

TOO MANY ORGANIZATIONS FOR SIZE OF THE CITY

The Art Club "Takes Up" Three Artists Every Week--Some Organizations Should Be Scrapped

(Note: The Daily Mail while interested in "Observer's" articles, does not necessarily agree with what that writer publishes. Sometimes the views expressed are entirely at variance with our own opinions.)

In this column I commented recently on a certain organization that does not seem to be fulfilling any useful purpose. I would now mention one which is doing very useful work indeed. I refer to the Y.M.C.A. and its associate activities.

This organization fills a long felt vacancy in the community activities. While many of the churches have their social clubs, and gymnasiums, this is by no means as useful from a community aspect as a central organization such as the Y.M.C.A. One benefit of the Y is that it gets the young people, and some who are older, together, and draws from all religious bodies. This should widen the horizon of many who have been led to believe that social life is bounded by the particular church they attend.

This custom of regulating affairs that apply to the city as a whole by representing each church is an absurd one. There is no valid reason why the membership of the Board of Trustees should be chosen in such a manner. And there are other bodies, supposedly of a non-sectarian nature, whose membership is made up in the same way. The great danger in such a course of procedure is that a non-sectarian body will become sectarian. It is a question whether this may not already have happened in local affairs.

The latest move of the Y in providing a time and a place for young ladies who are making their homes temporarily in the city to spend a social period is a very commendable one. These young women have been unfortunately placed in the past, in that their social life has been, of necessity, a haphazard affair. I would offer as a suggestion that the Y authorities allow these young women to bring their boy friends to this social period. They haven't much place else to meet them.

Apologies of organizations in general, it appears to me that this city is over-organized. While there are many useful societies, there are a great many useless ones. One hears almost every week of several new clubs, societies or what have you, being established. This city is too small to support all the societies we have. Many of these societies are in theory admirable, but in practice they fall short of the ideal. Then one suspects that there are some organizations with high sounding names that are not very efficient. Less organizations and more community spirit is what is needed.

One of the new-comers in the organization line is the Art Club. From the notices of its meetings in the press, its membership seems to be confined to the ladies. Whether the gentlemen are not supposed to be able to appreciate art, or whether none could be induced to join, I do not know. But in any case these ladies meet once a week at the home of some member, and there they "take up" certain artists. Just how they "take them up" isn't very clear

either, but if it is like most societies of this nature somebody probably reads a paper, cribbed for the most part from the nearest encyclopaedia. Then the rest of the members discuss it. Every week these ladies "take up" two or three artists. Fancy that now. In a meeting lasting two or three hours you can learn all about three artists and their work. Something that has probably taken each artist under discussion a lifetime to achieve. And all that meeting period won't be given over to art either. There will be the inevitable tea drinking and sandwich snatching, and the scandal mill will be going full force.

I once heard a story about some ladies out in the sticks who organized a literary society. Their object was to study the English poets. Not of any particular period, just the English poets. Some order, what? But that wasn't all. This society was organized in the early part of the winter. When the winter was about half over, one of the members wrote in to the public library of the nearest city and said that the society had been studying the works of Browning, and they now wanted advice as to what poet to study next, as they had exhausted Browning. Exhausted Browning! Ye gods! But at that it isn't as bad as exhausting three artists every week, although, of course, artists are popularly supposed to be very fragile folk.

Well, I suppose one must not be too critical. Art societies and literary societies, no matter how naive the membership, are a cut above the bridge clubs. But I must not get on to bridge as I am afraid the Editor could not pass my remarks uncensored. More of that anon.

Fredericton Junction

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Feb. 22.—The Junction Girls Hockey Club won over the McAdam High School girls on the rink here Saturday afternoon 5 to 1. L. A. Mersereau refereed. Frank Hart coached the home team and Alfred Meller the visitors.

The lineups:
Junction: Goal, Vera Allen; defence, Ruth Hart, Flora Shearer, Dorothy Heenan, Ivy Tracy, Theda Burnett; forwards, Marion Mersereau, Josephine Moore, Anna Myhrall, Una Moore, Eileen Maynard, Margaret Carson, Lois Shearer.

McAdam: Goal, Edith Greek, Emily Tuck; defence, Ruth Jones, Jean Moore, Audrey Eales, Beatrice Rush-ton; forwards, Dorothy Painter, Avis Lawson, Margaret Edgecombe, Clara McCartney, Margaret Greek, Elsie Foland; spare, Dorothy Love.

The scores were:
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Third period: Mersereau.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. John Camber and her sister, Mrs. Mary Foster of Kingsclear, left during the week-end on a two weeks' trip to New York.

The members of the S.C.M. were entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. John Copp last evening.

Prof. B. S. Kierstead III
Many friends of Prof. B. S. Kierstead of the University will regret to hear that he is ill with the flu. Prof. Kierstead was absent from lectures this morning.

Major General and Hon. Hugh H. McLean, entertained at dinner at his residence, "The Grove," in Rothesay in honor of Sir Edward W. Beatty, of Montreal. The table had in the centre a silver epergne containing red roses, daffodils and tulips in artistic arrangement, and was lighted by red shaded candles. Covers were laid for twelve, and the other guests were Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison, His Worship Mayor MacLaren, Howard P. Robinson, J. G. Harrison, F. P. Starr, Cyrus F. Inches, K.C., T. H. Estabrooks, E. B. Harley, Gerald Lawson and H. N. Stetson.

Service in Jail for Prisoners
Yesterday afternoon members of the W.C.T.U. visited the county jail and held a service for the prisoners. Rev. D. R. Chownen was in charge and special music was rendered.

Mrs. Glenna Russell of Woodstock is the guest for a few days of her cousin, Karl Gough and Mrs. Gough.

Leaving Soon for Florida
Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Miller are planning on leaving in a few weeks for Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the season. Mrs. Miller's many friends will be pleased to hear that she is making continued progress towards recovery, after an illness of several weeks.

Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett was host Saturday evening at dinner at the Chateau Laurier for members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery and their wives.

Hon. W. E. Foster, Speaker of the Senate, and Mrs. Foster will entertain at dinner on Wednesday evening, prior to the reception being given by the wives of the Cabinet Ministers.

Mrs. Jennie E. Johnston
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Mrs. Jennie E. Johnston has sold her ladies ready-to-wear department in order to give more time to her fur department. She wishes to announce to her many customers that she will still carry on her fur remodeling and fur repairing work at the same address. She wishes to thank her past patronage and hopes for a continuance of same. Mrs. Jennie Johnston, furrier, 608 Queen street.

Mrs. MacDonald III
Many friends in the city will regret to hear that Mrs. T. A. MacDonald is ill at her home on Winslow street.

Sir James MacBrien

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ganizations. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police also enforced the law in the Northwest Territories and in the Arctic circle.

No Possibility
Commenting on the recent report that the name of the force might be changed, Sir James said there is no possibility that the proposed change will be brought into effect. He pointed out that such a change would be a detriment to the prestige and reputation of the famous force inasmuch as it takes away much of the tradition which has made the name of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police known throughout the world. There would be a psychological effect, he said, if the change was made.

While in Saint John, the visiting official spent several hours with his son who is a student at the University of New Brunswick Law School there. Sir James will leave this afternoon on his return to the Dominion Capital.

PRIMARY IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

Factory sales of pig iron, steel, ferro-alloys and rolled products were nearly 33 per cent. higher in 1935 than in 1934, the value being \$38,700,961 and \$29,101,463, respectively. The 24 works in Ontario reported sales at \$25,268,288 or 65 per cent. of the total for Canada; six works in Nova Scotia accounted for \$7,987,949 or 20 per cent., and 13 in Quebec had total sales worth \$4,155,782 or 11 per cent. There were four operating plants in Manitoba, one in Alberta and five in British Columbia. The average number of employees in this industry was 9,523 during the year compared with 7,400 in 1934. Ontario plants provided for 5,682 workers, Quebec 1,791, Nova Scotia 1,630, Manitoba 304 and 116 in Alberta and British Columbia. They were paid a total of \$12,279,390 in salaries and wages against \$9,009,512, an increase of 36 per cent.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The kiddies said, one holiday,
"O Dada, come and skate."
Quite unaware, of course, were they
I would be tempting fate.

I had not been on skates for years,
But thought, "At least I'll try."
My ups and downs soon counselled me
"Leave this for younger fry."
—Sterling Brannen.



Boy Scout News Period Ending Feb 21, 1937.

The outstanding event of the past week was the display given by the combined Devon and Nashwaaksis Troops, last Thursday and Friday, at St. Anthony's Hall, on Thursday, and at Nashwaaksis, on Friday. Douglas were to have taken part on both nights, also, but were unfortunate, in that their Scoutmaster, Earle Hawkins, and every one of the boys who should have taken part, fell sick of the flu. We were also rather unfortunate in the choice of our nights; but it yet remains to find out the secret of how to avoid a conflict, or conflicts, in the engagements which we make. We do not yet know what the proceeds from the two evenings amount to, but this should all be settled very shortly. Meanwhile, a Devon correspondent has sent us this account of Thursdays' provided programme, which will also describe Fridays', with one or two variations:

"On Thursday evening, Feb. 18, the St. Anthony's Devon Troop and the Nashwaaksis Troop united in a Boy Scout Display, at St. Anthony's Hall, Devon. The entertainment was highly successful. The show began with the regular troop opening, flag break and the singing of O Canada. The stage was arranged in Scout Camp fashion, with a background scene of the Nashwaak River, fir trees lining the stage and an artificial log fire blazing in the centre of the stage.

"The St. Anthony's Boy Scouts staged a display in First Aid work. Those taking part were A. S. M. Hugh McElligott, Troop Leader Harold Grover, L. Lawrence Hughes, and Scouts Charles McEvoy, Ernest Paul Harry Brooks and Gabriel Dedham were the victims of an accident, and the Scouts showed their skill in First Aid by bandaging up the wounds and broken members.

"The Nashwaaksis Troop then gave a display in knot tying. Following this, the Troop gave a silhouette operation on a patient, whose appendix was removed.

"Field Worker Robert Pugh then showed and discussed interesting slides of the Pyrenees, showing the borderland between France and Spain, not far from the scene of some bitter fighting in the Spanish Civil War; the now destroyed Cathedral of Gerona being among the pictures.

"The Council Fire scene was very pretty. The programme of the Council Fire consisted of group songs, a broadcasting novelty, instrumental numbers, guitar, violin and harmonica trios, and vocal solos."

At Nashwaaksis, on Friday, Commissioner Good showed pictures of the Vimy Pilgrimage, and of the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, which followed the Pilgrimage.

Great credit for the success of this display is also due to A. S. M. Ralph Lawrence and the Nashwaaksis boys who took part. The Nashwaaksis stage was every bit as effective as was the St. Anthony's stage.

Wednesday saw another successful meeting of the Girls' Training Course, at St. Dunstan's Hall. There was a full attendance; and a popular feature of the evening was a Dressing-Up Charade, won by two of the Bluebirds, and one of the Eagles. The evening ended with another excellent singing.

A Rural Scoutmaster, well known to our readers: Leslie Simms, of the new Meductic Troop, reports that 10 of his boys are ready for Investiture as Tenderfoot Scouts.

ROBT. PUGH,
Provincial Field Worker.

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He recites the names of Philosophers and kings,
But does he ever get what he should at the store?

Man—he's wonderful.
He's sailed through air and water in his ships,
He's dug big tunnels and spanned the towns with bridges—
And when he walks across the polished floor he slips!

Man—he's wonderful.
He's a marvel, a mine of information,
His opinion in any major dispute he tenders;
He's mastered the secrets of the seas, skies and land—
But he has to depend on suspenders!
—P. A. Strongin.

Our Education Must Embrace All

By Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier and Minister of Public Works.

The Province join this week in a Canada-wide campaign to focus attention upon educational matters. We have been accustomed to speak of education in the past as affecting only our youth but our conception of what constitutes an education has undergone a very great change. In speaking of education today, we must bear in mind the needs of the entire community, young and old, in the light of modern conditions and endeavor to broaden our vision to encompass a field much larger than the restricted area heretofore prescribed.

Words and their definition must vary with the conception of the human mind. Education may be broadly defined as the sum total of available knowledge with all the wisdom and trained mental and physical discipline necessary to apply it to perfection. From that viewpoint one may readily perceive that it is impossible for any human being to acquire a perfect education, not only because of the definite capacity of the mind but also because of the brief mortal period allotted to us.

It becomes obvious, therefore, that the period of education is the full span of human life and we must abandon the fallacy that it terminates with the maturity of the individual. People who have made and are making a distinct success in life have grasped this point. The completion of their school and college years provides for them only a foundation and they strike out vigorously and independently to acquire an enlarged knowledge and vision which has served them to such good purpose.

To my mind, the ideal system of education will instill this thought in every one of us. Education must be continuous and the distinction that exists between school and college years and later life lies only in the fact that the former is an elementary, disciplined and full-time occupation while the latter is optional, selective and part-time due to the material demands of life.

In the Province of New Brunswick we must take steps to recognize changing conditions and changing conceptions. We must frame an educational system and an educational policy that will embrace the entire population, not for idealistic motives but with the practical objective of giving to our people a full measure of opportunity to compete with the peoples of other lands and to enjoy a fuller measure of cultural advantage.

Like other countries we have in the past accepted our school system as a common mould and it has been the course of least resistance to accept its sufficiency. In the first place, we have not been over-curious in late years as to the quality of the mould nor have we given due recognition to the variable nature of human capacity and human talent which renders any single mould inadequate.

A future system of education must not only be continuous but it must be so evolved as to direct the efforts of the individual along natural lines or to follow the bent prompted by nature's endowment. Only by such a broad and comprehensive programme does it seem possible to dispense equitably the advantages of a free educational system and to develop the natural gifts and talents of the individual for the good of the whole.

It is impossible at the moment to say what immediate changes may be made but I have endeavored to set forth in a general way the broad objective. Naturally, it is the intention to achieve this goal in the shortest possible time, but it is expedient in the best interest of public business, to make progress by easy stages. One wholesome factor in the situation is that the teaching profession is fully alive to the situation. The public, too, has become awakened and with the happy combination of a much-cornered Government, an intensely interested teaching profession, and an aroused public opinion, we may hope for rapid progress.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
The regular Sunday worship at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross. The day's programme marked the beginning of a series of pre-Easter services. The theme of the services will be "The Seat of Authority in the Religious Life of the Church."

Reformed Baptist Church

The services at the Reformed Baptist church here were largely attended yesterday. Rev. Miss Mabel Manning, noted evangelist was the guest speaker. She was assisted by Miss Fairbush, who took part in the singing of several hymns. The services marked the opening of the Evangelistic campaign which is to continue until March 7th.

Christchurch Cathedral

Yesterday morning's services at Christchurch Cathedral was attended by Lieutenant Governor MacLaren and party, consisting of Major T. C. Barker, Miss Margaret MacLaren and Mrs. Adam Cameron. The Governor was met at the door by Archbishop Richardson and Dean Moorhead and ushered to the Governor's pew. The Governor read the first Scripture lesson, and the Archbishop read the second and preached an inspiring sermon.

The choir, under the supervision of Professor Smith, sang beautifully. At the evening service, Rev. Dean Moorhead preached the second in a series of sermons on the "Lord's Prayer."

Wilmot United Church

The regular Sunday services were conducted yesterday by Rev. G. W. Bartlett at the Wilmot United Church. The text of his sermon was "How Can These Things Be?" and proved to be instructive and inspiring. The Wilmot Brotherhood met in the evening, with Fred Barker, the president, in the chair. Routine business was dealt with.

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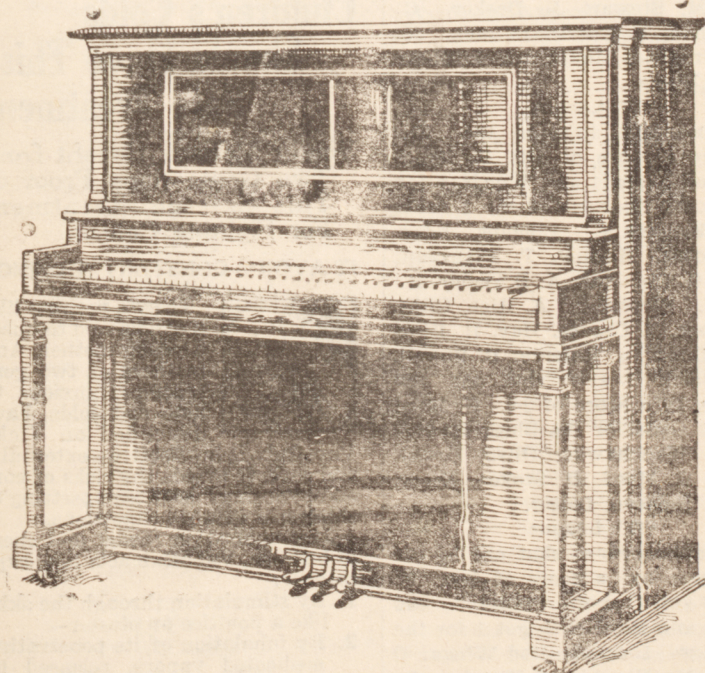
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