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Graduations at Five County High Schools

Graduating Exercises of High Schools to be Held During the Next Few Days.

The graduating exercises of the high schools will be held during the next few days. The Andover school closing will be held Friday evening, June 24. Miss Alice Dickson is the valedictorian of the graduating class. Rev. A. F. MacLean will deliver the address to the graduates. There are nine graduates, Douglas Burley, Alice Dickson, Emma Howlett, Vivian Moore, Paul Moore, Charles Miller, Mary Ryan, Nina Searle, Dorothy Waugh.

Monday evening the Perth High school graduating exercises will be held in the Perth United Baptist church, with Miss Margaret Earle valedictorian, and Rev. J. McAllden delivering the address to the graduates. Eight will receive diplomas, Donald Cogle, Margaret Earle, Phyllis Inman, Evelyn Green, Hector King, Cameron King, Mary McLaughlin, Aubrey Russell. This is the largest graduating class since the first graduation took place, following inauguration of the high school grades in the Perth school.

The commencement exercises of the Plaster Rick high school will be held in the Community hall next Wednesday evening. The baccalaureate service will be held Sunday afternoon, June 26. Rev. W. J. Clarke will deliver the baccalaureate sermon and Rev. L. A. Knox the address to the graduates. Miss Margaret Marsten is the class valedictorian. There are eleven graduates at this, the seventh graduation: Claire Brewer, Erva Ingraham, Edith Inman, Thora Lloyd, Betty McLeod, Ruth Margison, Margaret Marsten, Wilbert Merriethew, Kenneth Neilson, Marie Reed, Gwen Tweeddale.

The Aroostook High school graduation will be held Thursday evening, June 30, with a graduating class of eight: Ruth Crandemire, Marguerite Grant, Valreia Hopkins, Eva Merritt, Madeline McLaughlin, Roland Stewart, Eva Walsh, Nicholas Walsh. Miss McLaughlin will give the valedictory. R. W. Demmings will deliver the address to the graduates.

There are seven members of the graduating class of the Grand Falls high school. They will receive their diplomas on Wednesday evening at the Opera House June 29. Class valedictorian will be Marie Powers, and the address to the graduates will be given by Rev. A. D. Archibald. The members of the class are: Miss Alma Poiras, Audrey McLaughlin, Miss Marie Powers, Miss Lorraine Powers, Miss Dorothy Collins, Miss Noella Dumas, John Comeau.

Adjourned Meeting of Perth Water District

Held Tuesday Evening—Measures Passed re Tax Discounts—Report of Committee on Tap Tax.

The meeting of the Perth Water District, adjourned from the annual meeting of the previous week, was held Tuesday evening in the hose house, Perth, with Ralph Sadler, new chairman of the commissioners, in the chair.

H. S. Wade, chairman of the committee appointed at previous week's meeting to investigate the advisability of instituting a tap tax reported that it would possibly be illegal to have such a tax under the conditions of the provisions of the Act by which the district was incorporated, and after consideration the committee recommended that no change be made at the present time. The committee consisted of the commissioners, R. Sadler, R. W. Estabrook and M. L. Wright, and H. S. Wade, C. L. Olmstead, M. E. Armstrong, G. E. Armstrong and W. H. McPhail. This committee also recommended that all taxes owing be collected immediately.

H. S. Wade moved, and M. L. Wright seconded a motion that the rate of discount on taxes for the year 1932-33 be ten per cent. on amounts paid within thirty days of notice and five per cent if paid within the following 60-day period; and that all moneys after three months be not and executions be issued after six months. Motion was carried.

It was moved by H. S. Wade, seconded by H. E. Howlett, that any son over 21 years of age residing in the water district 30 days after the assessment list is made up be taxed \$2.00 for water privileges and fire protection for the balance of the year. Motion was carried.

William Bakewell, Hollywood, Calif. film actor is suffering from a bad cold. Bakewell is credited with starting the hatless fad for men 10 years ago. His physician ordering him to bed, said his indisposition probably was caused by going about in inclement weather with uncovered head.

Man Found Dead; Bullet Wound Cause

DOUGLAS PHILIP HOWLETT

The death of Douglas Philip, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Howlett, occurred on Saturday at Plaster Rock. The body was buried at Plaster Rock cemetery Sunday morning at 9:00 a. m.

A short service was conducted at the grave by Rev. L. A. Knox, pastor of the United church.

There were many beautiful floral offerings.

NIGHTINGALE—DENNISON

Hazen L. Nightingale, Fort Fairfield merchant, was quietly married Wednesday evening, May 25, to Mrs. Velma Dennison, of Fort Fairfield, formerly of Cliffordvale, N.B. The ceremony took place at the Baptist parsonage in Andover, N.B. Rev. Mr. Wood officiating.

Victoria County W.I. Convention Held At Plaster Rock

The Victoria County Women's Institute convention was held at Plaster Rock on Wednesday, June 15, with the Institutes of Jubilee and Sisson Brook as hostesses.

The county president, Mrs. Flanders, was in the chair. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Neilson of Jubilee Institute, and replied to by Mrs. Flewelling, of Aroostook. Mrs. Crone, the county secretary, read the minutes of the last session, also of the executive meeting.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: Resolutions committee, Mrs. Levi Grant, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. DeMerchant; courtesies committee, Mrs. Chantler, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rivers.

Reports were given from the Institutes of Andover, Aroostook, Jubilee, New Denmark, Perth, Sisson Brook, South Tilley and Victoria.

Miss Keswick, of Perth, gave two excellent readings. A vocal solo by Miss Blaklee was greatly enjoyed, also community singing, led by Mrs. Wm. Sadler.

The secretary read the financial report which was accepted. The new officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Peter Hansen; vice-president, Mrs. Miles Flanders; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. Crone. These officers were all elected by acclamation. The auditors are Mrs. Earle and Mrs. Britt; the publicity convener, Mrs. T. Smith.

It was voted that the county president's and secretary's travelling expenses be paid out of funds every year.

It was decided by vote that the prize given to the pupil making highest marks in Victoria county in the high school leaving examinations should be given to the pupil making highest marks in the matriculation. A most delicious salmon supper was served by the young ladies of Jubilee Institute, each Institute contributing to the supper. The waitresses looked very dainty with caps and aprons in pastel shades, with the same colour scheme at each table.

A splendid display of handicrafts was shown and much admired. In the evening the following programme was carried out. This session was open to the public:

Selections by the orchestra from Jubilee Institute; talk on Handicrafts, Miss Beth Rogers; a reading by Mrs. Neilson; a parody on "Romeo and Juliet," by the Misses Norma Howlett, Magdalene Scott and Emma Pickett; solo by Mrs. Hayden; a paper on "History of Danish Colony," by Miss Leitha Jeppensen; a tableau by Sisson Brook Institute; a paper on "The Flag," by Mrs. Rivers; solo by Mrs. McKay; recitation by Miss Stillwell; a one-act play by Victoria Institute.

Thanks were extended to the president and others who had helped to make this convention a success.

A very successful convention was brought to a close by saluting the flag and singing the National Anthem.

CLEARVIEW SCHOOL REPORT

Grade One—Minnie Lunn, 96.2; James Stewart, 90; Banford Kinney, 83; Richard Stewart, 83.
Grade Two—Vera Lawrence, 81.7; Ernest Stairs, 75.2; Lloyd Stairs, 70.7.
Grade Three—Florence Stewart, 96.5; Ina Brown, 90; Harry Lunn, 85.2.
Grade Four—Emma Smith, 83.4.
Grade Five—Mary Lunn, 91.5; Willie Stewart, 74.5.
Grade Eight—Sydna Smith, 91.5; Glendola Brown, 89.
Beatrice L. Browne, Teacher

Salmonhurst Man Found Dead in Orchard with Gun Beside Him—Thought Suicide.

Walter Peterson, age 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Peterson, was found dead in A. J. Jensen's orchard on Wednesday morning, June 15, by Carl Jensen.

Peterson had been shot in the left side, bullet coming out high on right side. Beside him were his gun and a basket of groceries. He had visited at his home the previous evening and left late for a neighbour's Peter Swanson, where he worked.

As soon as he was found, Coroner E. K. Kertson and M. J. Kelly of the R.C.M.P. were summoned. Evidence pointed to suicide and it was decided no inquest was necessary.

Peterson was in financial difficulties and being of a very quiet and reticent nature, was unable to stand the strain and is believed to have shot himself.

Perth-Andover Won First Junior Fray

Plaster Rock Juniors Lost Eight Out of Ten Events in First Junior Tennis Tournament.

On June 11 the Plaster Rock and Victoria Club (Perth and Andover) junior tennis teams met in the first tournament of the season on the Andover courts. The Victoria County Tennis Association provides the junior trophy. Grand Falls did not have a junior team to contend for the cup this season, and it has been decided that only one more tournament be played, the Victoria players meeting the Aroostook juniors on Saturday, June 25. The first tournament was held on June 11, ten events being played and Plaster Rock winning two.

Results of June 11 tournament, Plaster Rock vs. Victoria (Perth-Andover):

LADIES' SINGLES
Miss S. LeBel defeated Miss M. Earle (V) 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

MEN'S SINGLES
D. Cogle (V) defeated S. Neilson (PR) 6-0, 6-1.

W. Jackson (V) defeated K. Neilson (PR) 6-0, 6-1.

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California Buildings Destroyed by Fire

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt White on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. White and son, Harold, had recently moved to their farm in California Settlement about 10 miles from Grand Falls.

Fire broke out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson's with a strong wind blowing. House, barn and grainery were soon destroyed, also most of their machinery, six pigs and part of household furnishings.

Almost at the same time Burt White's place caught (from sparks from Watson's). Both house and barn were destroyed, also their car, a cultivator, household furniture, two pigs, 30 hens and 60 chickens. Harold White was burned quite badly in saving the horse and cow. They were also quite badly scorched.

White's place is partly covered by insurance. It is unknown whether Watson's property was insured.

Friends of both families were very sorry to hear of their misfortune. It is believed both families will rebuild their homes.

Perth Noses Out Grand Falls in 10th

Perth won an exciting ball game at Grand Falls Friday night, 10 to 8, in ten thrilling innings of good and bad baseball. Tardy started on the hill for the locals, and through faulty playing by the infield, was in hot water during his stay on the mound. Wiley took over the pitching burden in the second, with a five to one lead against him, and pitched great ball, allowing five hits in eight innings, but his good hurling was wasted by bad support. Burgess was the chief malfactor, making no fewer than five errors. Bruce usually very dependable, sure had an off day. Grand Falls came from behind on three occasions, Burgess tying the score in the ninth with a terrific home run over the centre-fielder's head, with White on. But Perth busted the deadlock in the tenth and went home with a hard-earned victory.

Big Jim McCrea twirled for the winners and was hit hard, but snappy fielding and good pitching in the pinches helped him keep going. Bill Lewis did the receiving. Bill caught his usual good game and did some

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Canadian Potato Crop, 1931

The potato crop for 1931 (last fall) is estimated at 51,471,000 cwt. as compared with the revised estimate of 48,241,000 cwt. for 1930, an increase of approximately 6.5 per cent. Conditions prevailing throughout the growing and harvesting periods were generally favourable and loss from disease and other causes has been exceptionally light. The crop has varied considerably in yield from province to province. Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan show a decrease in yield and the crop in Southern Saskatchewan a total failure on account of drought; the remaining provinces show increases varying from 5 per cent to 21 per cent. over last year. The acreage planted varied considerably. Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan showing an acreage similar to last year; Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario a reduction from 7 to 35 per cent.; New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia an increase from 11 to 23 per cent. The total area planted is estimated at 574,947 acres as compared with 571,300 acres in 1930, an increase of 3,647 acres or less than 1 per cent.

While the crop was large and of good quality, marketing has been exceedingly difficult and notwithstanding exceptionally low prices large quantities remain on the hands of the producer awaiting a market. Certain channels of distribution have been considerably reduced as compared with former years and exports of table stock to Cuba have been reduced by approximately 52 per cent. while shipments to the United States are only slightly in excess of 4 per cent. of last year. This situation is seriously affecting conditions in the potato growing sections of the Maritime Provinces which depend to a very large extent on the export market.

Prices received by the grower have been exceedingly disappointing and fairly well below cost of production. In New Brunswick prices for table stock fell to 64 cents per hundred pounds, and have not risen above 18 cents; prices have been higher in British Columbia reaching 60c per hundred pounds, while in the other provinces prices have been between 16 cents and 35 cents per cwt. The higher price received in British Columbia is due to a large proportion

of the crop being sold on the early market as new potatoes. Stocks on hand on April 1 in producing districts are considerably higher than on the same date last year. Inland in P.E.I., N.B., and B.C. stocks are approximately 100 per cent to 300 per cent. higher; in Ontario there is a considerable increase, while at large distributing centres stocks in storage are from 10 per cent. to 75 per cent. lower.

A preliminary estimate by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows the value of the 1931 crop, table stock and seed, at shipping point, to be 43 cents per hundred pounds as compared with 89 cents for 1930, or a total value of \$22,359,000 as compared with \$39,858,000.

Imports

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1931, imports of potatoes totalled 406,480 cwt. as compared with 769,424 cwt. for the previous fiscal year, or a reduction of approximately 47 per cent. Imports during the eleven months ending February 29, 1932, amount to 188,878 cwt. and as compared with the same period 1931, show a reduction of nearly 60 per cent.

Crop Situation by Provinces

The following is a resume of the crop and market conditions in the various provinces:

Prince Edward Island—The estimated total production is placed at 4,860,000 cwt. as compared with 4,799,000 cwt. in 1930. The area planted is estimated at 54,272 acres, being a slight increase over last year, but a reductor in average yield from 105 to 90 cwt. per acre accounts for a total yield approximately the same. It is estimated that 50 per cent. of the total area is devoted to the production of certified seed potatoes. The crop is reported to be of excellent quality, with a small percentage of blight and practically no damage from frost. Up to the middle of March 1,173 cars of table stock have been shipped to domestic and foreign markets with approximately 2,300 cars left available for distribution. The return to the grower has been about 20c per cwt. for No. 1 stock or approximately one-third the price received last year.

Nova Scotia
The total production is estimated

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Truck Leaves Road; Andover Girl Killed

EFFIE VIOLETTE MAE WRIGHT

The community was greatly shocked Saturday night, when it became known that Effie Violette Mae, eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wright, had been instantly killed in an automobile accident a few miles above Perth.

Violette was an operator in the office of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., Ltd., and will be greatly missed by the staff. She has also been organist of the Andover Baptist church for the past three years.

By this sad death we all feel that one of our very best young women has been removed from our community, and the deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their sorrow.

She leaves to mourn, besides her parents, three sisters and two brothers: Mrs. Edward Sloat, of Aroostook Junction; Mrs. Douglas Craig, of Perth; Mrs. Derwood Hughes, of Monson, Maine; Paul, of Bucksport, Maine; and Ivan, at home.

The funeral was held on Monday with prayers at the home. The service at the church was conducted by Rev. J. Gordon Duncan, who spoke words of comfort, assisted by Rev. A. F. McLean.

The pall-bearers were Herman Wright, George Wright, Justus Wright, Harry Wright, cousins of Violette.

The profusion of flowers proved the high esteem in which Violette was held, among which was a broken circle from parents, and wreath from sisters and brothers, and a large spray from the N.B. Telephone staff. A quartette consisting of Mrs. Murray Wright, Mrs. Norval McPhail, Wesley Simpson and Mrs. Frank Henderson rendered the hymns: "Sister Thou Was't Mild and Lovely," "Somebody the Silver Cord Will Break," "Sometime We'll Understand," and "Asleep in Jesus."

Interment was in the Andover Baptist cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Duncan's sermon was as follows:

Psalm 90:12—"So teach us to number our days."

This is the keynote of the 90th Psalm. It numbers sadly the days and changes of human life. We know nothing of the Psalm except that it was written by Moses, the man of God. It was written evidently in the wilderness—its tone is that of deep, deep sadness. All its images are coloured by the 40 years of wanderings. Human life is felt to be like a flood—like the withering grass—like a broken sleep—like a tale that is told. No man can think of these things without experiencing a vision of the fleetingness of all earthly things. God says to us, as He said to Moses, "Pause and number thy days for they are numbered." Every sentence tells us that this Psalm

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Aroostook and Perth-Andover Win First Senior Tournaments

Four Clubs of Victoria County Tennis Association Play on Courts of A.V.C.C. Saturday Afternoon and Evening.

The four clubs of the Victoria Tennis Association, Grand Falls, Aroostook, Plaster Rock and Victoria (Perth and Andover) played their first tournaments in the 1932 play for the J. L. White trophy on the courts of the Aroostook Valley Country Club on Saturday, Grand Falls playing Aroostook, the latter winning nine out of ten events, and Plaster Rock winning three ladies' events out of ten total events with the Victoria lineup. A social evening was enjoyed at the club-house following the tennis events. It is expected that all four clubs will again come together for the final tournaments, the other tournaments being played on the courts of the "at home" clubs.

Results Saturday, June 18:

Aroostook and Grand Falls

MEN'S SINGLES

G. Demmings (A) def. E. McCluskey (G.F.), 6-0, 6-2.

G. R. H. Ross (A) def. J. Comeau (G.F.), 6-2, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

A. E. Boone and J. Monteith (A) def. G. Olmstead and D. Archibald (G.F.), 6-2, 6-2.

D. White and J. McNally (A) def. H. McMillan and A. Taylor (G.F.), 2-6, 9-7.

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Miss Violette Wright, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Wright, Andover, Fatally Injured—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lockhart Have Narrow Escape and Badly Bruised and Shaken.

A fatal accident, a great shock to the community, occurred a few miles above Perth, at Gladwyn, Saturday night, when Miss Violette Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall J. Wright, of Andover, was instantly killed. The other occupants of the truck, which left the road and turned upside down, were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lockhart, also of Andover. They escaped with a bad shaking up, bruises and cuts.

Lockhart Brothers had only recently purchased the truck, which was about five years old, and changed it over from a gasoline and oil carrier to a stake body. They had used it Friday afternoon for the first time and on Saturday were engaged all day in hauling lumber from Edward Tomlinson's mill, Arthurette, to Fort Fairfield, Maine. Lawrence Lockhart had been driving the truck Saturday until about nine o'clock in the evening, when he stopped at the garage to get some oil. His brother, Harold, then said he would go up for the next load. Miss Wright about half an hour before had come up from the office of N.B. Telephone Co., where she was employed as an operator, and stopped at the Lockhart's home. She and Mrs. Lockhart decided to go along with Mr. Lockhart for the drive.

A short distance above the farm of Herbert Dionne, Gladwyn, the accident happened. It is thought that the left front spring was broken when the wheels on the left side of the truck passed through two depressions in the road. Just a few feet beyond the holes the truck veered suddenly to the left into the ditch and travelled but a short distance until it struck a telephone pole, breaking off the pole and the truck then turned upside down, the stub of the pole penetrating the cab of the truck behind the driver. Two stumps of trees also went through the top of the cab and a large boulder through the windshield as the truck settled upon them. When the rescuers, three men, came to the scene Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart were pinned inside what was left of the cab and Miss Wright was found underneath. Even though there had been time for the brakes to be effective the driver found he was unable to use the emergency brake on account of a battery on the floor of the cab having moved forward. Mr. Lockhart was taking the battery up to a customer at Arthurette. It is thought that the breaking of the spring caused the steering rods to jam. When the truck started to leave the road the driver was unable to control it.

A similar accident, but without serious results, had happened to the same truck in an identical manner only a few weeks ago when it was still being used as a gasoline carrier by the Imperial Oil Company. Rayburn Porter was driving the truck when it left the road, toward the left side, at Three Brooks and he found the left front spring broken. Unable to replace it then he had to have it repaired by brazing at Plaster Rock and it had never been replaced, the truck being traded in shortly after for a new one. Several times the front springs on the truck had been broken and always when without a load. The truck is now in a badly damaged state, especially to engine and cab.

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Growth of Wheat, Oats and Potatoes Reported Good

Department of Agriculture Issues Crop Report Telling of Conditions Throughout Province.

Wheat, oats and potatoes in the counties of Victoria, Carleton and Kings have made good growth says the crop report issued Monday by the Department of Agriculture. In other counties of the Province these crops are somewhat later, potatoes just breaking ground.

The report issued by the Department today says:

"Weather has continued cool with plentiful moisture over the last ten days. The sowing of buckwheat, now general, will be completed by the twenty-fifth, terminating the spring's seeding operations.

"Pastures have made only slow growth.

"Hay promises an average crop, clover being plentiful."