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Junior Farmers and Junior Club News

A meeting of the St. Catherine's Calf Club was held in the school for the purpose of reorganizing their club for another year. The following members were nominated for President: Vincent MacKenzie, George MacKenzie, Marion Stretch, and Chester MacNeill. Marion won out in the vote by ballot. Five members were nominated for Vice President, with Billy McQuarrie winning the majority of votes.

Five members were also nominated for Secretary-Treasurer, and Everett MacNeill was duly elected. Adult directors for the coming year are Danny MacNeill, Neil MacKenzie and Dave Inman. It was moved by George MacKenzie that the meetings be held every third Friday, and the motion was seconded by Chester MacNeill and carried.

On January 9, the Sherbrooke Calf Club met for their annual meeting at the home of Urban Laughlin. Eleven members wished to join for the coming year, and three visitors were also present. The following members were elected: Kathleen Dekker, President; Junior Colwill, Vice President; and Francis Colwill, Secretary-Treasurer. Adult Directors—Charles Yeo and Adrian Dekker.

This Club is interested in putting on one or two 15-minute radio programs. One year ago this club had one member at the Leadership Training Course here in Charlottetown; this past year three members attended. Next year they have hopes of having five or six of their club members attend, as they feel this training course helps them greatly in the conducting of their club meetings.

The first club to re-organize for 1952 was Gowan Brae. The following officers were elected: President, David Longphie; Vice President, Francis Howlett; Secretary-Treasurer, Zilla McInnis. Adult Directors—Francis MacDonald and James McInnis. This club is starting its third year, and is one of the most successful and energetic clubs.

St. Georges Junior Farmer's Group and Calf Club was organized at a well-attended meeting at St. Georges School. Ivan Morrison was elected President; James Farrell as Vice President, and George C. MacDonald, Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Farmers' Group for 1952. Eileen Fitzpatrick, Laura MacLellan and Emily Johnston were elected as President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer respectively of the Calf Club.

Adult Directors—Joseph MacLellan and George C. MacDonald were elected. It was decided to have the club meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Prior to the meeting, National Film Board films were shown. Hugh MacLean and David Peacock, fieldmen of the Department of Agriculture were in attendance.

The Tryon Holstein Shorthorn Calf Club was reorganized at a meeting at Tryon School. The new officers elected for 1952 were as follows: President, Elwin Toombs; Vice President, Harry Robblee; and Secretary-Treasurer, Janet Howatt. Adult Directors—Mr. Otto Johnston and Mr. Kenneth Robblee. Ruth Robblee, June and Ronnie Johnston, and John Thompson are new members for the coming year. It was decided to hold the meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 8:00 p.m.

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THE 1952 Prince Edward Island Drama Festival information booklet is now ready, and will be mailed free upon request to the secretary, J. R. Murphy at Summerside. Three act plays will be allowed entry this year, also a special class for groups entering Festival for the first time.

LEARN FIRST AID—The first meeting of the First Aid Class for the Girl Guides was held Saturday, January 26th, at 10 a.m. at Red Cross House. Twenty Girl Guides from Queen's County were present. The girls were taught by Mrs. Cudmore and Miss Bowness.

NORMA DELORIE AND ROY DUTCHER ENGAGED TO WED.—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Delorie, Newport, Prince Edward Island announce the engagement of their daughter, Norma, to Roy H. Dutcher, 528 Pacific Terrace, Klamath Falls, Oregon. Miss Delorie, who lives at 48 North Peach St., Medford, Oregon attended Union Commercial College in Charlottetown, P. E. I., and is now employed in the office of the Medford Corporation. Mr. Dutcher attended Visalia College, Visalia, California and the University of California at San Francisco and is at present employed in the Engineering Department of the California-Oregon Power Co. The wedding date has been set for June 14th.

The WEEK at S. D. U.

The changeable weather which we are at present experiencing doesn't bother anyone around here except the rink committee. It seems they just get a good layer of ice on the rink during a cold spell when an unseasonable temperature comes along and they are nearly where they started again. Despite the weather, however, they managed to get all the lines down during the past week and this helps a great deal in reference to the games which are held in the rink. All in all, the rink committee is doing a good job of providing a good ice surface.

Since our return this term the M. I. D. L. has held one trial debate and two more are scheduled for the near future. These debates will have given all the members in the M.I.D.L. a chance to show their speaking ability and try out their intercollegiate debates. The topic of the debate which was held since we came back was: Resolved: That Communistic activities be made a criminal offense in Canada. Speaking for the affirmative were Eugene MacDonald and William Quinn and for the negative, Floyd McQuarrie and Charles Morrison. After a keen debate on such an important and timely topic, the affirmative gained a majority vote from the audience for the decision. Mr. Joseph O'Connell, Commerce professor, then gave constructive criticism regarding each speaker and the debate as a whole. At present two debaters, Wally Reid and Cyril MacIsaac are preparing to debate this same topic with University of New Brunswick Law School. This debate will be held at that University sometime in the first week of February. St. Dunstan's will speak for the negative of the resolution.

Last Friday night our basketball team experienced their first defeat in Island competition in the early season at the hands of the R. C. A. F., the final score reading 56-43. The boys seemed to take the defeat well and some of them were heard to remark jokingly, "That's just what we needed." Apparently that was just what they needed judging from the way they played on Wednesday evening against P.W.C. when they sent the latter to defeat by a score of 70-24. The P.W.C. squad provided less competition than the R. C. A. F. team, but we can realize this since only two of the players from last year's team are with them again. The Saints really looked to be in good form for their intercollegiate game.

The I.S.S. held its skate in the college rink Saturday night as was announced. Bus transportation was provided for the large number of boys and girls who came out from town. Reasonable admission, good ice surface, good music and the efforts of the executive of I.S.S. combined to make the skate a success.

During the past week our hockey team was forced to surrender the lead in the City Hockey League as a result of a 5-1 defeat which they received from the Anchors Monday night at the Forum. They played without the services of Charlie Cheverie, Phil Moyle and Maurice Flynn who were writing C. O. T. C. tests that night. This defeat put them in a tie for first place with the Rovers who took over the leadership Wednesday night when they defeated

Strange But True
 By F. H. MacArthur

In the north-east of Scotland bits of rowan-tree and woodbine, used to be hung over the doors of the cattle sheds on May Day to keep the witches from milking the cows. But some farmers preferred to tie the wood to the animals' tails.

The Highlanders of Scotland believe that May Day Eve, the witches roam about in the shape of hares and suck the milk from the cows. To prevent this most farmers put tar behind the cattle's ears and at the root of the tail, and the home was decorated with rowan-tree.

Crossing to the Isle of Man on May Day we find rural folk carrying crosses of rowan in their hats and bunches of Mayflowers over their doors as a protection against evil and witches. The women folk believed that a May Day dew served a dual purpose, namely: to bring good complexions, and immunity from witches.

Another famous witch-catching device used among these superstitious people was to cut branches from a thorn tree and place them on the threshold of the cattle barn. The witches would get tangled up in the thorns until daylight when they lost their power.

It only takes a mushroom twenty-five minutes to grow three inches high; and some species in a single night, swells from the size of a bean to that of an average sized pumpkin.

A kind of kelp found along the Northwest coast of America attains a growth of 300 feet, and terminates with a bunch of leaves 30 feet long. This amazing growth takes place during one summer.

Some African tribes are so superstitious, that they fill their huts with idols and therefore haven't enough room for their families.

A unique method of dealing with lazy workers used to be used at Hamburg, Germany. The idlers were suspended in a large basket about the tables, so that they could see and smell the good food provided for the industrious, but were not allowed to taste it.

Sign in British Columbia park: "All dogs found in this place will be captured." Unless dogs are able to read, they are in great danger here.

Almost every Hindu home has a potted plant called the "holy Basil". The Hindus believe that this plant is a deity, and worship it daily. The shrub is especially a woman's divinity, being regarded as an embodiment of Vishnu's wife Lakshmi, or of Rama's wife Sita, or of Krishna's wife Rukmini. Hindu women pray before it, and offer it gifts of flowers and rice. This sacred plant, as the embodiment of goodness, is married each year to the god Krishna in every Hindu family, the ceremony taking place in the late fall.

The event is celebrated with great pomp. A fellow, holding the basil represents the groom, a second holding the basil represents the bride. Of course there's a sacrificial fire, followed by the usual questions to the couple about to be wedded. Over one hundred thousand people are present at this rite, and the procession consists of elegantly rigged out horses, camels and elephants. The lead elephant has the honor of carrying the basil god to the little shrub goddess. Then they are wedded and left in the temple till the next year.

The dureau tree of the East Indies grows to a height of eighty or ninety feet without sending out a single branch. This odd tree bears a fruit of delicious flavor and the most disgusting stench. The natives cultivate the tree for its fruit and have been known to resort to strange ceremonies in the purpose of giving it added fertility. For example a local sorcerer hits the tree a blow with his hatchet saying: "Will you now bear fruit or not? If not, down you come!"

The tree makes answer through the mouth of another man hidden among its top-most branches. "Yes, I will now bear fruit; I beg you not to tell me." The same curious custom is carried out in Japan and in some parts of Europe.

In Lesbos, when citrus trees refuse to bear fruit, the owner gets a looking-glass before the grove then with axe in hand he'd yell: "Bear fruit or I'll cut you down." This intimidates the trees and brings them to a sense of their duty.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL

March 1st is the closing date for entries in the 1952 Musical Festival. The field committee take this opportunity of requesting communities that have not previously entered the competition to do so this year. Individual entries are always welcomed, but we should like to see a greater number of adult choral groups, glee clubs and school orchestras participating.

Letters are being prepared and will be sent to the leaders of rural church choirs in an effort to arouse greater interest and procure more entries in these classes. The field committee would be pleased to supply any information or advice to groups entering the Festival for the first time.

Correspondence on matters pertaining to Field Committee work should be sent to:
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Shy Girl Makes Hit As Sports Reporter

NEW LISKEARD, Ont.—(CP)—Rose Gibson hopes her 22-acre farm at nearby Dawson's Point may turn into a mine.

Early this year the Mining Geophysics Corporation took an option on the land which lies along-side Lake Temiskaming. Mining men say there are indications of base metals in the area.

However, "nobody will know what's there till they start diamond drilling," says Rose, a north country newspaper woman.

Miss Gibson is tall with brown eyes. Her news-beat includes New Liskeard, Haliburton, Cobalt, and the Kirkland Lake Northern Daily News. She also has worked on newspapers at North Bay, Timmins and Rouyn.

Sportsmen of Northern Ontario call her the best sports writer north of Toronto. She's also an excellent photographer.

Ruth says she got into the newspaper work "because I was shy and I thought that was a good way to cure it."

Started At Timmins

She saw an advertisement for a reporter at the Timmins Press, applied and got the job. Ten months later she went to North Bay where she worked for two years on the Daily Nugget.

Then came four years at the Temiskaming Speaker. New Liskeard.

But Rose says she "sort of came into my own as a sports writer at the Rouyn-Noranda Press, where I was designated sports editor,

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The manager of the Rouyn Fishes, Quebec intermediate hockey champions, met her, inquired whether she thought they played hockey with powder puffs. She wasn't permitted on the bus the first time the team had an out-of-town engagement.

However that all changed. She came to be regarded as the team's mascot and travelled everywhere with it.

When the Rouyn-Noranda Press changed hands Rose moved around the corner to the Northwest Quebec bureau of the Northern Daily News. That was her last post before taking over a similar bureau here.

Blind Man Runs Diaper Laundry

PETERBOROUGH, Ont., Jan. 24—(CP)—In the three years since he lost his sight, Oswald Meagher, 43, has built up a diaper laundry service here into a flourishing small business.


He had been a postal carrier for 21 years when he became blind and had to look around for some way to support his wife and two children. Impressed with the story of a man in the United States becoming rich from a diaper laundry service, Meagher and his wife started out by setting up a washer in one of the rooms of their home.

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