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Old Times In Meductic

By H. B. Scott, Meductic, N. B.

IN THE VILLAGE STORE
(Continued from last week)

Then it was Bill's turn to tell a story of the old days. Says he: Were any of you old fellows in the party that attended the camp meeting held by Rev. Mr. Gaskin in a place cleared in the woods just below Wendell Phillips' place? It was not a tent but a beautiful spot, cleared of undergrowth, about the size of a good sized church. I've been in some fine churches in my day but Mr. Gaskin's had the rest of them beat a mile. The big tree trunks were the pillars and lanterns, hung from the branches, gave enough light for the service.

Mr. Gaskin could preach too. He could give it to you right from the shoulder, and if the shoe fitted, as it usually did in my case, so much the better. We all had singing books and the singing was grand as it floated out on the summer air, accompanied by Mr. Gaskin's old melodeon. Well now, to get from this side to the church we had to go over in the ferry boat, run by man power, by means of two scull oars in the ferry boat. The vessel was quite a size and would hold about a hundred souls.

On the return trip Amos Knowles, the ferryman, manned one of the sculls. As we felt a few raindrops falling and we didn't want the girls to get wet, he asked a husky fellow by the name of Thomas to help him scull. So we started across charting our course up river to allow for the current. Some had lanterns but they

didn't give much light as it was a real dark night. How cheerful and lighthearted we were! Nobody minded the rain. It seemed to make more fun somehow. Somebody started singing "Sweeter As the Days Go By," and then we sang others. Music always sounds nice on the water and our voices were young and sweet and some of us boys were pretty good on the harmony too. Better than the young folks these days I think.

In the meantime Amos and Tom were pulling their hardest. Tom was trying extra hard for his girl who there and he wanted to show her how strong he was. Unfortunately somehow his oar slipped and he fell against Amos so hard that he knocked him clean out of the boat. Down he went under. It was a bad moment for everybody until we saw his head bob up on the other side, when we all grabbed for dear life and pulled him into the boat. As soon as he got in he said kind of solemn like: "Another candidate for Gaskin." Well we finally got to this side, singing "Pull For the Shore".

There are many still alive to-day who were present on that trip. Some are living here in Meductic, some are in the West and others in the U.S.A., and they will vouch for the truth of this little story. Still others have gone from us forever. They have reached a "Fairer region far away". If all the dear ones are there and it is as nice as the dear old Saint John River, it will be good enough for me.

Debec

Mrs. William Scott and daughter Ann, Houlton, spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott.

Mrs. A. Macneil and her sister Mrs. E. T. Shaw (Houlton), were hostesses at a most enjoyable rook party of six tables on Friday evening at their home here. Mrs. John Armour won the prize for highest score, Mrs. Howard Henderson second prize, and Mrs. Kenneth McDougall the Consolation prize. The hostesses were assisted at the lunch hour by Mrs. A. Laverty, Mrs. E. Speight and Mrs. C. Johnston.

Several ladies of the village "declared a holiday" on Monday or Tuesday and attended the movie "This Above All" in Woodstock.

Several knitted articles were passed in at Red Cross on Tuesday. The large quilt piece by Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick was completed and two crib quilts put in.

Mr. Kenneth Taylor, Saint John, spent the weekend with his wife and family here.

Miss Marjorie Bustard, Elmwood, spent Wednesday with Miss Joyce Dickinson.

Over 700 No. 2 Ration Books were distributed Saturday last. The Red Cross Campaign is now being planned, Councillor A. F. Carson is in

charge of arrangements. Mrs. John Kennedy and Miss Helen Carter teachers of Green Road and Elmwood schools leave on Monday, March 1 to resume their duties. Miss Claudine Fleming, Miss Madeline Poltras Miss Shirley Bailey and Miss Turnbull Woodstock students spent the weekend at their respective homes here.

South Newbridge

Red Cross met at the home of Mrs. Nelson Hillman on Wednesday afternoon. Six members answered to Roll Call. Three visitors, Mrs. Guy Murphy, Mrs. Donald Thompson and Miss Elsie Hillman were present. The afternoon was spent in quilting. Goods turned in were: 1 pair khaki socks, Mrs. Howard Tompkins; 1 pair khaki socks, Mrs. John Sibley; 1 pair khaki socks, Miss Heloise Tompkins; 1 pair khaki socks, Mrs. Hazen Tompkins. A picnic supper was served.

Said Mr. Holson: "A baby is troublesome, that's true; but remember the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Recalled his wife: "Well, then, suppose you assume world-domination for the evening while I go to the movies."

Meductic

Mrs. Lloyd Tompkins and little daughter Burdette of Lower Dumfries, York County were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Cummings and family for a few days recently.

Who has been employed pretty much all winter at Southampton was a recent visitor of his mother, Mrs. Ross Durling.

Mrs. Inez Porter had as her guest for a few days last week Mrs. Earl Porter of Benton Ridge.

Wilfred Jewett and Miles Hagerman are about through with their lumber operations for Durling Brothers at Canterbury.

The High School will hold a dance in the Pokioik Hall on Thursday, March 4.

On Friday evening about fifty pupils of the High School had a grand skating party on the Saint John River. After skating they adjourned to the school room and had hot tomato soup and a sing-song.

The Riceville school evidently does not want Meductic to carry off all the skating honors for they had a swell skating party on the Brown's part of Meductic Flat, close by the site of the old haunted house. I hope they didn't see any ghosts. One of the skaters skated so much that the next morning he had the mumps.

Mrs. Stanley Marsten visited her mother Mrs. William Slaney at Temple last week. Coming back she said if she had creepers on she would have walked, for the car seemed to want to go all over the place.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Grant who last fall moved into their new home, have recently installed electric lights.

Janet Marsten was to Woodstock one day last week.

The teachers at the High School were pretty busy for a half day and evening last week, signing ration books and giving them out.

The Red Cross met at their usual winter quarters, the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers. Mrs. Clayton Rogers, who donated the mystery box, won it herself.

Vallis Worden was sliding on the crust of what used to be called Fred Marsten's Hill the other night when in the dark his sled struck one of the girls skating on the pond at the foot of the hill and knocked her off her feet. Except for a few bruises she was none the worse of the experience.

Ralph Hillman is at present cutting wood on his wood lot at Shogomoc.

Mrs. Wilfred Jewett and H. B. Scott sang a duet in Sunday school on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ralph Cummings who has been laid up with cold and mumps is able to be out again.

Harold Franklin who is employed at Mr. Smith at Canterbury driving a tractor was home with his wife and family over the weekend.

Stanford Mills and Clyde Dickinson who are employed by the government at the building at St. Andrews were at home over the weekend.

Donald Furlong of Hay's is sawing wood for Talmage Dow and H. M. Edwards.

Bloomfield

Friends were sorry to learn that Mr. Stanley Wasson had his leg broken, when hooking up a colt on Saturday last. He was rushed to the Fisher Memorial Hospital, Woodstock, by Mr. Percy Williamson, where he will be detained for some weeks.

Miss Madeline Harris is engaged at the dehydration plant at Hartland.

Mrs. Verne Duff and daughter, who have been working at the dehydration plant, returned home on Saturday last.

Miss Claudine Kidney is helping at the grocery store of Mr. George True, Woodstock.

Mrs. Alex. Gartley has been on the sick list and her many friends hope she will be soon well again.

The "Farm Forum" was held on Friday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bellis. Mr. Archie Flemming in the chair. Members at tending were Messrs. Percy Cunningham, Guy Black, Paul Stokoe, Glen Black, Bob Bellis, Harrison Black, W. E. Bellis and our secretary Mr. Arnold Cunningham. The guest speaker was Mr. A. E. Raymond of the Department of Agriculture; who dealt with the "Debt Menace" and other matters of importance to agriculture.

Frank McGrath and Oscar London are busy sawing ties on the Bernie Black lot.

The Ladies of the Soldiers' Com'ion Society met on Friday night last at the home of Mrs. Leslie Black.

Friends here are glad to learn that Mr. Stanley Campbell, is recovering nicely after an attack of flu.

Miss Lorraine Black was taken to the Fisher Memorial Hospital Woodstock on Monday and on Tuesday morning she was operated on for appendicitis, which was said to

be successful and is now reported to be making good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Craig of Littleton, Maine were visitors at the home of his parents here on Sunday last.

The Ladies Aid of the United Church held a quilting party on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jewett.

Mr. Albert Harris and son Earl are busy hauling drag wood, from the Cliff camp at Lindsay.

Friends are pleased to hear that Mr. Archie Carpenter's sick horse is much better.

Mr. Harry Carvell, Lakeville is expected in the neighborhood shortly to run the lines between the Smith lot and Mr. Kilburn Black.

Glassville

The W. I. met at the home of Mrs. L.H. Lamont on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert Stone spent several days at Argyle with her sister Mrs. Victor Crabbe.

Mrs. Donald Lyons spent last Friday in Woodstock.

Mrs. Robert Lee called on Mrs. Thomas Guthrie and Mrs. Florence Smith on Wednesday.

The Knitting Club met at the home of Miss Lily McIntosh on Tuesday evening.

Janet Stone spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. James Scott.

John D. Hood spent Sunday with John F. Scott.

Mrs. Arthur Jordan, Mrs. Archie Lunnie, Mrs. George Hartgrove and Janet Linder called on Mrs. John F. Scott Saturday.

Miss Marion McBrine spent the weekend with Mabel Perry.

Claude Spence spent the weekend at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marich, Bristol spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McIntosh.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guthrie and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Velch on Sunday.

Mrs. Herbert Stone called on Mrs. Florence Smith on Sunday afternoon.

Jean Hovey spent Sunday afternoon with Joyce McIntosh.

Janet Stone and Millie Scott called on Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald Tuesday afternoon.

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East Florenceville

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Miss Ferne Billings is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Billings at Lower Hainesville.

Pte. Anthony Blackie of Saint John spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. D. H. Blackie. Mrs. Blackie also has as her guest her nephew Lawrence Rideout of Michigan.

Miss Gertrude Boyer spent a couple of days in Fredericton this week with her sister, Mrs. Alanda Banks.

The dance held in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening was well attended. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

Mr. J. C. Hunter is spending some time with his daughter, Miss Muriel Hunter at Fredericton.

Miss Beatrice Tompkins who is employed at the plant in Hartland spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tompkins.

On Tuesday evening a large number from the community gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Haines, who were recently married, and tendered them a shower and house warming. Many lovely gifts were received by the honored couple who

Poems For Your Scrap Book

LIFE

Sometimes we get discouraged so,
And hours of black despair we know;
It seems no single thing we do
Turns out just as we want it to;
No matter how we strive or try,
Things will be sure to go awry,
Blow after blow falls day by day,
We faint and falter on the way.

And yet, if we but pause and look
Back on our lives as on a book,
We will discover times like this,
When everything seems going amiss
Were followed fast by days of cheer,
By sunny hours and pleasures dear,
So, when the clouds hang dark and low,
Keep up your courage as you go.

thanked their friends gittingly. Dainty refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Just Drop It

A voluble but useless counsel was addressing the jury in a "running-down" case. "Gentlemen," he said, "this accident to my client's little

orse will ruin 'im! The plaintiff's

all is in 'is little 'orse!" The judge upon whose sensitive ear these constant and unspirited allusions had grated, could strain himself no longer.

"Don't you think, Mr. Blank," he interjected, "that at this stage of the case we might refer to it as a pony?"

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