

## LINDSAY ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The annual school meeting of the Lindsay school was held Monday July 13th with Harry Thomas as chairman.

The secretary Lewis Briggs gave the report and financial statement which showed that the school had been operated during the past school year with Miss Marjorie Ronalds as teacher.

Perley Strong was appointed a new trustee and Archie James and Howard Thomas will both continue in office during the coming year.

## TEACHERS' BUSY

Twenty-nine teachers from various parts of New Brunswick are now being temporarily employed with the rationing division of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in Saint John.

These teachers, both men and women, will prepare the permanent ration books which will be issued after the sugar ration cards have expired in September.

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## The Headless Ghost

A Story of the Miramichi 50 odd Years Ago.

By H. B. Scott, Meductie, N. B.

The story I am about to relate has been handed down for two generations and the circumstances connected with it were told to me by the son of a man who was present in the lumber camp at the time and heard the story from the totter. I was well acquainted with the son and the totter too, for that matter. He was one of Meductie's old friends, a citizen whose word was as good as his note. In fact, I would say, if you couldn't believe him, I don't know who you could believe.

Strange things happened up the Miramichi in the early days. Perhaps you have heard the story of the Dungarvin Whooper the one that has been a by-word for years. It is said to have been heard on the Dungarvin River, a branch of the Miramichi. It seems that a man was killed or froze to death in the woods near the branch that bears the name Dungarvin and ever since that time, men who have worked there in winter claim they still hear that unearthly "Whoop" in the stillness of the winter's night. I've heard woodsmen say it would make the cold chills run up and down your spine. I'm one that don't believe in ghosts myself, but when you get the facts from men of Christian character, you have to admit it is mighty strange.

Well, to get on with the story. In those days in order to get supplies into the camps they had a man and a team, sometimes two called "toters", carrying flour, molasses, codfish, spices, lard and all the things that go to feed from 60 to 100 men and horses. I tell you they were camps too. Cook room and dining room and bunk house all under one roof; say 100 feet long besides the hovels, hay sheds and blacksmith shops. They would shoe their own horses, make their own sleds for winter and wagons and bateaux for the spring drive. These toters were trusty men for they carried the mail back and forth, sometimes taking two days for the trip.

In this particular instance, the totter, whom we will call Jack, had to pass an old camp which had been a number of years previous.

was the recent guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Craig and Mr. Craig. Mrs. George Johnston is spending a week in Hartland at the home of Mrs. Anna Merrithew.

The regular monthly W. I. meeting was held on Friday evening, Red Cross in Tuesday afternoon and Ladies Aid Wednesday afternoon.

## Grafton

The Red Cross met on Thursday in the hall with a good representation of members present. One quilt was finished and another was put on and several pairs of socks were handed in. The treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Falston acknowledged the donation of \$1 from Mrs. Alonzo Graves. Among other members present were: Mrs. Alex. Strong, Miss Marion Rankin, Mrs. Thomas Ralston, Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Rutherford MacLachlan, Mrs. Charles Flemming, Mrs. Abram Clark, Mrs. Warren Hale, and Mrs. Everett McElroy.

Mrs. Jennie Steeves and her mother, Mrs. Briggs of Plaster Rock have gone to Saskatchewan to visit her mother's sister. During their mother's absence, Phyllis and Lorne Steeves will visit in Plaster Rock.

The condition of Frank Briggs, who is seriously ill at his home here is slightly improved.

## Bristol

Vaughn Banks, who has been working in Montreal is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Banks.

John Merrithew who has been employed with Meed and Son for the past year has accepted a position as instructor in mechanics at the Saint John Vocational School. Mrs. Merrithew and her two sons Stanley and Arthur are spending two weeks with relatives in Carleton Place, Maine, and Plaster Rock before joining Mr. Merrithew.

Miss Cassie MacEachern, R. N., has returned to Boston, Mass., after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Ida MacEachern.

Mrs. Marcus Meed and four sons are visiting Mrs. Meed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myles Flanders, Maple View.

Mr. and Mrs. David Duplessis attended the wedding of their youngest son Carey to Miss Grace Hood of Maguadavie on Tuesday July 14th in the Anglican Church.

ously. He always carried his dinner along in a boiling kettle and as there was an old stove in the camp he boiled the kettle, fed and blanketed the horses and had just sat down to eat his dinner when all of a sudden he heard a noise behind him. Turning quickly he saw a man come from under the old bottom berth. The man never spoke but went by the totter and out the door. He was dressed in an unusually good suit for the woods and most dreadful of all Jack noticed to his horror and amazement that the man had no head. The totter sprang up as quickly as he could vowing that he would find out whether he was seeing things or not. But although he looked thoroughly all about the camp no signs of the ghost did he see. On the way back it started to snow making it all the more spooky. He was undecided whether to stop at the camp or not, but curiosity got the better of him and he made up his mind he would find out whether he was seeing things or not.

As he was approaching the camp he got his ax ready to see who was the best man, the man with the head or the man without. Then he noticed the horses pick up their ears and whinny. Peering ahead through the gloom Jack saw his headless man down at the spring. He was just about to strike with the ax when the headless man cried: "Don't strike! I have a story to tell. I was a pedlar of watches and jewelry. I was on my rounds and one night I stayed in this camp. After the men had gone out to work the cook whose name was Red, killed me and buried my body under the bunk floor."

Jack took a step forward but suddenly the headless man was gone.

Now, in conclusion, I might say this man who was present when the totter told his story, died about 8 years ago. He claimed he worked in the woods with a man by the name of Red who for a murder he had committed was later hanged.

You readers who will wonder how this man could talk without any head consider this: ghosts can talk head or no head.

Miss Grace Rogers and Miss Grace Boyer are spending two weeks in Saint John, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Copp.

Miss Phyllis Clark, Saint John is the guest of Miss Ruth Welch for a few days.

Frances Welton, Rebecca and Charlotte Welch are attending the Girls' Camp at Upper Kent for a week.

Among those in the 89th Battery Reserve who left on Monday for Tracadie are Marcus Meed, Jerry Curtis, Ronald McDougall, Russell Briggs, Merle Milbury and Lamont McLean.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ronald Burke Halifax, are the guests of Mrs. Burke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caldwell.

Helen Lockhart, Montreal, arrived on Saturday to spend three weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ainsley Lockhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crocker are visiting at the home of Mrs. Crocker's mother, Mrs. G. W. Somerville.

## Glassville

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs. William Scott on Thursday July 16th.

Miss Maude Scott is spending some time in Hartland with her niece Mrs. James Miller.

The knitting club met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wesley McIntosh.

Maude Bromley, Woodstock, spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bromley. I. W. Derrah, J. W. Lee and Fraser Perkins made a business trip to Saint John last week.

Mrs. Clyde Dow and two children are spending some time with Mrs. Wm. Scott.

Mrs. James Hovey is visiting her sister in Nova Scotia. Alex. Anderson, Westbrook, Me., spent Friday in Glassville with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sweet, Juniper spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. William Sweet.

Grace Millie and Janet Stone called at the home of Mrs. William Scott on Friday afternoon.

George Elliot is spending some time with his daughter Mrs. Wilfred Pearson.

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Dr. S. E. Tracy, Philadelphia, Pa., is visiting his sister, Miss Alice Tracy.

Mr. Henry Blackmore is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Sam Kirk, Amesbury, Mass.

Friends of Mrs. Henry Hay are pleased to hear she is recovering from an attack of pneumonia at her brother's at Prince William, Mrs. Wm. Hay was called to Prince William on Monday because of Mrs. Hay's illness.

Rev. Douglas Haviland and his mother, Mrs. Haviland were calling at Miss Tracy's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harley motored to Presque Isle on Wednesday. Mrs. Salisbury and son Stephen returned home with them.

## Meductie

Ralph Libby of the American Air Force and his mother of Waltham, Mass., returned home on the 13th after visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stairs have returned to their home in Marborough, Mass., after visiting friends and relatives here.

Angus Walker and Paul Porter were inspected in the airforce at Moncton this week and have gone on to Montreal.

George Porter who enlisted at the outbreak of the war and who has been stationed in Newfoundland is spending a deserved leave here accompanied by his wife and baby.

About 15 members of the Missionary Society motored to the home of Mrs. Mills and Miss Edith Mills, Benton where they held their regular meeting. A solo was sung by Miss Margaret Ann Burnett and Miss Gloria Hillman who is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hillman also contributed a solo. Mrs. Hillman is one of the charter members of the society. After business was disposed with, refreshments were served by the hostess. Visitors from Marpe and Benton Ridge were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hogan and children Margaret, Helen and Francis from Chateau d'Eau, P. Q., were visitors one night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Grant. Mrs. Hogan and Mrs. Grant are sisters. They will visit Mrs. Hogan's mother in Newcastle before going home.

Arnold Dickinson customs officer at Vanceboro is on his vacation with his mother, Mrs. T. Dickinson who is quite poorly; also his brother Walter and wife and his sister. When he returns he will fill a temporary vacancy in Connecticut for a time.

Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Hillman. The mystery box, donated by Mrs. Hillman was won by Mrs. J. Fancy.

Harold Franklin, Moncton was here over the week-end with his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sharpe were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Hagerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Scott and daughters were visitors on Sunday to her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Canterbury.

Lonie Grant who is employed by the Velvet Ice Cream Company visited his wife and family here over the week-end.

Paul Currie who preached here Sunday morning will preach here next Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock. Rev. George Rogers, B. A., preached here in the Reformed Baptist Church Sunday night.

## RULING BY BOARD

Goods laid away for a prospective purchaser previous to the recent federal budget are liable to the new, or increased, excise tax applicable to such goods, and dealers are obliged to collect the taxes when delivery is made. This ruling was made here recently by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

## Jacksontown

Mrs. Fred Burpee entertained one group of the Red Cross at their weekly meeting Wednesday afternoon. Those present were: Mrs. Berrie Estey, Mrs. Harold Gartley, Mrs. E. Bulmer, Mrs. C. Rockwell, and Mrs. H. Sherwood. Mrs. Sherwood won the mystery box. Blocks were pieced and set together and several finished articles were handed in. The second group met in the Red Cross rooms. Those present were Mrs. Frank Everett, Mrs. Arthur Barrett, Mrs. Reginald Gough, Mrs. Jay Dow, Mrs. Frank Alexander, Miss Marion Alexander and Mrs. George Kitchen. Mrs. Everett won the mystery box. One quilt was quilted and bound and blocks were pieced. Several finished articles were handed in.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Good motored to Houlton on Sunday taking with them their daughter, Mrs. Harold Long and children Lloyd and Roger, who have been their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kitchen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell, Seymour Conn., and Mrs. Eva Everett motored to Four Falls on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bell left for their home from Four Falls.

## Hartford

Mrs. Isaac Jones and Mrs. Edward Jones entertained the W. I. and neighbors in honor of Mrs. Roy Sharpe, who is leaving to reside in Saint John. During the evening, Miss Powers presented Mrs. Sharpe with a gift of money. Although taken by surprise, Mrs. Sharpe made a fitting reply. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Sharpe, Miss Powers, Mrs. B. Buckingham, Mrs. H. Hamilton, Mrs. A. Freeman, Mrs. H. Christie, Mrs. D. York, Mrs. Paget, Miss Hilda Scott, Mrs. Marjorie Scott, Miss Helen B. Plummer, New York City, and Mrs. G. A. Eaker.

Mrs. Robert Markey and young son spent a few days recently with

## Poems for Your Scrapbook

## THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

By J. Lewis Milligan

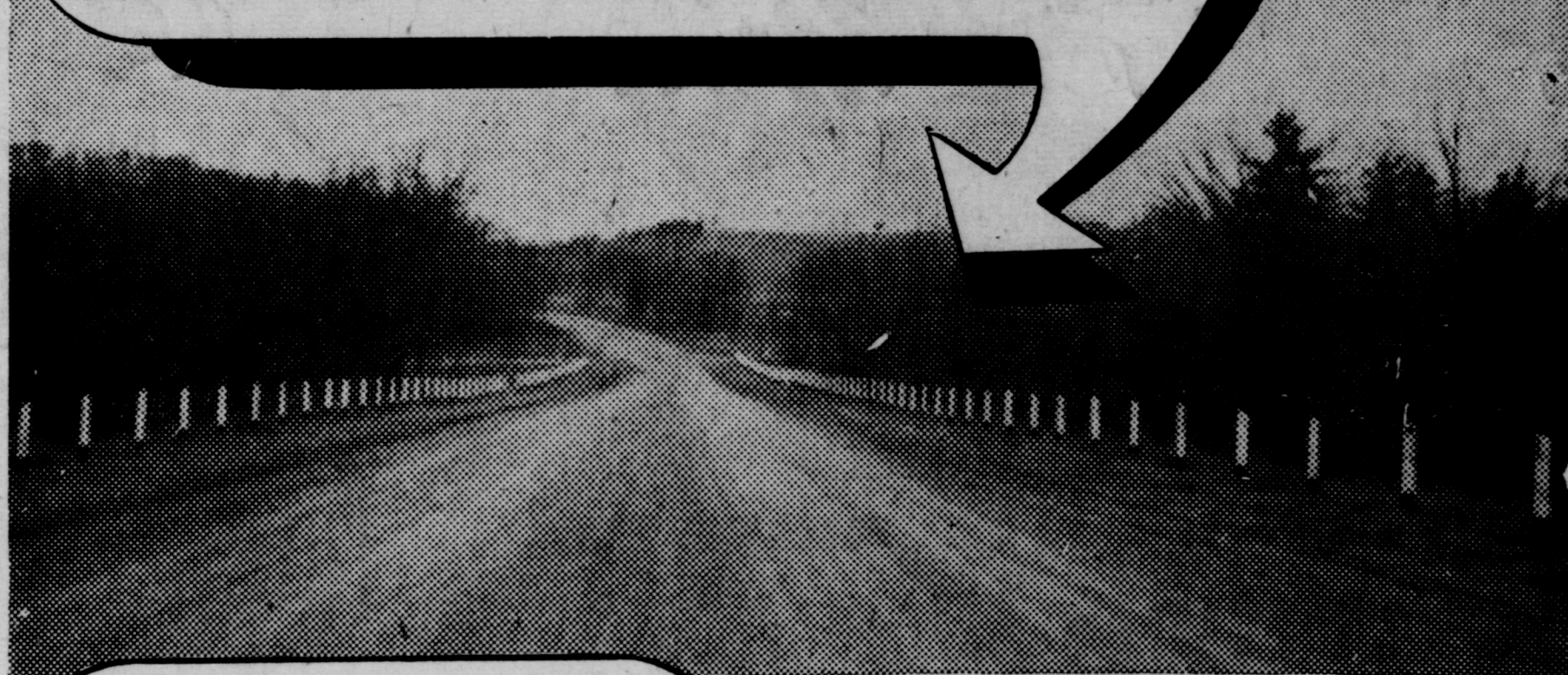
The message for this fateful hour  
Comes to us from the living Word:  
"Not by thy might nor by thy power,  
But by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

'Tis not enough that with our lips  
We honor Right and Liberty;  
Not guns and tanks and planes and ships  
Shall win the final victory.

We wrestle not 'gainst flesh and blood,  
Nor 'gainst the force of steel and fire;  
But 'gainst infernal foes of Good  
That to the thrones of earth aspire.

Not all the Good is on our side,  
And we must conquer foes within:  
Injustice, selfishness and Pride,  
Our open and our secret sin.

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But by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

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## Jacksonville

The Ladies' Aid of the United Church met at the home of Mrs. H. Miller on Thursday afternoon for their work meeting. One quilt was finished. Among those present were Mrs. Howard Gibson, Mrs. H. Cluff, Mrs. W. A. Gibson, Mrs. Alex. Coker, Mrs. Wilson Coker, Miss Alice Tilley, Mrs. Bertha Kerr, Mrs. Charles Margison, Mrs. Basil Harper and Mrs. Jack Taylor.

Several Red Cross quiltings have been held recently by the War Services department of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Robert Hopkins was hostess to one group when at quilt was completed. At the conclusion of the work period a delicious supper was served by the hostess. Others present were: Mrs. Albert Burtt, Mrs. Ernest Fox, Mrs. Elmer Burpee, Mrs. John MacKay, Miss Myrtle Briggs, Mrs. Charles Harper, Mrs. Earl Craig, Mrs. Reginald Young, and Mrs. Ernest Young.

On another occasion recently Miss Alice Tilley opened her home to the War Services for a quilting. A quilt was finished and later tea was served by Miss Tilley. Those present were Mrs. E. Burpee, Mrs. W. H. Miller, Mrs. Bertha Kerr, Mrs. Basil Harper, Mrs. Arthur Burpee, Mrs. Charles Margison, Mrs. Barry Young, Mrs. J. B. Gardner, and Mrs. E. C. Culbertson.

Mrs. Elmer Burpee entertained at a Red Cross quilting last Thursday afternoon. A quilt was finished and several refugee garments were cut out. Later tea was served by the hostess. Those present were: Mrs. Henry McCain, Mrs. Robert Hannah, Mrs. Albert Burtt, Mrs. Walter Craig, Miss Myrtle Briggs, Mrs. Charles Harper and Miss Jean Phillips.

Mrs. John McKay has returned to her home in Geraldton, Ont., after visiting her father, Ansley Alterton.

Hollis Cluff spent the week-end at his home here.

Ansley Alterton was calling on friends at Jacksonville Corner last week. Although past his 93rd birthday Mr. Alterton is well and smart.

Tom Tilley, Rosedale is visiting his niece Miss Alice Tilley.

Mrs. Harold Britton, Montreal, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burpee.

Miss Myrtle Burpee of Rosyth, Alta, recently visited relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Burpee and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCain.

Earl Craig Saint John spent the week-end with his wife and family here.

Miss Muriel Havens, of the Civil Service at Ottawa is spending her holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. W. Havens.

Miss Kathleen Hourihan of the Civil Service, Ottawa is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hourihan.

## Debec

Mr. and Mrs. John Armour are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a young daughter on Sunday last at the Fisher Memorial Hospital Woodstock.

Miss Dorothy Kirkpatrick is spending a two week's holiday with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Kirkpatrick. Miss Kirkpatrick is to be the speaker at the United Church services on Sunday.

Mrs. Alex McNeil has had Miss Ruth Peabody, Houlton Maine, as her guest this week.

John Flemming, Ludlow, Me., is the guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Morley Flemming.

Albert Lavery of the R.C.A.F., who has been home during the serious illness and passing of his father the late Wm. Lavery, has returned to Moncton, N. B.

Kenneth Taylor, who is taking a course in war mechanics, Saint John, N. B., spent the week-end at his home and was accompanied back by his wife and son Paul, who will spend a few weeks in the city.

Mrs. J. W. Campbell and Miss Helen Carter are visiting friends in Fredericton this week.

Mrs. J. K. Flemming, Juniper,