

## FAIR PLAY IN OUR BUS SERVICE IS ADVOCATED

The City Limits Extending to Town of Devon is Absurd in Practice --- Maritime Union Discussed

(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.)

It was a foregone conclusion that there would be opposition to the Bus Franchise Bill, and also from what sources it would come. It would seem that the chairman of the Municipalities Committee is right in saying that this is a matter that should be ironed out between the three places concerned. It does not seem unreasonable to ask that the Highway Transport Company be allowed to take on and let off passengers within the city limits at some specified point. One cannot see how that would settle a vexed question. To let Transit Company at all, and it would settle a vexed question. To claim city limits up to the high water mark on the Devon shore is ridiculous. If in theory it is correct, in practice it is absurd. Although the Capital Transit gives us good service, it must be remembered that Devon and Marysville had granted a franchise to the Highway Transport before Fredericton granted it to the Capital Transit. It might with reason be claimed that it would have been no more than logical for the city to have fallen in line, and granted a franchise to the same company and so give an uninterrupted service over the whole area.

After all the years that Fredericton and vicinity has been without bus service when the same was so badly needed, it seems the irony of fate to

have all at once two competing companies.

Personally, I could never see what the great objection to a real Maritime Union was. I know I should be howled down if I made this statement in public, but nevertheless I don't know where the objection lies. If ever there was an over-governed area it is these Maritime provinces. Three provincial legislatures with all their pomp and paquity and expense for this comparatively small area where one central administration would serve. I am an earnest seeker after information. Will some reader take pity on my ignorance and enlighten me on this matter?

I came upon this gem, as probably many of my readers did also in a Saint John paper. It is taken from a speech made in the New Brunswick Legislature in 1896 in regard to the trouble between Great Britain and the United States over the Venezuela boundary dispute. I quote:

"In this great crisis of our history from the southern line of Canada, north to the region of the Arctic snows, from the eastern shores washed by the gloomy Atlantic, to the sun-kissed Pacific has been breathed but one sentiment—an allegiance a thousandfold stronger, for the danger that confronts us. We care not whether the disputed territory in this remote corner of South America be rich with golden nuggets or a pestilent swamp, unfit for the habitation of men; if the red cross of Britain has once floated upon it in token of subjection to the empire, it shall never go back in dishonor, although our fair Canada's home be laid in waste by the invader."

How's that? That was the hey-day of Jingoism, and a man could really stand up and utter such sentiments and not be looked up as a dangerous maniac. We need to watch very closely that some spellbinder does not try to utter similar sentiments again. We still have people in our midst who would talk that way if they thought they could arouse anything more than a big horse laugh. But let national feeling be inflamed a little, and such sentiments have a way of coming to the fore.

OBSERVER.

### SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Mrs. S. S. Miller, who has been ill for several weeks, suffered a slight relapse recently, but her condition today shows a marked improvement.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

### Co-eds Will Meet City Girls

In Hockey Match An interesting hockey match is planned for next week between U.N.B. Co-eds and a team of young ladies from the city. Miss Margaret Fraser is captain of the U.N.B. team and Miss Helen Neill of the city team. According to some of the ladies taking part it is going to be the laughing event of the season.

### Fredericton W. I. Meeting

Fredericton Women's Institute met last night at the home of Mrs. Harding Kierstead with Mrs. G. I. Nugent in the chair and a goodly number of members present. Meeting opened with the singing of O Canada and the repetition in unison of the Club Woman's Creed. Roll call was answered with recipes using New Brunswick fish and were very appetizing.

Treasurer's report was presented and adopted as read; correspondence was read including a suggestion that the institute put on something during home economics week and a committee was named to look after it. Mrs. Henry Harvey and Mrs. Laura Donovan handed in \$9 they made as talent money by holding two socials at the home of Mrs. Harvey. They were commended for their action. Sick committee was named for the month and a resolution on the Saunders building presented.

The mystery box, donated by Mrs. Belyea, was won by Mrs. E. A. Moore. Considerable routine business was taken up and a most interesting letter from Fredericton's link at Frimley, England, read by Mrs. A. E. Mathewson. The letter dealt with plans being made for the observance of the Coronation, the institutes having a floral display planned rather than decorations of flags, bunting and streamers. The members are to have baskets of flowers hung from the lamp posts, window ledges, doors or anywhere the flowers will grow and the idea is meeting with general approval and prizes offered. All the flowers grown for the occasion will be in the coronation colors, blue and gold, and they will live long after the bunting and other decorations would. In writing Mrs. F. L. Stone, the link with Fredericton, said "no doubt the baskets on the lamp posts will make targets for the soldiers in their celebration of the Coronation, but what difference, it will have accomplished its purpose." The letter also said that the institutes were planning on erecting a building for the institutes to commemorate the coronation, for which \$1,000 has already been subscribed. The link between England and Canada is proving of great educational value as many ideas are exchanged between the two. The National Anthem closed the business period.

This was followed by some very fine tap dancing by little Constance McCormack, a pupil in Charlotte street school, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Clara McFarlane. Refreshments were served, the hostesses being Mrs. Kierstead, Mrs. G. A. Farris, Mrs. M. D. Jackson, Mrs. C. F. Parker, Mrs. Laura Donovan and Mrs. Allan Horncastle.

### Monthly Meeting Wilmot Church

The regular monthly meeting of Wilmot United Church was held yesterday afternoon. The President was in the chair and gave out the opening hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Mrs. Jewett read Paul's defence before Agrippa and a leaflet bearing on the subject, after which Mrs. Hallett led in prayer. It was decided that Miss Florence Bird and Mrs. Arthur Hockin be the missionaries to be especially remembered in prayer by our society this year and Mrs. Allaby and Mrs. Hallett were asked to prepare a short account of the work of each missionary. Miss Chase was appointed to collect the Branch Expense Fund for this year. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Mrs. Peters was added to the program committee, Mrs. Phillips retiring from it. The treasurer gave the

### Entertained in Honor of Lieutenant Governor and Miss MacLaren

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Crockett recently entertained at a charmingly arranged dinner party at Dunrobin. Early spring flowers adorned the dinner table, covers being laid for ten guests, including His Honor Lieutenant Governor Murray MacLaren, Miss Margaret MacLaren, Rt. Honorable the Countess of Ashburnham, Premier A. A. Dysart, Chief Justice and Mrs. J. H. Barry, Rev. and Mrs. George E. Ross, the host and hostess.

### Bliss Carman Chapter Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Bliss Carman Memorial Chapter I.O.D.E. was held Thursday evening at the home of Miss Josephine Burr, with the Regent, Mrs. J. G. Badcock in the chair. The meeting opened with the prayer of the order and the salutation of the Flag.

The Treasurer's report was given and the unconfirmed minutes of the last provincial executive meeting were read and discussed. The Chapter endorsed the resolution of the Provincial Chapter regarding the establishing of a home for the mentally deficient of the province, and it was decided to send a resolution to this effect to the Minister of Health and the Members of the Legislature for York County.

Mrs. F. L. Miller was chosen to represent the Chapter at the Provincial annual meeting being held here April 7th and 8th. Plans were made for the Chapter play and the date of production set for April 8th. Extra copies of the Coronation number of Echoes were ordered, and one new member admitted into the Chapter.

The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close and a social hour followed. The hostesses for the evening were Miss Mary Chapman, Miss Marjorie Macredie, and Miss Josephine Burr.

### St. Paul's Y.P.S.

The regular Friday night meeting of St. Paul's Young People's Club was held last night in Fraser Memorial hall, the programme being in charge of Audrey Young and Jean Smith. The devotional period was conducted by Boyd MacPherson who gave a most interesting talk on the Taxis programme. Mrs. McKen rendered a very beautiful solo "The Stranger of Galilee." During the business meeting letters were read one from J. W. McKay, Clerk of the Session, thanking the Club for its very generous donation to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund; the other from Miss Evelyn Clark, secretary to the B.Y.P.U. of Brunswick Street Baptist Church inviting the young people of St. Paul's Club to their meeting on March 15th. The invitation was very much appreciated and accepted most heartily.

Robin Bayley gave a most interesting reading of Stephen Leacock's A. B. C. of Mathematics and a piano selection "Three Trees." Mr. Bayley also played a piano selection of his own composition entitled "Nocturne." This was followed by two well chosen violin solos by Miss Marcelle Gorham. Games were enjoyed for the remainder of the evening and the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

monthly report. It was decided on motion that the Easter meeting which is to be held on Easter Monday and the regular monthly meeting be this year combined. The various committees were appointed for this meeting. Mrs. Peters was our delegate to the Presbyterian this year and had her report ready for our February meeting, but as the Temperance program on that day took up the most of the time she consented to read it at this meeting. It was a full report and was very carefully prepared. Mrs. Squires then gave us selections from our study book, "Men and Women of Far Horizons," which selections were much enjoyed. The meeting closed with a prayer.

## CAPACITY HOUSE GREET'S "SMALL-TOWN ROMEO"

Among Most Successful of the Season

Playing to a capacity house "Small Town Romeo," the Wilnot Young People's Society's 1937 smash-hit comedy, proved to be one of the most successful entertainments of the season. Brimming with humor, delightful with romance, and every second a moment of suspense, thrills and chills, this uproarious comedy won enthusiastic appraisal from the large audience. Much praise is extended to Mrs. E. P. Dayton, director of this great success, who has staged several other worthy plays in this community before. Between the acts, there was presented to Mrs. Dayton by the Society a copy of the well beloved novel, White Banners, in deep appreciation of her kindness in assisting the Young People's in the undertaking of the production.

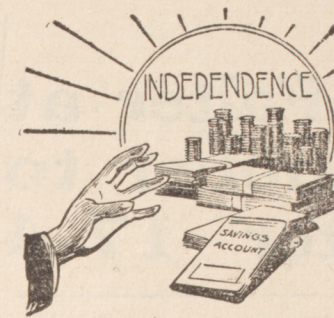
The cast were well chosen and proved fully their successful stage ability. Three starring comedy roles were excellently portrayed by Miss Phyllis Gregory, Averil Ross and Herbert Dayton. Miss Gregory needs no introduction to the citizens of Fredericton, being well known through former roles in "Go Hollywood" and "Meet Uncle Sally," as well as several others in which she keenly displayed her ability for acting. Miss Phyllis Gregory portrayed delightfully the role of the spinster aunt, Sarah Higgins, and gave to her audience a humorous and excellent characterization. Averil Ross as Sly Perkins, the village constable, presented a mirthful and enjoyable performance. Many will remember Mr. Ross as the laughable Cockney butler in "Meet Uncle Sally." The superstitious village mechanic, Bud Williams, was effectively handled by Herbert Dayton, who delighted the attendance with his impressive superstitions and comical actions; this is not the first of Herbert Dayton's appearance on the stage. All three deserve much praise for their splendid performances. The romance of the play was capably done by Miss Netta McMillan as Betty Braxton, the pretty hotel owner, and Charles McKordick as Joe Stanford, a playwright from New York. Miss McMillan, who has contributed largely to other stage performances, and Chas. McKordick, who is well known to Fredericton audiences, deserve praising mention of their notable portrayals. An impressive performance was given by Vernon Box as L. B. Lloyd, a mysterious guest at the hotel. This role was finely and impressively handled. Honors of the evening go also to a number of players, who although they performed in smaller roles were outstanding, and attracted the audience's attention with their excellent characterizations.

Miss Hazel Dow as Anna Aldrich, a schoolteacher, and Miss Roberta Bell as Jane Hastings, the banker's daughter, gave fine portrayals. Miss Dew has appeared before in other dramatic plays presented by the Young People's. Miss Bell is the winner of an acting contest held not long ago by the Society's Dramatic committee. Miss Betty Campbell as Miss Gates, a mysterious guest at the hotel and Corey Sanson as Morton Kendall, the village miser, gave effective performances. Centering mainly upon the mirthful situations of Joe Stanford, a young writer of plays, who has a delightful sense of humor, and who finds himself in Rushville in search of rest and a new plot for his play. In a little hotel, run by Betty Braxton, he finds all the ingredients: the mortgage hanging over the hotel; the mystery of why the town miser who holds the mortgage wants the place for himself; the ghost who screams and walks in the night; the escaped jewel thief; the trailing detective; the town "constable" with his star and his correspondence course detecting measures; are all ready for him.

In his eagerness to help Betty, he finds suddenly that the play is writing itself, except that the heroine will not consider the hero seriously. The comedy relief is furnished by Sarah, Betty's spinster aunt, who has been courted for years by the village constable, Sly Perkins. Sly is also the justice of the peace, the fire department, the entire police force and the school board. The two, ably assisted by Bud Williams, a young auto mechanic who never forgets for a moment that he "fixes" cars, offer much hilarity in their search for the captive of the ghost that has been haunting the place and searching for hidden jewels, left there years before by some former guest.

Jo finally solves the mystery, but not before he unmasks the villainy of the town miser, Kendall, and the deception practised by two other guests at the hotel. Miss Gates, who is constantly taking pills for her heart, but is really an escaped jewel thief, and Mr. Lloyd, a very deaf man when anyone talks to him, but very watchful man when anything of consequence is happening, and who is really a detective after the jewels. The play ends with Betty agreeing to

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the village miser .... Cory Sanson  
L. B. Lloyd—  
the mysterious guest—Vernon Box  
Betty Braxton—  
the young owner of the hotel ..... Netta McMillan  
Sarah Higgins—  
the spinster maid-of-all work ..... Phil Gregory  
Miss Gates—  
Another mysterious guest  
..... Elizabeth Campbell  
Jane Hastings—  
the village banker's daughter  
..... Roberta Bell  
Anna Aldrich—  
the village school teacher  
..... Hazel Dow

Filled with suspense and loaded with thrills and laughter, the play was a great success. Among the many humorous scenes, there stand out to that will always remain impressed upon the attendance, the comical courtroom scene held by Sly Perkins at the hotel and the hilarious bedroom pantomime farce with Bud the mechanic as the chief star.

Specialties of the evening included the lovely violin solos by Miss Kay Horwood; the enjoyable singing of Robert Vandine and those musical Rhythm Boys, in a novelty treat, Ken and Larry Dow and Mac Baird; accompanists were Miss Mildred Barbour and Robin Bayley.

It is hoped by many that the Wilnot Young People's Society will present more of these delightful entertainments in the future.

## Students

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the view of the Government for on Sept. 29, 1936, in the Assembly of the League of Nations Mr. King said 'Any decision on the part of Canada to participate in war will have to be taken by the Parliament or people of Canada in the light of all existing circumstances; circumstances of the day as they exist in Canada, as well as in the areas involved.' This being the case it is not unreasonable for us to consider the enactment of legislation which would make the law conform with a de facto situation. That is to say—Parliament should be willing to pass legislation which would make consideration possible only after due consideration.

"What is said or promised when everything is running smoothly is often forgotten when a crisis arises. We can see the day coming when the words of the Prime Minister in Geneva concerning the declaration of war by Parliament are forgotten and we find ourselves involved in a war as the result of executive action—it has happened before. Then, if the Conservation laws are unprepared, the natural sequence will be immediate conscription by order-in-council. This must be avoided—we, Canadian Students, will not be railroaded into any war in which Parliament has no say. By repealing the Conscription laws we may weaken the hand of the executive—but not the basic power of Parliament. Thus there will be mature thought before embarking on what might well be a rash policy. Let Parliament alone consider War and Conscription."

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### Reformed Baptist Church

10 a.m. Prayer service; 10.45 a.m. sermon; 12.15, Sunday school; 3.00 Young People's Bible Class; 7 p.m., sermon. Rev. Miss Mabel Manning's sermon will conclude the Revival campaign. All welcome. Rev. P. J. Trafton, pastor.

### Christchurch Cathedral

Fourth Sunday in Lent; services at 8 a.m. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Dean will preach morning and evening.

### Gibson Memorial United Church

Nashwaakiss, 11 a.m.; Kingsley, 3 p.m.; South Devon, 7 p.m. Theme, "That Thorn." Minister Rev. W. A. Burge.

### St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Rev. George E. Ross, D.D., minister. 11 a.m., public worship; subject, III, The Seat of Authority. 2.30 Sunday school and Bible class. 7 p.m., public worship. Monthly service for young people. Subject, "Remember ye not the former things."

At the close of this evening service His Honour Lieutenant Governor or Murray MacLaren will deliver an illustrated address on "The Isle of Iona." All students and young people will be cordially welcomed. A social hour will be enjoyed.

### Wilnot United Church

Rev. John W. Bartlett, minister. 11 a.m., Public Worship. Preacher, Rev. M. D. Oliver, B.A. 7 p.m., Evening service Mr. Bartlett will preach; subject, "God and the Policeman." 2.30 p.m., Sunday school. Brotherhood in Pythian Hall. Mayor Kitchen and E. C. Atkinson, K.C. will speak on impressions of England and Germany.



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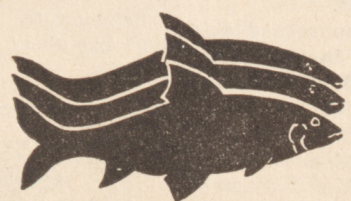
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