

## "THE JOINER" IS DESCRIBED BY OBSERVER AND CAN BE RECOGNIZED LOCALLY

He Belongs to Every Fraternal and Service Organization --- Likes to Wear Flashy Robes and Walk in Parades

There is a phenomenon of our time known as the "joiner." Indeed, we cannot perhaps call him a phenomenon of our time only, since in a sense he is deathless and belongs to all time. But he is very much in evidence in our own day.

The joiner is usually, although not always, of the male sex, and as his name implies, he is obsessed with the idea that he must join all and sundry organizations within his reach. The true joiner doesn't make any distinction between various types of societies; it is all one to him whether the society is a fraternal organization or a service club. As long as there is one society left in town, of which he is not a member, he won't rest easy until he is a member.

Your true joiner is not always deterred by the little question of eligibility. Most societies have qualifications which they demand all prospective members to possess. These requirements may be of a religious nature, and that is about the only thing that the joiner cannot fake. But as far as societies go whose membership is based upon racial or fraternal grounds, the joiner will always turn up, miraculously equipped with all the necessary requirements.

Of course, he occasionally gets turned down. But that does not discourage him. On the contrary, it only spurs him on to greater activity, if that be possible. One rebuff is sufficient to give the joiner enough additional momentum to crash the gates of at least two more societies.

A real joiner is never to be found at home of an evening. For him every night is lodge night. One night he has to attend a meeting of the Exalted Order of Nit-Wits. The next evening is devoted to the assembling of the Ancient and Honorable Society of Panhandlers. The next night he has to go to the annual meeting of the Kibitzer Society, and so it goes. You will usually find that the joiner holds offices in several of these societies, although not all of them. His activity in the society is measured by the rank of office he holds, and his interest is marked by the ease by which office may be obtained in that particular outfit.

The joiner's interest and enthusiasm is most marked in the society which possesses the gaudiest and most ornate type of uniform. He will work his fingers to the bone to attain a high office in this society since the more exalted the rank the gaudier the uniform and the greater number of medals and decorations he may stick on it. It is true that these robes of office are usually only worn

within the sanctity of the lodge room, and consequently he will only be able to dazzle the eyes of his fellow members, who are more or less accustomed to it. But occasionally there will be a street parade or a funeral, and it is a poor kind of a society indeed which will not entitle a man to wear some special regalia on such an occasion.

When the great day of the parade arrives the joiner will march down the street and march back again like "All the King's horses and all the King's men," and will fancy himself to be a combination of Lord Kitchen-er, Marshall Poch and General Allenby, all rolled into one.

There are several causes that actuate the joiner's conduct. One reason that produces the joiner is the belief that membership in societies will further the member's business, or help him to obtain some position or office which he desires. This belief is largely a fallacy, because most of our fraternal societies have become large social organizations, and have lost whatever original meaning they may once have had. The brother in distress is mostly left nowadays to get rid of his distress the best way he can.

A recent news item states that a prosecuting attorney in the famous Black Legion trials was accused by a prisoner of having joined the Black Legion himself. The attorney replied that he might have done so when he was running for office, being desirous of all the support he could get, and not being certain just what the organization was. That incident illustrates perfectly the motive behind a great majority of applications for membership in various organizations.

Another reason for joining societies is because it provides the joiner with an excuse to get out of the house several nights a week. This type of joiner is usually a henpecked individual who is allowed nothing to say at home, and is glad to get away to the lodge where he can strut around; and if he occupies an exalted office, have his words listened to with respect.

The other leading motive is the lure of gaudy robes and regalia, and a delight in the nonsensical mummery which takes place during a meeting of a so-called secret society. Incidentally these societies are about as secret as a sign-board.

The motives for joining service organizations, in addition to the help in business which they are supposed to give, are usually purely social. Hardly anyone joins obsessed with a genuine desire to be of service to the community. But they like to be slapped on the back and be called by their first name by somebody who would probably never notice them otherwise. And what a kick there is in being able to slap on the back, and address familiarly, the great man they would be afraid to speak to on the street.

Dear reader, do you know any joiners? —OBSERVER.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Helena Wark who spent the summer in Canada, sails today from Montreal for Ireland where she will spend the winter.

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The Knights of Columbus met last night in their rooms on Regent street and celebrated the feast of their patron, Christopher Columbus. During the evening pertinent addresses on Columbus were delivered by Rev. Dr. Milligan and James A. Hughes, which were greatly enjoyed. Afterwards lunch was served and a programme of readings and songs carried out. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 o'clock with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Dr. A. P. and Mrs. Crockett have gone on an automobile trip to New York.

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The Ministering Circle of King's Daughters held its opening meeting for the year yesterday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. C. C. Jones. The meeting opened with prayer. Mrs. Jones in her opening address expressed pleasure at the large number present and welcomed the new members and spoke encouragingly of the work which had been done during the last year and looked forward with hope for a successful present year. The devotional period, which was taken by Mrs. W. C. Kierstead, followed. Mrs. Kierstead gave a very helpful lesson on Thanksgiving this being the annual Thank Offering meeting. After this the general business followed. The reports of the committees formed for the summer for looking after any cases that might arise showed that much good work had been accomplished and that many had been helped on their way. Further plans were made for this winter's work. A letter was read from the Ella Thorne Circle advising of a Travelogue entertainment which was held by that Circle last evening. Plans were made to assist at the Halloween Tea, which is being held by the combined Circles in the near future. Sympathetic reference was made to members at a distance which had been bereaved since the last meeting and to those who were ill. The meeting concluded with the Mizpah benediction, after which refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour was spent.

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J. E. Marsh, C. P. R. Publicity Department of Montreal, is in the city today. Mr. Marsh is a former resident of Saint John.

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The Freshman Class of the University is holding a get together meeting this evening in their rooms.

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**Charming Function in Devon**  
One of the most outstanding and successful functions of the season was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. S. Watson, when the Women's Institute of Devon sponsored a Tea from four until six o'clock. Quantities of autumn flowers used throughout the rooms added charm to the affair. The guests were received by the hostess and the president of the Institute, Mrs. Frank Shortill. Mrs. Allan Sewell ushered. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. W. M. Kesson and Mrs. Hugh Smith. Assisting were Mrs. H. Peters, Mrs. M. Fletcher, Mrs. E. Crocker and Mrs. L. Dunbar. Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Eldridge replenished. Mrs. Murray Quartermain and Mrs. Pearl Boone had charge of the candy table, and the novelty table was in charge of Mrs. M. Perley and Mrs. P. R. Salmon. General hostesses were Mrs. L. Thornton, Mrs. L. Long and Mrs. S. Ward. The donations were received by Mrs. J. Brannen. Little Miss Joan Fletcher admitted the guests. The tea table had a beautiful lace cloth, and was centred with a silver basket of lavender 'mums. Yellow and mauve 'mums in silver candlesticks were at each end of the table. The function was attended by several hundred representing every denomination in Fredericton and surroundings, who took advantage of the opportunity of enjoying a social cup of tea and assisting the Devon Women's Institute in their splendid work.

Miss Jean Hodge entertained at Bridge last evening in honor of Miss Dorothy Feeney, a bride-to-be. Mrs. T. C. Barker won the prize and Miss Feeney the guest prize.

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Miss Irene Foster entertained last evening at her home at a Bridge and crystal shower for Miss Phyllis Hurley, a bride-elect of the near future. The prizes at Bridge were won by Miss Esther Cremin and by the guest of honor.

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### Cathedral A.Y.P.A.

The Cathedral Branch of the Anglican Young People's Association met last evening in the Cathedral Memorial Hall with the vice-president, Norman Peacock in the chair. The A. Y.P.A. hymn was sung and the vice-president lead in prayers. A short but very interesting address on the principles of the A.Y.P.A. was given by Miss Marian Ryan. Games were played under the direction of Miss Marian Hubbard and dancing enjoyed for a short time. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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### V. O. N. Held Meeting

The important part which the Victorian Order of Nurses are playing in connection with community welfare, was shown Tuesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Order, when the reports of the nurses were read. Eighty-four cases were nursed of which forty-four were new ones, making a total of 375 visits. Of these visits eighty-five were paid by an insurance company. In the case of twenty-six others the patients paid in full. Twenty-three patients paid part of the fees and the remainder were free. There were fourteen night calls, of which seven were for confinement cases. Ten Well Baby clinics were held, at which there was a total attendance of 391. Several of these cases were referred to the family physicians for advice. This clinic is also carried on at Devon where the attendance is increasing. The attendance at the Fredericton clinic remains about the same. In addition to their nursing and baby clinic work, which is carried on both in this city and in Devon, the Victorian Order of Nurses have been engaged in tubercular examination at the Provincial Normal School in addition to the work in the city schools. The reports of Misses MacArthur and Pond were very favorably received. At the close of the meeting the Rebekahs served tea at Fredericton and the Women's Institute of Devon served tea at that place.

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At a recent meeting of the Arts Society of the University, Bill Gibson was elected President, Miss Joyce Atkinson, Senior, vice-president, and Miss Rita Feeney, Junior, was elected secretary-treasurer.

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The marriage of Miss Edith Cavell Moore to Frederick Ferris Elgee has been arranged to take place on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at the home of Mrs. A. L. Reynolds, Lower Hainesville.

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Mrs. G. S. Armstrong was hostess at a very enjoyable Bridge party yesterday afternoon, prizes being won by Mrs. Harold McCrea, Miss Bessie Whittaker and Mrs. Eldon Taylor. Mrs. Kenneth Brown assisted the hostess in serving. Mrs. Armstrong is entertaining again this evening.

## EFFECTS OF THE CHANGES IN W.C.A. ARE ANNOUNCED

The amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act, announced in yesterday's Royal Gazette and which will exempt small industries from assessment, will have slight effect in stimulating small lumber operations to the extent of creating increase in stumpage revenue, it is stated by Hon. F. W. Pirie, Minister of Lands and Mines.

Provisions for exempting small industries in New Brunswick from assessment under the Act have become effective again. The provisions, now restored as from Sept. 23 last, were in effect previously from 1913 to 1932. Chairman J. A. Sinclair in Saint John announces that the changes will not have much effect on "real industry." The Board, while not receiving as large an amount annually in assessments from industries, will not be carrying so great a compensation risk and will be placed on a better financial basis.

Under the amendment any lumber operation which employs not more than three men is exempt from the assessment, providing the employer is not of several contractors working for a principal. Formerly such an operation would have been assessed at the minimum payroll of \$400 a year.

Lumber operations coming within the category specified in the amendment will likely continue as they have in the past except that employees will not have any claim in the event of accidents, Hon. Mr. Pirie said. Operations of that kind are almost entirely confined to farmers who cut lumber on their own lands to sell to larger lumbermen and was usually done by the farmer himself with one or two of his neighbors to help him. Before the amendment came into effect the compensation board had to bear the expense of sending inspectors to investigate such operations all over the province to see if they were complying with the provisions of the act, the Minister said. Under the present arrangement the Board will be short of that expense.

### TRANS-CANADA AIR MAIL LIKELY BY JULY 1

VANCOUVER, Oct. 15—An airmail service between Vancouver and Winnipeg will be opened some time next spring, and a Canadian coast-to-coast service will be inaugurated probably on July 1, Hon. C. D. Howe, Federal Minister of Marine and Transport, has announced.

The Minister came to Vancouver from Seattle by airplane, completing an air tour which took him to New York, Chicago, Dallas and Los Angeles.

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Leave Fredericton 4.30 p.m.	" " 5.15 p.m.

### SATURDAY ONLY

Leave Fredericton 7.15 p.m.	Leave Oromocto 8.00 a.m.
" " 12.05 p.m.	" " 1.00 p.m.
" " 4.30 p.m.	" " 6.15 p.m.
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### Burt's Corner Route

MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE

Leave Burt's Corner 9.45 a.m.	Leave Fredericton 4.00 p.m.
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### Nashwaaksis and Sugar Island

MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE

Leave Fredericton 7.30 a.m.	Leave Sugar Island 8.00 a.m.
" " 1.45 p.m.	Leave Nashwaaksis 2.00 p.m.
" " 6.15 a.m.	" " (Municipal Home)
" " 10.15 p.m.	Leave Sugar Island 6.45 p.m.
SUNDAY ONLY	
Leave Fredericton 6.25 p.m.	Leave Nashwaaksis, 6.40 p.m.
" " 8.15 p.m.	" " (Municipal Home)
	To Nashwaaksis only.

### Hartland Route

MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE

Leave Hartland 7.00 a.m.	Leave Fredericton 4.00 p.m.
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### Newcastle Route

MONDAY TO SATURDAY INCLUSIVE

Leave Newcastle 7.00 a.m.	Leave Fredericton 5.00 p.m.
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### Stanley Route

SATURDAY ONLY

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" " 4.00 p.m.	" " 6.00 p.m.
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