

Burns' Night Celebrations Planned Across The Nation

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Something less than 200 years ago a farmland called Burns stood one day behind a plow in his father's fields in Ayrshire and whispered fiercely into the Scottish sky:

"That I for poor auld Scotland's sake
"Some useful plan or book could make,
"Or sing a sang at least."

Troubled, rebellious Robert Burns was, fortunately, hopeless at farming. After two tries at making a living off the land, he deserted the plow permanently.

In June, 1786, Burns and his friends watched skeptically the publication of the first book of his poems at Kilmarnock.

Says an encyclopedic version of his life: "The result was a furor of appreciation which dazzled and somewhat unbalanced the young farmer."

Robbie Burns got his wish to "sing a sang" for Scotland. The Kilmarnock volume was the overture. He went on, until his death amid poverty at 37, to create a symphony of the Scottish spirit.

The fact that Scotsmen around the world still drink his health on the anniversary of his birth is perhaps the best indication of Burns' impact on English literature.

This year, on Jan. 25, Scottish societies and the 1,600,000 Canadians of Scots descent will observe the 200th anniversary of the poet's birth at Ayr.

TYPICAL OBSERVANCE
This Saturday, at Saint John, N.B., the Heather Society and the Church of St. Stephen and St. John will conduct a typical Burns night observance—one day early.

The bard will be eulogized and there will be recitations of his works. Singing, highland dancing—although Burns was a lowlander—and piping in the haggis are included. The haggis consists of the heart, lungs and liver of a sheep boiled inside the stomach with suet and oatmeal.

Also on Saturday the Halifax North British Society will hold a Burns dinner with Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, president of Acadia University, proposing the toast.

The Burns cause got a setback, however, at Vancouver where the annual dinner of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society has been cancelled because of the steadily declining support of recent years.

Said President Sam Mackay: "If we can stir up enough enthusiasm we'll probably place a wreath on the Burns monument in Stanley Park." However, even without the St. Andrew's and Caledonian affair, there will be 12 assorted dinners dedicated to the Scottish poet in Vancouver, Victoria's Scots plan wreath-layings, too.

HAGGIS PROMISED
The St. Andrew's Society of Quebec City has put its Burns night and dinner dance ahead to Jan. 30. Scottish-born president John Hardie will deliver a eulogy—The Immortal Memory. Last

year, somebody forgot to bring the haggis but there'll be one this year although, says secretary John Josselyn, "we don't have a real stag-up do like they have in Montreal."

The Edmonton Scottish Society will hold its Burns supper Saturday but other groups in the Alberta capital are speech-making and eating all week to the poet's memory.

Montreal's Caledonian Society has a huge bicentennial dinner scheduled for tonight while Toronto has been whooping it up in the Burns vein since Jan. 17 when the Sons of Scotland held their annual fling.

More than a score of Burns nights, suppers, dinners and parties have been or will be held at Toronto alone.

Election Contests Are Seen Likely In Three S' Side Wards

SUMMERSIDE—J. L. Raynor, Summerside business man will be a candidate in the East Ward in the coming election if it was learned last evening indicating a contest in all three wards on election day, February 24th.

Mr. Raynor who resides on Duke Street is president of J.L. Raynor Construction Ltd., president of Maritime Real Estate, and president of Maritime Builders Ltd., Moncton, N.B.

He will be contesting the East Ward against Councillor Elmer Newson who announced several weeks ago that he would seek re-election.

Contests are also expected in the other two wards with the announcements that Gord Kelly, a partner in the firm of Victory Dry Cleaners, has indicated his intention to run in the West Ward against Councillor Leo Wood, who will seek re-election and that of Ernest Morrison, president of the firm of P.E.I. Concrete Products Ltd., as a candidate in the Centre Ward.

Councillor Dr. H. E. Clark incumbent has not announced as yet whether he intends to seek re-election.

North Bedeque Men's Club

The regular monthly meeting of the North Bedeque Charge Men's Club met in Travellers Rest hall, January 14th, with the President, Allen Clow, presiding.

Birt Poole led in the devotional period, after the usual singsong Roy Watkin read the scripture. Rev. Mr. Brown led in prayer. Allison Profit had some interesting church news.

Bible study with Rev. Mr. Brown as leader was taken from the 23rd chapter of Mark, which led to an interesting spiritual discussion.

The ladies of Travellers Rest served lunch and was duly thanked by Henry Reeves, Freetown.

SPITSBERGEN COAL

Norwegian coal mines on the Arctic island of Spitsbergen shipped 300,000 tons in 1958.

Alberton Fire Dept. Reports Only Half Of Fees Are Paid

ALBERTON—The regular meeting of Alberton Fire Department was held last night in the Legion Home with Fire Chief Perley Hardy presiding. Minutes were read by secretary-treasurer, Clayton Travers.

The lack of response to a recent notice to the rural areas regarding payment of the annual fee required by the brigade was discussed at some length. The secretary noted that only about half the sum raised last year has been paid to date. The only district paid up 100 per cent is Mill River East.

It was finally decided to hold the matter over for another month before taking any action. A number of members volunteered to assist with the work of filling the new water reservoir on Poplar Street with the job to start today, weather permitting.

Following the theft of a number of articles from the fire hall, the fire chief stated that the building will be locked at all times with six members having keys. Besides the theft of fire fighting equipment the fire truck had been tampered with. Following a discussion on two recent fires the meeting adjourned.

Minstrel Show At Alberton

ALBERTON—Following is the program of a minstrel show, sponsored by the CWL and presented in Alberton Parish Hall: Interlocutor, J. A. Noonan; end men, Rastus (J. H. Barrett); Bones (Raymond Ahearn); Sawdust (Erskine Murphy); Tambo (Gerald O'Brien).

Opening choruses, "Deacon Jones" and "Dixie"; solo, J. H. Barrett; step dance, Mrs. Glen O'Brien; duo, Cheryl Rogers and Mary Dalton; recitation, Kevin Howard; solo, Mary Shea; step dance, Mrs. Glen O'Brien and Alfred Foley; duo, Gerald O'Brien and Mrs. W. A. Shea; fiddling, Elmer Robinson; solo, Mrs. Michael Ahearn; closing choruses, "In The Evening By The Moonlight" and "Now Is The Hour".

Department's Soil Course At Tignish Is Well Attended

TIGNISH—A soil short course sponsored by the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture was held in the Dalton School here Wednesday afternoon and evening presided over by Rev. Floyd MacGaugh, with a very large attendance from Tignish and surrounding area.

The afternoon program consisted of lectures and demonstrations of "soil testing" by Allan Palmer, Prince County agriculture representative; fertilization, by David Rogers, agronomy

field man of Charlottetown, "seed and seeding" by director of field work, David Peacock and "pastures" by David Rogers, which consisted of a lecture on general management of pastures, followed by a discussion group.

The evening program was highlighted by an address by Alton Rayner, potato inspector on "care and handling of potatoes" in which much interest was shown and many queries answered.

As well, the large gathering heard lectures on dairy herd improvement and with the organization of a Dairy Herd Improvement Association following the meeting, Prince County is now completely covered by such organizations.

Assault Case Is Adjourned

SUMMERSIDE—The case of a Summerside man charged with assault was adjourned until Feb. 5th when the accused appeared in Magistrate's Court here Thursday morning.

The man pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The case of a Roseville man charged with possession of a still was further adjourned to Jan. 29th when the accused failed to appear in court because of icy road conditions which prevented him from making the trip to Summerside.

A fine of \$20 and costs was levied a Summerside man when he pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing intoxicated liquor at a place other than his residence.

As a result of this charge two other Summerside men have been charged with illegal sale of intoxicating liquor. Their cases were adjourned until Feb. 3rd. Magistrate R.S. Hinton, Q.C., presided.

McNeill; solo, Raymond Ahearn; trio, Mrs. J. A. Noonan, M. E. Callaghan, and Miss Thelma Ahearn; solo, Wayne McKinnon; accordion music by Henry Myers, accompanied by Erskine Murphy; duo, "Dr. Dannie and Nurse Nancy"—John Foley and Patsy McKinnon; solo, Helen Barrett; fiddling by Prince County champion fiddler Elmer Robinson; choruses, "Sail Along Silver Moon" and "Drifting And Dreaming".

Meeting Held Of Sigma-Phi

SUMMERSIDE—The Beta chapter of Sigma-Phi Sorority met at the home of Mrs. Keith Lapp, Summerside on Wednesday evening, Mrs. Claude Ives presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. E. McCausland.

Welcome was extended to guests Mrs. Kay McIvor and Mrs. Keith Pickard. Two members were delegated to make cup cakes for the Chronic Care Unit. It was decided to hold a bridge party at the home of Miss Wanda Wyatt on February 18th.

The cultural program entitled "Interpretation of Love" given by Mrs. Eldon Jones, Mrs. Ferno Rogers and Mrs. Clarence Mercer was much enjoyed.

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Each of these officers will spend a month in the Queen's household in London before the tour to familiarize himself with his duties. (National Defence Photo)

WESTERN GUARDIAN

SCHOOL SKATE Friday, afternoon 2 to 4 providing weather suitable.

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings, entertainments, etc., are requested to place these announcements in the name of the sponsoring organization.

CRAPAUD RINK Skating every Saturday 8 to 10. "Hot" skating every Friday 3 to 5.

KENSINGTON Rink tonight Friday, 7:30 Summerside Bantams vs. Kensington Batams; 8:30 Prince of Wales College vs. Kensington Juveniles. Skate after.

BEDEQUE RINK tonight Friday South Shore hockey league Bedeque Beavers vs. Lot 16 Rangers. Game time 8:30 skate after. "Free school skate this afternoon 2:30 to 4:30 if weather favorable, if not Saturday.

PANTRY SALE Saturday Jan. 24th Presbyterian Church Hall, Kensington at 3:00 o'clock sponsored by the Adult Group.

CRAPAUD RINK minor hockey tonight Paperweights 7 p.m. Bantams 8:15 Midgets 9 p.m. All school children 10 cents Adults 35 cents.

CRAPAUD RINK Saturday 3 p.m. Charlottetown Pee Wees vs. Crapaud Pee Wees; 3:45 Charlottetown Midgets vs. Crapaud Midgets. Admission 10c.

FUNERAL HELD—The funeral of the late Mrs. Maria McKenna was held on Thursday, January 22, from the residence of Damien Sheehan to St. Malachy's Church, Kinkora, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the pastor Rev. Harold Croken who also performed the services at the grave. Interment was in the church cemetery. Pall bearers were Cedric McKenna, Everett McKenna, Fred McCarville, Ignatius Lawless, Cecil Trainor, Raymond Kelly.

Sherbrooke WI Holds Meeting

SUMMERSIDE—The January meeting of Sherbrooke W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Fred MacKinnon.

Thirteen members answered roll call by a health rule. There was one visitor present.

Five dollars was voted for the TB League also \$5 to be sent to the March of Dimes. The secretary read a paper prepared by Mrs. Lincoln Dewar on the valuable uses of potatoes. Cards of thanks were read for Christmas cards and treats received.

Sick committee members are: Mrs. Robert Milligan and Mrs. Alvin Matthews; school, Mrs. Ray Harris. The members are getting material to sew and knit for Red Cross.

FUNERAL HELD—Funeral services were held at the Bowness Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon for the late R. W. Squarbriggs who passed away at Churchill Manitoba. Rev. C.R. Webber, minister of Trinity United Church, was the officiating clergyman. Members of the Canadian Legion were in attendance with legion ceremonies under the direction of Aylre Arsenault. Interment took place in People's Cemetery. Pallbearers were D. O. Stewart, Ernest MacQuarrie, Eric MacKay, Robert Mollison, Brenton Clark and Cecil Palmer.

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Delaware Oyster Sales Moratorium Suggested

BIVALVE, N.J. (AP)—Rutgers University zoology professor proposed Thursday a moratorium on Delaware Bay oyster marketing to give oysters that have survived Epidemic X time to reproduce.

At the same time, Dr. Harold H. Haskin urged officials to push their investigation into the nature of the disease which has crippled the oyster industry in this area and elsewhere in the United States and Canada.

Haskin's comments were made at the conclusion of an all-day conference at the Rutgers University Marine Research Station here attended by marine biologists from Canada, Virginia, Maryland, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, local government officials and commercial oyster men.

The experts will continue their investigation at Chincoteague, Va., Friday.

NATURAL RESISTANCE
Haskin said the best chance for the industry's recovery lies in the development of an oyster strain with a natural resistance to the disease.

"Oysters that have survived and are carrying the resistant factors should not be marketed," he said. "Through state and federal aid they should remain in spawning."

In normal years the Delaware Bay oyster industry grossed \$5,000,000 annually and employed 2,000 persons. Haskin said the 1957-58 harvest was one-tenth that figure and will be even smaller for the current harvest.

In Canada, the epidemic has almost wiped out the Prince Edward Island oyster industry.

Haskin said that the P.E.I. industry suffered a similar blight 40 years ago, but it developed a resistant strain and the industry grew up again.

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POWS STILL MISSING
PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP)—The UN command Thursday demanded an accounting of 2,147 Allied prisoners still missing from the Korean War. The Communists rejected the UN demand. They countercharged that the Allies still are detaining 98,742 Communist war prisoners.

Had Relations In Miscouche

Friends and relatives from far and near attended the funeral Jan. 12 of Mary Margaret (Margie) Gillis, 1926-1959 eldest daughter of Mrs. Urban R. Gillis, and the late Urban R. Gillis of Miscouche, P. E. I.

Margie had lived in California since 1939. In July, accompanied by her mother and sister Cathy, she came home to visit her sister Eleanor and her brother Donnie in Miscouche. She was the victim of a serious heart condition in October. Since then she was ill in P. C. Hospital, where she passed away on January 8th, 1959.

In Los Angeles, where she went for her health, she was very happy. She graduated from Holy Angels High School and also graduated from Chinua's Art School of Los Angeles. She pursued her talent in Art and also had a great love for music. Gifted in many ways, beautiful by nature, but above all, deeply religious, Margie was loved by all especially her devoted parents and members of her family.

Requiem High Mass was sung by her pastor Rev. J. Kelly, Rev. Dr. Martin Monaghan, former pastor and life-long friend, was in the Sanctuary. The Cong. de Notre Dame Sisters attended in a body. She was laid to rest beside her loving father who predeceased her. Although far from her adopted land of sunny California, she now rests in the blessed soil of her homeland—her gentle soul in God's perpetual care.

She leaves to mourn besides her bereaved mother, Mrs. Clara Gillis, i. e. Eleanor, Mrs. P. Brown of Miscouche; Donald of Miscouche and Betty, Helen and Cathy of Los Angeles. Her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walsh of Los Angeles predeceased her by four years.

Springhill's Miner Ruddick Is Picked Citizen Of Year

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—Singing miner Maurice Ruddick said Thursday his being named Canada's Citizen of 1958 in a newspaper poll is "just about the greatest thing that has happened to me."

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High School Group Guests At Y's Men's Club Meeting

SUMMERSIDE—At last night's meeting of the Summerside Y's Men's Club held at the Y Centre on Green Street, Jim Murphy chaired one of the most interesting meetings ever held by the club, when a panel of Summerside High School students, consisting of Janet Graham, CGIT, Nancy Coffin, H.E.Y., Jimmy Hogan, K. of C. Youth Club, and Lowell Moose, Tuxis, answered in a very capable manner the many questions relating to teenagers and their problems thrown at them by four groups of Y's men.

It was felt that this should be to Institute headquarters in Charlottetown for judging in annual contest.

Ten dollars was voted to be donated to the March of Dimes and \$1 in membership fee to C. A. C. Two new members joined the Institute. Plans were made for a parcel post sale in March and Mrs. Robert Schurman volunteered to write literature and have it ready for the last of this month.

A discussion on the Lobster Carnival followed regarding a handicraft booth and ways and means of entering a float in the carnival parade. It was decided to write a letter to Charles Hogan regarding this and come to a final decision at the next meeting.

At the next meeting the roll call will be answered by homemade valentines and a prize will be given for the most elaborate.

During the social hour auction was played and prizes were won by Mrs. M. Lyla, Mrs. B. Crozier, Mrs. F. Simmons and Mrs. F. MacQuarrie.

Silver Birch WI Plans Booth In Lobster Carnival

SUMMERSIDE—Mrs. Jean Champion, Summerside East entertained for the January meeting of the Silver Birch W. I. when 17 members and 4 visitors were present.

The sick and visiting committee reported 6 boxes of fruit delivered to elderly people for Christmas also toys for 5 children. The new sick committee comprises Mrs. Wallace Simmons and Mrs. Robert Rankin.

The program committee, submitted a prepared booklet outlining the meetings for the next 12 months. This booklet met with approval and is forwarded

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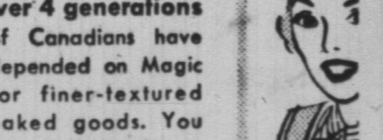
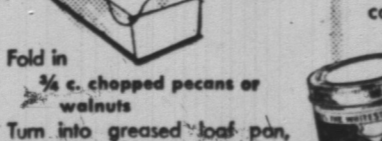
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