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THE RICHMOND COUNTY RECORD, ARICHAT, N. S., JANUARY 19, 1963

Who Holds The Key To The Mystery ?

D'ESCOUSSE, N. S.—Since November 28, the pupils and teachers of our School are given the impression of being tossed about on a stormy sea. The story began on November 28th, when a teacher and several of her pupils became victims of a strange headache and nausea. Since then, there have been victims of this mysterious attack both among the teachers and from 60 to 70 pupils of the 105 youngsters have been sick. Frankly, the condition of the D'Escousse School is mysterious, disgusting as well as nerve-wrecking for all concerned.

On the week of November 23, Principal notified the Municipal School Board of a strong sickening odour of toilets in the school. As soon as possible the Board had the two chemical closets cleaned by some firm from Sydney. The nauseant odor had vanished but to give place to an odourless and mysterious "something" causing the pupils to get sick. The victims all complain of a mysterious headache, as if struck across the forehead, then of a sore throat, a burning sensation from the mouth down the oesophagus and an upset stomach. They become ghostly pale, and would probably collapse if fresh air could not be reached readily. Fortunately, fresh air revives them, but the nausea and headache starts again as soon as the children re-enter their classrooms.

For a time, it was believed that carbon-monoxide fumes were escaping from the furnace, but adequate tests certified that none of this gas was present in the school building. Friday, November 30th was declared a holiday because it was thought that by *leaving the mysterious invader* alone over the week-end, and with several windows open, it would escape thus leaving the school safe for Monday, December 1st. However, fresh air was no remedy and on Monday and all the other days that followed, there were still many pupils sick, and whatever is the cause of the sickness seemed to crawl from one room to the other. At first only two upstairs rooms were plagued, the Grade XI were kept for the last.

Dr. Winter, the Health Officer, was called in. He questioned the sick pupils individually and witnessed that they were sincere in their complaints. A small delegation of D'Escousse people brought the problem to the attention of the whole Municipal School Board at an emergency meeting held the afternoon of December 3rd. It was then decided that the school would be closed until after Christmas and that water toilets would be installed to replace the two chemical toilets.

However, on Friday, December 7th, all pupils and teachers were ordered back to school because it had been shown, apparently, that the whole trouble lay in poor ventilation and over-heating causing an accumulation of carbon-dioxide. To this add emotional and collectivity and you have the solution. Storm-windows were removed from the classrooms, two windows in each room were to be left open top and bottom both day and night, moreover the thermostat of the furnace must not be raised higher than 65. The teachers and pupils were willing to cooperate fully with the board and they proved it by complying to these orders. Once more, the children were sick. The doctor was called a second time, blood tests were taken, sent to Halifax to be analysed for carbon-monoxide. Naturally they proved negative. This was a victory for those who claim that the sickness is emotional.

It was voted at the Municipal Board, on December 17th that water toilets would be installed in the school immediately. The spreading of this good bit of news supplemented by the sight of two men working and digging in the school grounds encouraged us to believe that finally the situation was being remedied and that 1963 would see parents, teachers and pupils satisfied and the unsanitary conditions removed from the school. But our hopes were soon shattered. Our logical curiosity led us to find out that digging had no other purpose than the opening of the cellar drain blocked since a few years. Incidentally, another item of information gained was that a sink installed some ten years ago had never had an outlet pipe, therefore every day many gallons of water had no other alternative but run and settle under the school building. There the soil must be nothing else but contaminated.

On December 27th, a joint meeting of some members of the Municipal School Board and some Local Trustees was held in the D'Escousse School. There the opinion was voiced that the installation of water closets in winter time would cost twice as much as it would cost in summer and then, perhaps this would not remedy the situation, so why make unnecessary expenses? Moreover, since the school needs a complete renovation, why not wait? If only the North Isle Madame people would be patient a little longer...They would finally see their dream come true, a completely renovated school. This is, at least, a three year old promise! Moreover, the School Board felt there were no sufficient reason to close the school—What are they waiting for is yet unknown—it was felt that the De-

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Walter R. J. MacNeil
Town Manager for 42 Years

(We received a copy of the Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post, and in glancing over its pages we were delighted to find a nice article written about our very good friend and native born son of Arichat, Mr. Walter R. J. MacNeil. We congratulate Walter on his well-earned retirement and from the article which follows our readers will receive a first hand knowledge of the importance of the position held by Mr. MacNeil in the planning of this vast town, which we had the pleasure of visiting a few years ago and at which time we were so kindly received by the MacNeil family.)

(Taken from the special edition of The Mount Royal Weekly Post)
December 20, 1962

MR. WALTER R. J. MacNEIL, who came to work for the Town in July 1914 and became its first Town Manager, retiring on December 31, 1961.

The first six houses, he says were built in 1917.

Mr. MacNeil's recollections of the Town cover the entire period of the Town's growth.

It took years for real progress to be made, he said, but progress was achieved, slowly at first and, despite occasional setbacks, problems were solved and difficulties overcome, until the community blossomed forth into the beautiful garden town it is today.

Mr. MacNeil served under all eight mayors if the Town: Thomas Darling, Fred Johnson, S. H. Hanson, Jack A. Dakin, Robert Smith, Maynard Metcalf, Earl Schofield and the present incumbent, Reg. Dawson.

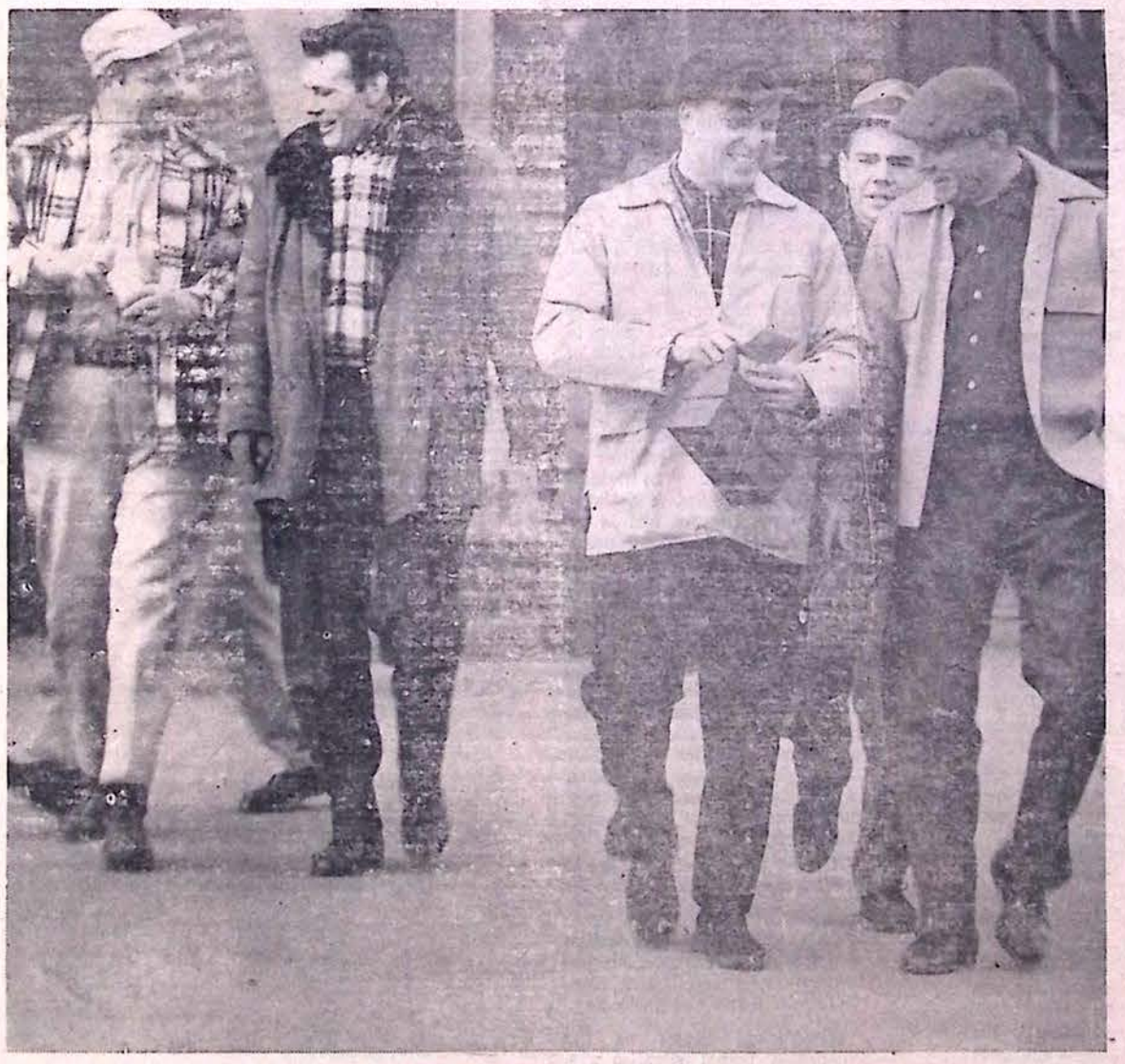
After nine years in the engineering deparment, Mr. MacNeil, was appointed as head of the department. He was made Town Manager in 1945.

EARLY YEARS — During the first years, recalls Mr. MacNeil, the Town was managed from a downtown office on St. James Street, but later moved into 66 Wichsteed avenue, which later was turned into a Catholic school and is now a residence.

For a time the engineering department had a special office in the CNR railway station, near the bridge, but later moved into premises in the old fire and police building, now demolished.

As building began to increase, the Town offices were set up in the original Country Clubhouse on Laird blvd., this in turn being used as the Annunciation Parish Church when the new Town Hall was erected and since replaced by the manificent edifice standing today.)

Mr. and Mrs. MacNeil, who reside on St. Clare road (originally a part of Cote de Liesse), had two sons, Flt-Lieut. Daniel MacNeil, who lost his life in the last war, and Gregor MacNeil. They also have two married daughters, Patricia (Mrs. Clifford Wright) and Rosemary (Mrs. Armando Ballotta).



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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Do you loathe winter with all the intensity of your soul? Do you consider that it is fit only for Eskimos and abominable snowmen? Does your spirit shrink into a cold little gray lump somewhere in the vicinity of your liver, when it snows again? Does your heart grow hard with hatred when the mercury drops?

Do you shriek, lady, at your little ones, when they come in plastered with snow, just seven minutes after you have spent half an hour bundling them up to go out, and they whimper, "Mum, I hafta wee-wee"?

Do you take the name of the Lord in vain, sir, every time you go out in the morning and discover that the holy old, jumpin' jeezly snow-plow has dumped the daily 10-ton donation into your driveway?

Do you wonder, when you receive your oil bill, if they have got your bill mixed up with that of the Chateau Laurier? Do you develop a deep, seething hostility toward old friends who announce they are off on a holiday in the south?

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Do your bones ache, your joints creak, your eyes water these days? Do you resent getting up in what seems to be the middle of the night, to go to work?

If the answer to all these questions is a screaming, homicidal "YES," you may relax, friend and neighbor. You are neither neurotic nor odd, perverse not peculiar. There's not a thing wrong with you. You are a typical, normal average, and honest Canadian.

You have not only my sympathy, but understanding. I used to be one of you. I've been through the lot. For 40-odd years I was a plodder through slush, a huncher of shoulders against blizzards, a snarling payer of fuel bills, a blasphemous scraper of ice off windshields with my fingernails because my blasted scraper was missing.

Oh, yes, I was one of you miserable wretches: a bent-backed slave chopping ice off the steps, a terrified knocker-down of big icicles, a puffing purveyor of garbage cans through snowdrifts, a furious shoveller of driveways, a barking seal when the frosty morning air first hit the tattered lungs, an envious despiser of the birds with enough money to migrate into the sun.

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But, I'm sorry, old buddies; I've left you. That's all behind I'm on the other side now. I got sick of being a rabbit, and decided to run with the hounds. As a result, a whole new life has opened for me.

Now, I dance blithely to the window at first light to see whether anything fell during the night. I clap my hands and cry "Goody!" when I see that big fresh pile of white stuff in the driveway. I grumble when the temperature rises. I complain bitterly when nothing white falls from heaven in two days. I grouch about the winter being so short. I sincerely pity those who have fled to the tropics.

What's happened? I've been skiing. Yes sir, they got the old man out on the skinny sticks last Saturday, and he made it down the little kid's hill twice without falling. That was on the 14th and 21st runs.

Oh, they laughed when I sat down the minute I stood up on the things. But they weren't laughing an hour later, when I whizzed down the slope, yelling "Scheiss!" or whatever it is skiers yell, bowling over five-year-olds like five-pins, and taking those eight and 10-inch jumps as though I'd been born within yodelling range of the Matterhorn.

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It started out as a mere effort to find out why I bought about a half interest in a sports shop, at Christmas, for the kids. I started wearing my deer hunting underwear, and my old fishing jacket over my curling sweater.

By the end of the day, I was ready to sell my golf clubs, try to get a refund from the curling club, and attempt to trade in my waders and my shotgun, if I could have one of those brilliant sweaters, and a pair of those bull-fighters' pants, like the skiers, and sit around in the chalet, drinking coffee, with the best of them.

No more grumbling about winter. No more hatred of snow. No more longing for spring. You should try it. We skiers are hooked but happy... In fact, I liked my first time out so well that I can scarcely wait for next winter (or maybe the one after), to try it again.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,

Richmond County Record.

Dear Sir:—To Reverend Mother de Ste Elizabeth must be attributed the honor of having founded the convents of the Daughters of Jesus in Canada. She it was whom the Council General of the Order appointed for the important mission of establishing convents in Canada and who became the first Provincial in Canada. She set sail for New York on the "Touraine" on October 11, 1902. Previous to this, on September 30, R.F. Jan, O.M.I. and eleven Sisters had embarked at LeHarve on the long voyage to the Canadian West. Three Sisters were destined for St. Albert, the home for the aged O.M.I. and for the seminary at Edmonton. Both of these missions opened the last of October 1902, the Sisters reached Calgary, for the mission house of the O.M.I. At the same date, some Sisters arrived in Chatham for the Bishop's palace. The first school was therefore Arichat. Cheticamp opened in August, 1903, Dalhousie, N. B., in April of the same year, Sydney, April 4, 1903, Three-Rivers, April, 1903.

On December 6, 1902, another group of Sisters reached New York. Among these were Sister M. St. Paterne and Sr. Marie Alfred du S.C. The latter was sent to Chatham to study the teaching methods of hte country, and arrived in Arichat on January 6, 1903. Sister M. St. Paterne accompanied Reverend Mother M. de Ste Eliabeth to Arichat and remained as first superior. They reached Mulgrave on the 23rd, 8 p.m. The next day they travelled by boat to Arichat.

(From the chronicles of the Order)

WHO HOLDS THE KEY TO THE MYSTERY

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partment of Education would not help to pay the rentage of apartments and so the Municipality would have to shoulder the whole expense. Therefore the teachers and pupils were asked to return to school after Christmas, but this time on voluntary basis.

Once again the teachers and pupils complied to the desires of the Board and on Jan. 3rd, they were back on the job determined to do their utmost not to be accused again of staging a farce. The teachers decided that to distract the pupils' mind from the thought of sickness they would plunge them right away into the Christmas Examinations. The first day several pupils admitted that they were not feeling well, but as they wanted to write exams, they refused to go home even though some of them had to run to the toilet or out of doors every now and then. The second day many parents refused to send their sick children to school, and that day the furnace was out of order so there was only a half day session. Since the Chirstmas exam scheme failed to divert the children's mind from sickness, the principal thought of another stratagem. Why not have the pupils change classrooms? As the saying goes: "A change is as good as a rest", perhaps this will do the trick. Moreover, there was a strange story abroad that pupils were using sttnk-bombs, so probably this would be one way of tracking them? But even this failed and the number of pale-faced children increased continously from day to day. Many children tried to hide their sickness fearing their parents would keep them home and so prevent them from writing their exams. However, some parents became anxious over the paleness of their children and of their strange behaviour. Is it normal for a 'teen age boy to come home at 2:30 p.m., and be so tired to go to bed immediately without undressing or eating a bite? Especially when the same boy was playing pranks a few days ago? Another mother admitted that she could no longer force her boy to eat, while previously, as she says, "He was living in the pantry". Would you consider this emotional and collectivity when these boys live 6 or 7 miles apart?

No wonder then, that we parents began to keep our children home. They were freezing in the school and were made sick by the mysterious invader. One day a teacher finally said to another: "If they want us all to die, at least they should allow us to die comfortably" the children were so cold even with their coats and overshoes on, some of them could not be warmed up when they came home after school. With all five theromoneters registering between 62 and 65 degress F., and with two windows open in January, your common sense can leave you to guess the situation.

Finally, 2 pupils out of 28 were left in the Grade VI; 6 out of 18 in the Grade X; 4 out of 8 in the Grade XI. The Grade IX had taken refuge in a private house and the 25 Grades 7-8 pupils were stranded, waiting for the abandoned Martinique School to be ready to receive them.

If this whole affair is emotional can you answer these questions: Why was the R.C.M.P. taken up with the sudden headache the day he inspected the school for stinkbombs? Why were there 10 to 15 adults suddenly taken sick during the Annual Ratepayers Meeting in the school on Monday evening, Jaunary 14? Some of these were men and others women, and some who had come as curious sceptics returned home with a headache or upset stomach and the conviction that something is amiss making people sick. Then, if it is a staged-farce by the teachers and pupils as some claim it to be, why are these not complaining now about their present situation? They are all crowded in small apartments with no facilities whatever. Why are they not suffering from poor ventilation and over-heating in these almost suffocating rooms? We feel that some people failed in their duties and now are putting the blame on parents, teachers and pupils.

What we want to know is: "What makes our children sick? What bearing will this have on the future health of our children? The Health Officer from Sydney assured us that there were no dangerous fumes. How does he know? The only test made was the one for carbon-monoxide, is the only poisonous gas? Are there no means of detecting other gases? With an open sewage disposal bed underneath the school building would there not be a possibly of (sewage) gas? Do we have to keep on sacrificing the health of our children by allowing them to be used as Guinea pigs? Several of us parents have been writing here and there, one of us have even written to the Minister of Education himself. The Honourable Minister seemed to be interested in the situation and in his answer to the parent mentioned that electric fans had been installed in the D'Escousse School about a year ago, the purpose of these was to drive foul odour from the school, and that at the time he was writing, December 27, 1962, water toilets were being installed in the said school. The janitor and the teachers have failed to notice these fans and for the toilets, there are no signs of their installation to this date. This proves how misinformed some good intentioned people can be.

If some of you hold the key to this mystery will you kindly let us know it.

A group of worried and anxious parents: D'Escousse, Martinique, Poulamon, Poirierville, Cape LaRonde and Rocky Bay.

(The above report on the D'Escousse School situation was prepared by a responsible party in that village, along with other citizens from the various communities comprising the whole school district. According to the statements made in this report, it would appear that further investigation should be taken to ascertain the cause. At present the school is closed and as far as we can learn no solution has been arrived at other than the classes being moved to quarters throughout the district. We are not being critical of anyone, but feel it is our duty as a free press to allow space in this newspaper to bring the facts before the public.—Ed.)

The best preparation for the future, is the present well seen to, and the last duty done.

—George Macdonald

REPORT OF PETIT DeGRAT HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

The December meeting of the Petit de Grat Home and School Association was held on December 14 in the school. It was presided over by the president, Mr. Willie H. Boudreau. The main part of the business consisted of planning a Christmas party for the school children. After the meeting adjourned the members held their annual Christmas party, at which Santa was present adn distributed gifts to all in attendance. A delicious lunch was later served by the members of the entertainment committee and was enjoyed by everyone.

NOTICE

The following is a Proposed and Tentative Agenda for the Second Annual Meeting of the 32nd Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond:—

Monday, February 4, 1963

10.00 A. M. Opening of Council
Warden Byron S. Langley's remarks.
Report of the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer.

2:00 P.M. — Committee appointments.
—Report of the Assessor.

Tuesday, February 5, 1963

10:00 A.M.—Report of Medical Health Officer.
—Report of Sanitary Inspector, Rchmond County Board of Health.

2:00 P.M.—Report of Inspector of Schools
—Report of County Welfare Officer.
—Provincial representative — Welfare Department.

Wednesday, February 6, 1963

10:00 A.M.—Committee and work reports.

2:00 P.M.—Local Delegations and General Business.

Thursday, February 7, 1963

10:00 A.M.—General Business.

2:00 P.M.—Review and discussion of Financial Statements.

Friday, February 8, 1963

10:00 A.M.—Report of Finance Committee and on the Proposed Budget for 1963.

2:00 P.M.—General Business.

Saturday, February 9, 1963

10:00 A.M.—Striking TAX Rate for 1963 and Unfinished Business.

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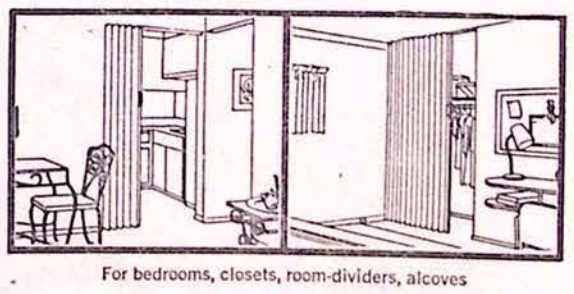
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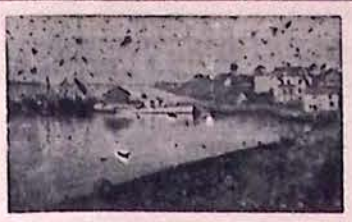
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FROM ST. PETERS

John N. Morrison of St. Peters, was a business visitor to town during the week.

FROM NEW GLASGOW

Mrs. Agnes LeBlanc arrived from New Glasgow, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Latimer of this place.

ON HOLIDAYS

Constable Bob Amey, of the R. C. M. P., stationed in Newfoundland, is home on holidays and is visiting his arents, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Amey at Pondville. We wish Bob a very happy vacation.

RECENT VISITORS

Earl W. Urquhart, M. L. A., for Richmond and Leader of the Liberal party in Nova Scotia, accompanied by Allan J. MacEachen, M. P., Inverness-Richmond w,ere recent visitors to Arichat and other sections of Isle Madame.

FROM HALIFAX

Eric Latimer, of Halifax, was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Latimer for a few days. Eric holds a responsible position on the staff of the Royal Bank in that city.

TO HALIFAX

Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Deveau, left for Halifax to spend a few weeks with their daughter and son-in-law.

We wish them both a very happy holiday.

TO HALIFAX

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Amey, accompanied by their son, Bob, were visitors to Halifax visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie DeBaie, also their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Amey.

IN HOSPITAL

Hillary Bowen, is a patient at City Hospital, Sydney, where he underwent a successful operation. We join with Hillary's many friends in wishing him a speedy recovery.

FROM HALIFAX

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Boudreau and son Lionel, of Halifax, are visiting at Petit de Grat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Boudreau, where Mrs. Jane DeCoste is residing.

Mr. Boudreau visited his father, Alex Boudreau at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex M. Boudreau.

FROM ST. JOHN

Donna Ducharme, was a recent visitor from St. John, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mildred Ducharme. Donna prior to taking up employment in St. John was an operator at the local telephone exchange.

Donna's friends were glad to see her.

MORE LETTERS

We have again received letters pertaining to school matters and other public affairs.

None of these letters have been signed, however, we will follow along with policies of other weekly newspapers, that letters of an inoffensive nature will be published, under an nom-de-plume, but must accompany the name of the author to protect the publisher.

Most letters received are in the public interests and it is regrettable that the authors do not have the courage to sign their names to these letters, thus leaving the publisher with no other alternative than to destroy their efforts by burning their manuscript.

K. O. C. NOTES

The Regular monthly meeting of the Knights of Columbus took place in the K.O.C. Club Rooms in West Arichat on Monday, January 10, at 7.30 p.m.

Deputy Grand Knight, M. A. MacNeil presiding in the absence of Grand Knight A. D. Rankin. The meeting had a good representation of members and this is perhaps due to the fact that meeting time was changed from Sunday evening to a week day evening. With the new time of meeting we hope to see more member knights attending these meetings.

The meeting proved an interesting one with many members taking part in a very lively discussion. During the evening three new members who had recently been accepted in the third degree of the order were presented with lapel pins and membership certificates. These members were: Ernest Landry, Jr., and Douglas Forgeron of Louisdale and Alexander Marchand of Arichat.

The highlight of the evening was the installation of officers, by District Deputy, Mr. Francis Joyce of St. Peter's Council, Port Hood, for the coming year. Following this impressive ceremony the District Deputy briefly addressed the meeting, during his talk he reminded the members of their responsibilities of supporting their executive who have been entrusted with the task of guiding the Association for the coming year. The next meeting of the K.O.C. Council will take place in the St. Peter's Club Room in February. Date and time will be announced later.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all the friends who called on us on our Golden Wedding Anniversary, for all gifts including the purse of money solicited by Girl Guides, and all who helped in any way to make the event such a happy one.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Morrison
St. Peter's N. S.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Morrison, of St. Peters, on their recent golden anniversary of their wedding. On the happy occasion they were tendered congratulations by their many friends from far and near. May continued good health and happiness follow Mr. and Mrs. Morrison for many years to come.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forrest and daughter, Ann Marie, have arrived from Ontario and will take up rseidence in Pondville. Mrs. Forrest is the former Margaret Tyrrell of Arichat.

Mrs. Henry B. Hull who had the misfortune of breaking a leg a few weeks ago has returned from the City Hospital, Sydney. We wish Mrs. Hull a speedy recovery.

Miss Charmaine Benoit, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Emile Benoit, of Arichat, has returned from St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her teacher and classmates missed her during her absence.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Jerome AuCoin of Arichat, a son on January 9th.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Latimer of Samsonville, a son

The Arichat School Credit Union collected $19.73 this week. We would encourage all pupils to become regular members.
Edith Boudreau Grade IX

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Mary Paupin wish to thank all those who helped in any way during our sad bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. Winter, Cornelius Boucher and the Sisters and staff of St. Ann's Hospital; also to the pallbearers and to all who sent Mass Cards, floral offerings and any message of sympathy. Thank You.—From Mrs. Leo Meunier and all the Paupin family.

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SAINT FRANCIS DESALES HOME AND SCHOOL

The December meeting of the St. Francis DeSales Home and School Aassociation took place on December 12, 1962, with thirty members in attendance, at Evanston-Walkerville School.

The meeting opened with "O Canada" and the recitation of the Association prayer.

Mrs. Eileen MacNeil, president, called upon the various officers for their reports. Mrs. Valerie McNamara, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. M. C. McNamara. Membership report was given by Mrs. Elmer Scanlon. Report from the Health Converor, Mrs. Bert Hearn, asked that repairs to doors of Evanston-Walkerville School be carried out; also that better water and toilet facilities be made available. Mrs. McNamara, Secretary, was to get in touch with Mr. Mury.

The Educational part of the programme took the form of a panel, presided over by Mrs. Val McNamara, Convenor of Educational Committee. The subject was "The Problems of the High School Student". Members of the panel were: Mrs. J. D. McNamara, Mrs. Ronald Dobbin, Mrs. Harold King and Mr. Vincent McCarthy.

At the close of the meeting every one took part in a sing-song and refreshments were served by the ladies of Walkerville-Evanston School Section.

JANUARY MEETING

The regular meeting of the St. Francis DeSales Home and School Association took place in Riverdale Consolidated School on Wednesday the 9th with Mrs. Eileen MacNeil, presiding.

A large crowd was in attendance. Rev. J. A. Campbell, P. P., recited the Home and School Association prayer.

Mrs. Valerie McNamara, Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting, and several letters in answer to business which arose at that meeting. The replies, and action taken in the meantime were most satisfactory.

It was decided by the meeting that a letter be sent to Mr. Mury, requesting necessary work be done to the septic tanks at Riverdale School at once.

Miss M. C. McNamara gave the financial report.

Following this an unhearsed, but very interesting panel topic of which was "Elementary Education in Our Schools", chaired by Vincent McCarthy, held the attention of the Home and School members.

Mrs. E. MacNeil, mother of two small sons who attend school; Elmer Scanlon, a parent who will soon have small children in school and Lester Morgan, a teacher, were the panel members.

A discussion period followed.

Mrs. Leo MacPhee, Financial Convenor, was called upon. Mrs. MacPhee suggested a pantry sale to raise funds, and it was decided that such an event would take place in the parish hall, Lower River Inhabitants, on Saturday, January 26th beginning at 6 p.m.

On motion of adjournment this educational and congenial meeting came to an end.

While the members enjoyed listening to Scottish recordings, the ladies of Riverdale Consolidated School Section served lunch.

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Think naught a trifle, though it small appear; Small sands the mountain, moments make the year.

—Edward Young

PATRICK LINDEN

After a lingering illness the death of Patrick Linden took place at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Linden at the age of 35. This young man was well and favourably known to many in the County as he was for a number of years the efficient chauffeur for the Rawleigh representative.

Besides his parents he is survived by four brothers, Ambrose, Dave and Herman of Louisdale and James of Poulamond; also by three sisters, Mrs. Albert George, (Jeanette,) Mrs. John Marchand, (Julia) and Mrs. Ernest Poirier, (Edna) all of Louisdale; he is also survived by two uncles, Charles Linden, Louisdale and Felix Linden of West Arichat.

The largely attended funeral was held at St. Louis Church, with Rev. C. P. Gerrior, as celebrant at the High Mass.

The pallbearers were: Norman Burns, Lawrence Marchand, Willie Marchand, John Marchand, Douglas Forgeron and Paul Samons.

Funeral arrangements were by C. A. Boucher of Arichat.

The Record joins with its correspondent in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

LOUISDALE NEWS

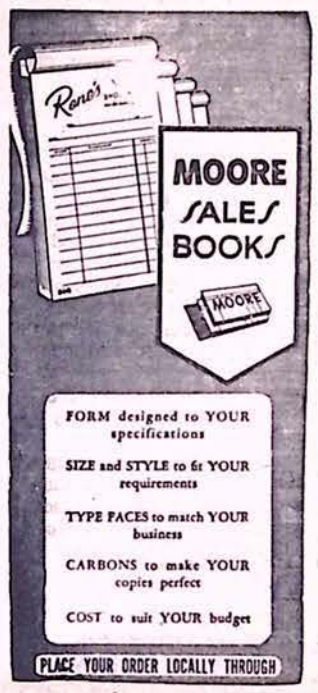
Margaret Ann MacNeil, George Landry, Dave Sampson and Bernard Samson have returned to their studies at St. F. X. University after spending the holidays with their respective families.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jeffrey and family have taken up residence in Louisdale. Mrs. Jeffrey is on the staff of the Louisdale School, while Mr. Jeffrey is employed at the Pulp Mill in Point Tupper.

The regular meeting of the Louisdale Home and School Association was held on Thursday with a large representation of parents and teachers present.

Many items of importance were discussed, among which was the Home and School support to a resolution sent by the ratepayers to the School Board for a new school for Louisdale area.

Another item discussed was the erection of an outdoor skating rink. The Home and School has raised a considerable amount of money for this project but because of the poor weather during the early fall it was decided to wait till next spring to continue the work of providing the rink and other play ground equipment for the children of the parish.



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