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SUGAR AND SPICE by Bill Smiley



THEY DO REMEMBER

Not so long ago I wrote a column about Remembrance Day. It may have had a touch of bitterness in it. But so many things have come up since then that I thought you might be interested.

First of all, a light note. A lady in Ontario remembers something from away back there. "During the First World War, my husband came home on furlough from Belgium. Although his pass said he was clean and free from lice, while we were riding on the underground in London, I watched the lice crawling up and down on his coat collar. So I had to scorch all the seams of his clothes as soon as I got him home, and shave all his hair off him everywhere to get rid of them."

Next, at our school we had the usual Remembrance Day service. But it wasn't the usual one. This year, we let the students plan it. They threw out the draggy old hymns and a lot of other things.

Instead, against a background of old songs from both world wars, a student read a commentary he had written himself. It began with, "In Flanders fields, the poppies blow..." It was simple and moving and honest. Then everybody sang that haunting folk song, "Where have all the flowers gone?" They went to young girls, and the young girls went to soldiers and the soldiers went to graveyards and the graveyards went to flowers.

Then the Roll of Honor from our school. Some of the older teachers can't take this. They went to school with the boys on the list. Last Post, silence, Reveille. Over. The students were silent and solemn and involved.

Afterwards, in the classrooms, we discussed the service and the day. I'd brought along photos and souvenirs. They were fascinated. After an incredulous look at the cocky black-haired fighter pilot, and then one at the harassed, gray-haired teacher, they pelted me with questions.

Then came that magnificant CBC documentary on World War I, with Raymond Massey, old soldier, wounded on those fields, narrating. It was spell-binding and horrible. I kept looking for one of my five uncles who were there driving mules, dragging through mud.

Finally, came the following letter. Because it's personal, no names, no address.

"Dear Mr. Smiley: I have just read your article entitled 'I Shall Never Forget', and I must write to you.

"I am 33 years old and I do not consider Remembrance day 'a drag, a sentimental journey for old and middle-aged squares." My father fought through many of the worst battles in World War I. He was a machine-gunner. He never talked about his experiences, except for once, when he told me of a little village that he had seen far below him, in a valley in France. He said only that he wished he could have died and been buried there. He never said anything about the War, but he drank.

"Life was hell for him and for all of us. Mamma said he was terribly changed when he came home from overseas. He died when he was 61, and he had a military funeral and he was as much a casualty of the War as if he'd died at Verdun. He just took longer to die.

"I was 18 when he died and up until I was 16, I almost hated him for the drinking and the trouble. But I began to understand him and by the time he died, we knew and liked each other.

"I've never forgotten about the War, and I've made certain that my children know about it too. So, on Remembrance Day, we go to the parade, and pray at the Cenotaph with the veterans, and the kids know that it is not just for a Grandpa they never knew, but for all the people who fought and suffered in all wars. And even the youngest boy, four, understands a little bit of it all.

"It will be a long time before everyone forgets. Thank you so much for a very touching article.

Thank you, for a very moving tribute.

Improvements to St. Anne Hospital Carried Out by an Efficient Board

ARICHAT—Residents of Isle Madame point with pride to their 22-bed hospital in Arichat and tell everyone within hearing distance it's the area's main asset.

Ste. Anne Hospital, built by public subscription in 1946, is now completing a $46,000 capital works improvement program. A report on the work was presented Monday at a special meeting of the hospital's board of directors in Arichat.

Residents of Arichat and Louisdale share with board directors the feeling that the improvements will result in increased hospital services and nursing care.

"It's gratifying to know that you have a well-equipped hospital in your area and we are grateful, very grateful in fact," one resident said.

Ste. Anne Hospital was established on January 1, 1946 when residents agreed that a hospital or medical clinic was a must. They decided to raise the money by public subscription and the initial cost of some $30,000 was raised in this way.

At first the hospital was classed as a Red Cross Outpost Hospital, and was operated by the Red Cross for many years. When the Red Cross moved out, the need for more money became apparent. Residents of the area again answered the call for funds and each householder agreed to donate $1. a month. Monthly collections totalled some $20,000.

—IMPROVEMENTS—

The Daughters of Jesus took over the operation of the hospital in 1956 and remained there until 1963. The hospital now is financed [illegible]

Major improvements have been made to the three-storey structure over the years and a marked increase in the number of persons using the facilities were reported for 1968.

A further increase is expected this year. The hospital now has modern X-ray equipment, purchased recently at a cost of around $10,000.

Three years ago the board of directors were told that the hospital would be condemned as a fire hazard unless some conditions were improved.

The hospital board went to work and had a new fire alarm system installed. New exits with fire escapes were also erected. Fire doors were also installed in the building.

—NEW FLOORS —

This was only part of the improvements. Major work was carried out on the first two floors and in the kitchen, and in the operating room.

An emergency lighting system was installed at a substantial cost, a nurses call system was also implemented. Ventilation in the kitchen was improved. New cupboards and floor were built in the kitchen.

The basement was also renovated. A chimney was removed giving the hospital more floor space. New washroom facilities were added on the first and second floors and additional closet space was made available.

Almost half of the floors in the institution have been replaced.

A considerable amount of money was spent on improvements to the operating room where minor sur-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(All letters to the editor for publication must be signed by the author. No letters will be accepted under a pen-name.—Editor.)

The Richmond County Record.

Dear Mr. Editor: — Assessment time has again come and gone in Richmond County. As everyone knows a new assessment does nothing more than quietly insert the thin edge of a wedge, to be used later on in hammering home assorted measures, for the further dry cleaning of already overburdened taxpayers.

As information to all concerned, the assessment field was taken away from our County some two years ago. The powers that be, then came out with a beautiful scheme of amalgamation for the Municipalities of Richmond, Inverness, Port Hawkesbury and Victoria; saying as they always do when it comes to amalgations, that it was simply for the purpose of economy and efficiency. Well, to make a long story short what then cost the County some ten thousand dollars per year will cost closer to twenty thousand in 1969. The exact figures you could probably get by going to Port Hood! As to efficiency the ordinary ratepayer will not have too much to say about it, since the assessment rolls that used to be posted in all districts will not be posted any more.

Let us examine a few more of the many areas in which we are being continuously manipulated from above. For instance, the occupancy tax which simply means that the value of your furniture is raised every time it pleases the Assessor to jack up the amount on your home, regardless of whether as long as you occupy your home for one day in the year.

As if all this would not be enough to set the stage for balooning Municipal taxation. Council in session last summer voted away the control of our Industrial Area by adopting the LANG REPORT. It seems strange that this report was adopted as it had already been turned down at least once.

However, the vote in Council was far from unanimous, some Councillors put up a gallant fight, as reported by "The Cape Breton Post" of the next day. The vote resulted in seven to three for the give away.

Moreover look at the present unwarranted hold up of such a vital link for the County as the Lower River Bridge. Read about it on page twenty-nine of the Minutes and Reports of last years annual meeting of Council. Work was stopped on the bridge last fall.

How can the so-called planning now supposed to be going on in the Western end of Richmond County make any logical rhyme or reason, until this bridge and its approaches materialize? Workers are now simply forced to make their homes and put their institutions under the stacks of mushrooming heavy industry. If planning is not for the health, the comfort and freedom of the worker, then who is it for?

Moreover, this bridge equipped with proper approaches would bring the best part of the population of central Richmond County as well as all of Isle Madame within half an hour drive of the main Industrial Area, which is by all standards the right distance to be from such a complex. The beefing up of these communities as well as giving handy and profitable employment to those already living there, would immediately give the County [illegible] mitments, without having to apply a rate that will surely be making taxes look more like rental than what they should reasonably be.

Mr. Ratepayer, the facts are lying all around you. Just stop, look and listen. In spite of the fact that our County has just recently added to its heritage the vast new industrial potential of its Point Tupper area, one cannot but shudder at the thought that the stage is quietly being set for such a crushing burden of taxation, that the home owner along with the small business man, already sees himself being manouvered into a position where it looks like it could be easier for him to rent his home or business back from the County than to own it himself. That is of course if Richmond, remains a County.

In closing may it be said that in our opinion, and after much verification with other ratepayers, poor judgment was used in the assessment of our properties. It fact it is evident that many homes have not been equalized and has resulted in a jacking up of assessment in our county.

It thus follows that the whole thing becomes complicated when someone comes and tells you, that the important thing about your assessment is that it is uniform with comparable properties in your area. We feel at this point that this is the very reason that Assessment Rolls should be posted.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for space.

Yours very truly,
W. M. POIRIER,
Past President
Richmond County Ratepayers' Association.

Poirierville, N. S.

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Martine Legge in a BBC broadcast on 'Eggs for Beauty'.

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Test Beginners for Vehicle Operators

A change in the registrations governing the issuing of beginner's licenses to aspiring vehicle operators was announced today by Honourable I. W. Akerley, Minister of Highways.

Effective April 1, 1969, applicants for a beginner's driving permit will be required to pass a vision and road test before being permitted to assume control of a motor vehicle on the public highway. In addition all new applicants for a driver's license will be required to submit proof of birth date with their application.

The visual acuity test will determine if the applicant can meet the minimum uniform vision standards established by all jurisdictions in Canada in the interest of highway safety.

Under existing regulations there is no vision test required until a beginner applies for a driver's license. The new regulations will also ensure that a beginning driver is familiar with the rules of the road before taking the wheel of a motor vehicle.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles D. J. Tully, said that under the new regulations, an applicant for a beginning driver's permit would first obtain an application form from the Registry of Motor Vehicles in Halifax or Sydney, or from any Examiner's office. On receipt of the completed form the applicant would be given a visual acuity and rules test by an examiner and if passed, the application would then be forwarded to the Registry of Motor Vehicles with a two dollar fee.

Prime reason for implementing the new regulations said Mr. Tully was in the interest of highway safety. He said the Department had become concerned about the existing licensing system for beginners because it had noted that a number of beginning drivers who had applied for their driver examination, were unable to pass the minimum visual acuity test.

He said that the action was also another step towards uniformity of licensing policies as enforced in other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States.

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THE END OF WIRES AND PLUGS

How would you like a full-size electric cleaner—but without a cord and plug to fall over? What about a cordless electric drill which runs not just for an hour on its internal battery, but for a whole day? And a truly silent out-board motor for your boat, so that powered progress up-river is as effortless and quiet as the idle drift downstream? As Richard Oliver reported in a BBC broadcast, all these things are on the way—indeed the out-board motor and the drill have already been demonstrated in London The secret is a new kind of electric battery, called the zinc-air cell, which can pack away four times more power than a car battery into less than a quarter of the space, and about a seventh of the weight. These demonstrations were arranged by Britain's Energy Conversion Ltd., who claim that their zinc-cells have greater capacity and endurance than any announced elsewhere in the world.

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LAUGHTER IN TIME

"A friend of mine, who weighs seven stone (98 lbs), moves her grandfather clock from one end of the hall to the other when she feels depressed. She claims this creases her with giggles, especially if she looks in the mirror while she has her arms round it."

Jean Rook on 'What Makes me Happy when I'm Unhappy' in a BBC broadcast.

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Well Done Hospital Board

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an account of the work carried on by the St. Ann Hospital Board and the advancement made in renovations and improvements are certainly worthy of the highest praise. Mrs. Alida Collins, R. N., Administrator and her staff are also to be congratulated on their work, as well as our local doctors.

Mr. Paul Baccardax, the President of the Board has devoted much time and effort in the carrying out of his duties and for the efficient operation of the Board. The same compliment can also be extended to Mr. Paul Doyle during his term of office as President of the Board. Mr. Doyle is now Vice-President.

It is very gratifying to the residents of Isle Madame and Louisdale that the operation of the hospital is in the hands of a competent Board and Hospital staff.

Poor visibility is one of the big hazards of winter traffic. The Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council urges you to keep your wits and windshield clear in frosty, blizzardy, muddy, or cloudy weather.

View From the Hill

This morning I awoke about 6 o'clock and sat on the edge of the bed, day dreaming, because I did finally write this column you are reading so I must have been awake, but not too much so, for it is all a written expression of a dream.

I thought of all the nice people in Richmond County and of the bright future which is starting to take shape in the form of economic stability that will happen with the industrial development becoming a reality in the Strait area. I knew that this was no great idea for an interesting column because many publications and reporters have covered the development many times over.

I remember how, "Manpower is trying to retain people so that the people will be more capable of getting their rightful share of coming opportunities, in the line of all the varied skills that an emerging industrial economy will call for.

Somehow my mental wanderings seized on the thought of all the electronic technicians that will be required to service all the controls for the push button factories. Soon the demand for construction tradesmen will pass as these industries become realities and will there be a great influx of new people coming into Richmond County to take the better jobs, or will we have our local residents trained to fill many of the technical positions?

The arrival of the first super tanker at the new Gulf Oil Refinery will most certainly be the dawn of the first day of North America's new super port.

Containerization and the turn around of the new super carriers is going to force the Federal government to build the superport at the Strait.

Mulgrave is the logical location in my early morning dreaming. Cape Porcupine may yet part with much more of its rock to build rail yards at Mulgrave. After all the years that the Causeway was an impossible dream this ready source of rock made the Causeway a practical reality.

To dream the impossible dream
To fight the unbeatable foe,

To reach the unreachable goal and to entertain you with some early morning mental wanderings.

The Westclox rings its short gay tune and up to the Hill come the sounds of early morning motors as the construction tradesmen that are working on stage one of my dream start off to work.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
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TENDERS

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, Room 108, Hunter Building, Ottawa, Ontario, marked "Tender for Boat Service —Strait of Canso" will be received up to 3 PM EST February 20, 1969, for provision of a Pilot Boat Service to transport Pilots to and from Vessels in the Strait of Canso area, north and south approaches, for a period of two (2) years commencing on or about April 1, 1969.

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DECEMBER FISH CATCHES

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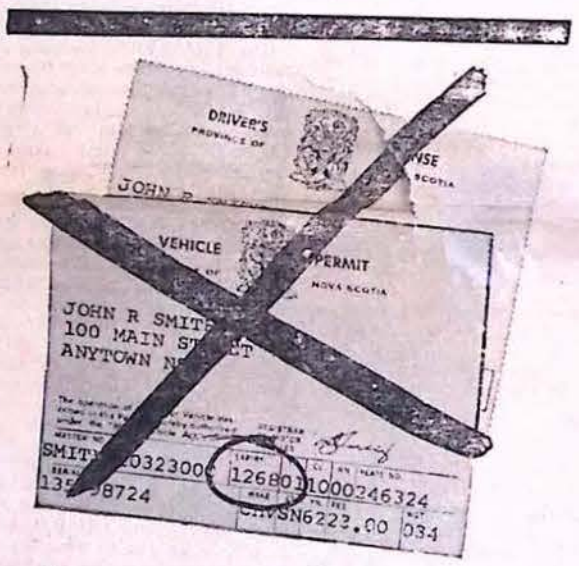
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3. Send a money order or cheque made payable to the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Add exchange where applicable. Do not send cash by mail.
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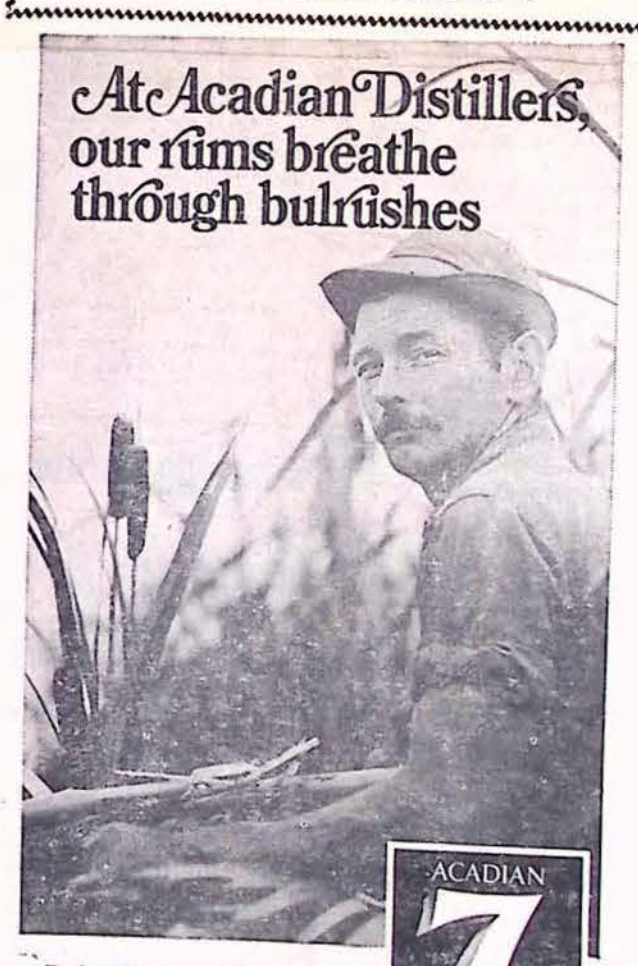
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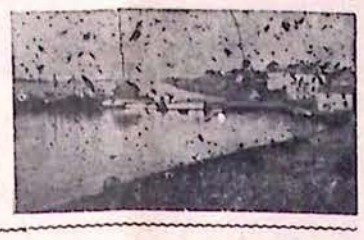
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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY



AT ST. RITA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Clara Perry of Rocky Bay, has been a patient at St. Rita hospital for the past several weeks. She is much improved in health and will be returning to her home shortly.

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ON SICK LIST

Mr. Richard Barnes, who resides with his daughter and son-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. Sam Rideout has been ill for the past several weeks with a severe attack of flu. We are happy to report that he is now up and around and well on the road to recovery.

Mr. Barnes is a native of Newfoundland and took up residence here several years ago. Dick is a seasoned fisherman and enjoys relating stories of the days when he sailed in schooners to the fishing grounds of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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FROM TORONTO

Arthur LeBrun of Toronto, spent several days visiting his father, Gerald LeBrun of this place.

Art and his family took up residence in Toronto a few years ago, where he is employed by Massey Harris. Friends were pleased to see him.

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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS INFORMATION SERVICE

The Department of Highways at Halifax have established an information service, in the form of news releases supplied the daily and weekly press of the province.

The Minister of Highways the Hon. I. W. Akerley, is to be complimented on this service which provides the motoring public with valuable information which we are happy to bring to our readers.

In this issue you will find releases under the following headings:—"Test Beginners", "License Deadline" and "Regulate Driving Schools." We suggest you read these releases as they contain important information.

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Narrator Frank Mellor in a BBC World Service English Magazine programme broadcast from the North of England

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TO HALIFAX

Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Turnbull, were business visitors to Halifax during the past week.

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VISITING HER FATHER

Mrs. Leonard Gillis of Toronto, visited her father, Larry Keating at Rocky Bay. Mr. Keating had been a patient in hospital, but is now much improved in health.

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ON HOLIDAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCabe of Trenton, spent two weeks holidays at the home of Mrs. McCabe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bourinot.

Before returning to their home they visited in Halifax and at the home of Mr. McCabe's parents, Councillor and Mrs. Ralph McCabe, Musquodoboit.

Both Keith and Laura are employed by the Maritime Tel. & Tel. at the New Glasgow office.

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DOCTORS QUIT SMOKING TO SET GOOD EXAMPLE

(The following is a brief item of general interest from current issues of Canadian business publications.—Editor.)

More doctors than is commonly realized are setting a good health example by giving up smoking, according to The Medical Post.

Dr. R. M. Taylor of Toronto, executive director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada, says that a 10-year survey of doctors shows a reduction of 50 per cent (from 52% to 24%) in ten years of doctor-smokers, "apparently a reflection of the mounting evidence that smoking is a hazard to health."

However, says Dr. Taylor, physicians still have a responsibility to set a good example to their patients. He says it is astonishing that many practitioners still prescribe "through a haze of smoke" even when dealing with malignancies caused by the habit.

Dr. Taylor thinks it is distressing that up to $20 million a year is spent in Canada to prepare cigaret and tobacco commercials for television, when only $5 million is spent preparing material which warns of malignant diseases and the dangers of smoking.

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DO YOU WANT TO GAIN WEIGHT

If you want to gain weight, start with a balanced diet. Without omitting any important foods necessary for health, give special emphasis to high calorie foods such as: milkshakes, eggnog, milk and cream mixtures, chocolate or cocoa, malted milk; fruits and vegetables high in carbohydrates such as bananas, dried fruits, legumes, sweet potatoes and corn; nuts, fat meats and fish. Foods such as peanut butter, jams, sugar, cream, desserts, gravies and sauces may be eaten as desired, but care must be taken between—meal snacks do not interfere with regular meals. This is the advice given in the federal health department publication, "Healthful Eating."

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When driving in the wintertime rememeber—it takes more distance to stop your car when pavements are wet or slippery with ice or snow. The Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council reminds you to allow plenty of space between your car and the one ahead and slow down gradually. You can't stop safely on a dime—especially a slippery one.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Alcide Clorey wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who sent floral tributes, mass and sympathy cards; also to friends who assisted in any way during their recent sad bereavement.

Special thanks to Rev. Father Doucet, Very Rev. Father A. P. Poirier and Rev. Father C. P. Girrior; the Nurses and nursing staff of St. Ann Hospital, Arichat and to C. A. Boucher, Funeral Director.

FOR SALE—Dwelling located at Boudreauville, Petit de Grat with land and garage. For particulars apply to Louis C. Boudreau, Arichat South Side, N. S. Phone 32.

CHAMPION FISH CUTTER AT PETIT DE GRAT

Hyacinth Samson of Petit de Grat an employee at Booth Fisheries plant, won first prize last fall at the Fisheries Exhibition in Lunenburg. Mr. Samson fillitted 100 lbs. of ground cod in 5 minutes and 52 seconds. Yield of 51.6 lbs., with 9 cutters competing.

Mr. Samson also won in 1960 and came 3rd in 1961 and in 1968 was the first time he competed since that time.

According to experts in the fish processing business Mr. Samson's feat is compared to that of a fish cutting machine costing in the vicinity of $45,000 to $50,000.

We heard of Hycinth's accomplishment some time ago, but were only able to secure the facts at this time. We extend to him our congratulations and expect him to repeat the performance in 1969.

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LOT NOT ALWAYS A HAPPY ONE

TRURO — The lot of a Municipal Councillor was summed up nicely here by a man with some 31 years experience in Municipal Government.

Byron S. Langley, former Richmond County Warden told the Colchester Municipal Council in his eight elections he had "kissed a lot of babies milked cows met barking dogs and a lot of barking people too."

Mr. Langley, now retired, was attending annual sessions of the Colchester County Council as a spectator.

(We were happy to meet Byron and his recent bride the former Irene MacKinnon, R. N., at Truro recently. Byron wished to be remembered to all his old friends in Arichat and throughout the County of Richmond.

Mrs. Langley is a Supervisor at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, where she has served faithfully on the hospital staff for several years.

It was nice meeting Byron and Irene and to extend to the aimable couple our congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy wedded life.—Editor)

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CAPE LA RONDE NEWS

Mrs. Lennox Mauger who was a recent visitor to Halifax has returned home. While in the city she was the guest of friends and relatives.

Much credit goes to Mrs. Lennox Mauger on her retirement as Postmistress in this community. Her faithful service for the past several years is much appreciated by the residents of the area which is now served by a Rural Delivery.

George Mauger, Ralph Mauger and Peter Samson have been enjoying their "Skidoos". Recently they joined a party of skidoo owners in St. Peter's and made a tour of Hunters Mountain on the Cabot Trail. Only light snow falls have occurred in this area so far this winter.

A Rural Mail Route has been established here and mails are conveyed from the D'Escousse Post Office daily by Mrs. Marion MaLean of Rocky Bay, taking in the Poirierville, Cape La Ronde, Rocky Bay and Pondville area.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Baird of Pictou, newly-weds, who have taken up residence in the cottage formerly known as the Jane Mauger property. Mr. Baird is employed as an electrician for the McCarthy Electrical Co., at Port Hawkesbury.

We are glad to report that Mr. William J. Mauger is back home after being a patient at St. Ann Hospital, Arichat.

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St. Anne Hospital

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gery is performed. Persons facing major surgery travel either to Sydney 80 miles away, or Antigonish 70 miles.

A new type of floor was installed and a hazard indicator was purchased for added safety in the operating room.

Improved hot water facilities and an additional auxiliary for sterilizing were also installed.

Hospital Administrator Mrs. Alida Collins, R. N., who came to Arichat from New York, informed the board yesterday that the Nova Scotia Hospital Commission had approved the purchase of new lighting fixtures which will add greatly to the appearance of the hospital. New bed tables and bed lamps have also been ordered.

—TWO DOCTORS—

The hospital has two doctors on its staff —Dr. J. H. Winters and Dr. S. K. Ummat — seven registered nurses, nine nursing assistants and other employees.

It is operated by a board of directors, headed by Paul Baccardax. Very Rev. A. P. Poirier is a pioneer member of the board. He has worked with the board since the hospital's formation in 1946.

The hospital operates under a new set of bylaws which were approved by the Hospital Commission. Medical records are kept up to date.

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Regulate Driving Schools in N. S.

Regulations providing for the licensing and regulation of Drivers' Training Schools and Instructors in Nova Scotia are now being drafted, to become effective June 1, 1969.

The action is being taken by the Minister of Highways for Nova Scotia, Honourable I. W. Akerley, to ensure that all driving schools will provide a uniform standard of service to the public in this regard.

The new regulations which will be established under the Motor Vehicle Act are designed to ensure that driver training schools in the province meet minimum training standards established by the Registry of Motor Vehicles as well as to protect the public from a safety viewpoint.

The new regulations apply to commercial driver training schools and will specify standards for maintenance of training vehicles, insurance provisions, and keeping of adequate records. Such schools will be required to have a license to operate.

In addition the qualifications of driving instructors have been revised, and provide for an examination to determine if the applicant meets Driving Instructor qualifications established by the Province.

Non-commercial driver training programs and driver education courses such as those sponsored by the Department of Education, the Department of Highways, the Nova Scotia and Canadian Safety Council and the All Canada Insurance Federtion will be exempted from the licensing regulation.

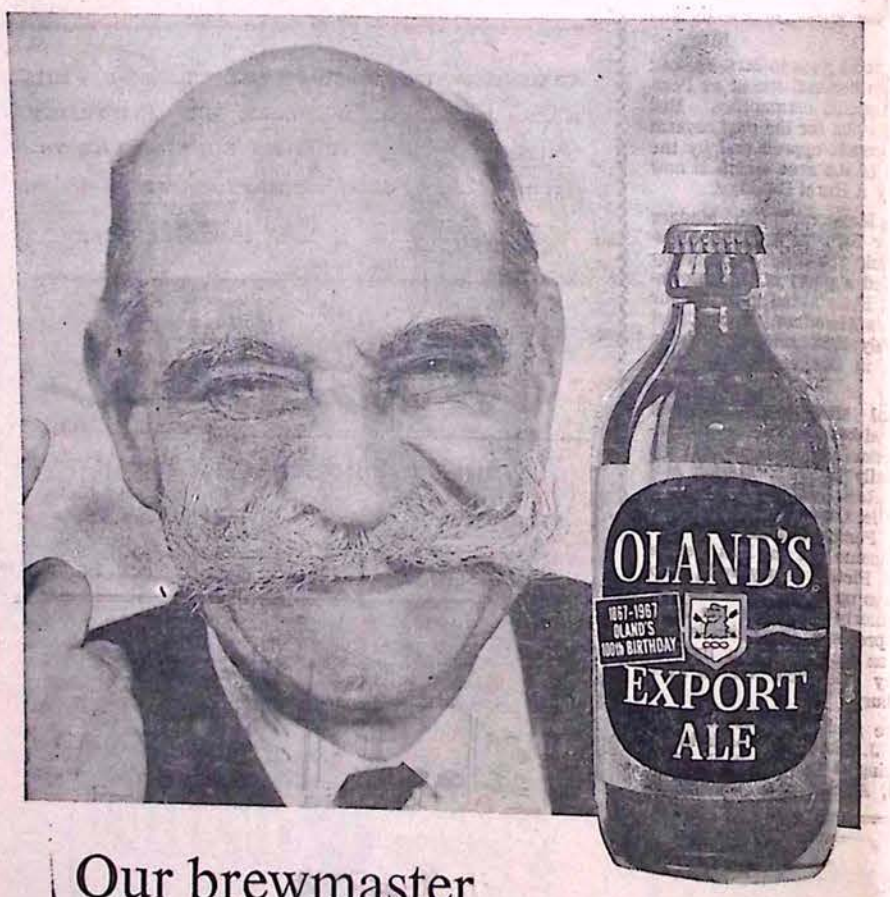
At the present time Driver Training Schools in Nova Scotia are not required to be licensed. All such commercial schools will be required to apply for licensing under the new regulations.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles D. J. Tully noted that the Department has had no difficulties involving the existing Training Schools, but the necessity of proper operational regulations was being accentuated because of the important safety factors involved and the increasing number of such schools to be formed in recent years.









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License Deadline

Nova Scotia's car owners have been responding in record numbers to appeals by the Registry of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Highways to license their vehicles early, but owners of commercial vehicles appear to be waiting until the last minute.

Commercial vehicle registrations expired on December 31, 1968 and were extended for a one month period until January 31, 1969 by the Minister of Highways Honourable I W. Akerley. After that date, commercial vehicles unlicensed for 1969 will not be permitted to use provincial highways.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles said that by Mid-January only one-third of the province's 45,000 commercial vehicles had been registered, although an increase in the volume of applications is being noted as the deadline approaches.

During the fiscal year 1967-68 there were 229,643 vehicles and trailers registered in the Province of Nova Scotia, of which approximatly 185,000 were passenger vehicle registrations.

Based on an rate increase of about 5,000 additional passenger vehicles per annum this would indicate a registration of about 190,000 in 1969 of which 30,000 have now been received.

The deadline for passenger vehicle registrations was December 31, but the Minister of Highways has granted a three month extension, permitting use of the expired plates until March 31, 1969.

The Department launched a vigorous campaign this year to ensure early registration of all motor vehicles to speed up delivery of licenses and avoid lineups at the Registry offices.

Special license applications forms have been mailed to all vehicle owners and other reminders in the form of posters and an advertising camaign are also drawing attention to the license expiry dates.

The Highways Department has suggested that the best way to renew a license and avoid standing in a lineup is to mail applications immediately. It takes about 12 days from mailing of a licensing request until it is received by the sender, however, this is very close for owners of commercial vehicles who face a January 31 license expiry deadline.

NOVA SCOTIA SAFETY COUNCIL OFFER TIMELY ADVICE ON WINTER DRIVING

Be sure your car is ready for safe winter driving. And keep it in safe condition all winter. The Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council suggests: Keep a close check on brakes, tires, lights, windshield wiper, defroster, and of course, the motor. And its wise to use studded tires for a big help during severe weather conditions.

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When it's freezy, take it easy with your driving. Don't jam on the brakes, or you may wind up in an accident jam. The Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council suggests: Start stopping before you have to stop and do it gradually. Pump the brake pedal lightly so you'll stop with everything under control. Easy does it in winter driving.

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Some of the worst blizzards and sleet storms of the winter season may be expected from now on, according to the Nova Scotia Highway Council. Drivers by this time have become pretty well adjusted to snow and ice conditions, but the perils of winter pavement are very much with us. Motorists must continue to care for their vehicles. They must continue to reduce speed on slippery roads, maintain longer distances between vehicles, use studded tires for extra needed traction under severe snow and ice conditions, and make gradual rather than sharp maneuvers in braking or turning.

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The Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic in 1912, with the loss of 1517 lives. This is still remembered, spoken about and written about as one of the greatest accidental disasters in recorded history. The Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council points out that in North America as a whole, traffic deaths add up to the equivalent of the Titanic disaster every 9 days.

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Drivers are reminded of the great danger of leaving children unattended in an automatic transmission car with the engine running, even if it is in Park or Neutral position. The Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council points out that, if the parking brake is not effectively engaged, a small child, imitating actions he has seen taken by his parents, can start the car moving towards almost certain collision.

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Don't let your headlights become death-rays on highway, motorists are warned by the Nova Scotia Highway Safety Council. Headlights should be bright, but they also must be kept properly aimed to avoid casting dangerous glare into the eyes of approaching drivers. Headlamps should be dimmed to lower beam when following or meeting another car, and when travelling on well-illuminated roadways. Turn on your headlights, not your parking lights, when traveling under adverse conditions. This is the law in Nova Scotia.

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FISH CATCH FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

The Maritime Regional Office of the Federal Department of Fisheries reports that during the month of December 1968 total fish landings amounted to 134 million pounds valued at 6.4 million dollars. Included in the December catch statistics were 23.9 million pounds of groundfish valued at 1.1 million dollars, 104.3 million lbs. of pelagic and estuarial species valued at 1.3 million dollars and 5.9 million pounds of shellfish valued at almost four million dollars.

The total December reported catch was substantially above the three year 1965-67 December average. However most of the increase resulted from the inclusion of herring catch statistics representing herring which was landed earlier in the year but not reported until December.

Apart from herring, the December landings of groundfish and shellfish were below normal. Cod, haddock, pollock and scallop landings were below the recent three year average for these species. Lobster landings were about average while the landings of redfish, mackerel and eels were above average for December.

During December the large draggers and trawlers over 70 feet in length landed 12.5 million pounds pounds of all species. The large scallop draggers landed 600,000 pounds of scallop meats, or 98 per cent of the month's scallop catch. The large groundfish trawlers landed 11.9 million pounds of fish in December or about 53 per cent of the total groundfish catch. The total December catch by the large vessels was however about 50 per cent lower than in the same month last year.

In spite of the moderate catches made by most sectors of the fishing fleet during December the total fish landings in the Maritimes during 1968 constitute an all time record in terms of both quantity and value. The accumulative 1968 preliminary monthly landing statistics indicate that during 1968 fishermen in the Maritimes landed 1,374 million pounds

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