women there as much as possible.

HELP THEMSELVES

The aid programs do not focus on mere donation of food, she added. A man given food will be happy today but hungry tomorrow. "We must try to improve conditions so that people can help themselves."

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WEATHER	
TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the weather office:	
Min.	Max.
Dawson	53 47
Vancouver	59 66
Victoria	52 67
Edmonton	54 65
Regina	50 58
Calgary	50 58
Winnipeg	63 84
Ottawa	58 82
Montreal	60 79
Fredericton	62 82
Saint John	60 78
Halifax	58 78
Charlottetown	58 69
Sydney	58 73
Yarmouth	53 68
St. John's	51 77

HAZARUS (CP) — The weather office says only a few clouds were reported in the skies over the Maritimes late Thursday except for afternoon cloudy periods, skies will be mostly sunny with temperatures clustered near the slightly degree mark at inland localities today.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Sunny with afternoon cloudy periods and warmer; light westerly winds. Low and high at Charlottetown 55 and 75.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2.44 a.m. and 2.22 p.m. At Rustico at 9.11 a.m. and 10.40 p.m. Summer tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4:40 and sets at 7:20.

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