

Northam and Vicinity

—Harvesting is just about completed and potato digging operations will soon be in evidence. The many friends of Mrs. Thomas Pollard are sorry to learn that she is confined to her home through illness, and all are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Emma Dennis, Mr. Albert Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lord and three children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Colwill on Sunday, September 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson and daughter were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Colwill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paynter, Tryon, and Mrs. Frank DeAngelo, Somerville, Mass., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Colwill on Sunday, September 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, O'Leary, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Colwill on Sunday, September 21st.

Mrs. Charles Colwill was a recent visitor to Charlottetown, the

guest of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon MacLean.

A large number from this vicinity attended the Egmont Bay Exhibition on Wednesday afternoon, September 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Thompson, Belmont Lot 16, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Colwill and family, Sunday, September 14th.

The sincere sympathy of the district is being extended to the husband and family of the late Mrs. Sydney Birch, Birch Hill, whose passing occurred recently after a short illness.

A card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacKay on Wednesday evening, September 24, proceeds for school purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacLean, Charlottetown, Mrs. James Phillips, Summerside, Mrs. Archie MacGregor and Mrs. P. H. Lyle, Central Lot 16, and the Rev. Cuthbert MacLean, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Niagara Falls, New York, were visitors at the home of their uncle, Mr. James E. MacLean, on Monday, September 22nd.

The large number of sorrowing relatives and friends from different parts of the province who attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Sydney Birch on Wednesday afternoon, September 24, testified to the esteem in which she was held by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Sincere sympathy is being extended to the bereaved relatives. —A.W.

O'Leary and Vicinity

Miss Elga Ellis of O'Leary is employed in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Noonan and son Grant of O'Leary left by train on Tuesday morning, September 30th for a trip to Boston, Mass.

Mr. Atwood Dunville, West Point, has again opened his factory which was closed for the summer months and is busily engaged in canning oysters. He plans to continue operations at the factory until freeze-up time.

Last Sunday there was a large congregation at the O'Leary United Church and the whole front of the Church was banked with beautiful Memorial flowers in memory of the following three boys who were drowned on September 23rd, 1944 at Beaton's Bridge while on military manoeuvres: Carrfield Ramsey, Wallace Dennis and Brooks.

Cpl. Ernest Harvie of the R.C.-A.F. and Mrs. Harvie (nee Miss Fern Oulton) who spent their vacation in Brae, the guest of Mrs. Harvie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Oulton, left on Wednesday October 1st to return to Camp Borden, Ont. where Cpl. Harvie is stationed. En route they will stop over in Montreal, the guests of Mrs. Harvie's sister, Mrs. Roy Bates and Mr. Bates.

On Tuesday September 30th the senior room of the O'Leary School closed for about two weeks for potato picking. It is expected that the other three rooms will shortly be closed also. Potato picking is not yet general in O'Leary as many of the fields are still green but soon many of the farmers will be busy at it. There is a good crop of potatoes this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Oulton of the Brae and Opl. and Mrs. Ernest Harvie of Camp Borden, Ont. arrived back at the Brae on Sunday, September 28th after an enjoyable trip to Windsor, N.S., the guests of Mr. Harvie's parents. They visited the Rev. A.F. and Mrs. Baker at Newport Landing. Mr. Baker was stationed on the O'Leary circuit for seven years from 1930 to 1937. In Windsor they visited the Rev. Garland and Mrs.

Last Friday there were over one hundred people who gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacLeod of the Brae for a shower in honor of their daughter, Elaine (Mrs. Blair Ballum). Many lovely and serviceable gifts were received by this popular young lady who thanked her friends in a few well chosen words. Delicious refreshments were served and this happy event terminated by all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ballum God's richest blessing in their married life. —A.Z.

Piusville and Vicinity

—Miss Bernice Griffin, Brockton, spent the weekend of September 27th in Piusville, guest of Miss Norma Corcoran.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien and little son Gary, St. Louis, spent the weekend in Piusville.

Mr. Keith Pratt, Bloomfield, was in Piusville on business recently.

Mr. Keith Kelly, Roseville, was in Piusville on Friday, September 26th.

Mrs. Justin Corcoran, East Royalty, P.E.I., recently spent a few days in Piusville.

Miss Norma Brown, who left recently to take a course in Quebec, returned to her home last week.

Miss Delma Gallant has returned to her home in Piusville after spending a couple of weeks in Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Dalton and family, Burton Lot 7, were visiting Mrs. Ambrose Corcoran recently.

Mrs. Norbert Corcoran and Angella recently spent a day in Roseville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rooney, Mill River, were visiting at the home of Mrs. Ambrose Corcoran, Piusville, recently.

Miss Marcella Perry recently spent a day in Piusville. She is employed at the Western Hospital, Alberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Gallant and son Jimmy, Egmont Bay, spent Wednesday, September 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gallant, Piusville.

Mr. and Mrs. Urby Gallant and son David, Fortune Cove, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gallant recently.

Mr. Emmett Griffin, Brockton, was in Piusville on Sunday, September 28th.

Miss Norma Corcoran, Piusville, attended the Wilf Carter show in Summerside on Saturday, September 27th.

The annual goose supper for the choir of St. Anthony's Church was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Pineau, Bloomfield Corner, on Monday, September 22nd.

Miss Anita Gallant spent a day last week at her home in Piusville. She is employed at the Western Hospital, Alberton.

A choir practice was held in Piusville school on Sunday afternoon, September 28th, under the direction of the teacher of Piusville school, Mr. Aubin Gallant.

A very enjoyable evening was spent in Bloomfield Hall on Friday night, September 26th, when a dance was held in aid of the ball team. The music was supplied by Messrs. Leonard Barnett, Raymond Gallant and Cornelius Pineau.

A wedding reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gallant on Wednesday evening, September 24, for Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dolron. Supper was served to a large number of relatives and friends and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. —B.B.

Brooks, former residents of O'Leary.

Mr. Harold Callaghan, Toronto, is spending some time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Callaghan.

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Returns From Visit To Ontario

—Capt. Edward Macdonald of Kensington returned recently from a visit with his cousin, Charles Macdonald, of Port Dover. He also visited in Montreal, Toronto and other cities.

The Captain, formerly a King's County man, has had a lot of experience at sea — first, in younger days on three or four masted "windjammers" and later in Canadian Government steamers from Montreal to Australia and New Zealand making 38 trips in all.

Capt. Macdonald is also a veteran of the Boer War and World War I, and has in his keeping many mementoes of both wars. He has also in his possession some relics of Arctic expeditions, garnered on expeditions to Prince of Wales Island and the famous North West passage.

In their peripatetic life the Northland he and his crew discovered the ribs of McIntosh's ship which was sent in quest of the lost Sir John Franklin expedition in the middle 1700's. A boot, salvaged from the remains of McIntosh's supplies, is one of the captain's cherished souvenirs which is in a fair state of preservation after being exposed to the weather for over a hundred years.

The Captain's personal "log" of his voyages and descriptions of Australasian ports is tantamount to a lesson in geography and history besides order and symmetry. — K.

Bloomfield and Vicinity

—Friends of Mr. Melvyn Richard, manager of the Bloomfield Co-operative, are sorry to hear he has been ill.

Mrs. E. Cousins has taken her little daughter Barbara to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown.

A large crowd attended the dance in Bloomfield on Friday night. The music was supplied by Leonard Barnett, Raymond Gallant and Cornelius Pineau.

Miss Lillian Bernard, Tignish Convent is spending a few days at her home in Bloomfield.

Messrs. Keith Pratt and Kurt Dymond were business visitors to Pinette on Wednesday.

Mr. Woodrow Diamond, Tignish, spent Sunday, September 28th, in Bloomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith were visiting in Port Hill at the home of Mr. Erskine Smith recently.

Miss Lucina McMillan is a patient in the Western Hospital, Alberton.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance McKay were visiting in Summerside, the guests of Mrs. McKay's brother, Mr. Reggie Bradshaw on Saturday, September 27th.

Messrs. Roy Smith and Eiridge Cousins were visitors to Charlottetown on Sunday, September 28th.

The annual thank offering service at Campbellton United Church, on Sunday, September 28th was largely attended.

Mr. Herby McAusland is employed at Albert Saunders' service station.

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Let's Talk It Over

We want to thank the writer in the "Public Forum" of October 2 for making our column "Let's Talk It Over" live up to its name for once, at least. We'd also like to congratulate her on a masterful defence of a subject, the efficacy of which we know she sincerely believes in, and in which she has given excellent instruction at Summerside Academy for a number of years.

We must remind her, however, that we have never written that the study of Latin was a complete waste of time. We studied the subject for about five years, and consider we derived some benefit from it. We don't think the study of Latin will help one's style of writing English to any considerable degree, and certainly not as much as the same effort put forth on the study of English itself. Let us repeat the words of W. H. Page in our Grade IX Reader: "Avoid a Latin vocabulary, and use a plain English one; short words instead of long ones." If this is not good advice (we think it is), then it's time someone removed it from the school text.

We do not believe Latin should be considered a "Must" for every high school student, as was suggested by resolutions from the teachers' conventions in Summerside and Tignish. Particularly do we deplore the practice of forcing a year of Latin on high school students, and then putting the subject in the "elective" class — something like forcing a year of piano instruction on a little girl or boy, and then withdrawing the compulsion.

We intimated in one of our columns that it was placing emphasis on frustration to declare in a course of studies that the purpose of Latin instruction was to get students to read with pleasure the great works of the Latin authors when almost nobody ever reads them after their high school or college days. This is what our Summerside writer apparently stated, however, that Latin was not the only subject where we fell in our aims and purposes, thereby giving a rather startling expose of the meagre results obtained by teachers who attempt to instruct modern students. In spite of all their efforts, it would seem that a book without pictures is an anticipated chore, rather than a pleasure. Now, whatever may be the case in Latin instruction, definitely and surely, one of the major purposes of teaching High School and University English is to develop in the students a growing appreciation of the wealth of good literature ready to entertain and instruct us. If English teachers are falling in this, educational authorities should indeed be alarmed.

ULSTER BEEF

LONDON (CP) — Recent shipments to London from Belfast included a test consignment of chilled beef. If British housewives like the meat, an annual contract worth £1,000,000 may be signed.

ARTS CENTRE

Lowestoft Council is planning to make this town a national arts centre with a festival centre around its famous composer, 38-year-old Benjamin Britten. The theme of the festival will be the fishing industry of this old Suffolk seaport.

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Address and Presentation

—On Saturday evening, September 27th a large number of the St. Ann's, Lot 65 Catholic Women's League members gathered at the Parochial House to tender a farewell to their beloved pastor who is leaving to take up residence as pastor of St. Andrews.

At 8:30 P.M. about thirty-five members wended their way through the spacious hall to the office where the Reverend director Father McCormick was seated. The president, Mrs. Patrick Clark, read a nicely worded address while the treasurer, Mrs. Vincent McCloskey, presented the Reverend Father with a well filled envelope.

Father McCormick fittingly replied in a lengthy talk, first thanking the members for their gift, then in detail, telling of his experience as chaplain overseas during the war and up to the present time. He told the members to work as they have been doing, always in harmony. The members were all in tears, which showed the bond of friendship existing between pastor and people.

At the close of Father McCormick's reply, his housekeeper Miss Annie Cavanagh was escorted to a seat of honor and a well-worded address read to her by Miss Tena McCloskey, while Mrs. Joseph Johnston presented her with a beautiful rosary. Miss Cavanagh, although taken by surprise, thanked the members for the beautiful gift. She stated that she enjoyed being among the members this past year. Then Miss Cavanagh and other members served tea and lunch to all present. Later all left for their respective homes.

The following is the address to the Reverend George McCormick. Reverend and beloved Father: Oh! How sad and sorrowful the task that devolves upon us, your loving parishioners tonight; how the light and gladness seem shut out from our hearts as we come to say farewell. However, we cannot allow you to depart from us without giving expression to our deep sense of obligation for the faithful and self-sacrificing manner in which you have labored during these six years, in our interests, spiritual and temporal.

You came to us a true missionary—a man of zeal, piety, courage and business administration. Aided by these sterling qualities you have in a comparatively short time filled your parishioners' old and young with a sincere desire to be always more worthwhile. You have made our church and new school second to none in the diocese, with every requisite for the convenience of priest and people. Indeed these buildings stand monuments to your industry and business capacity.

With your assistance and generosity, and through your untiring efforts, we of the Catholic Women's League are proud and happy to have achieved what we did. We owe all to you, Father. Our only way of showing our deep gratitude is to continue the work you began and start earnestly to go from good to better.

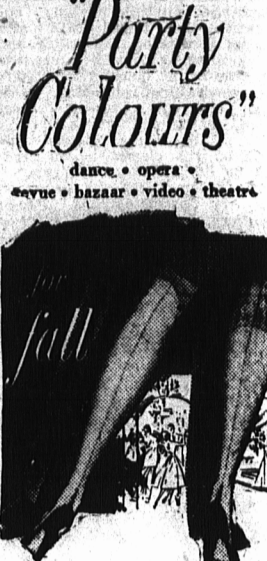
We shall miss your sage counsel, your invaluable spiritual direction. We shall long miss your familiar figure, your kindly smile, your genial word, your Fatherly counsel.

May we ask that you remember us in your prayers, particularly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We beg, dear Father, your acceptance of this address and accompanying testimonial as a token, indeed inadequate, of our appreciation, confidence and esteem.

God grant to you continued success in all your future labours.

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