

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Sheila MacDonald, youngest daughter of Right Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain, is arriving in Victoria, B. C., on March 2, aboard the Niagara of the Canadian-Australasian Line.

In honor of Premier and Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Golding are entertaining at dinner this evening at their home on George Street. Covers will be laid for eight.

Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow is entertaining the Hospital Aid Bridge Club this afternoon at her home on Waterloo Row.

Mrs. Hill, wife of Brigadier General F. W. Hill is entertaining two tables of Bridge guests this afternoon at her home on Waterloo Row.

Many friends of Miss Olive Benson, formerly of this city, will be glad to know that she is considerably better. Miss Benson, a daughter of Mrs. Alma Benson, Shore Street, is receiving treatment at the Prince Albert Sanatorium, Sask.

A successful as well as enjoyable social evening was held last night at the home of Mrs. R. P. Allen. This was one of a series of teas and social evenings which have recently been given by the various members of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church for the benefit of the church. The hostesses last night were Mrs. R. P. Allen, Mrs. W. B. Burden and Mrs. Grace Davis.

The Victor Hatheway Chapter of the I.O.D.E. held its March meeting last night with a large attendance of members and the Regent, Miss Harriett VanWart, in the chair. Plans were made for an Oratorical Contest for High School girls to be held in April in the High School. Plans were also made for purchasing additional books for the I.O.D.E. library at the Model school. It was decided to extend aid to the people of Anderson Road Settlement. A report on Founder's Day observance was given showing it to have been a marked success. The Chapter's delegate to attend the annual

provincial meeting was nominated, and a contribution amounting to \$5.00 was voted to the King's Jubilee Cancer Fund. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the National Anthem.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Saunders St, with the president, Mrs. W. B. Wiggins in the chair. The devotional service was led by Mrs. C. H. MacQuarrie with prayers by several of the members. Roll call of officers was followed by reading minutes of February meeting, which were adopted. Reports of the various committees were heard. Mrs. MacQuarrie reported on visiting the jail during the month. A Sunday afternoon service was held at which Adjutant Kimmens was the speaker and special music was rendered by the visitors. Various business matters were discussed. Mrs. E. Horncastle read a well prepared paper on "Narcotics," for which she was given a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs. Lillian Bailey gave a very enjoyable solo. There was a good number of members and four visitors present. The meeting closed with the Aaronic benediction. At the close dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. Kelly.

Sir Howard Douglas Chapter held its March meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. A. P. Crockett. There was a large attendance of members present and the Regent, Mrs. C. J. Mersereau, was in the chair. After the reading of minutes of last meeting and the treasurer's report, the report of the 35th birthday party of the Order was given. The Regent reported having sent two boxes of clothing to the Anderson Road Settlement from the members of the Chapter, after which Mrs. A. T. McMurray told how the Provincial Chapter had assisted in establishing a school in the settlement about two years ago. Since our last meeting a valued member of the Chapter had passed away. Mrs. G. A. Taylor. Feeling reference was made to her loss and a letter of sympathy ordered written to her family. Mrs. Robt. Hawkins was appointed convener of Ex-Service Men's Committee and also the Child Welfare Committee. The two committees have been amalgamated. An appeal for contributions to the King's Jubilee Cancer Fund was read and five dollars voted to this object. The support of the members for the campaign of the Boy Scouts was asked by the provincial executive. Three new members were welcomed to the chapter. Mrs. B. B. Barnes, Mrs. J. E. Sewell and Mrs. John Veness. A fine letter of appreciation for work done in the school at Nasonworth, written by the teacher, Mr. E. Nason, to Mrs. John Black,

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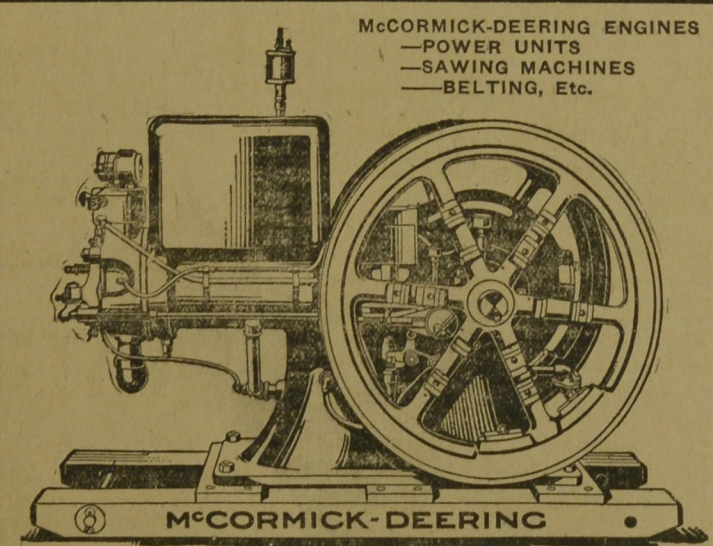
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Granite Hill Notes

GRANITE HILL, March 6—A social evening was held at the home of Harry Morrison on Feb. 28. Quite a number were present and all report having a good time.

Aulden J. Kelly, who is employed with George A. Christie, spent the week-end at his home here.

Mrs. Allan Ellegood and sons, Arthur and Edison, spent the week-end at her former home here.

Mr. Herbert Roach, who is employed with Charles Rossborough of The Barony, N. B., spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. Bardie Currie, of Springhill, spent the week-end at the home of James W. Hagerman.

Mrs. Aulden Kelly and Thelma M. Hagerman were in Dumfries on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stilwell and daughter, Roberta, spent Sunday afternoon at M. Stilwell's former home, T. L. Hanson's.

Mrs. Joseph Brown and daughter, Madeline, spent Sunday with Mrs. T. L. Hanson.

Miss Thelma Hagerman spent Friday evening with Mrs. Aulden Kelly.

Miss Dorothy Saunders, of Prince William, N. B., spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Harry Morrison of this vicinity.

Mrs. Aulden Kelly and Miss Thelma Hagerman spent Monday evening at the home of Bedford Kelly, Dumfries.

"Ship of Joy"
Bears Novelty Cargo

Musical variety and novelty, overflowing the hold of "Captain Dobbie's Ship of Joy," will be introduced by the Skipper and performed by his musical crew, Horace Heidt and his Californians, during the broadcasts of the new WABC-Columbia network feature tonight, from 11.30 to 11.45 p.m., AST.

During the broadcast of Tuesday, the selection of Hawaiian flavor, "King Kamehameha," will feature the orchestra; the Radio Ramblers, mixed quintet, and Alvino Rey, with his electric steel guitar. Harold Woolsey will be the featured performer on the rural novelty, "On Old MacDonald's Farm," incorporating his varied imitations of birds and animals without the use of mechanical contrivances. Another unusual selection will be a rendition of Tchaikowsky's "Marche Slav," by orchestra and choral ensemble, with special words written for its performance by the Heidt glee club.

During the Thursday night broadcast, Alyce King, soloist of the six King sisters featured with the ensemble, will offer her version of the popular selection, "Isle of Capri," and Steve Merrill tenor will be featured in a striking arrangement of Toselli's "Serenade." Another highlight will be the English song hit, "Old Faithful," featuring the Six King sisters, the glee club, and the entire ensemble, and including a vocal interpolation by Charles Goodman of "The Last Roundup."

Clearing of Snow In
City a Big Problem

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morning on the city streets. Snow-plows were used on the back streets and in most places a good job was done. The snow was hauled away from Queen street by busy crews today.

Deposed Pastor
Prepares Reply

HAMILTON, Ont., March 7—No official statement has been made on behalf of Rev. W. H. Daw, rector of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, deposed from the ministry of the Church of England in Canada in a judgment handed down by Right Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, Bishop of Niagara yesterday. It is understood that Mr. Daw is preparing a statement which will be issued shortly.

was read by the Secretary. Such letters as this are a great encouragement to the Chapter in its educational work, and it was received with great pleasure by the members. Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley was a guest of the Chapter, and she gave a very interesting and instructive talk on India, for which the members expressed their thanks.

NEPTUNE GIVES
NEOPHYTES
"THE WORKS"

Ancient Ceremonial of the First Crossing of the Equator as Weird As Ever.

NEW YORK—For untold centuries the ceremony of initiating newcomers into King Neptune's realm was practiced on all neophytes crossing the equator for the first time. Of late, however, the mystic rites have been rare, and only by special privilege is the correspondent able to reveal the esoteric shindigs which, on occasion, still visit those who make their initial crossing of The Line.

King Neptune, of course, is noted as the most jealous monarch of all crowned heads. In days gone by, when young shavers went to see in sailing ships, the initiation into his Majesty's domain was far more strenuous than it is now. The victim usually was lathered with tar and had the tar shaved off with a rusty razor—that being the first and most gentle of the initiation ceremonies.

No less a personage than Edward Prince of Wales, when he cruised round the world aboard a battle cruiser after the war, was made to bow the knee to King Neptune and suffer the indignities attendant upon admission to His Aquatic Majesty's watery domain. Lord Louis Mountbatten, aid to His Royal Highness, was put through the same ropes, to the great delight of veteran members of the royal ship.

But, as this correspondent noted above, King Neptune's sharks have been somewhat negligent of late; one meets many folk who have crossed The Line and still are not possessed of the diploma which only His Majesty's authorized ambassadors are entitled to bestow.

Fortunate or unfortunate—depending upon the viewpoint—were those greenhorns who sailed recently for South America aboard the Grace liner Santa Lucia, whose commander, Capt. W. C. Renault, is noted in submarine circles for his devotion to King Neptune and that liquid monarch's rights and prerogatives.

'Twas, as the story books say, a sunny afternoon, with scarce a breath stirring. Bonaventura lay astern, ahead still shrouded in the equatorial haze, lay Guayaquil, Ecuador's river port. While still at sea, in the mannequin of pirates, King Neptune and his cohorts boarded the liner. At once the roll was called and all those who could not produce satisfactory credentials were commended to appear on the bathing pool deck—in bathing suits.

The last admonition was ominous. In fear and trembling some forty neophytes make their shaky way aft and there attended upon his Majesty. In sonorous tones one John Brogan, Prosecutor for his Majesty, read the roll, dwelling in oratorical length upon the sins and vices of all those summoned before the Court.

Solemnly the King, in snow white beard and with trident in his hand, heard the charges. Ofttimes, it was noticed, he would whisper stage asides to his spouse, the Queen. All around him in sinister state stood his staff; the Royal Doctor, with pills and fearsome instruments of torture; the Court Barber with tools of office; and backing them up, cutting off all escape, the Chief of Police and his leering cohorts.

In flowing white gown and mortar-board, Prosecutor Brogan read the charges, chewing a huge cigar the while. All were guilty and the Prosecutor's summation ended invariably with a harsh appeal for justice: "Your Majesty, give 'em the works!"

"O.K.," echoed his Majesty. "You see they get the works."

And so to the guillotine. One by one those trembling wretches were hauled forward, male and female. First a visit to the Royal Doctor, who prescribed evil-looking pills, to be taken with a gulp of sea water. Then to the Court Barber, whose ministrations were nobody's business.

First he examined them carefully, patted their hair—and nice, marcelled hair it was in the case of the victims of the fair sex—after which he very gravely broke half-a-dozen fresh eggs over their heads, and having rubbed that well in, poured over the gooey

scalp a basin of flour and water, topping it off with a couple of pumpkin pies.

Not yet was the ordeal over. Snatched from the Barber's chair by the Chief of Police, each victim was trounced soundly by that worthy's policeman, armed with rolled towels, and then propelled backwards into the swimming pool, where the Royal Shark and his mermaids completed the business.

London Features
On New Hour To
"Say It With Music"

Russ Gerow's highly popular musical presentation, "Say It With Music," which has been heard over the Commission's Eastern and Midwest network on Mondays at 9.30 p.m., has been moved to a new place on the Commission program schedule, and will be heard tonight at 9.05 p.m., AST, over the same network.

"Say It With Music" which is rapidly increasing its audiences, has a versatile orchestra to recommend it, and evidences real genius in many of the Gerow arrangements played from week to week. Lorne Hitchens' Banjo Trio and Grace Needham as a popular song interpreter add to the lustre of the program.

Next week's menu will include "I Threw a Beanbag at the Moon," "San" in a special Gerow arrangement of the old time favourite, "Throwin' Stones at the Sun" another special of "Lover, Come Back to Me," with Bruce Sharpe doing the violin solo passages in the Rubinioff manner.

The Banjo Trio will present "Pomegranate," "Kalia," and "Fair and Warmer," and Grace Needham will be heard in the vocal solos with the orchestra.

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