

GIANT SQUASH PATCH OWNED AT PENNIAC

Is Estimated, Weight of
Squash on 4 Acres Is
250 Tons

Marketed Here

John Barter, of Penniac,
Is Owner of Unusual
Squash Patch

John Barter of Penniac, specializes in the growing of squash. While he modestly dismisses his feat of harvesting a giant patch of squash yearly, Mr. Barter is probably the most prolific squash grower in York County and quite possibly the biggest individual producer of this table food in the province.

The Penniac farmer has about 3,000 hills of squash growing on four acres. It has been estimated by one of Mr. Barter's friends that the total yield would weigh something like 250 tons.

Mr. Barter told the Daily Mail today that he markets most of his yield in this city, selling it for table use and for canning. He must make a good thing out of it or he wouldn't keep growing squash, as he does year after year, and in the same huge quantity.

The feat of this man in harvesting such a large sum of squash must surely dispense with that common notion that all squash are good for are to throw at somebody.

NEWS BRIEFS

RIVER DROPPING TODAY

The St. John river here has dropped away about eight inches since Sunday. Previous to that, according to report from the pumping station today, the water level had risen about three feet.

BACK FROM CAMPING

Tom McKnight, Jack Veniot, Harold Humes, Myles Lockhart and Donald Elgee have returned from Brown's Flats where they were camping for the past week. Mr. McKnight was in charge of the party.

MARRIAGE OF INTEREST

The marriage of Miss Margaret Mary Lipsett and Manfred Alexander Booker, both of Maryland, took place on Monday, July 15, early in the afternoon, at St. Paul's Manse. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George Telford in the presence of the father and mother of the bride, relatives and friends.

OH, BANANAS

Having finished his work, Conductor William Keefe, of the Saint John-Fredericton evening train, thought he'd sleep in the express car. But he didn't get any sleep. The reason was a "banana bug" of the tarantula species. Now it's dead and in a bottle. And Keefe may again rest in peace.

ARRIVED LAST NIGHT

A party of United States tourists from Rockland, Maine, arrived here last night in their pleasure craft "Korana" and are now anchored off the A. & B. Club. It is the second time the big white and natural finished boat has visited the city. The boat is the largest privately owned pleasure craft to visit the city in years it has a complete crew and two gasoline powered ship to shore boats.

VICE-REGAL VISIT

The visit to the capital of the vice-regal party on Monday is being looked forward to with great interest here. Besides Lord and Lady Bessborough the vice-regal party will consist of Lord Duncannon, son of Their Excellencies; Col. E. D. MacKenzie, comptroller of the household; Capt. D. FisherRowe, A. D. C., and Captain M. E. Adeene, A. D. C. The party is scheduled to arrive in this city at 5 P. M., Daylight Saving Time. Major T. C. Barker, Major Charles M. Scott, A. D. C. and Major W. Gordon Jones, A. D. C., will attend the lieutenant governor at the reception which takes place in the evening.

CHILD DROWNS IN WATER HERE WHILE PLAYING

Donald Currie, 12-year-
Old Son of Angus Currie
Lost Life Last Night

Found This Morning

Child Swimming With
Companions Back Of
Children's Home

The first child drowning accident of the season occurred in the waters of the St. John river back of the Children's Home on Woodstock Road last evening, Donald Currie, 12 year old son of Angus Currie, of Smythe street, being the victim. The body was only recovered this morning, after considerable grappling efforts.

According to the story from witnesses the lad was in swimming with four other children of about his own age. Swimming beyond his own depth, the boy got into difficulties and sank beneath the water. His four companions gave the alarm but it was too late to save him. Charles Fleet, veteran riverman, was called at once, and he grappled until darkness fell, but to no avail. Mr. Fleet started his grappling efforts early this morning again and the body was found about 7.30 o'clock. Where the body was found it was only fifteen feet in depth.

It was reported that the boy screamed once as if suffering with a cramp and then disappeared from view. The drowning occurred at 7.10 o'clock last evening. Young Currie was swimming with Arthur and Stanley Lovely, John Blank and Clayton Amon. Lovely and Blank attempted a rescue when they heard the agonized cry but the Currie boy struggled so violently that he pulled them under and they were unable to get him out of the water. Several people dived into the water to recover the body but to no avail.

The place where the boys were swimming is not used very much as the channel is deep a short distance the mainland. A small island is situated across from the swimming area.

Donald Earl Currie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus R. Currie and besides his parents is survived by four brothers, Milton, Manzer, Gerald and Jack, all of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Currie, 301 Smythe street. Service will be at two o'clock (Daylight Saving Time), and Rev. G. W. Gulou will officiate. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery extension. The boy was likable and popular with his chums and his tragic death at so young an age is the cause of general regret.

Inquest Tonight At Nashwaaksis Shortill Death

The inquest into the death of Frank Shortill, 58 year old North Devon resident, who was found dead in the cellar of his home on Sunday evidently from electrocution, will take place this evening in the Orange Hall at Nashwaaksis, commencing at 8 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time. Dr. J. M. Cameron, acting coroner, will preside.

The jury which has been selected is composed as follows: P. S. Watson, foreman, Gerald Ashfield, Maurice Tait, John W. Chase, Ralph Davidson, W. Bruce Dayton, and Edward Harrison. The funeral of the late Mr. Shortill will take place tomorrow morning leaving the home at 9.45 o'clock (D.S.T.) for High Mass of Requiem at ten o'clock at St. Anthony's church. Interment will be in Sunny bank cemetery.

The coroner's jury, empanelled yesterday, viewed the body last evening and also the basement in Mr. Shortill's home, where he was found dead. It is believed that he touched some part of the pump and caused a short circuit which electrocuted him.

RESTS COMFORTABLY

Mrs. Mabel Nash, who was operated upon at the Victoria Hospital several days ago, spent a fairly comfortable night and today was reported to be resting as comfortably as can be expected.

FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING AMONG MEN

Rev. Hubert Davidson,
of Philadelphia, Spoke
At Rotary Luncheon

High School Graduate

Rotarians Hear Fine
Talk on Need of Unity
Among Men.

The necessity of friendship and understanding among men was stressed in a splendid talk to the Rotary members at today's noon-day lunch by Rev. Hubert Davidson, now of Philadelphia, and formerly of this city.

Rev. Mr. Davidson pointed to the utmost need for unity among men today in the face of world conditions which threaten the very foundations of society. A large gathering of Rotarians heard the address. F. E. McDiarmid acted as chairman.

Rev. Mr. Davidson is a son of Alexander Davidson of this city and is well known in this city having received his earlier education here. He is a graduate of Fredericton High School. He is at the present time here on a visit and is renewing acquaintance with many old friends.

Ladies, any small contribution towards a parting gift to Her Excellency the Countess of Bessborough will be appreciated. Drop small amounts in boxes. Forward large amounts to Mrs. W. G. Clark.

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