

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Murray MacLaren, wife of the Lieutenant Governor is entertaining at tea at five o'clock this afternoon in honor of the executive and visiting members of the I. O. D. E. at Acacia Grove. Mrs. MacLaren will be assisted in receiving by her daughter, Miss MacLaren. Those pouring will be Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley and the Right Honourable Countess of Ashburnham. Those assisting will be Mrs. Kenneth Golding, Mrs. George McAvity, Miss Margaret Richards, Miss Jean Hodge, and Miss Edith McRae. The decorations consist of mixed spring flowers, irises and roses with candles in harmonizing shades.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor Dr. Murray MacLaren is paying a visit to the Baby Clinic at the County Court House this afternoon.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will pay a visit to the St. Paul's United Church hall tomorrow afternoon and will speak briefly to the delegates attending the I. O. D. E. convention in this city.

The members of New Brunswick Legislature were entertained at a luncheon in the dining hall of the Lady Beaverbrook's Residence Building today. C. C. Jones, president of the University, presided at the table. Following luncheon the members were escorted by President Jones and other members of the faculty and students on an inspection tour of the University buildings and grounds.

The following was given as a closing thought from a well known

author by Mrs. A. L. Gerow, in her excellent address of welcome this morning at the thirty-fifth convention of the I. O. D. E.

Forenoon, afternoon and night. Forenoon, afternoon and night. Forenoon, afternoon and what? The empty song repeats itself no more Yea! that is life—make this forenoon sublime.—

This afternoon a psalm.— This night a prayer, and Time is conquered and the Crown is won.

The various chapters of the I. O. D. E. of the city entertained the members of the provincial executive and the local regents of the city chapters at dinner last night at the home of Mrs. H. F. McLeod which she graciously threw open for the occasion. Dinner was served at small tables. The decorations were miniature Union Jacks, red candles and spring flowers. The members of the Bliss Carman Memorial Chapter served about twenty-eight being present.

The April meeting of the Anagwakade Chapter, I. O. D. E., was held last evening at the home of Mrs. A. L. Gerow with Mrs. Griffiths, the regent, in the chair. There was a large attendance of members present. Mrs. A. T. McMurray was asked to carry the chapter vote to the National Chapter meeting in Ottawa. Two new members were welcomed to the Chapter. It was decided to help the welfare Bureau in the collection of old clothing during the last of April. It was also decided to co-operate with the other chapters in the celebration of the King's Jubilee. Plans for Empire Day were discussed. Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Gerow and the meeting came to a close.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Bertram Watham and Horace Niles, well known commercial travellers of this city, narrowly missed being drowned yesterday afternoon when their horse broke through the ice of the Miramichi river off the shore at South Nelson. John Matchett, of Newcastle, driver, also missed death by a miracle. The trio had completed business in South Nelson and were en route back to Newcastle when the horse broke through the ice. The men jumped clear of the sleigh, but the horse plunged through and was only rescued after difficulty. Athirty-foot area of ice was broken before the horse was got out of the water. Watham and Niles spent the night at Newcastle and were none the worse of the accident, save a natural scare over the seriousness of their predicament.

CONSERVATIVES
PROLONG DEBATE
ST. DUNSTAN'S
GIRL GUIDES GROUP
HONORS MEMBERS

Unusual Spectacle Witnessed as Liberals Remain Silent

OTTAWA, April 3—The House of Commons saw the rare spectacle today of a government blocking its own budget. Nine Conservatives and one United Farm member kept the budget going all day with the Liberals retired to the sidelines.

Taunts and challenges flew across the floor after every speech. Question! Question! the Liberals would shout, indicating their desire to stop debate and begin the vote. "Answer him! Are you nailed to your seats?" Conservatives attempting to taunt the Liberals into speaking.

This has been an unusual session since the first day, and today was no exception. Usually, the opposition keeps hammering away at the government during the budget debate, the vote taking place when they stop. Today, government supporters were so long and so loud in their praise and defence of the administration there was no time for the vote. And the government whip could not say tonight whether a division would be held tomorrow.

The only excitement during the day was when one of the few spectators in the North Gallery was carried away by his political convictions and shouted encouragement to someone on the floor. A guard ejected him and the House lapsed back into monotony.

William Irvine, United Farm member for Wetaskiwin, laid before the House two alternatives—monetary reform or revolution. He said credit must be loosened and purchasing power increased or "it is altogether likely the masses of the people, driven by desperation, will take unconstitutional and unintelligent action." Mr. Irving urged social credit plans to lead the way out of depression.

CIVIC SALARY
LIST IS AGAIN
DEBATED UPON

The City Council passed the list of civic employees and respective salaries at its April meeting last night but not before another "tiff" had occurred between members of the council as to whether civic employees whose salaries had been reduced a few years ago, should be given part restoration or not.

The motion finally was passed which incorporated that all those whose salaries were over \$2,000.00 should still be subject to a ten per cent cut from their original salaries those whose salaries were from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 should be subject to a five per cent; while those earning under \$1,000.00 should be fully restored. But even this motion, showing a sliding scale of reduction, was not passed without taking a vote on it. Those voting for the motion were Ald. Wright, Maxwell, Kitchen, Forbes and Mundle, while the others voted contra.

Ald. Moses Mitchell was especially denunciatory of restoring the salaries to those earning over \$1,000.00. "Unlike Ald. Forbes I fail to see any improvement in business conditions", asserted the veteran alderman. He declared he wanted the citizens to know where he stood in the matter. He pointed out that relief was still necessary, and that free treatment at the hospital is costing the city something like \$6,000.00 this year. This is enough burden for the tax payer, he thought. Ald. T. Earle Doohan agreed with Ald. Mitchell that there should be no restoration of salaries to the higher-paid man. Ald. Dr. Wright thought that the merchants would benefit by this increasing of the city employees' salaries.

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At St. Dunstan's Hall last evening two Girl Guides were presented with decorations for achievements made in Guide work. Miss Mary Neville was presented with the interpreter's badge and Miss Connie Gallagher was given the ambulance badge. The presentations were made by Miss Margaret MacLaren daughter of His Honor Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren. Miss MacLaren is herself a Girl Guide. Miss Dorothy Feeney was also presented with a "Thank You" badge in recognition of services given to the Club during many months in a musical way.

Miss Neville and Miss Gallagher explained to Miss MacLaren and the visitors the work which merited these decorations. Miss Neville's decoration was given after a stiff examination in French correspondence and in oral French conversation by Professor Pugh of the University of New Brunswick. Professor Pugh stated that he thought this was the first time in the history of the Maritime Provinces that this badge had been given and that it was creditable to see it come to a Fredericton troop.

Miss Gallagher's achievement was most creditable as she had to have a thorough knowledge of all phases of first aid and ambulance work in order to get this badge. She was given great credit for her work in this line by the Captain, Miss Martha O'Neill. A nice programme was carried out. The knot drill under a patrol of whom Miss Marie Kileen was leader, was most creditable. Miss Margaret Lorette led in the signaling drill, and it was much enjoyed. Little Zeta Kileen recited a selection from Drummond and Bernice McGinn sang a solo. Both these numbers were well received. A first aid drill by several girls and drills by the entire troop with the usual routine completed the programme. There was a large number of visitors present.

St. Dunstan's Troop is one of the live troops in this part of the province. The public which has been boosting the Boy Scouts—and rightly so—might also put in a word for the Girl Guides. One has to see these Girl Guide patrols at work in order to appreciate their value. Why does not some one get behind these girls and give them a boost in this good work.

The funeral of the late James Gibson, well-known York County man who died at his home in Lower St. Mary's yesterday morning, took place this afternoon with service from the United Church at Marysville at 2.30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. M. H. Mannel and assisted by Rev. Dr. George E. Ross. The ceremony was simple but impressive, and many friends gathered to pay a last tribute to one whose forbears were so highly reputed in this county, and who was himself remembered for his personal habits and many good qualities. There were many floral tributes. The choir of the United Church was present and sang hymns: "The Lord is My Shepherd," and "Abide With Me." The pallbearers were, Thomas McDowell, George Tapley, Elmer McFarlane, Norman Cochran, Alfred White and Mayor Walter Walker of Marysville. Interment was made in the cemetery at Marysville.

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BRITISH FIGHT
LOTTERIES LAW

Sweepstakes Tickets On the Barred List, But Sale Continues—Operators Turn to Radio.

LONDON, England, April 2—As the British public, according to official computation, has subscribed two-thirds of the \$224,500,000 total of the thirteen Irish sweepstakes up to date there is much speculation here as to the amount the King's subjects will invest in tickets in the fourteenth sweepstakes to be run in connection with the Grand National Steeplechase.

If the Government had its way, not a ticket would be sold here. But despite the ban placed on sweeps of this character by the betting and lotteries act which came into force on January 1, thousands of tickets have been brought into the country. The government departments chiefly concerned in thwarting the sweepstakes conspiracy in which so many of his Majesty's subjects are involved include the Home Office, the Post Office, the police of Great Britain and northern Ireland and the customs officials.

If the holders of tickets take a secret glee in having outwitted the law, they also have moments of fear that they may not be able to ascertain whether any prizes are theirs, as the publication of such information, hitherto permitted, is now forbidden.

European Radio Used

The hard-boiled among ticket holders assume, however, that use will be made of the radio by the sweepstakes authorities, as there is no means of preventing such tidings from being "spilled" on the air for the benefit of this country's isolated sweep participants. As a matter of fact, one continental station in particular has been used extensively of late by the sweepstakes organization to stimulate interest hereabouts in the impending big draw in Dublin.

It is possible that two stations, the continental one already mentioned and the Free State station at Athlone, may be used to fill the ether over the British Isles with the draw results, which will be so eagerly awaited in cottage and mansion, pub and office building, in the United Kingdom. The continental station is so powerful that few even of the cheapest reception sets in Britain are beyond its range.

The present situation has its humors as well as its anxieties. The man who used to boast that he had a pocketful of sweep tickets has now "gone broody". If he is as well fixed with tickets for the fourteenth sweepstakes as he was for the thirteen that preceded it, he is keeping his own counsel or telling very few friends to avoid detection. Certain individuals who formerly appeared to be able to obtain tickets by the bushel are

now evincing pleasure in the possession of one or two.

Will "Bootleg" Tickets

Despite the kill-joy activities of the minions of the law, it is suspected they have a hunch that British subscriptions to the Grand National Sweepstakes will be large because the tickets were being rushed into the country before the betting and lotteries act became operative. They believe, however, that the sale of tickets for the Derby sweep in June will be severely curtailed, although there are indications that the tickets for it are already on the move. Several bundles of them were washed up on the beach at St. Margaret's Bay, Kent., a few years ago from a mysterious quarter. Whether they were dropped from an airplane or boat is not known.

While Britons may have subscribed two-thirds of the sweepstakes money up to the present, they received by way of return a large sum in prizes. For example, in the first nine sweeps the British subscriptions totalled \$106,000,000.00 and the prizes won amounted to \$56,650,000.

According to a recent statement in the House of Commons, the amount allocated to hospitals as a result of the thirteen sweeps was approximately \$38,015,000.00 of the grand total of \$224,500,000.

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