

Soldiers-Then and Now

(By Theodore Goodridge Roberts)
This series of Articles by a well-known
Fredericton Writer will appear each
day until further notice.

Captain Brothers, grenade expert, did not confine himself in his lectures to the duties of grenadiers. It would have been difficult for him to do so even if it had been his wish—But Willy had no objection to letting it be known that he was full of knowledge and bright ideas on more subjects than bombers and bombs. Get a charge of this.

"Bayonet-men should be especially picked for pluck and alertness. They should be good snap shots. They should work together and hunt in couples. They will protect the throwers (bombers) behind them at all costs. . . . In attack, in the open, against hostile wire and parapet, the bayonet men shall keep in line with the throwers and maintain a hot, aimed fire to cover their comrades in the act of throwing. . . . In street-fighting (mopping-up) they shall be on the alert and fire into all open doors and windows. . . . in trench-clearing, their duties are more precarious."

More precarious! Were you intending to be funny when you wrote that, Willy? or were you simply being an expert? It sounds more than human, to me—but I dare say you're right, at that. If the duties of bayonet-men and rifleman acting with bombers must be more or less precarious in various situations, why not more so in trench-clearing than in mopping-up a village or in a frontal advance across open ground against hostile wire parapet and machine-guns? Why not? And yet it smacks to me of splitting hairs, of being too danged expert. Among situations so obviously precarious, why bother about degrees of precariousness.

BEAR ISLAND ITEMS

The recent snow storm has blocked the roads of car trips for the time being.

A number of the young people of this place spent Saturday last in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rosborough are visiting friends in Moncton. Mrs. Rosborough has been in poor health but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace MacNally called at Simeon Goodine's Sunday last.

Our teacher Dorothy Burpee has resigned her position as teacher in the Bear Island school. Mrs. Burpee is spending the holidays with her parents at Marysville.

Miss Hazel Howland arrived home for Christmas.

Mr. George Carlisle is visiting in this place. Mr. Carlisle is improving in health.

Mabel Rosborough spent the week-end in Fredericton.

Mr. Kenneth Rosborough and Malcolm Emelton have returned home, after spending the fall weeks at Magundy.

Mrs. Pauline Agnew and Stanley Jordan spent Christmas at Alex. Hood's.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rosborough and sons spent Christmas at Macnaquac.

Murray Murch and little son Joseph were visiting his mother Mrs. Martha Murch, one day last week.

Willy Brothers' lectures on the training of grenadiers, as delivered in the winter of 1915-16, make queer reading now. Queen? Grotesque, even. But they were commonplace in those days, just as Willy's job, and your job, and bomb-throwing, bayoneting, wire-cutting and sniping were every day matters-of-course. The world was mad then—made as a mad dog!; and the best men in the world went about their mad jobs in much the same spirit as bankers, brokers, lawyers and grocers go to their offices and shops today. But get a shot of this.

"Bomb-throwers must be men who can be relied upon not to get flurried and lose their heads." (But the expert captain knew that even the least flurried of them frequently lost their heads by having them blown off by hostile bombs or shot off by hostile machine guns.) "It is essential that they have their hands absolutely free for use. Both hands are required for the effective manipulation of the grenade; for every class (pattern or model) of grenade calls for the use of two hands, whether it is fired by the safety-pin device or the fuse-lighter. Men advancing with rifle in one hand and grenade in the other have been known to try to pull the pin with their teeth. This is not practicable."

Not practicable; and bad for the enamel of the teeth, probably.

In addition to the thrower, the bayonet-man and rifleman, there was the carrier. The carrier was right there with more grenades for his thrower. Also he understudied his thrower. A smart, willing bomb-carrier was pretty sure of quick promotion to the star job of bomb-thrower—unless he happened to get his first. Such things happened. Yet a good carrier had to observe the rules (of Willy's making) as carefully as if he expected to live ninety-five years.

Miss Redstone Named President of Junction B. Y. P. U.

FREDERICTON JCT., Dec. 31—The last meeting of the B.Y.P.U. was held on the 28th ult., the president, Miss Violet Graham in the chair.

The devotional exercises were based on "Jeroboam's New Church," on which a discussion was led by Rev. H. G. Westrup. It was decided to stage a play in the near future.

Following officers were chosen for the coming quarter:

President—Miss Annie Redstone. Vice-president—Miss Lois Shearer. Secretary—Harry C. McCracken. Treasurer—Miss Helen McCracken. Usher—Norman Artes. Auditors—H. H. Stuart and Miss Dora Alexander.

Visiting Committee—Miss Graham and H. C. McCracken.

Program Committee—Miss Myra Westrup, Mrs. Abner Mersereau, H. C. McCracken, Miss Shearer and Miss Redstone.

On the educational topic "What Can We Do to Make Next Year Better Than This?" addresses were given by H. H. Stuart, Rev. H. G. Westrup, Miss Redstone, H. C. McCracken, Miss Graham and Mrs. Hawkes.

Josef V. Stalin gave orders, "The Daily Express" Wareaw correspondent reported, to make New Year's Eve in Moscow one of joyful abandon.

CITY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Brief Meeting with Routine Business Transacted—Regular January Meeting Thursday Evening—Direct Relief Less.

The city council held its January committee meeting on New Year's Eve, meeting only a short time and dealing mainly with routine matters. Although the matter of the city's proposed settlement with the Maritime Electric Company, Ltd. in connection with alleged excessive rates, was broached, there was no discussion on the matter. His Worship Mayor Clark who presided, said that the company officials and the city council will meet together again on Thursday with a strong hope of an amicable settlement this time.

Those present besides the Mayor, were Aldermen Moses Mitchell, David McCaughey, H. Ralph Gunter, Dr. H. S. Wright, Ivan McKnight, G. Wilford Kitchen and G. Hedley Forbes. The passing of the monthly bills occupied the better part of an hour and a half.

A statement of direct relief for December 1934, was given by Ald. Forbes chairman of the committee. The statement showed that in 1934 there had been 90 heads of families on relief, 348 dependents, while in 1933 there had been 119 heads of families on relief, and 476 dependents. Total on relief during December, 1934, was 438, and in the preceding year, 596.

During 1934 food had cost \$1,255.46; in 1933, \$1,376.65; fuel in 1934, \$369; in 1933, \$462.50; clothing in 1934, \$222.05. in 1933, \$155.76; shelter in 1934, \$327.20; in 1933, \$388.95; total for 1934, \$2,173.71; total for 1933 \$2,383.86.

SEAL COVE NOTES

SEAL COVE, Dec. 31—The Seal Cove public school held its Christmas closing exercises on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 18th. Attended by many parents and friends who were highly pleased with the fine program, as presented by Glenn Hinchey principal, and Mrs. Fred Ellingwood in charge of the primary department.

The programme was as follows: Song, by school, "Christmas Bells;" Welcome, by Ernest Bagley; exercise, Mother Goose's Christmas; recitation A Wise Christmas Gift, Angus Begley; duet, Rock-a-bye Song, Belva Ingalls and Marian Harvey; dialogue, Pa Gets Took; recitation, A Conundrum, Oscar Linton; song, Happy Greetings; recitation, Poor Dolly, Irene French; exercise, Best Way to Come; recitation, Hard Times, Allan Zwicker; Comedy Playlet, School Closing at Skaggsville Skule; recitation, The Time to be Tall, Velda Green; exercise, Red Riding Hood, monologue, Getting Ready for Church, Lois Ingalls; Clock Song by primary pupils; recitation by Hallis Zwicker; recitation by Molly Green; recitation by Arnold Smith; duet, Stella Brown and Agnes Green; recitation by Jane Bagley; recitation by Bertie Harvey; dialogue, Wilt Thou Mabel; song, In the Land of Somewhere. Interesting addresses were given by Rev. H. W. Carpenter, pastor of the Seal Cove Baptist Church, and Rue M. Ingalls local mail driver, who commended pupils and teachers for the pleasing entertainment.

Bathurst Notes

Bathurst, Dec. 31—The first bad snowstorm of the season has been raging with fury all day. A foot of snow has fallen with a strong wind—made the day a very unpleasant one.

The funeral of Mrs Frank Fournier took place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from the Sacred Heart Church. Mrs. Fournier was born in Newfoundland and has been residing in Bathurst 19 years. She is survived by her husband, four children, three daughters and one son, also by her aged mother who lived with her.

John F. Calder of Campobello, fishery supervisor for the southern district of New Brunswick was in St. John and registered at the Royal Hotel.

Of Interest to the Women

STRAGGLY HAIR ENDS GIVE AN AGED LOOK

A famous beautician says that a woman is middle aged, no matter what her years, whose hair is allowed to straggle in back and front.

That ought to send us scuttling off to the hairdresser pronto. Not so?

It isn't that many women, whose years are on the sunny side of middle age, are guilty of stray wisps and stringy ends. It is merely that it is a middle aged characteristic to disregard these untidy ends. Many, many women of middle age and more challenge the truth of the charge with their always beautifully groomed hair.

Nevertheless, the older women is seen often enough with the untidy locks to give some truth to the accusation. Sometimes, true, it is a matter of money. The woman can't afford the hairdresser's attention. But many times it is simply the indifference that settles when one feels her gay young days are pleasant memories.

Even though they are, there is oneself to face daily in the mirror, and nothing helps keep up the morale as does the well groomed, tidily dressed head. This is verified in the self conscious way the same women jab at the untidy ends and make apologies if "company" suddenly comes in, or if any unhatted appearance is precipitated.

However, it is more than that these days. Women simply are expected to look well. There does not seem to be indulgence even where it is known that finances forbid professional aid, for the reason that one can do a great deal herself toward the required personal upkeep, even to depositing of the ragged hairs.

One can get cheap curlers that will

cleverly dispose of the straggly hairs. Or, one can train the luring iron to look after them. It's more in the will to keep oneself up than in the means really, in so many branches of personal care.

AND, BY THE WAY

Save a part of a roll of paper after a room has been papered. When patching is needed the paper will be readily available.

A good dish to serve for Sunday tea can be made by placing sliced tomatoes, bacon strips and slices of cheese on slices of buttered bread. Bake in a moderate oven.

Don't have anything else in the oven when you plan to bake a cake and place cake as near the centre of the oven as possible.

Cranberry jelly made in individual molds is more attractive than when served in a large mold.

If apples or tomatoes are pricked with a fork before they are baked, they will not break open while cooking.

Always turn back two or three inches when making the heading for a curtain. This allows for shrinkage when curtains are washed.

To make good uncooked icing, thorough beating is necessary. Too much sugar and too little beating makes a brittle, hard icing.

Cabbage used for salad should be washed, stripped and put in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

Sandpapering baby's shoes before they are worn prevents slipping and saves many a fall.

If postage stamps have become glued together, lay a thin paper over them and run a hot iron over the paper. The mucilage will not be spoiled.

THE PARASITE

Many men, women and children sufferers are being treated for other diseases without results, when their real trouble is the tape-worm. Sure signs of it is the passage of small particles of the parasite. Suggestive signs: loss of appetite with occasional greediness; coated tongue, heartburn, pain in the stomach and intestines, pain in back and limbs, dizziness, headaches, exhaustion, feeling faint with stomach empty, emaciated, dark rings under the eyes. The process of digestion are usually interfered with. The patient becomes irritable and restless at night. There is much dizziness, raising of constant obstruction in throat, gnawing sensation in stomach with voracious appetite—and at times loathing of sight of food. The breath becomes offensive, the face flushed—at other times very pale; leaving as if something were moving in the bowels; heartburn with palpitation; obscure pains in the limbs; delusions of the senses; defection of the speech; sudden colic, insomnia; melan-holia, hysteria and some authors claim epileptic fits and even insanity.

These monster parasites, the size of which, it is claimed, sometimes reach as high as 45-50 feet, must be eliminated from the system—at all costs. Only with the greatest possible precaution and skill can they be removed from the system however. But to allow a tapeworm to live untampered in the human body is almost akin to taking small doses of poison, increasing same daily—until the patient actually commits suicide—figuratively speaking. The formula of Tanex is used for the elimination of this terrible monster—and most successfully in obstinate cases. Tanex is prepared in such manner that it cannot harm any of the sensitive internal parts of the human system, and may be safely given in proportional parts to children. Tanex is not harmful in the sense that it may poison the individual harboring a tapeworm—nor is its effects harmful on those who take it where there is no worm. Tanex does not kill the monster tapeworm, as killing it necessarily means the taking of poisons in sufficient quantities to poison the patient. Tanex renders the worm insensible only, so that it loses its power to grasp on and hold to the intestines. The purgative ingredients in Tanex then quickly eliminate it. Great care must be exercised however, to permit its passage in accordance with the directions (sent with Tanex), otherwise the head may re-enter the alimentary canal—which means, that another dosage will be necessary.

Tanex may be taken any morning and as it leaves no effects at all, will not necessitate the staying away from work. One hour is required for it to attain full effect.

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MINNIE IGORANT OF ENGLISH

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31—Problems that began the day Gouverneur Cadwalader, Philadelphia attorney, brought Minnie, an Irish donkey, as a Christmas present for his children, have grown much more serious because Minnie doesn't understand English.

This was something that no one thought about until Minnie, imported from the old country, arrived on the Cadwalader estate. But her obstinacy melted when an Irish photographer used a little blarney on her.

In Ireland the donkey cost \$10. Her boat "fare" was almost \$100. That problem was taken care of and the donkey was sent to the Cadwalader estate, where Andrew Mears, stableman, is having his problems.

"Git up," he ordered. And Minnie, with a bland look on her face, stood still.

He tugged and lifted her around. Later she started to run.

"Whoa," called the stableman, but Minnie apparently thought he was cheering her on, so she ran faster, and then stopped in the middle of a puddle.

Mears was inclined to believe it was just the nature of the "critter" to be obstinate, until Jim Kenney, a photographer, with a bit of a brogue, arrived on the scene.

"Ga-jamer" he shouted and Minnie perked up her ears. He turned to Mears. "That means hey-you and she understood," said the photographer.

"Faga bala," said Kenney, and Minnie came right out of the mud puddle and posed for a picture.

"Nothing to it," the photographer concluded. "Just give her a little Gaelic, that's all."

What "faga bala" means the photographer wouldn't tell.

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