

OUR NEWS BUDGET for OUR SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricola

MONDAY - RECEIVES SAD NEWS - Mrs. Clare Tanton, Summerside, received word on Saturday of the death of her father, Mr. George Ross Hutchins of Montreal.

FUNERAL AT SOURIS - The funeral of the late Cornelius J. O'Donnell, whose remains arrived from Boston, Mass., on Friday evening was held Saturday morning from Dingwell's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church, Souris, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Fr. J. A. Murphy.

FUNERAL SATURDAY - The funeral of the late Harry MacLean was held Saturday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to Clyde River Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by the Rev. G. Carlyle Webster.

A Charlottetown man, Eugene "Paddy" Mitchell died in a cell at the Police Station yesterday morning after being arrested on an intoxication charge. The body was found at 3:30 a. m., four hours after he deceased was taken in.

Coroner Dr. J. D. MacGuigan has ordered an inquest which will probably be held this evening in the Court Room of City Hall. A jury will be empanelled yesterday and Dr. Harold Shaw has performed an autopsy.

Members of the jury are: Foreman, Mr. George MacLeod, Messrs. George Berrigan, Russell Abbott, William Hughes, Merritt Forsythe, George Sutherland and Harry Hardy. The deceased was a veteran of the Second World War.

Mr. Filmore E. Hubble A. C. C. O., and Mr. John Lee, F. R. C. O., L. R. A. M., L. T. C., are the two adjudicators for the Prince Edward Island's fifth annual Musical Festival which gets under way this morning.

Mr. Hubble is from Winnipeg, and is an examiner and lecturer for the University of Manitoba. He is also organist and choirmaster at St. Stephen's Broadway United Church there. In addition, he is conductor of the University of Manitoba Symphony Orchestra, the Young Women's Music Club Choir, and the Manitoba School's Orchestra.

Mr. Lee was educated and is well known in England as teacher, lecturer, choral conductor, composer, organ recitalist and accompanist. After five years service in the R. A. F. he and his family came to Canada in 1946, and he joined the faculty of St. Francis Xavier University as Professor and Director of Music. He now resides in Los Angeles where he is Director of Music at St. Vincent's Church, Guest Lecturer at the University of California, and a faculty member of the California School of Music and the Arts.

Upon completion of the P. E. I. Musical Festival, the two adjudicators will leave for Moncton where they will adjudicate the New Brunswick Festival.

TUESDAY - RECEIVES SAD NEWS - Mrs. Ralph Stewart, Parkdale, has received the sad news of the death of her brother, Arthur Willard Walker, at Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Walker, a veteran of the Second World War, in which he served with the Royal Canadian Artillery, was a son of the late Major J. S. Walker and Mrs. Walker of Charlottetown. Death occurred on April 12. He was 44. Burial was in Field of Honor Memorial View Cemetery, Vancouver. Surviving are three brothers and two sisters. The brothers are, Emmett, at Cullis Lake, B. C., George with a Y. M. C. A. at St. Thomas, Ont., and Clarence in Charlottetown. The sisters are, Mrs. George Morrison, Fredericton, P. E. I. and Mrs. Stewart, Parkdale.

The fifth annual Festival of Music was officially opened last evening at the P. W. C. auditorium by his Honour Lieut. Governor J. A. Bernard.

Before an enthusiastic audience which packed the hall to overflowing, Lieut. Governor Bernard pointed out the great interest shown in the Festival, and stated that this proved it to be an event of unusual importance. He complimented the Musical Festival Association on their work, and in their deep belief in the worth of the talents of the contestants. He especially commended the presence of numerous contestants from the rural areas, assuring them that they were the backbone of the Festival.

In introducing the Lieut. Governor, Lt. Col. L. T. Lowther, President of the M. F. A., expressed the appreciation of the Association for the help it had received in the past, and of the support which was helping the Festival grow from year to year. He spoke of the pleasure the Association received in the number of schools able to take advantage of the help it was able to offer. Mr. Lowther also commented on the need of more music teachers in the rural areas of the Province.

The death occurred in Middleton Hospital on April 1st, 1950, of John Frank Newsum of 16 Wall St., Middletown Conn., U. S. A. Aged 76 years.

Mr. Newsum a native of Prince Edward Island resided in Middletown 30 years and was for many years employed as switchboard engineer at the Connecticut State Hospital, retiring in 1946.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Ida Francis Newsum, three sons, Boyd S. of New Westminster, B. C., Karl S. of Portland, Conn., and Kenneth Newsum of Middletown. A half brother Claude B. Leard of Newton, Mass.; a half-sister, Mrs. Wm. Crosier of Natick, Mass. Also six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from the Roberts Funeral Home, 16 Broad St. Rev. Alvin Johnson pastor of First Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

FUNERAL TUESDAY - The funeral of Miss Mary Curran, Avonora was held from her late residence Tuesday morning, May 2, to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Urban Gillis. Rev. S. Gallant officiated at the grave. Pallbearers: Daniel O'Donnell, Jos. O'Donnell, Alphonus Keoughan, Jos. McKinnon, John Whelan, Daniel McAulay. Burial in Church cemetery.

FUNERAL AT GOWAN BRAE - The funeral of the late Mrs. James H. Mallard of Gowan Brae was held on April 29 from her late residence to St. Alexis Church in Rollo Bay where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. McTague. The pallbearers were William Mully, William Howlett, Angus McCormack, Michael O'Keefe, Howlan Mully and Edward Whelan. Interment was in the church cemetery.

THURSDAY - RECEIVES SAD NEWS - Mrs. Norman MacSwain, St. Peter's has received the sad news of the death of her sister, Flora C. (MacDonald) wife of Alexander R. Marolin, of Allston, Mass., on April 18th. Funeral services were held on Friday, April 21st, at Allston.

FUNERAL AT CAPE TRAVERSE - Funeral of the late Mrs. James Heffel, Cape Traverse, was held on Tuesday, May 2nd, service in the Church of Scotland, Cape Traverse. Services at the Church and grave were conducted by Rev. J. H. Bishop. Pallbearers were, Gordon Harvey, Raymond Harvey, Vernon Murtart, Augustus Peters, John Walker and John O'Halloran.

FUNERAL AT CARLETON - The funeral of the late George Coull, Carleton, was held from his late home on Monday, May 1st, at 2:30 P. M. Rev. J. H. Bishop officiated at the home and grave. Interment was in the Church of Scotland cemetery, Cape Traverse. Pallbearers were, Avalah MacCallum, Frank Quigley, Wendal MacWilliams, Paul Lavioe, Douglas Bell and John Haslam.

DIES SUDDENLY - The death occurred suddenly in Charlottetown last evening of Mrs. Frederick Campbell, formerly of Argyle Shore. Her husband predeceased her five years ago. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. J. P. Crockett, Charlottetown; Mrs. William Fleming, Waban, Mass., and Miss Margaret McNevin of Brookline, Mass. The remains are resting at the McLean Funeral Home and the funeral notice will be announced later.

FUNERAL AT MT. CARMEL - The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Arsenault was held on Tuesday with requiem mass at Mt. Carmel Church at ten o'clock celebrated by Rev. Father Buote, assisted by Rev. Father LeClair and Rev. Father Richards. The pallbearers were Messrs. Ben, Charles, John, Emanuel, Julian and Edmund Arsenault. Interment was in the church cemetery. -S.

FUNERAL AT WELLINGTON - The funeral of the late Alpheus Richards of Wellington was held on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock from his late residence to the Immaculate Conception Church, Wellington where requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. L. MacDonnell. The pallbearers were Messrs. Tillman Arsenault, Fidele Gallant, Alcide and Henry Gallant, and Leonce and Sylvre Arsenault. Interment was in the church cemetery. -S.

MELROSE, Mass. - Cartney Wm Compton, 72, of 17 Ashland St., retired Telephone Co. outside line foreman and a former member of Malden Aerie of Eagles and Melrose Lodge of Odd Fellows, passed away last evening at 9:45 at a Melrose nursing home. He had been in failing health for some time.

A resident of this city for the past 40 years, he was born in Milltown, Prince Edward Island, son of the late Wm. and Mary (Martin) Compton. He was employed by the local office of the Telephone Company for 28 years prior to his retirement in 1930.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary (Dryden) Compton; a daughter, Mrs. Harriet S. Tubman of Hull; two brothers, James E. Compton of Cambridge and Peter D. Compton of Roxbury; and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Tulmer of Montreal.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY - The funeral of Mrs. Peter Power took place Wednesday morning from her late residence on Mt. Edward Road to St. Dunstan's Basilica, where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by her brother, Rev. Kenneth McPherson, assisted by Rev. Kenneth MacMillan, as deacon and Rev. Walter MacGuigan as sub-deacon. His Excellency Bishop James Boyle occupied his throne. The following clergy were present in the Sanctuary: Msgr. A. A. MacAulay, Rev. Dr. Louis Callaghan, Rev. R. F. MacDonald, Rev. Phelan McKenna, Rev. T. P. Butler, Rev. J. W. McArdie and Rev. W. O. Simpson. Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis, assisted in the choir. The pallbearers were: Horace Willis, Dr. J. A. MacMillan, Dr. Lyola Duffy, George Power, Ernest MacMillan and Bernard MacPherson. Interment took place in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery.

FRIDAY - SYMPATHY EXTENDED - Sincere sympathy is extended to Corporal and Mrs. Jack Phillips, R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside, in the accidental death on Wednesday afternoon of their 39 year old son, Terry Allan Phillips. The child, while playing in his play pen put his head through the bars and was apparently unable to get himself clear and when discovered it was found that he had apparently died of strangulation. The funeral will take place this morning at ten o'clock with burial in the People's Cemetery. -S.

Two Island companies may set up fish meal plants here in the near future with one to be erected at Hunter River and the other at Souris, it was learned last night. Arrangements for the plant at Hunter River are being made while plans are being studied for the Souris plant. The plant at Souris will be operated by the Eastern Packing Company Limited. It is believed that the company are considering erecting a medium sized plant but the scheme is still in the consideration stage. Officials of the proposed plant at Hunter River announced that they

hope to have final arrangements completed within a few days. This plant is to be erected on a large scale with the latest equipment. The erection of the plant has been approved and commended by the Department of Fisheries at Halifax.

The erection of these plants should result in benefits to both the farmer and fisherman, it is claimed. They will provide a market for fish refuse which is wasted at present and will also provide Island made fishmeal thus eliminating considerable importation of this feed.

The death occurred at his home in Mont Armel on Monday, April 17, 1950 of Mr. Narcisse Gallant in his eighty-sixth year. Although not enjoying the best of health for the past year, he endured it in a cheerful manner, until his death came so unexpectedly to his family and friends.

He received the last rites of the Church by his pastor, Rev. Father Buote, who is at all times a constant visitor to the sick and aged. His wife, the former Mary Rose Richard, predeceased him seven years ago. Left to mourn his passing are four sons, and two daughters: Joseph at home, (Odiienne) Mrs. Arsenault, Cape Egmont, (Mary), Mrs. Azade Gallant, Mt. Carmel, (Arthur) Theofore, Dieppe, N. B., and John Glorice of Lewisville, N. B.

Also surviving are twenty grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Wednesday morning from his late residence to the church of Notre Dame de Mt. Carmel, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Nazaire Poirier of Egmont Bay.

The pallbearers were, Joseph Gallant, Honore J. Gallant, Arsenault Gallant, Jean Pierre Gallant, Honore S. Gallant, and Glorice Richard. May his soul rest in peace.

BIRTHS - HART - At the Prince County Hospital on March 20, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hart, Victoria, P. E. I., a daughter, Halifax papers please copy. SALLY JEAN, 8 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

JAY - At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 1, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jay, Borden, a daughter, Judith Ann, weight 7 lbs.

CROZIER - At the Prince County Hospital on April 20th to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Crozier, a daughter, Sally Jean, 8 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

MACLEAN - At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on May 3rd, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. MacLean, North Wiltshire, a daughter.

HARRIS - At the Prince County Hospital on April 20th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Siltion Harris, nee Eileen Jenkins, a son.

HUGHES - At the Charlottetown Hospital on May 3, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hughes, Bedford, a son.

THE SWAMP SPARROW - The swamp sparrow as a resident of this province was vouched for by John MacSwain who was a noted naturalist of a former day. "It is rare" says the Teachers Bulletin of 1916. The species is therefore retained in the present list in the hope that further light may be thrown upon its abundance or otherwise. It is mentioned in the list of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick birds; in the latter Province it is reported as a common summer resident, breeding there.

Ornithologists give this Sparrow's range as "from Alberta to Newfoundland and south to Nebraska and Virginia, wherever bugs or even small patches of freshwater marsh and bushes are found." As a rule observers are not equipped to traverse such marshes, and consequently it is hard to get accurate lists of the birds in the region.

The Swamp Sparrow says one writer, is a stout, dark bird with a reddish cap; this very nearly applies to the Chipping Sparrow, but the following description, drawn from many sources, should settle any doubts.

Swamp Sparrow. AOU. 584. Summer Resident, rare. (MacSwain). Plumage: Crown reddish brown, usually streaked black, Superciliary stripe grayish. Back mostly rufous, streaked black; wings without bars. Underparts: brownish, shading to white, with indistinct streaks or none. Tail, scarcely notched. (A more rufous bird than the Song Sparrow, with a shorter tail, and an unstreaked breast). Length: 5.75 inches.

RUSSIA'S SECOND TIER - The beginning of Russia's Asiatic Empire was briefly noted last week. Armed traders exploring Northern Siberia, had reached the sea of Okhotsk in 1639, and moving south-eastward had fixed the boundary of their domain on the river Amur in 1689. Thus the "First Tier" of Asia from the Ural mountains to the Pacific Ocean was in Russian hands.

To the south of this long range of seemingly worthless land was the "second tier," a number of Khanates whose people were Moslems and were fairly civilized, considering everything. The Khan or ruler of Khiva, governed the town and district of that name, just south of Lake Aral, and other Khanates lay to the eastward right to the borders of Chinese Mongolia.

The Russians had merely made a few forays on the eastern shores of the Caspian Sea, up to the year 1839. The Russian soldiers, from the Generals to the privates, were very poorly paid at that period, the private relied on his loot for his pay and the General on his citation as a skillful leader, for his chance of promotion. Small wonder then, that they were always ready to attack their neighbors.

In 1839 the Russian General Perovsky (who ought to have known better) determined to take Khiva in the winter time. He gathered a force of 4,500 men, a large intendance, and in addition to horse transport for 700 Cossacks, 10,000 camels with 2,000 drivers; besides twenty-two guns and a rocket Battery. The total expenditure of this expedition was six and one half millions of roubles, (a large sum for those days), but the affair was a complete fiasco. Intense frost, great snowstorms, and want of provisions caused Perovsky to retreat when about halfway to Khiva, after losing two-thirds of his men, a great number of horses, and nine thousand camels. (I have read that the camels were bayoneted to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Khivians, and that the poor beasts bled till they toppled and died.) The great body of Perovsky's men never saw their enemies.

By 1875 the "second tier" had been taken over, with the southern boundary roughly running in proximity to latitude 40. B. Khiva, Samarkand, Tashkent, and Port Varny were in Russian hands. The native rulers were not deposed if they showed themselves willing to work with and for their conquerors. There was still a narrow strip of "Independent Khanates" to the south of the new Russian Empire, but by 1906 these also had been conquered and Russia's southward progress was halted for a time. Persia, Afghanistan, India and Chinese Mongolia barred the way.

A glance at the Merchant's Projection map will reveal the enormous extent of the Russian Empire up to this point (1905) but neither we nor the Russians knew its importance. "A sea of sand sparsely populated by illiterate nomads," was an easy description of this vast area. Today it is planted with mulberry trees to feed silkworms-wherever they may be grown. Sugar beets and rice are cultivated; so are cotton and the rubber-producing dandelion (Kok Sagyz) in irrigated regions. Minerals abound: coal, lead, copper, iron, salt, oil, tungsten, and molybdenum. Such hidden stores guarantee success as a great manufacturing nation, and therefore Russia must bind her satellites to agriculture, while she supplies them with manufactured goods.

And so, dear reader was born an Empire which may prove to be the Gog of Ezekiel (38th chapter); a name which has been translated as "roof or covering"; doubtless the

iron curtain which was drawn over Russia's doings from the very first Gog is brought again to our notice by John, in his Revelations (chapter 20), and Magog is the name of the country.

I have here Colonel Burnaby's Journal of his visit to Khiva in the winter of 1875-76. He eluded the authorities, who thought to stop him from travelling in their country, but visited the military posts where he found the officers very friendly. A shrewd little prophecy they made, concerning India, has just been fulfilled. I hope to give some particulars of this excellent book shortly.

Here is an anecdote which seems appropriate at the present time! Russia went to war with Japan early in 1904, and soon found she was not matched on land, for the well-trained Japs. She had a fair fleet in the Baltic and ordered it round through the Suez Canal to Port Arthur where the fighting was in progress. It was night when the fleet left the Baltic, entered the North Sea, and ran slap into the English fishing fleet on the Dogger Bank. The Russians could see dozens of little twinkling lights around them, and being scared, thought the Japs were after them and so opened fire. A good many of the fishermen were killed and more injured. The British government, when it recovered its surprise, put in a claim for indemnity which the Russians promptly paid. The Russian fleet finally arrived at Port Arthur, where it was liquidated by the Japanese. The war soon ended.

NATURE NOTES - As far as one can judge, the hay crop will be short this year; the clover and alfalfa are winter-killed up here.

I had a look around the garden today, May 1, 1950. The Eranthis was fading, but the Chionodoxa, Scilla sibirica, and Crocus grandiflora of various colors, made a brave show. The Daphne Mezereum, which I raised from seed some years ago, is now in bloom; it is a deep rose-pink, a change from the usual pale pink. The flowers come before the leaves and are very fragrant.

NORTH RIVER W. I. Mrs. Harold Younker was hostess to the North River W. I. on May 1. The meeting opened with the members repeating the Creed in unison. Twelve members answered the roll call and one new member paid her dues. Five visitors were present.

The Institute News was distributed and paid for. Correspondence was read and discussed and two bills were paid. It was decided that \$10.00 be given to the Salvation Army. The next meeting to be held at

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

Comic strip panel with dialogue: 'IS THAT THE BONDED STUFF THAT YOU WON'T LET YOUR ESKIMO GRUNTER IN THE RING WITH BAD NEWS BURKE? AFRAID HE'LL SQUEEZE HIM INTO SAUSAGE PATTIES?' 'I DON'T BLAME YOU BURKE IS AN ANTIQUE, BUT HE CAN BE AS MEAN AS A BUSTED LOCK! HE'LL PUT YOUR GLADIATOR IN SHAPE TO SPEND THREE SEASONS IN A PLASTER CAST!' 'GO BACK TO THE TREE AN' COUNT YOUR ACORNS! LET BURKE GET A REP FER SOMETHIN' BESIDES FALLIN' OUTA HAYLOFTS! IF HE WANTS TO RASSLE US!' 'THEY CAN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN A DRAW WITH JAKE'

OUT OUR WAY BY J. R. WILLIAMS

Comic strip panel with dialogue: 'BOY, WHAT LUCK! THEY'LL JUST MAKE IT CATTY-CORNERED-LEAN BACK MORE!' 'IF THE FIRST QUICK STOP DOESN'T CUT MY THROAT, A SHARP TURN WILL!' 'DON'T COMPLAIN! ANY TIME THERE'S THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF GETTING SOMETHING FIXED AROUND OUR PLACE, THEY CAN PUT A WET BEAR IN WITH ME!' MINARD'S LINIMENT 'KING OF PAIN' WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

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