

OBSERVER RETURNS TO DISCUSS LOCAL EVENT

Paying Rural Teachers — Our Broadcasting Service — Police Allowing the Use of Firearms in the City

Observer who has been away from the job for several months has returned to work and is opening a discussion on local events. Those who have followed this writer's interesting articles in the past will be pleased to see them continued.

Dr. Warwick's excellent broadcast on Sunday evening last must have gone far to clarify the situation concerning infantile paralysis in the province. He explained fully why the recent precautionary measures were deemed necessary. His remarks should effectively silence the uninformed criticism which has been seeping in from various rural quarters. Many of these districts have loudly voiced their disbelief in the necessity of the closing of the schools. This criticism has been based chiefly on the need of having to pay their teachers when the latter were not working. One expects this from districts which pay their teachers little or nothing at the best of times. Perhaps as long as the supply of livestock holds out they won't have to give the teachers any money. It is alleged that one young lady teacher of this province was offered a colt in place of her salary when the last school term was over. We may yet see our teachers coming back to town at the end of the school term leading colts, calves, pigs, etc., or whatever is handy.

Dr. Warwick answered the rural districts when he said that the danger

there was exceptionally strong, owing to the chance of teachers from the infected districts coming there to teach. Perhaps, though, the districts might ship a sheep or a turkey gobbler to the teacher they have engaged, as a payment on account.

Speaking of broadcasting, the CBC has lined up some interesting programs for the winter. They are evidently taking a leaf out of the book of the BBC by keeping their programs in a highly cultural class. Their aim is to educate, which is all right in reason, but the CBC seems to be determined to educate along their own lines, no matter what the listeners think of it. They don't relax now and then and come down to earth and give the public a little good old honest popular entertainment. It is somewhat painful to be kept in the highly rarified atmosphere of the classical composers all the time. Of course one doesn't have to listen any more than one wants to.

Just the same, most of the CBC programs are certainly worth listening to. Now that they have increased their time on the air one wonders what policy our local station is going to follow. Sunday afternoon the CBC programs began at 1 p. m. but one had to turn to some other Canadian station to get them. Our local station was silent until six o'clock. A statement of future policy from the local station would be read, I think, with interest.

It is little matter for wonder that there should be accidents from the use of air rifles. It is understood that the use of air rifles as well as firearms is forbidden within the city limits. Yet one may walk through the residential districts at almost any time and see boys playing with air rifles in many yards. They might quite well be 22 rifles for all any one knows to the contrary. Neighbors don't like to make complaints to the police, but let the police take a stroll once in a while and see some of the things that do go on, especially on the back streets.

There are some deprivations one must expect to put up with who lives in a city or town. Among these are the right to brandish fire-arms indiscriminately, and the right to let dogs run loose about the streets. In these respects Fredericton might just as well be Punkin' Center.

OBSERVER.

NOTICE

I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by any person other than myself.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

After Many Years

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wynn of New York are in the city visiting Mr. Wynn's sister Miss Regina Wynn. Mr. Wynn left here over forty years ago and this is his first visit in twenty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Wynn are receiving a hearty welcome.

V. O. Board Meeting

The Victorian Order Board met on Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance of members. Miss Dawson, Eastern Supervisor, was also present and conferred with the Board on various matters. Miss Christine MacArthur, V.O.N., read the nursing reports. Miss Pond, V.O.N., being away on sick leave. 85 cases had been nursed, 9 of these were surgical, and 8 were maternity cases. Owing to the epidemic of intestinal influenza, there had been a great many sick calls made. Owing to the threatening of infantile paralysis and the Well Baby Conference not being available for the mothers as usual, the nurses were called for advice, etc. In all a total of 443 visits had been made.

It was learned with pleasure that Miss Pond's condition was improving, and arrangements were begun to procure a nurse to assist Miss MacArthur during Miss Pond's leave of absence. Mrs. Cameron, convener of the nursing committee, reported that on account of the curtailing of the Well Baby Conferences, the Pythian Sisters and the Rebekahs had been notified that they would not be needed to serve tea to the mothers, but the Board appreciated their willingness. After routine business, passing of bills, etc., the meeting adjourned.

On Motoring Trip

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lorne Howatt and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. McAdam recently left on a motoring trip to Boston and New York.

Attended Dinner

Chief Justice and Mrs. Barry of this city and Paul R. Barry of New York attended the dinner given at Saint John last evening to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston.

Leaving for Ontario

George V. Armstrong is leaving for Ontario this evening.

Sailed for England

Mrs. J. P. Byrne and Miss G. L. Burns of Bathurst sailed yesterday from Montreal for England, to be with their sister who is seriously ill. Mrs. Byrne and Miss Burns recently visited this city.

Hospital Aid Meeting

The annual meeting of the Hospital Aid was held yesterday afternoon in the City Club Rooms. The officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Mrs. C. D. Richards, President; Miss Helen Sterling, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. E. O. Turner, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. H. R. Babbitt, Treasurer; Mrs. A. J. Thompson, secretary, and Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, assistant secretary. Additional members of the executive were Mrs. D. J. Shea, and Mrs. P. C. Robinson. Miss Jean Hodge is to have charge of the advertising.

Semi-Annual Meeting I.O.D.E.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Chapter of the I.O.D.E., which is being held today and tomorrow at Woodstock, Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Provincial President is presiding. Others from the city who are attending the meeting include Mrs. J. W. Brown, who is convener of Empire Work in India. Distinguished visitors and hospitality committee, child and family welfare, Mrs. Walter W. White, Saint John; Mrs. G. L. Furlong, Saint John; immigration and Canadianization, Mrs. F. W. Mitchell, Woodstock; navy league, Miss Alice Fairweather, Saint John; the press, Mrs. F. S. Tilton, Saint John; League of Nations, Mrs. G. O. Spencer, Moncton; Girl Guides, Mrs. Ralph McCready, Saint John; Echoes, Miss A. Mahoney, Moncton; service and ex-service men's committee, Miss L. Reid, Harland; films, Mrs. John Davidson, Rothesay; Empire study, Mrs. F. L. West, Sackville; endowment fund, Mrs. A. T. McMurray, Fredericton.

Paul R. Barry who is visiting his parents Chief Justice and Mrs. Barry expects to visit Moncton tomorrow.

In the City

Mrs. R. M. Campbell and daughter Mrs. Morrison of Boston, Mass., are visitors in the city.

Kenneth Griffiths

(Continued from Page Eight) tents of a pint ale bottle while she was with him.

On being cross-examined by Mr. Murray, the witness admitted that she had been keeping company with the accused off and on for the past four months. She denied having anything to drink that day.

Denies Road Race

The passing and repassing of a large blue car on the Fredericton-Saint John highway, the accused trying to keep in front of the other car by speeding, was responsible for the calling of the police, stated Mr. Murray, after the witness had denied that there was anything unusual about the driving of the accused. On being questioned, point blank, she stated that she could not recall the alleged incident.

Dumped the Beer

The next witness to be called, Dick Atherton, of this city, testified to the effect that he had been with the accused at the time the latter was arrested. He admitted procuring the ale, drinking one bottle, and seeing the accused drink of the other. "When the cops came," he said, "the accused leaned over and dumped the beer."

On question, the witness testified that this was the only beer he saw the accused drink that day, and said that he had no recollection of passing and repassing a large blue car on the highway.

The court then recessed until 2.30 this afternoon, when the hearing of witnesses continued.

Four Fishermen

(Continued from Page Eight) er, Campobello fisheries supervisor; Inspector B. B. Brittain, Saint John; Inspector D. L. Thompson, Chance Harbor; Charles Irvine, Saint John, and Ernest Thompson, Dipper Harbor; fishermen's representatives; Fisheries Inspectors J. A. D. Robertson, Hampton; E. G. Hunter, Fredericton; C. E. Kilpatrick, Woodstock; and A. D. Levesque, Grand Falls, and the following members of the council: Frank Cameron, Hampstead, fisherman; B. S. Moore, Andover, sporting camp proprietor and president of the New Brunswick Guides' Association; H. H. Ritchie, Fredericton, chief game warden, and D. W. Griffiths, director of the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel.

Roland H. Wheeler, guide; F. Cedric Cooper, secretary of the New Brunswick Fish and Game Protective Association, and C. E. Estey, camp owner, Grand Falls, were not present.

DRIVER

(Continued from Page Eight) According to their evidence, the car continued down the road for some distance before stopping. They stated that the car stopped after Lawrence Mahoney, and elder son, who was working in the orchard below the scene, on hearing the father's outcry ran and signalled the car down.

According to evidence of Corporal L. P. Ryder, head of the Fredericton Detachment, R.C.M.P., the car stopped 344 feet beyond the point where blood was found in front of the Mahoney home. There was clear vision on the road above the home for 298 yards.

Const. L. B. Matchett, Fredericton Detachment, R.C.M.P., stated that he would not pass the condition of the brakes on the car. Percy P. Bridges, garage proprietor, stated that the brakes were good for the year of the car's make but that they needed tightening.

Passengers in the car stated generally that they did not see the child until within 40 or 50 feet of it. They said they saw it run towards the edge of the road, and that the driver sounded the horn. Two testified that the child turned back toward the center of the road as they were about to pass and that they felt a bump but thought that it was the pail they had struck. Joseph E. Verrett, another passenger in the car told them to stop and that he thought they had struck a child.

The driver said the windows were up and that he did not hear anyone shout. He had swerved toward the left side of the road to give more clearance in passing the child, and after Verrett told him to stop he continued down the road a short distance to park the car on the right side. The brakes had been passed by the R.C.M.P. in Edmundston two weeks ago.

Verrett, who is a police constable in Edmundston, stated that he had known Martin for 20 years and that he had never been in any trouble before.

After the unanimous verdict was brought in Mr. Martin thanked each of the jurymen as they left the room. Mr. Mahoney and his son, Lawrence, left the room before the verdict was brought in.

BALBO

(Continued from Page One) gent war machine and as weight to bolster Premier Mussolini's bargaining position in any negotiations with France and Great Britain toward withdrawal of Italians from Spain.

Young Bruno's presence, it was said, would put spirit into Blackshirt legions fighting with Franco and show them Il Duce has given them his whole-hearted support.



REV. DEAN W. H. MOORHEAD
Honorary President Cathedral Men's Club who spoke to Club Members Last Evening

Cathedral Men's Club

The opening meeting of the year of the Cathedral Men's Club was held last night at the Cathedral Memorial Hall. R. P. Gorham, President was in the chair and an inspiring address on Fellowship and Attendance at the Club meetings and church activities was delivered by Very Rev. Dean Dr. W. H. Moorhead. In the card games Selwyn Box won at contract bridge and Clive Foster in the auction forties. A musical committee and an attendance committee were appointed for the year by the chair. G. I. Hope of Sackville was a visitor to the meeting, was heartily welcomed, and spoke on his recent trip to Washington, New York and other cities and gave an outline of how the church men's work was conducted in those cities. Following the meeting refreshments were served in the basement of the hall. During the course of Mr. Hope's address that a church man's club was being formed in Sackville under the direction of C. LeRoi Mooers, pastor formerly of Devon.

LADY MAGISTRATE

Among appointments in the current issue of The Royal Gazette is that of Miss Annie Morrell, Newcastle, to be sitting police magistrate for that town. Only one other such appointment has been made in the province, that of Miss Mona McMahon, Chatham. They are authorized to hear cases in the forced absence of the regularly appointed police magistrate.

WAS ACQUITTED

In the heading of the article on the bigamy case yesterday the copy-reader of the paper wrote in the headline the word "convicted" instead of "acquitted." The text of the article showed however that Phillips was found NOT GUILTY on the first charge and that the jury disagreed on the second charge, much to the astonishment of many of those who followed the case and heard the evidence.

A MUD HOLE

There is a bad mud hole on York Street between Aberdeen and Needham Streets which should receive the attention of the Roads and Streets Committee. It is said that complaints have been made by different parties regarding the puddle which splashes cars but no action has been taken.

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