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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

In a recent editorial, Hugh Templin of the Fergus News-Record, one of the deans of the weekly newspaper field, outlined the arduous duties of the weekly editor. He described a typical week in the editors life. It was not exaggerated. It showed the editor working a killing week, taking an almost superhuman role in the affairs of the community, and serving as a general wailing wall and information service for his readers.

Closing his editorial, he remarked that it was no wonder, in view of all this, that some weekly editors with college degrees were leaving the field for the short hours and high salaries of the teaching profession.. I flinched when I read this. Then I flushed. I felt like a deserter. Then I got mad. "Why the sonofagun," I thought, "I'll bet he couldn't stand it for a week."

Before this trickle of traitors becomes a stream hear me out, old friends in the publishing business. First cling to that swivel chair with both hands. Hook your legs around that battered desk and hang on. Say to yourselves 10 times a day, "I'm a happy weekly editor." Don't even admit that you went to college.

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I have just completed one year of teaching high school students. On the surface it has had little effect on either of us. The students are a little taller, or fatter, or thinner than when we began. Some of the girls have different colored hair. Otherwise they are unmarked by the experience. Nor do I show any signs of the ordeal. Aside from a tic that makes the left side of my face look like Boris Karloff every 20 seconds.

But inwardly neither of us will ever be the same. The students have had to revise their ideas about teachers entirely. They began on the third day of school, when their teacher howled, "Turn around, ye damned gawk!" at one of the class delinquents.

Since that day, we've roared with laughter together. We've argued bitterly, with them winning sometimes. We've teased each other. I've bellowed at them, and they've glared right back at me.

And I, too, have had to refurbish my notions about teaching and teachers. First of all, let me say it's a grinding hard job, mentally and physically. If the teacher had nothing to do but impart knowledge, it would be a cinch. But this is only a portion of his duties. The rest of the time, as occasion demands, he is cop, coach, counselor, father, mother and baby-sitter.

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I don't know whether it's true or not, but I heard some one say the other day that there are more mental breakdowns in the teaching profession than any other. It's no wonder. Recently I was teaching a sea story by Conrad. I carefully instructed the kids in such nautical terms as port, starboard, aft, the bridge, the hold, hatches. Then I gave them a test.

One girl defined "bridge" as "a group of hard boards nailed together to cross a lake, river, etc." I had to give her a mark, as I hadn't specified the bridge of a ship, but I almost had a breakdown right there. The same kid told me "starboard" meant "a board covered with stars in the captain's cabin, by which he navigates."

Another boy informed me, in an essay, that there are more people drowned in summer than on highways. I couldn't argue with him there, but I nearly bust a gusset when he warned that we must be careful not to get caught by the "undertoes" when swimming.

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Now, about those short hours, Hugh Templin. Teachers work nine to four. Unless they are coaching a team, directing a play, helping with the yearbook, or doing one of a hundred similar tricks, in which case they are around the factory at all hours.

Add to this about twenty hours of lesson preparation, at four hours a night, and we find that teachers work a minimum of fifty hours a

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Ramblings in the Past

By OLD TIMER

ODDS AND ENDS

The Ballam Tapestries

John Ballam came to Arichat in 1821. The ship on which he was a super cargo out of London, Eng. bound for New York put in to Arichat due to a storm. He became so enamoured of the place during his short stay that after the discharge of his duties he returned and settled here. He married, raised a family, six of the children being girls, all talented young ladies educated at the convent of the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, and became a ship owner and an exporter of fish to the South American markets

Two of the daughters, Ida Marie and Margaret, under the tutelage of the Sisters, beame expert in needle work and created the "Ballam Tapestries". There were six of these, executed in needle point on canvas imported from France. The finest of wool imported from Berlin was used underneath and the whole was then faced with silk also imported from Germany. Five of the tapestries were of large size, approximately four feet square the sixth was smaller. It took three years to complete each canvas and the work was so painstaking and meticulous that both sisters lost their eye-sight in the process of creating these works of art.

The best known of them was "The Concealment of the Scottish Regalia". The scene was laid in the days when Scotland kept the regalia in Dunalter Castle (1652). When the castle was besieged Mrs. Granger, wife of the minister of Kiriff Church, carried the jewels to the church where she hid them. This is pictured in minutest detail.

Other subjects were "David and Saul", "The Taking of Calais", "The Crucifixion", "The Signing of the Magna Carta" and "Ossian". The first three were executed by Maria and the last three by Margaret.

These tapestries were exhibited in Europe, Australia and the U. S. A. It is said that two of them were valued at $50,000 each. It is also alleged that at the time, so rare was this type of art, that there was only one other example of it—Clare Repherga's copy of the Sistine Madonna hanging in the Art Gallery in Dresden, Germany.

Where are the" now? I have no absolute knowledge of their final disposition. But I am led to believe that the smaller one is owned in Putnam, Connecticut, and that the others were bought by an art collector in Toronto. (If anyone could give me more information on this matter, I would be most appreciative).

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Medical Doctors, Arichat

Herewith is a list of doctors who have practiced in Arichat with their place of origin.

Dr. Andrew Madden (Ireland).
Dr. Charles Fixott (Jersey).
Dr. Henry Fixott (Jersey).
Dr. Casimir Robert (France).
Dr. Harel (Quebec).
Dr. L'Esperance (Quebec).
Dr. H. J. Fixott (Arichat).
Dr. A. A. LeBlanc (New Brunswick).
Dr. B. A. LeBlanc (Arichat).
Dr. Cyr (Quebec).
Dr. G. R. Deveau (Nova Scotia).
Dr. MacDougall (Nova Scotia).
Dr. MacNeil (Nova Scotia).
Dr. MacGillvray (Nova Scotia).
Dr. J. A. E. Winter (Austria).
Dr. C. A. Herbin (Arichat).

(Anyone having information as to the length of practice of these doctors in Arichat, with dates, is invited to contact the Old Timer, in care of The Richmond Record).

A Footnote.—I am informed that the first doctor to practice on the mainland of Richmond Co. was a Dr. George Winey (Wincey) who was also an apothecary. Born in Guernsey in 1800, he emigrated to Nova Scotia about 1835 or later, the only one of the name to emigrate to this province. He was educated in London but there is no record of a medical degree. He settled in L'Ardoise and married Sophia Mombourquette. His only son, Daniel, married Annie Martell and lived at Rockdale. He also had two daughters, Elizabeth and Harriet, each married to a Pottie (Pate).

An oil painting of the doctor was at one time in the possession of Mrs. Charles Bissett, St. Peter's.

Dr. Winey was apparently a remittance man and received regular cheques from the old country. In 1858 he drove to St. Peter's to cash one of these and was never seen alive after. His badly battered body was later found in a small cove in St. Peter's Bay. At the time it was considered that foul play was involved but the cause of death was never established, and the case remained unsolved.

His widow died about 1903 or 1904.

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The Old Stone Forge

Ever wondered about the ruins of the old stone building on the shore below Lorenzo Boudreau's garage?

This building measured approximately 35 ft. x 50 ft. with walls 12 ft. high. The four walls and the northern gable were built of local stone. The corners and the door jambs were of roughly quarried blocks ranging in size from 1 ft. x 1 ft. x 1 ft. to 3 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. The other stones used were ordinary flat ones set in mortar which has defied the elements for at least 150 years.

It was probably erected about 1805, although I have no definite date of construction. I base that assumption on the following: Thomas Lenoir, the owner, born at Belleroy, diocese of Bajeux, France, came to Arichat, via the Magdalen Islands, in 1798 and is listed as a blacksmith in the census of 1811. I have split the difference of those two dates and assumed that the forge was built about 1805.

His son, Thomas M. Lenoir, who had been born in the Magdalen Islands on the 28 March 1798 was baptised in Arichat on 14 Oct. 1798 by Rev. F. LeJamtel. A copy of the birth certificate is in the possession of Mrs. Annette Fixott, Guest House, Antigonish.

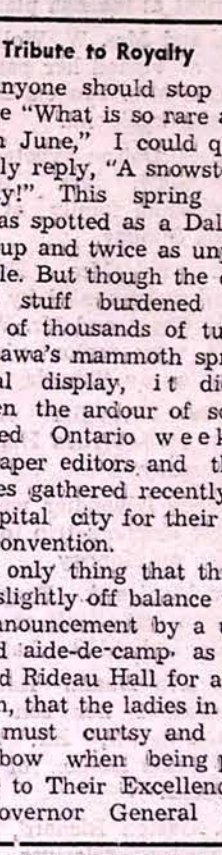
The Lenoirs branched out into the ship building and ship owning business. Three of the better known ships they owned were 1. The VICTORIA URSULLA, a two masted brigantine, 205.22 tons, built in Arichat in 1855. Wrecked on or about 28 Dec. 1871 near Margaree.

2. The LENOIR, a two masted brigantine, 260.59 tons, built in Arichat in 1864. Lost with all hands in a gale 4 Sept. 1870.

3. The ALPHA, built in Pugwash in 1866. A two masted schr., 133.28 tons. Acquired on mortgage by Charles Lenoir in 1870. Wrecked on the Nfld. coast in 1878.

The stone building was actually an iron foundry supplying the ships with anything from a bolt to an anchor. It was later used as a bonded warehouse, an icehouse and finally as a coal shed.

It is one of the very few relics of the prosperous days of Arichat which at one time was the commercial centre of eastern Nova Scotia.



Diary of a Vagabond

BY DOROTHY BARKER

Tribute to Royalty

If anyone should stop and ask me "What is so rare as a day in June," I could quite sensibly reply, "A snowstorm in May!" This spring has been as spotted as a Dalmation pup and twice as unpredictable. But though the cold white stuff burdened the heads of thousands of tulips in Ottawa's mammoth spring festival display, it didn't dampen the ardour of some hundred Ontario weekly newspaper editors and their families gathered recently in the capital city for their annual convention.

The only thing that threw them slightly off balance was the announcement by a uniformed aide-de-camp as we entered Rideau Hall for a reception, that the ladies in the party must curtsy and the men bow when being presented to Their Excellencies, the Governor General and Madame Vanier.

There have been admittedly few occasions in the lives of these grass roots members of the fourth estate to meet Royalty, or representatives of the Crown. This small matter of protocol sent a flutter of consternation rippling among the women, who asked each other whether one bent the right knee or the left, how far down must they dip and what did one do if an arthritic knee protested in the process.

Groups gathered beneath the fabulous paintings of former Governors General. "How'm I doing?" they asked one another as they wobbled on spike heels and laughed at their awkwardness.

It has been some years since I made my first curtsy. This was during my teens when Edward, Prince of Wales, travelled across Canada by train on the first extensive Royal Tour, fluttering the hearts of every female on this side of the Atlantic.

Those of us who were chosen to meet this august person were given hours of instruction regarding our social demeanor while in the presence of the future King of England. It took considerable practice to accomplish a slowly bent knee, stiff back and gracefully extended right hand. We were told to say only, "Your Highness" as the hand shake was accepted by the Royal Prince.

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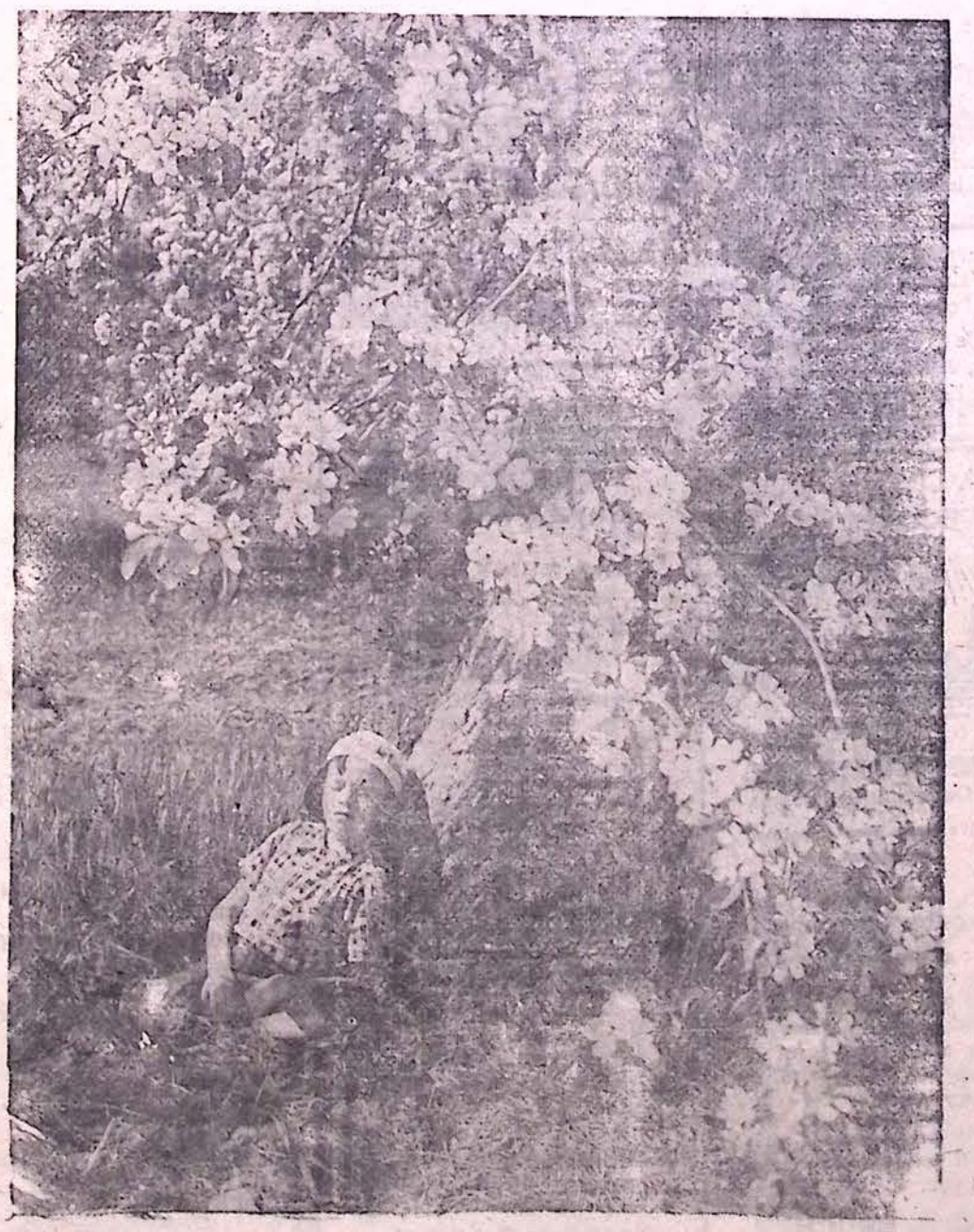
Princely Support

The most romantic figure in the world at that time was a small man with sandy hair and blue eyes bleary from too much activity and too little sleep. But as my turn came to be presented, he suddenly seemed to tower over me like the Rock of Gibral- started folding like an accordion. I felt his grip tighten when my knees turned to water and I discovered I was standing on one foot like a stork with no idea as to what I had done with my other pedal extremity. Edward was a lad with a sense of humor. Undoubtedly he had experienced this kind of panic before among his female subjects. I remember hearing him murmur, "Steady, old girl" as he gave me some reassuring support until I had regained my equilibrium.

My second curtsy was a less painful and embarrassing experience. This was during the second World War when I was stationed with the WRENS in Ottawa. Princess Alice who, with the Duke of Connaught, represented the Crown in Canada at that time, requested a visit at a secret station where two members of the YWCA's Special Services, including myself, taught crafts to the enlisted girls.

There was little or no time to practice a curtsy. After the inspection of service personnel, the civilian staff was presented. I am sure Princess Alice did not notice my

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SPRING IS HERE—The peace and tranquility of the beautiful Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia proved too much for this young lad and "friend" shown above. At this time of year the rich land of Evangeline bursts into a sea of blossoms hearlding the arrival of the apple season.

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DR. RODDIE MacDONALD PASSES IN HIS 104th YEAR

Dr. Roderick James MacDonald, Canada's grand old man of medicine, died at his home in St. Peter's Bay, Prince Edward Island, on June 4. He was in his 104th. year and had been ill for several weeks.

"Dr. Roddie" started his career as a country doctor in 1888 and continued in practice until he retired 69 years later at the age of 99.

IN 1953 POPE PIUS XII bestowed on Dr. MacDonald the Order of a Knight of St. Gregory the Great, in recognition of his services to his Church, his community and to humanity in the field of medicine.

Dr. Roddie was born at Maple Hills and was the last of a family of nine born to Ronald and Jean MacDonald who came out from Invernesshire, Scotland. He was educated at Prince of Wales College, St. Dunstan's University and before entering Trinity College, Toronto, he taught school at Rollo Bay West.

In his 69 years, Dr. Roddie delivered an estimated 4,000 babies. Even after he officially retired, his little black bag was always ready for emergencies.

A BIG MAN, Dr. Roddie in his last year of practice was never hindered by the rugged island winters. He would use a horse and sleigh to get to a sick patient's side.

Once he "reluctantly entered politics and was elected to the provincial Legislature as a Conservative. He was defeated the next election and retired from the political scene.

Survivors include six children: Somerled, Boston, Mass.; Cyril in Montreal; Roderick in Halifax; Alycia Mrs. P. J. Rossiter, Charlottetown; and Colin and Jean at home.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Josephine MacDonald, daughter of a former Lieutenant -Governor of P. E. I., Austin MacDonald, in 1947 and a son George.

WEST ARICHAT NEWS

May Deslauriers was a motor visitor from Halifax, as a guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Deslauriers, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dorey, New Brunswick, visited his sister and brother-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. Edward Forgeron, for several days, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Pitts, Pictou, were motor visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Covin, over the week-end.

Capt. Edward Forgeron, purchased a new "Consul" car from Richmond Motors, Pondville.

Wilfred Fougere and Albany David, left for Souris, P. E. I. where they found employment at the fish plant.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolfe, of Halifax, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Babin, over the week-end.

Roland Doiron visited his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jeffrey DeCoste and family at Arichat on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Duann, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Covin and Mr. Willie Clorey, were motor visitors to Halifax on Saturday.

Claire Levandier visited friends at Janvrin's Harbour on Thursday.

Amedee Levandier was on a motor business trip to Antigonish on Monday.

Miss Monica A. Forgeron, has joined the staff of J. H. LeBrun Ltd. of Arichat.

Mrs. Eva Duann Halifax, is a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Duann, for several weeks.

Mrs. Gaston Richard, Arichat, visited relatives and friends here recently. She also visited her husband at Halifax, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hart, Hyde Park, Mass., are motor visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Babin.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Verna Forgeron, who was successful in obtaining her diploma at the Graduation Exercises of the Normal College at Truro.

Mrs. Edward Forgeron attended the Graduation of her daughter, Ann, at the Normal College, Truro.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry LeJeune of Mulgrave, visited his sister, Mrs. Cecille Comeau, over the week-end.

We regret to report that Mrs. Peter Covin is on the sick list. All her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Corbett, wife of our local bank manager, is a granddaughter of the late beloved Dr. MacDonald. Mrs. Corbett attended the funeral.



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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



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We have received a full account of a recent meeting held at St. Peter's, where a "Ratepayers ssociation", was formed. This report will appear in our next issue..

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New Building

A large addition to LeBrun's Builders' Supplies is now being added to the present building and extends 80 feet toward the I. G. A. section of the main building.

It is nice seeing new buildings being constructed in the town and it also denotes that Mr. LeBrun has confidence in the future development of this area.

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From Sydney

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Coates (the former Lois Fixott) of Sydney, were recent visitors to Arichat and called on old friends.

Oran is an engineer at the Point Edward Naval Base.

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To Dartmouth

Ted Driscoll, manager of LeBrun's IGA was called to Dartmouth due to the death of his brother in a plane accident.

We join with Mr. Driscoll's friends in extending our sincere sympathy.

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Recent Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and daughter of Florida were recent guests of Mr. Jones' brother and sister-in-law, Mr . and Mrs. Warren Jones at the Arichat Hotel.

While in Nova Scotia Mr. and Mrs. Jones are residing at their summer home in Antigonish and will return to Florida after the summer holidays.

They are being warmly welcomed by their many friends.

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County Health Nurse

Miss Fran LeBrun R.N., daughter of Gerald LeBrun and the late Mrs. LeBrun has taken up her duties as County Health Nurse, succeeding Miss MacEachern of Sydney.

We congratulate Fran on her appointment and wish her every success in her duties. She will be stationed in Arichat.

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To Glace Bay

Miss MacEachern, R. N., has returned to Sydney and will take up duties as Health Nurse in the Glace Bay area.

We wish Miss MacEachern continued success in her duties.

While here she resided at the home of Miss Mary A. MacDonald, West Arichat.

From Montreal

Canon and Mrs. Ralph R. Latimer of Montreal have arrived here to spend the summer months at their Grand Lake cottage.

Canon Latimer is rector of the Church of St. James the Apostle, Montreal.

Friends are happy to see them and we wish them a very happy vacation.

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Lobsters Scarce

The lobster season here has been quite dull and only small catches reported. Many fishermen on the coast had heavy losses in recent storms

Mr. Austin E. Nickerson is buying at LeBrun's wharf in Arichat. Mr. Nickerson has been buying lobsters here for the past several years.

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From Halifax

Paul Doyle, B.A. a recent graduate of Dalhousie Law School spent a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Doyle.

Paul has returned to Halifax where is is articled to a city barrister.

We wish Paul every success.

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From Sydney

Bob Cossitt of Sydney was a visitor to Arichat during the week. He spent a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Dickie, Port Hastings before returning home.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cossitt, Bob is a popular young man and his friends here were more than pleased to see him.

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Canon A. F. Arnold

Friends here will join with us in congratulating Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Arnold on his 50th Anniversary to the priesthood of the Anglican Church.

Church services were held at St. George's Church, Sydney to commemmorate the occasion. Former parishioners of St. Albans Church, Whitney Pier made a presentation to Archdeacon Arnold and Mrs. Arnold at the close of an evening service recently at St. George's Church.

At the Quarterly meeting of the Cape Breton Deanery Archdeacon Arnold was celebrant at Holy Communion in St. George's Church which marked his 50th Anniversary to the priesthood.

Following the celebration a presentation was made by Rev. Wm. Dye on behalf of St. John's Parish, Arichat when the Archdeacon was presented with an appropriate gift from St. John's Church, Arichat and St. George's, Cape la Ronde, in token of the esteem held for him and Mrs. Arnold in this parish.

During the past two years Archdeacon Arnold had been priest in charge of St. John's Parish and is held in high regard by everyone.

We extend congratulations to Archdeacon Arnold and wish him continued good health and happiness in his retirement.

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The Richmond County Council of Home and School Association, at their Spring Council passed the following resolution, thanking "The Richmond County Record" for publicity. We are happy that our little help has been so greatly appreciated, and we thank the Council for their kind expressions. -Ed.)

"Whereas, the Richmond County Record has given full publicity to all reports of Local Associations during 60-61, and, Whereas, this publicity has helped the advancement of Home and School in the County.

Be it resolved, that the Richmond County Council of Home and School Associations at its Spring Council in D'Escousse on May 31, 1961, express sincere appreciation for the co-operation extended by the editor and his staff."

Approved and passed.

Gerard Boudreau.

Chairman of Resolutions.

ADJOURNED LAND SALES

Following the Provisions of the Assessment Act Revised Statutes and amendments thereto;

The Public Auction of lands sold for arrears of Municipal Rates and Taxes interest and expenses which, as duly advertised, took place at Municipal Hall at St. Peter's on the 6th. inst., was there and then adjourned till Tuesday, the 27th inst., at 2.00 p. m. in the Court House at Arichat, at which time and place said auction will be resumed and completed.

All said lands remaining unsold at the termination of said adjourned Land Sales will automatically become Vested in this Municipality.

R. J. LeBlanc,

Municipal Clerk & Treas.
Municipality of Richmond

RIVER BOURGEOIS C.W.I.

St. John the Baptist Council met at the Parish Hall on Thursday, June 8th.

Reports of the Treasurer and Conveners show that the work of this Council is satisfactory.

There are seventy-one members in the Council and five Honorary members.

Three of the Sisters from Stella Maris Convent were present at the meeting.

Rev. Mother Florentine gave a very interesting talk on Education stressing the point that parents should show more interest and give more encouragement to their children in their schoolwork.

The Council will not hold meetings in July and August but will re-convent in September to plan Fall activities.

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Here, wait a minute now. I'm starting to talk about stuff that is away over my head. Let's get down to brass facts. All I can say about teaching is that I've never worked harder in my life. But it was worth it, to see those shy smiles of gratitude and affection on the faces of my students, as they trampled me into the floor on their way out, the last day of school.

Don't worry, old friends in the weekly business. I'm not letting down the team. You should hear me talking to these teachers, when they start complaining about how hard they work. "Why, you spoiled, pampered pedagogues." I tell them, "you don't know what work is. This is a snap. Your'e overpaid and underworked. Now, when I was in the weekly newspaper business . . ."

You'll notice, friend Hugh, that I have carefully avoided the matter of holidays. This summer and next. I have to go to summer school, at considerable expense. But I'm making plans for the summer of '63.

At first, I thought, a trip to Europe might be nice. But I've pretty well decided to spend July and August on a tour of Canada, dropping in on weekly editors in my Bermuda shorts, and letting them cry on my shoulder of my cool, crisp sport shirt.

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Diary of A Vagabond

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curtsy was only a bob. She was much more interested in the contribution of the Y's branch of the service was providing than in making any mental criticism of my jerky tribute to her Royal station in life.

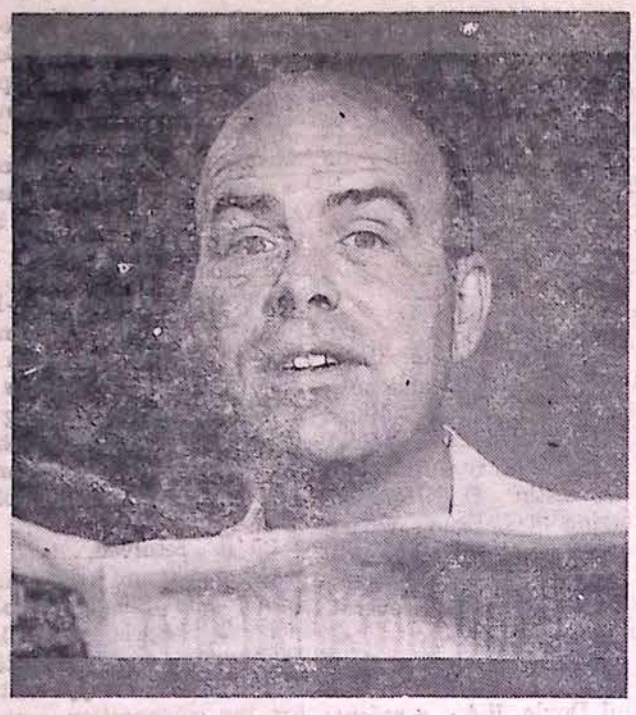
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Tulips and Red Coats

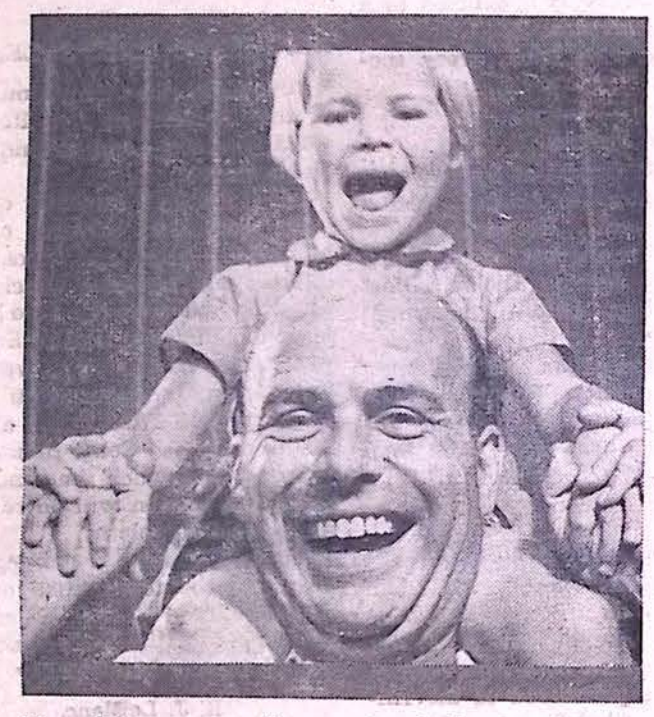
Considerable thought has been given to the planting and colorful arrangement of Ottawa's famous tulips. Impressive was a huge bed of scarlet blooms that matched the red coats of the Mounties standing at the entrance to Rideau Hall's portico as our car drew up to the curb. I am an emotional person and my national pride is quickly stimulated. T he avenue of maples along which one must drive after passing through the stately gates on Sussex street to the home where our Sovereign's representatives are in residence is spectacular. Within Rideau Hall is one room entirely furnished with pine primitives. Pomp and elegance mellowed by the evidence of the country's pioneers!

Perhaps it is because I was steeped in the gracious hospitality of Queen Elizabeth's Canadian representatives that I rather resented an occurrence that took place while the concention was in session. As I walked in Confederation Square one evening I was told by an excited citizen that a flag had just been removed from the holder on the south east side of the National War Memorial. Not the Red Ensign, but a "distinctive flag" attributed to the Evolutionary Movement of Canada. Spokesmen for this movement claim they will "go to any lengths" to use any masts in the city for the purpose of unfurling their flag. It is half red, half white with a green maple leaf in the centre. There was a large group of school children on the train as I traveled to Ottawa. They were slated to attend a session of Parliament, meet their member, make a tour of the city and become thoroughly steeped in Canadian lore. Youth is impressionistic; pride in citizenship is a precious possession. I like to believe that this pride cannot be disturbed by any such whacky demonstration of illicit flag waving.

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Mrs. Katherine MacRae, President, reported that Seaview School, which is to be closed next term, has donated the flag from their school to the St. Peter's School where a flagpole is presently being erected.

Mrs. MacRae also reported that several high school students were among those attending the St. John Ambulance "Save a Life" course which was given on May 25, by Mr. M. M. Kelly of Margaree Forks.

A book, very suitable for the purpose of recording the history of the Association, was donated by Mrs. Finlay Ross, Secretary.

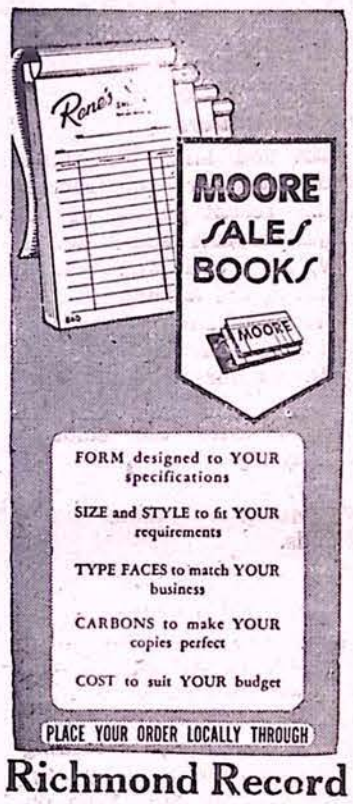
During the year Mrs. Paul White was appointed historian for the Association.

A display of pupils' art work in the auditorium was very much appreciated. The enjoyment the pupils experienced in this work seemed reflected in this colorful and artistic exhibition. Mrs. William MacEwan, Music Teacher, has been assisting with this subject this term.

A committee of members who had previously attended Annual Convention, were appointed to select a delegate to attend this year's Convention to be held in July at Truro.

A review of the accomplishments of the Association during the term, read by Mrs. Finlay Ross, recorded a splendid program of Home and School work.

The serving of lunch, and a game of Twenty Questions, brought to a close this final meeting of the term.



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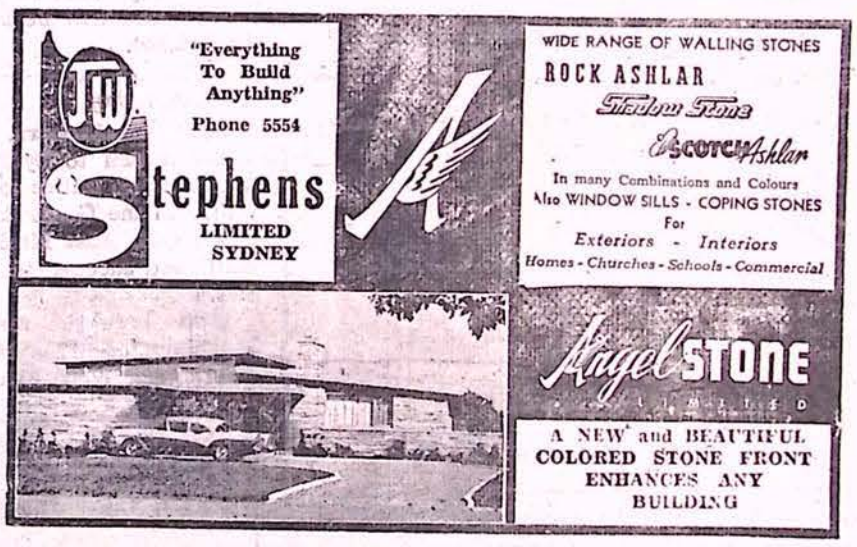
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