

# Lake Ainslie Itch Problem To Be Probed

HALIFAX (CP) — A biology professor is going to spend the summer trying to run down an ailment known in Nova Scotia as "Lake Ainslie Itch," but something that has been irritating people around the world for centuries.

Itch, almost always contracted from the waters of a certain lake or pond, turns the skin into red blotches similar to measles. It can be extremely painful.

Prof. John Farley of Dalhousie University here says he knows what causes the itch. It's a tiny parasite carried to the lake by birds. The parasite uses water snails to complete its reproduction cycle to the larvae stage.

The trouble is, the parasite can't distinguish between snails and the skin of a human swimming in the lake. It can't continue to live in the human body but before it dies the irritating infection has established itself. Prof. Farley said his studies at Lake Ainslie, a favorite tourist and camping spot in Cape Breton, will be centred on determining which bird or birds carry the parasite to the lake. Once that is established a method of eradication will have to be found. That, says Prof. Farley, is the difficult part.



## YOUNG PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES ELECT EXECUTIVE

Del O'Brien (CENTRE), a 30-year-old Pembroke lawyer, was elected president of the Young Progressive Conservatives at their annual meeting in Ottawa Sunday. With him are Jean Sirois, 28, of Quebec City, who was elected vice-

president, and Walter R.E. Goodfellow, 31, of Halifax, the retiring vice-president. (CP Wirephoto)

## Road Came Too Late For B.C. Community

CAPE SCOTT, B.C. (CP)—On the unprotected northern tip of Vancouver Island, the empty houses of Cape Scott lie bleak beside the Pacific.

Three families — lighthouse keepers and their wives and children—live here now. But 40 years ago 800 people lived here, farmed and fished, built a community hall and danced in it to the distinctive wail of the Scandinavian fiddle.

Danish pioneers labored here for two generations, started a sawmill, a store, a post office, a telegraph office, a newspaper and a small-boat mooring.

Wild cattle roam the area today. Rusty harness gear hangs on tottering walls, and the hand-hewn bridges lead nowhere.

N. P. Jensen, a Danish fisherman, sailed up the west coast of Vancouver Island in 1896, and found the hay meadows at the head of a deep lagoon about four miles south of Cape Scott.

Another Dane, Rasmus Hansen, led the first settlers to the site, and the settlement began to grow.

The idea, apparently, was to live from fishing and trapping until crops matured and a road was built to Cape Scott—and the settlers seem to have been convinced that a road was coming.

Their crops—small fruits and vegetables—were prolific, and largely consumed locally. Without a road, there was no ready way to take them to market.

Home-made fishing boats were no match for the Pacific gales that regularly flail the cape, they found. Trapping was profitable, but the pelts had to be carried out to Port Hardy, 50 miles over foot trails.

There was no doubt about the richness of the area. About 40 years ago, surveyor H. H. Browne reported to the B.C. legislature that no other area in the province could produce such yields of vegetables and small fruits.

But it took a war to get the all-important road built, and by then it was too late. A radar base was established at Cape Scott during the Second World War, and a plank road was constructed from Cape Scott to the RCAF base at Holberg, about 20 miles south.

But the settlement had fallen in on itself by then. Families left for more hospitable climes, more accessible locations. They turned their cattle loose to roam, left the butter churns in the kitchens and the wagons in the yards.

No fruit and vegetables move south now from the lush hay meadows, and the plank road is rotting, plank by plank.

## Cape Breton Being Advised To Prepare Mine Closing

OTTAWA (CP)—If another Elliot Lake situation is to be avoided Cape Breton must start planning now for the inevitable end of its coal mining operations, the retired chairman of the Dominion Coal Board said Saturday.

Mr. Colin L. O'Brien, who retired Thursday, said in an interview he wasn't suggesting the end of mining was just around the corner. "But whether in 20, 30 or 40 years away they must start to prepare for the inevitable closing."

Cape Breton coal mines at present, particularly the four major ones, operate in long, sloping tunnels that run under the sea. "Every foot you go further down just makes it that more expensive."

Eventually it becomes uneconomical to continue operations because the deeper you worked "the more time it takes to get the men down and back; it costs more to bring the coal up the greater distance; and it costs more to pump down air for ventilation and to get supplies down."

"The time has come when we must look forward to the ultimate closing... we don't want another Elliot Lake on our hands."

Mr. O'Brien said there is an opportunity to open one new mine in the Lingan area, between New Waterford and Glace Bay in Cape Breton.

"It's the last piece of untouched coal and this new mine would provide the opportunity to work-out a gradual easing out of coal production entirely."

"With the additional life this new mine can give the industry they can avoid the sudden cut-off of all mining and the associated social and economic problems this would create."

## PIUSVILLE

Mrs. Herbert Corcoran, Piusville, attended an Institute convention held in Charlottetown recently.

Kevin Murray and Alton Ramsey left recently for British Columbia.

Mr. Louis Jones, Bloomfield, has returned home after undergoing surgery in the Charlottetown Hospital.

Mrs. George Barnett is a patient in the Western Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gallant, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Gallant motored to Charlottetown recently.

Aleitha Corcoran, a student X-ray technician at the Charlottetown Hospital, spent the past weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Corcoran.

## DISCUSS FAMILY LIFE

GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—A conference on family life, organized by the policy review committee of the New Democratic Party, will be held here Saturday, March 5. The conference is designed to "bring out new ideas and solutions to the problems of rural life in Ontario," said the committee chairman, Professor John Harney of the University of Guelph.

## CLAIM SCHOOL STRAFED

HONG KONG (Reuters)—North Viet Nam Friday accused American planes of strafing a kindergarten and killing 10 children and two women teachers. The North Viet Nam news agency also reported that eight other children and six adults were injured in the attack Feb. 24 at the kindergarten at Li Ninh state farm in North Viet Nam.

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## CITY & QUEENS

CARD PARTY at Community Centre Monday, March 7 at 8 p.m.

## KINGS COUNTY

BINGO at Montague Legion Home every Monday night at 8 p.m.

## PRINCE COUNTY

VARIETY CONCERT Murray Harbour North Hall, Wednesday, March 9th, at 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by the choir.

## PRINCE COUNTY

KENSINGTON RINK tonight (Monday): first game finals Farmers League — Halls New London Combines vs. Kensington Seabrooks. Game time 8:15 p.m.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

MACLEOD — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on March 3, 1966, to Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacLeod, Vernon River, a son, stillborn.

MACMILLAN — LAC, David and Delma (nee MacCabe), are happy to announce the arrival of a son at the Hospital Hotel Dieu, Chatham, N.B., on March 3, 1966, David William Fredrick, tipped the scales at 6 lb., 13 oz.

COFFIN — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coffin, Stratford, Ontario, a son, Gerald Scott on February 27, 1966. Weight 10 lb., 3 ozs.

ROMANIANS READ MUCH — Romanians printed more than 70,000,000 books in 1965.

# IN MEMORIAM

MacPHAIL — In loving memory of dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. Carrie MacPhail who passed away one year ago today March 7, 1965. There's a smile we'll always remember. A voice we'll always recall. And a memory we will cherish for ever.

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## TAX BID TRAMPLED

TORONTO (CP)—The provincial government Thursday vetoed Toronto's attempt to levy its own race track tax.

Reverend M. Carl Currie of Murray Harbour North conducted the funeral and presided at interment. His message was beautifully appropriate.

Two favourite hymns of the deceased, The Lord's My Shepherd and In The Sweet Bye and Bye, were feelingly rendered by the Brooklyn Trio, Malcolm Munro, Johnny Bears and Willard Bruce.

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# OBITUARY

## MRS. ALEXANDER M. MacPHERSON

There passed away on February 9, 1966, at the Livingstone-MacArthur Nursing Home Mrs. Alexander M. MacPherson of Union Road, Kings County.

She was the former Catherine MacDonald, born May 1, 1877, one of twelve children of the late Allan Hector and Euphemia (Munro) MacDonald of Kinross.

One sister, Christine, Mrs. J. Ernest Kerr, of Brookline, Massachusetts, and one brother, John M., of Vancouver, B.C., survive.

Mrs. MacPherson was originally married to Alexander M. Nicholson also of Union Road, Kings County, who predeceased her in 1914. To this union were born five children all of whom survive: Mildred, Mrs. Norman W. Gillespie, of Boston, Massachusetts; Ada, Mrs. Frank Bagley, of Davenport, Iowa; Catherine, Mrs. John Mustard of Charlottetown; Maynard of Southern California and Alan of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Also left to mourn are nineteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She married Alexander M. MacPherson in 1929. He predeceased her in 1961.

In her life, her understanding heart and kindly personality won her a wide circle of devoted friends who, as well as her family, will experience a keen sense of loss in her passing.

Her funeral, which was under the direction of the MacKinnon Funeral Home of Montague and which was very largely attended was held from the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Montague, with interment in Union Road Cemetery.

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