

FINE PROGRAMS
CARRIED OUT AT
CITY CHURCHES

St. Paul's and Wilmot Church Vestries Were Scene of Fine Entertainments on Friday Evening.

With the Yuletide season in full swing and Christmas only little less than two weeks away, social events of the churches are beginning to flavor the spirit of Christmas. Several entertainments held last night were of such form, and at the St. Paul's United church, the young people put on a very delightful Christmas novelty which consisted of the singing of a number of beautiful carols.

The event was the usual Friday night meeting of the young people of the church under the presidency of Mr. D. H. Tozer. The meeting opened with the Christmas play depicting the Yuletide spirit by the singing of the carols. During the business meeting it was agreed to raise \$50 toward missions of the church. This was followed by an address by Mr. Guy Pond, on Opera, with special reference being made to the great composer, Wagner giving an outline of his play, Tristan and Isolde. The rest of the evening was spent with games in the gymnasium. It broke up at a late hour.

At the Wilmot United Church a similar entertainment took place with a large number of young people being present. A program of games was carried out under the direction of Miss Winnifred Coates and Miss Nellie Donovan. The program was a splendid one and marks the close of the regular Friday night entertainments until after the Christmas season. Other churches in the city also will complete these entertainments until the New Year.

CITY AFFAIRS

Pen Doing Well

The Fredericton Experimental Station has a pen of Barred Rock hens competing in the Dominion egg laying contest at Ottawa. During the week ending December 5th, this pen produced 25 eggs, making a total of 74.

River Frozen Solidly

There is now a good foot of ice in the river opposite the city. The river roads have been busted out and teams have been crossing for several days. The dealers have been out this week staking out their claims for the season's supply.

Change in Weather

The temperature hereabouts which had been hovering in the vicinity of zero for the past ten days, suddenly changed during last night and this morning thermometers had shown a rise of more than 30 degrees. The thaw was forecast some time ago.

Arrived at Noon

The sight of a low flying plane over the city at about noon today was the cause of a general craning of necks skyward by capital people. The plane proved to be a relief airmail plane from Moncton, piloted by W. H. Irvine, Jr., which had come to repair the machine which crashed here this morning.

Meeting Today

The shareholders of the Farmers' Dairy Cooperative, Ltd., are meeting this afternoon in the County Court House for the purpose of considering the consolidation of the company with other dairies in the province under the head of Consolidated Farmers' Dairies, Ltd. The meeting is a postponed one, the previous one having been held on November 23rd., at which time the directors adjourned the meeting until today.

Government Job Vacant

It is not after that a Federal Government job becomes vacant in Fredericton, outside of the civil Service list, but there is such a vacancy now. A new janitor for the Post Office building is needed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert F. Biggs. The job is worth about \$60 a month with free quarters. The appointment is in the hands of P. J. Hughes, K. C., Liberal candidate at the last election. Already there are a score or more of applicants.

NEW BRIDGE AT
POKIOK IS VERY
MUCH ADMIRERD

The First Structure of Its Kind in Eastern Canada—Has a Floor Width of 31 Feet and a Parapet Railing.

Among the many fine bridges erected by the Provincial Government during the past few years none have been more admired by our own people as well as tourists than the structure which spans the Pokioke stream on the Fredericton-Woodstock trunk highway. This bridge, which was completed about three months ago, is undoubtedly the best of its type in the province. It is built of reinforced concrete, has a single span forty-five feet in length, and a roadway thirty-one feet in width, it being the widest bridge in the province. Two rows of cars can park on the structure without any serious interruption to traffic. The reason for the wide roadway is that the Pokioke Falls, one of the scenic marvels of Eastern Canada, are located about one hundred yards above the bridge, and can be easily viewed from the structure. It is only natural that tourists passing this way would want to obtain a better view of

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FIRST MISHAP
TO MAIL PLANE
THIS MORNING

Pilot E. C. Burton Unable to Distinguish Distance to Ice in Heavy Fog—Skiis and Propellor Damaged.

The first mishap since the inauguration of the Maritime airmail in this province occurred this morning at 8.10 o'clock here, when one of the Fairchild machines, Pilot E. C. Burton who was accompanied by his mechanic, Dick Carter, came to grief on the river ice opposite the Children's Home. Burton, the pilot, was heading the machine towards Quebec and Montreal with the airmail, when the fog became so dense that he could hardly ascertain his whereabouts. This coupled with the fact that the altimeter on the plane broke, combined to make him lose his bearings. Not knowing his height, and anxious over his inability to see clearly, the pilot descended. In attempting to gauge his correct height by guesswork, he came to ground too suddenly. The result was that the propellor of the plane hit the ice first, smashing it badly.

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