

FREDERICTON SOCIAL SEASON IS NOW WELL UNDERWAY

"The Legion of Breath" Struggling With Bridge While Husband is Home Supervising the Grub

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The Fredericton social season for 1936-37 is now well under way. Bridge tables are being taken down from the attic or the store-room and dusted off preparatory to the winter's activity. The brief interlude between the cessation of hostilities about the end of April and the recommencement of warfare on a general scale is over. All classes of the population are, figuratively speaking, girding their loins, and making ready for the fray.

The threatening general war in Europe pales into insignificance before the mighty issue at stake on the home front. Not even a general war can absorb such a large percentage of the population as the annual Fredericton bridge fight can do. Even those members of the family who are not actually playing at any given time must do their part. For the Fredericton bridge war is largely waged by women. It is in reality an Amazon type of warfare. Talk about the Russian women's Legion of Death, that had nothing on the Fredericton women's Legion of Breath. For, of course, breath is the ammunition that is most abundantly used during the campaign.

While the female fighters are struggling hotly in the throes of the battle, the husbands are at home busily supervising the commissariat. For the fighters must be fed. When they return, weary and grim-lipped, with traces of powder (though not gunpowder) still clinging to them, they must be refreshed and made ready for the next stage of the deadly struggle. Even the children do not escape. Their tender years cannot save them. Indeed they are often dragged right into the firing line. Little toddlers are raked in to open the doors.

This is a solemn and sacred ceremony. The Opening of the Door. Doubtless the origin of the custom lies in the fact that the older ones must conserve their strength for the deadly struggle about to commence over the green baize tables. No energy can afford to be wasted in opening and closing doors. The fighters arrive, and a door swings magically open to them, and closes behind them. Valiant little children, doing their tiny bit for humanity. The female warriors assemble, and march in orderly ranks to their appointed stations. The signal for hostilities is awaited. It is given, and with a thunderous blast the battle is on.

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Breath flies hither and thither, wreaking its deadly destruction. But the hide of these warriors is pretty tough, tempered as it has been, in the fires of countless campaigns. Woe to the careless fighter who has overbid her hand and led her partner astray. A fearful barrage of breath will be her reward. A barrage that will mercilessly disclose to the listeners the guilty one's general uselessness as a bridge player. Fortunately the warrior who has sufficient reserve of breath on hand with which to counter-attack successfully.

Occasionally there will come brief lulls in the fighting, when the participants, exhausted, will subside for a few moments to regain their strength. But even then the fighters are not idle. For it is then that the deadly and insidious poison gas is released. The poison gas of scandal. The Legion of Breath, like the anarchists, wish to destroy everything. Not content to attempt, like the Kill-kenny cats, to destroy each other, they must, if possible poison the whole neighborhood with their malignant whisperings.

It is the innocent bystander who is most worthy of sympathy when he gets hurt. It is the civilian population who suffers the most in any war. So is it in the War of the Legion of Breath. No one is safe from them. The mortality is higher among the victims of the poison breath than actually participating in the battle than it is among the fighters themselves.

Mere words fail to convey the ferocity of the fighting in these engagements. The most we can say is that a mixture of the Spanish Civil War and the Black Hole of Calcutta would be mild beside it. Grim old dowagers who should be either in an old lady's home, or safely sheltered in the bosom of their families, will sit crouched over the table, their beady eyes gleaming wickedly at their partner, waiting for the first error to occur. And when it does, the ferocity that will sweep over that countenance will be unbelievable. Gnashing her false teeth venomously, the deadly dowager will release her barrage of breath.

Doll-faced young things will be mixed with the dowagers, but they are not quite so deadly. They have neither the physical nor mental strength to be so. But they must fight with their own particular brand of breath. One can scarcely credit the malice and venom contained in a single "Did you really not see that I was trumping clubs?"

Darkness has fallen, and within the house the lights have been lit, and the fire glows cheerily in the grate. Hark, what is that noise coming down the street? What means that chattering and clattering and tramp of many feet? It is a detachment of the Legion of Breath on its way to fight.

The casualty list will be long on the morrow.

—OBSERVER.

William Bourne Funeral Took Place Yesterday

A large number of the friends of the family were present yesterday afternoon to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of William Bourne, who passed away on Thursday last. The funeral left the house at two o'clock and proceeded to Christ Church Parish Church where the impressive funeral service of the Church of England was conducted by Rev. W. J. Bate. The full choir of the church were present. The church was crowded to the doors with friends of the young man and of the family.

The mourners included Wm. C. Bourne, John Baldwin, and the members of the druggist association in this city. The pallbearers, all of whom were employees of the Ross-Drug Co., included C. Hedley Forbes, John S. Savage, Harry A. Fradsham, Harold C. Burden, George A. Steele and Harry McDaniels. A large number of beautiful floral tributes rested upon the coffin. Interment was made in the Wilmut section of the Rural cemetery. Rev. W. J. Bate conducted the service at the grave.

The passing of Mr. Bourne was greatly regretted by a large number of friends both in this city and elsewhere.

"STRIKE" FOR MILK

The U.N.B. undergraduates of the Beaverbrook Residence went on "strike" this morning for more milk. Because they haven't had enough milk so they claim, for their breakfast in the morning, the students did not come down to breakfast this morning until 8.40. When they did the matron refused to give them breakfast, a student said today. The hours for breakfast are from eight o'clock until 8.45 o'clock.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Post-Nuptial Reception

Mrs. Richard H. Chestnut will receive for the first time since her marriage on Thursday, Nov. 5th from 4 to 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chestnut, 132 Waterloo Row.

Miss Ellen Gregg and Miss Betty Budd of St. Stephen are visiting Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Gregg, Gray street.

Miss Marcia Beek is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Murray Hoyt, Devon.

Miss Ester Neilson and brother Robert were in the city on Saturday attending the U.N.B.—Mt. A. football in which another brother Seigred Neilson was a star player for Mt. Allison. Robert Neilson lead the province this year in the High School entrance examination.

Mrs. James Inches of St. Stephen was in the city over the week-end, having come to the Capital to attend the funeral of the late R. D. Hanson.

Miss Charlotte Tompkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Tompkins, entertained at a delightful Hallowe'en party on Saturday afternoon. There were about thirty guests present, and the usual games were played, after which refreshments in keeping with Hallowe'en were served.

The different circles of the King's Daughters sponsored a successful and largely attended tea, which was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of the Provincial Regent of the Circle, Mrs. C. A. MacVey. The guests were received by Mrs. A. P. Crockett and the hostess, Mrs. C. D. Richards and Mrs. Armstrong. Presiding over the tea table were the Rt. Hon. the Countess of Ashburnham, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Leslie McFarlane, Mrs. G. Kilburn, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. J. M. Lemont. Others assisting included Mrs. W. M. Clarke, Miss Nellie Winters, Miss Margaret MacDonald, Miss Brewer, Miss Grace Oils, Miss Audrey Young, Miss Z. Smith and Miss Walker. The table was attractively appointed in keeping with Hallowe'en.

Wilmut Brotherhood

Responding to an invitation by the pastor and congregation of the United Church of Canada at Sheffield the Wilmut Brotherhood yesterday motored to that community and conducted a service. F. W. Barker, president of the Brotherhood, opened the service with a short address in which he voiced in warmest terms the appreciation of the men for the invitation from the Sheffield congregation. The musical part of the service included "The Beautiful Land," sung by a quartette composed of F. W. Barker, C. D. Young, W. Raymond Crowdon and Hugh Andrews; "The Church by the Side of the Road" and "Are You Building on the Rock?" by a double quartette composed of F. W. Barker, C. D. Young, John Harrison, W. R. Crowdon, Vernon Box, Hugh Andrews and F. T. Pridham. Two short addresses were given by members of the Brotherhood, Colonel Randolph Crocker and Rev. J. W. Bartlett. Col. Crocker stressed the necessity to band together in public service to combat the forces of unrest in our life. The greatest ideal of brotherhood is service to our fellows, he said. After recounting several interesting incidents connected with the early Methodist church in Sheffield Rev. Mr. Bartlett used the passage from Scripture "I had fainted unless I had believed," as a basis for some inspiring words upon the need of a rekindling of belief in God. Following these features the pastor of the church, Rev. Erle E. Fytche, spoke briefly and enthusiastically upon the future of the Church and the British Empire.

Returning Home Today

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Bishop who were recent guests of their son K. C. Bishop and Mrs. Bishop and also with friends at The Narrows, sailed today from Saint John for their home at Deep Brook, N. S.

The American Antiquarian Society was organized in 1812, having headquarters at Woster, Mass.

U. N. B. Law School Dance

Premier and Mrs. A. A. Dysart, His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. D. Lawrence MacLaren, Chief Justice and Mrs. J. M. Baxter, Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Justice J. H. A. L. Fairweather and Mrs. Fairweather, Mr. Justice L. T. D. Tilley and Mrs. Tilley, Judge J. A. Barry and Mrs. Barry, Judge H. O. McInerney and Mrs. McInerney and Hon. J. B. and Mrs. McNair have extended their patronage to the Ball which is being held at the Georgian Ball room of the Admiral Beatty Hotel, St. John, on Friday, Nov. 6th, under the sponsorship of the U. N. B. Law School.

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Cameron entertained at a charmingly arranged double Bridge on Saturday evening at their home. Guests played cards at four tables. The ladies' prizes were won by Mrs. I. B. Rouse, Mrs. J. M. McKinnon and Mrs. Leonard Guay, of Harvey. Gentlemen winning prizes were James Kirk, Arthur McFarlane Limerick and K. C. Bishop.

Among the week-end hostesses were Mrs. Kenneth Staples who entertained at Bridge on two evenings and Mrs. Lester Smith who also was a Bridge hostess prior to Hallowe'en.

Professor MacPherson returned to the city during the week-end from Moncton, where he addressed the teachers at the County Institute which met there last week. Professor MacPherson addressed the teachers on the subject of English.

The Pre-Medical Society of the University met today.

Miss Margaret Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Evans, who is a student at Mount Allison University, was in the city on Saturday for the Mt. Allison football game, and spent the week-end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. G. Cook and family of Fredericton Junction, spent Sunday with relatives in Fredericton.

At St. Dunstan's hall last evening an address was delivered on Adult Education and Study Clubs as well as the Co-operative movement, by Wilfred Keohan, lecturer on Adult Education. The lecturer was introduced by Mrs. F. G. Foster, president of the Catholic Women's League. Previous to the introduction of the lecturer Mrs. Foster dealt with the aims and objects of the League, of which she is president. Mr. Keohan traced the movement which he is sponsoring in this province and referred to the wonderful strides along that line which had been made in Nova Scotia under the auspices of St. Francis Xavier University. This movement, the speaker said, had made St. Francis Xavier University famous all over North America and was being taken up by many educational leaders both in Canada and the United States. He stressed the benefits of Adult Education and the Co-operative movement, especially in the rural districts, where under the present system of education the youths in the rural districts were today being educated away from the farm. He pointed out the necessity of teaching economic and social reform. He quoted one prominent educational worker as saying that at the present time we in Canada are only one step ahead of Communism and it was necessary that we keep that step ahead. The aims and objects of the present adult Education system, study clubs and social credit were along the line of bettering the conditions of democracy and educating the man on the farm and other workers so that when another generation rolls around their lot, economically and socially, will be much better than it is today.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Milligan on behalf of the audience assembled, congratulated Mr. Keohan on his address. He also extended on behalf of the audience his thanks and theirs to Mr. Keohan, the lecturer. The meeting was closed with the singing of God Save the King.

One hundred for 20 words of 5 letters each was the rate on the first trans-Atlantic cable.

CANADIANA

CANADA'S YEAR

January is white

With snow that's dazzling and bright.

February brings nice

Skating on the smooth, clear ice.

March winds blow,

To clear away the snow.

April has showers

And early spring flowers.

May ushers in

Pretty Miss Spring.

Hot June days

Bring children from school to plays.

July's sweltering heat

Makes us glad to rest our feet.

Under August's shining dome

The golden grain is gathered home.

September's night and morn

Show farmers gathering corn.

October's Hallowe'en

Brings tricks, some funny, some mean

In misty November's dress;

Yes, and grey becomes her best.

December ends the year

With snow the Christmas cheer.

—Ruth Quinn, (age 10 years)

Certified original: William R. Quinn

WEATHER STATISTICS

The weather statistics for the month of October just ended as furnished by the Dominion Experimental Station today, follow: Maximum temperature, 69; mean, 43.87; minimum, 16; rainfall, 3.17 inches; sunshine, 142 hours. The past week has been an unusually mild one.

BIG GAME PARTY

An American big game party, who passed through the city today en route to their homes were successful in getting several handsome buck deer. The party is composed of Knox Brown, general manager of the Packard Motor Car Company of Boston, Mass.; Harold Wiswall, of Wellsley, Mass.; Irvine Hawkes of Boston; Henry Lahti, of Boston; R. E. Derby of Lowell, Mass.; and Mr. Bell, also of Lowell, Mass. The party also shot a 400-pound bear. The party got two handsome deer and several does. Gardner Bulard of Boiestown, guided the U. S. party.

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the road. A fatal accident was narrowly averted by the arrival on the scene of Prof. Robert Pugh and Capt. G. Alvah Good who did the best they could to repair the damage. Such actions as these which puts people's lives in jeopardy border on the criminal.

During the sportive celebration on Queen street a lady from Devon, who had left her car standing for a few minutes near the curb came back to find the window broken and her purse containing a sum of money, missing. She reported the matter to the local police.

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