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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(All letters addressed to the Editor must bear the name of the sender. Pen names not accepted. Views of contributors not necessarily that of this newspaper.. —Editor.)

The Richmond County Record.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Mr. W. M. Poirier's letter in your paper is, in my opinion, a much fairer statement of the facts than Mr. John A. MacDougall's. Nowhere did Mr. Poirier imply that our Municipal Councillors were not sincere or hard working. All he implied was that he did not agree with the Council's approval of the Lang Report. I don't believe that our Council should be giving away what belongs to every taxpayer in Richmond County; I mean the tax revenue from the industries at Point Tupper. If Mr. MacDougall is not concerned with this, the taxpayers of Richmond County are concerned.

If assessments are not being raised as a basis for increased taxation, why are they being raised? It is the "thin edge of the wedge" Mr. MacDougall and we know it. Taxes have gone up in Richmond County this year and will go up still further in the next two years. More revenue is needed to pay for the comprehensive school program. A majority of the people are for the school program; but the basis of taxation to pay for it must be a fair one.

Why can't Richmond County get help from the Provincial Government like Port Hawkesbury is getting? Why do we have to carry the full load while that town could afford to abolish the occupancy tax? Let us remember that about half of the people working at the Point Tupper industries are not living in Port Hawkesbury. What about some help to Richmond County so that we can prepare land with sewer and water for those who would prefer to live here. If Port Hawkesbury is going to get all the help from the Provincial Government, sure, more people will life there. They will have to whether they want to or not.

What is holding up the Lower River bridge? Surely it is in the interest of Richmond County that the bridge and approaches be built immediately.

It is the Provincial Government and not the Council that now has the say over assessment. Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties along with Inverness Town and Port Hawkesbury were set up as an amalgamated assessment district. The benefits were to be a saving of money, more efficiency and uniformity. The cost to Richmond County under this arrangement went up from about $7000.00 to over $17,000.00 for 1969. Is there more efficiency where so many are dissatisfied? There were about thirty appeals this year; but there would have been many more had not people been led to believe by their assessment notices that the tax rate was going to be reduced. Why should such a false statement be placed on an assessment notice? It is not the Council that appoints the assessors now so that they should not be blamed.

The most unfortunate thing about assessment is that the Provincial Government has made it no longer necessary to post up the assessment rolls. How then can a taxpayer make a comparison of his assessment with others to see if he is fairly assessed or should he make an appeal? I think that the posting of assessment rolls should be put back in the Act.

For Mr. MacDougall's information, new officers for the Richmond County Ratepayers Association were chosen last Sunday at a public meeting.

Paul Doyle

1st. Vice-President

Richmond Co., Ratepayers Assn.

LETTER FROM MANPOWER CENTRE PORT HAWKESBURY

Dear Citizen:

Each spring in our community countless numbers of university, college, and senior high school students are faced with the difficult task of looking for summer employment.

In the Atlantic provinces alone this year there will be more than 154,000 students available for work during the summer months. If the percentage of these young job seekers is the same as the national ratio, then more than 57,000 jobs will be required.

For most students this summer work is vital if they are to continue their studies in the fall. They need these jobs to supplement the incomes from part time jobs they hold during the school year. If they don't get summer work, chances are they'll join the rapidly-growing ranks of dropouts, and add further to the problems involving our young people.

There are other important reasons for providing employment opportunities to our students. These competent, capable, and career-minded young people need a chance to put what they have learned thus far into practical use. Work experience, apart from its monetary value, is extremely valuable in relating education to the world of work and is part of growing up.

There is also the responsibility that goes with holding down a job--any job — be it skilled or otherwise. Some of these young people haven't had the chance to show that they can meet and match the demands of our work-a-day world. They're looking to us for the opportunity.

There are many ways and means by which the services of these talented and ambitious young people can be put to good use this summer. A beautification and renewal program within the community, with the support of every employer, property owner, and tenant, would provide many valuable avenues of employment for students. It would also add to its interest and attraction for tourists and visitors.

A unified program of employment development for students will require the support of every sector of the economy and community resources. Individual efforts in such a program make the collective contribution that much more effective and worthwhile.

The Manager of your Canada Manpower Centre is busy contacting groups and initiating, preparing, and developing plans and programs designed to obtain the maximum degree of support for summer employment for students, and develop every possible employment opportunity.

Your interest, effort, and support is required if this program is to achieve its objectives. You are urged to assist the Manager of the

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County Ratepayers Association Reorganized at Recent Meeting

ST. PETER'S—At a meeting held on Sunday at the Caledonia Hall, the Richmond County Ratepayers Association was reorganized. Officers were chosen as follows: President, Bernie Roach of St. Peters, 1st. Vice-President, Paul Doyle, Arichat; 2nd. Vice-President, Stan Ellis, Port Malcolm and Sceretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Eills of Port Malcolm.

A motion was passed calling upon the Municipal Council to get one hundred percent of the tax money from the industries at Point Tupper.

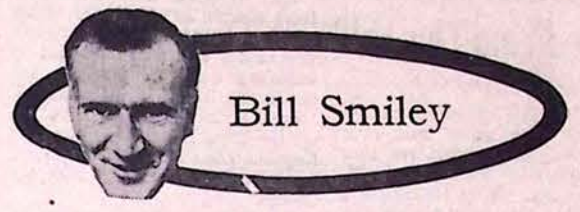
Many expressed surprise that the tax rate went up since they had been led to expect that the rate would go down due to the increased assessment. Some said their assessments were doubled.

Several expressed disappointment that our Federal, Provincial and Municipal representatives were not present.

It is expected that a brief will be presented to the Council at its next meeting stating the feelings of the taxpayers.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the fact that Port Hawkesbury is getting special help from the Provincial Government while Richmond County is on its own. It was pointed out that about half the people working at Point Tupper are not living in Port Hawkesbury .

Over one hundred people signed up as members of the Association at the meeting.



All about those students

My mind is so scrambled right now that I'll be lucky if I can write three understandable sentences.

I've been trying to explain to my daughter, in an hour or so, such things as Marxism and Communism, why the Russian and Chinese types are different, where Fidel Castro fits in, why, where and when the nation of Israel was created, and why the Jews, notably non-belligerent for about 15 centuries, have a chip the size of a brick on their shoulders these days.

From there we wandered to Mahatma Ghandi, the Congo, nationalism in Africa, separatism in Canada, the Black Power movement in the States, growing anti-semitism among Negroes, and her biology test on the dissection of rats, which takes place tomorrow morning.

Golly, it would be nice to have once again a little girl, who asked such simple questions as, "Dad, does God have to go to the bathroom?"

It all began with a discussion of the student militants at universities. She is appalled at the violence of the hard core of "pacifists" who, lurking in the forefront of all the young idealists and the middle-aged "liberals", deliberately resort to violence in their efforts to catch headlines, be martyrs, and destroy an idea which has taken almost 1,000 years to build — The University.

Thankfully, we agreed that violence begets violence, and that neither of us wants any part of the whole stupid business.

Admittedly, the universities are sitting ducks. Over the years, they have grown as sleepy and fat and insolent as an old tom-cat who has been "fixed".

They have almost taken pride in their administrative inefficiency, their moribund traditions, their cosiness with The Establishment. Write a letter to a university. Three weeks later you will receive a reply, either a form letter or something completely alien to what you asked.

And admittedly, students, universally, have always been among the vanguard of rebels against the system, political or social. That's because they are idealistic, want action, and are inclined to see things in blacks and whites (or today, blacks and reds).

But the fact remains that the universities, over the years, have become the only truly free centres (albeit timid) of sound criticism of society and its ills, in addition to their normal function of teaching people to think and/or learn a professional skill.

And another fact remains. The universities, on the whole, under pressure from within and without, have made a tremendous effort to rouse themselves from their stately torpor and scramble into the twentieth century. Even though it's two-thirds over.

In the process, they have leaned over backwards to free themselves of the rigid, puritan traditions of even 20 years ago. When I was there, living in men's residence, we were allowed to bring girls into the place once a year, on a Sunday afternoon, for a heavily chaperoned cocoa and cookie party in the common room. Now, wow!

I'm not advocating a return to those days, when university men and women were treated like bright juveniles who were basically sex-fiends and alcoholics.

But I am dismayed to see these once-great institutions cowering and cringing under the attacks of malcontented, Marxist wolf-cubs who represent a fraction of student opinion.

As Mordecai Richler pointed out recently, the real yuk of the whole affair is that while the student activists endorse anything, up to the burning of buildings, they are scared stiff lest they get a police record, which would be a serious detriment when they try to get a job in the system they are trying to destroy.

The solution? Kick out the hard-nosed boys and girls, for whom democracy is a sham anyway. Sock it to them with the law when they disturb the peace or commit vandalism. And get back to the business of educating, or teaching to think, the vast majority who want those things.

So now I'm a fascist, and a tool of the imperialistic press. I knew it at heart.

Toronto Telegram Syndicate

The Canada Department of Labour is working underground in Nova Scotia

Coal Mines Safety Regulations were recently authorized under the Canada Labour (Safety) Code in the interest of the personal safety of those working in coal mines of the Cape Breton Development Corporation.

The coal miners of Cape Breton now have a federal-provincial safety team at work for them which has been assembled through the co-operation of the Minister of Labour for Canada and the Minister of Mines for Nova Scotia.

The inspectors of the Nova Scotia Department of Mines will continue to provide expert inspection services, now financed by the Government of Canada. The federal members of the team will include the Mine Safety Officer in Sydney and the Regional Safety Officer in Halifax. In addition to regular inspections the total safety program will include educational activity, general informational material, research projects and other services to promote employee safety.

The man at work has the right to safe working conditions and the Canada Department of Labour, through these new regulations, is determined to safeguard this right with the co-operation of both management and employees.

For further information concerning these new federal safety regulations write to: Regional Safety Officer, Accident Prevention and Compensation Branch, Canada Department of Labour, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Canada Department of Labour

Hon. Bryce Mackasey, MINISTER — J. D. Love, DEPUTY MINISTER

Louisdale Winter Garnival Successful

The month long Winter Carnival held in Louisdale was closed by a Coronation Ball at which the Louisdale Princess, Cheryl Ann Baigent was crowned Queen of Richmond.

Other princesses present were: Princess Janet (Boudreau) from Arichat, Princess Joan (Samson) from Petit de Grat, Princess Betty (Kehoe) from D'Escousse, and Princess Betty (Hill) Janvrin's Harbour.

The picking of the Queen was under the joint-chairmanship of Mr. Douglas C. Forgeron and Miss Bernice Landry. Mr. Forgeron expressed appreciation to the organizers of the Carnival, welcomed princesses from the surrounding area and introduced Mr. & Mrs. Len Kunicki of Port Hawkesbury as the judges. . whose task was to select the Richmond Queen.

Last year's Queen, Miss Bethalec Cooper headed the march and crowned the new queen by transferring her crown and her robe to her.

Mr. Gib Whitney and his orchestra provided the music for the princesses' march and for the dance that followed.

The whole ceremony was witnessed by over 400 persons assembled from far and near. . It was the largest attendance seen at a function of this kind in Louisdale. All were very much pleased with the whole performance.

The 1969 Winter Carnival was the fourth successive Carnival to be held in Louisdale. . It's success and it's appeal to the public assure a Winter Carnival for 1970.

CN Buses Popular In Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S—In their first month of operation Canadian National's Roadcruisers in Newfoundland carried nearly twice as many passengers as the province's trains, even though the delivery schedule of the buses enabled CN to provide only three of the six daily runs planned for the regular winter timetable.

Figures released by G. D. McMillan, manager of CN's Newfoundland area, show tha t the buses carried 6,299 fare-paying passeners in December, while the total for the trains in the same period was 3,378.

Says Mr MacMillan: "We could have carried more people by bus over the Christmas period if we had had our full fleet on the road. The delivery schdule of the manufacturers meant that we had only part of the fleet available. And it was, many people who wanted to go by bus were diverted to the trains because the Expedos and other bus services were filled to capacity."

Canadian National is now receiving the 47-seater "superbuses" which will bring its fleet of Roadcruisers to 16. The service started December 2, and the total of bus passengers carried in that initial month—6,299—was almost the same as the total carried by the trains in the previous December—6,506. The bus and train passengers in December 1968 totalled 9,677.

Says Mr. McMillan: "These fig-

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View From the Hill

Up to the Hill comes the alarming sound of a siren and over there I see the shining, red Fire truck speeding along Route 20. Through my trusty binoculars I see Mr. Leo Martell is driving and he has two of his mechanics from Richmond Motors with him.

Your home is on fire and you are frantically waiting and watching it burn; completely helpless in the face of such a catastrophe that you thought could not happen to you.

Finally, around the bend, you see the fire truck and words would never express the feeling of relief that real and capable help has arrived.

This situation could happen any day, and it is time now to express the appreciation and thanks which we all owe to Leo Martell and his men.

If the fire truck had been purchased from anyone other than Leo Martell it would be sheer conjecture as to who would now take on the responsibility of having the equipment maintained and ever ready to answer an alarm of "fire".

When he sold the firetruck to the Municipality, Leo agreed to house it and keep it ready until such time as a fire department could be formed. Time has passed and it is now—three years that Leo and his men have provided a completely volunteer fire protection service to Isle Madame.

Such public service has too long gone practically unrecognized. It is time others became concerned and involved. It is certainly the concern of every home owner that a fire protection service be available when it is needed. It is all too obvious that since Leo and his men have served so well over the past three years that it has become a case of "Let Leo do it."

Such a willingness to risk life and health in the free service to the community deserves continuing recognition on the part of every resident.

The money raised by the Area rate has been used to pay for the equipment only. And this year Council has agreed that a building be erected to house the equipment. In consideration of Mr. Leo Martell's excellent record of voluntary service the location and design of such building should be left to his discretion subject only to conferring with the councillors of Isle Madame.

The time is long past when other residents should take time to learn the operation and how to handle the various pieces of fire equipment. Perhaps when we have a fire hall as such; the volunteer Department will be better organized; in the meantime we cannot thank Leo and his gallant men sufficiently for their most valuable service.

Now, before your house burns down! have a talk with Fire Chief LEO Martell and offer to sit by his phone some week end this Spring while he goes fishing. Of course you will be expected to drive the Fire Truck and to capably operate the equipment should there be a fire call come in. Any volunteers? — (pause while we all think up an excuse to let Leo Martell and his willing men take over). Oh Well! Your house won't burn down, or will it?

These few lines in this column are but a token of the debt of gratitude which every resident owes to those who train and serve on volunteer Fire Service. The next time you meet one of them take time to shake his hand and say "Thank You".

By his willing service Mr. Richmond Motors has saved the taxpayers of Isle Madame most of the costs of supporting an absolutely necessary service.

John A.

Petit De Grat

OBITUARY

The death of Charmaine Nicole Boudreau, 3 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludger (Sheila) Boudreau, occurred at the Children's Hospital, Halifax, recently.

Surviving besides her parents, are one brother, Reid, at home. Paternal grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester S. Boudreau, South Side. Maternal grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Landry. Great grand-parents; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy LeBlanc and Mrs. Alexina Landry.

The remains were transferred from Halifax to the home of her parents, where the body rested. The casket was all surrounded by wreaths and flowers, placed by the family and friends of the deceased.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of C. A. Boucher. Requiem Mass was offered by Rev. J. J. MacDonald in St. Joseph's Church.

Pall Bearers were all cousins of the deceased. Gary Landry, Rickie Landry, Napoleon Boudreau and Ronnie Boudreau.

Burial wan in the Parish Cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing parents and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burke of

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Allan D. Morrison

Allan D. Morrison of St. Peter's, passed away recently at Memorial Hospital, Truro.

The late Mr. Morrison was a resident of St. Peter's where he was highly regarded in the town and throughout the County.

He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the St. Peter's Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Morrison, he spent the greater part of his life in St. Peter's and for some time was Collector of Customs in that town. He was later appointed Superintendent of the St. Peter's Canal, a position he efficiently filled up to the time of his retirement.

He also held an mportant position with the H. H. Latimer Construction Company at Truro for some time.

For several terms the late Mr. Morrison represented the St. Peter's district in the Municipal Council of Richmond.

The funeral took place from St. Peter's United and was largely attended by friends from all over the County and other parts of Cape Breton.

Rev. Robert Latimer, a nephew of the late Mr. Morrison, assisted the pastor, Rev. Asaph at the funeral service. A solo, "Tell me the old, old story" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Scott, wife of Rev. Scott, Grand River. Two favourite hymns of the deceased "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me", were sung by the choir.. A. O. MacLean presided at the organ.

Members of the St. Peter's Branch, Royal Canadian Legion attended in large numbers to pay their respects to their departed comrade. Comrade Jack Adams refuneral service at the graveside cited the funeral service at the graveside.

Members from Richmond Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and members of neighboring Lodges were in attendance. A. O. MacLean, Past Master of Richmond Lodge, read a brief Masonic ritual at the graveside. The late Mr. Morrison was a lifelong member of Richmond Lodge and he will be greatly missed by members of the Lodge.

Surviving besides his wife (the former Bertha Latimer,) of Arichat are two daughters, Shirley (Mrs. Douglas of Byers), Truro; Mary, (Mrs. Walter Anderson), of Toronto; two brothers, William D., St. Peter's; Angus, Calgary; and three grandsons.

To Mrs. Morrison and her daughters and to the brothers we extend our sympathy.

Mrs. Mary Latimer of Taunton, Mass., her daughter, Margaret and son Doctor Edgar Latimer attended the funeral. Also Mr. and Mrs. Leonard MacGillivary, (nee Corrine Latimer), son Ronnie and daughter, Rosina all from Halifax; Mrs. Hilda Latimer from New Glasgow.

Tax Tips

by John F. Andrea, Dist. Director
Public Relations Officer
Sydney District Taxation Office

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

This income tax column has been prepared by the Sydney District Office, Department of National Revenue, Taxation. The questions used are common ones, and the answers usually straightforward. However, unusual circumstances sometimes alter the answer. If your question isn't answered here, or in the Income Tax Guide, phone 539-2150 in Sydney, N. S., or write National Revenue, Taxation Federal Bldg., Sydney, N. S., for free service.

1. Q.— I paid $1,500 in alimony to my former wife last year. Can I claim all of this or just the married exemption of $1,000?

A. Provided it qualifies under the Income Tax Act, you may deduct the whole $1,500. There is no dollar limit on the amount of alimony that may qualify for deduction from income.

2. Q. —Is the reserve portion of a patronage divided taxable?

A. Yes, both the cash and reserve portion must be included in income except in cases of consumer goods.

3. Q.—My refund was delayed last year because I did not attach a proper receipt for tuition fees to my return. What kind of receipt is required and what should it say?

A. Most educational institutions in Canada issue a special receipt for income tax purposes and you should make sure that this is the one you attach to your return. This receipt will show the period covered by the tuition fees and will say what part of the fees qualifies for deduction. (Not all fees paid to educational institutions qualify). It does not matter when the fees were paid but you may not claim tuition fees covering a period longer than 12 months commencing in the taxation year. For example, if you have valid receipts for tuition fees covering the last half of 1967, the first and last halves of 1968 and the first half of 1969, you have a choice of claiming for 1968 either your tuition fees for the whole of 1968 or your fees for the last half of 1968 and the first half of 1969. You may not claim in 1968 tuition fees paid for 1967, even though you filed no return for 1967.

4. Q.—Is it true that I may give to my son, who is farming with me, farm property to the value of $10,000 without attracting Gift Tax?

A. This is true in certain circumstances. There are many points to be considered in this regard and it may be wise to seek professional advice or submit the details to your Taxation Office.

5. Q.—I am supporting a brother who is attending university. Can I claim him as a dependant?

A. If his income for 1968 was not more han $950 and no one else claims him as a dependant, you may claim exemption for any amount you contributed to his support up to $550. If your father, or brothers and sisters are also contributing to his support and the total contributed is more than $550., you will have to agree among yourselves how the $550. exemption will be divided among you.

Alcide Clory

WEST ARICHAT—After a long illness Alcide Clorey age 61 years, passed away recently at St. Ann Hospital.

Mr. Clorey was a life-long resident of this place and for many years was a seaman. Due to ill health he was obliged to retire and at the time of his retirement he was a crew member of a Government Survey Ship.

Surviving besides his wife are four sons and three daughters: Ron of North Bay, Ont.; Roy, of Halifax; Richard of Vancouver and David of Vancouver; Mrs. Allan Snow, (Doreen) of Halifax; Mrs. W. MacLeod, (Leona), Halifax and Phyllis at home.

All members of the family with the exception of David and Richard were home for the funeral.

Funeral Mass was held from the Church of the Immaculate Conception with Rev. Father Doucet officiating.

C. A. Boucher was in charge of funeral arrangements.

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Clorey and family.

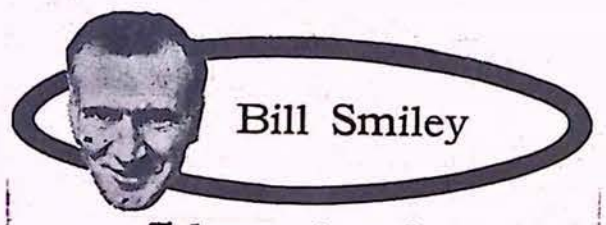
Card of Thanks

PETITPAS: We, the family of the late Walter Petitpas, wish to express our sincere thanks to the following who helped so much during our bereavement. Rev. Fr. Beaton, Fr. A. P. Poirier, Fr. C. P. Gerrior, Fr. A. Doucet, Sisters of St. Rita Hospital, Dr. Gaum, Nurses of Fifth Floor of St. Rita's Hospital, Sisters of the Order of The Daughters of Jesus, relatives and friends.

Special thanks to the organist and choir who participated in the funeral service. Mr. C. A. Boucher of Boucher's Funeral Home. Those who sent Mass cards, floral offerings, sympathy cards and phone calls. To all who helped in any way we are deeply graeful.

THE PETITPAS FAMILY





February is sadness

February!
I find you very
Hairy,
Not to mention
Contrary,
Weather-wise.
Driving is scarey
In February.
One must be wary
Even more than in
January.
Milk in bottles
From the dairy
Freezes on the porch
In February,
And it's not
A very merry
Business
Cleaning up the ruddy mess
when the bottle cracks and the
milk leaks all over the
Refrigidairy.

Sorry, chaps, but I've been conducting poetry-writing classes this week. And at the same time wading through drifts, trying to get my car started in the good old sub-zero, battling my way through 40-mile-per-hour blizzards, and helping bury an old mate.

Not conducive to a lyric column about the longest-shortest month in the year? Right.

As you can see from the above, the poetry classes have been going very badly. Imagine having a teacher who writes such garbage trying to breathe Life, Imagination, Experience into your creative poetic soul. It's enough to turn a kid off poetry for life.

Normally, February is a month in which nobody in his right mind can be found north of the 49th parallel. Unless he hasn't the money to escape. That's why there are so many of us lurching through snowbanks, noses dripping, eyes watering, coughs racking. We're either out of our minds, or poor. And in many cases, both.

And if we're not out of our skulls when the month begins, we're ready for the straitjacket and total sedation by the 28th. Thank the gods it's not Leap Year.

All I needed this year, to garnish my February complex, was to help bury an old mate.

He wasn't old in years, and he wasn't a life-long friend, but I'll miss him. Our paths crossed and re-crossed since we both made the ridiculous decision to become teachers, about nine years ago.

During our teacher-training summer courses, surrounded by hot-eyed, panting youth, just out of university and happy in the knowledge that the world was theirs for the asking, we sort of drifted together in a mutual-defence pact of gentle cynicism.

I'd been through a war and a period of carving a living out of a pretty tough roast of a world. He'd been through a terrible accident, broken neck and the works, years of painfilled convalescence. We'd both emerged, battle-scarred but banners still flying, from a decade or so of marriage and children.

We weren't exactly student militants, but we shared a hearty scorn for and a quiet amusement at the establishment, the keen types, the pushers, the scramblers, the sparrows trying to make like eagles.

So we gravitated, and the friendship, sporadic and casual, lasted. After some years we wound up in the same town, teaching in the same school.

We golfed together quite a lot because we enjoyed the pace. It was leisurely, good-natured, and we both practised one-upmanship without scruple. You know: the loud scratch of a match at the top of the other's backswing; the coughing fit when the other was making a delicate putt; the gazing into the sky when the other hit a grounder; the gently raised eyebrow when the other missed the ball completely and almost broke his back in the process.

And we kept a fairly good eye on the yardarm. If the sun was over it, we marked the occasion in the usual manner. And many a late summer afternoon, we sat under the oaks and discussed, without rancour, the foibles and follies of the world, while our wives and the squirrels chattered in the background.

I'll miss the Old Boy. And so much for February.

— Toronto Telegram Syndicate

Fourth Annual
ESSAY CONTEST

CONTESTANTS ELIGIBLE: Students of two groups, Grades 9—10, and 11—12, of any school in Nova Scotia, excepting schools in Hants and Kings Counties. (These counties have separate Essay Contests sponsored by local Sons of Temperance Committees.)

ENTRY DATE: Entries must be postmarked not later than APRIL 16, 1969.

ESSAY SUBJECTS: Grades 9 and 10—"The Harmful Effects of Beverage Alcohol upon Communities."

GRADES 11 and 12—"In What Ways Can Beverage Alcohol Be Considered a Burden to the Tax Payer?"

RULES:
(1) Essay to consist of 400 to 800 words: to be neatly and legibly written in ink on one side of paper and be the writer's own original work.
(2) Name, home address including county, grade and school, to be enclosed in a sealed envelope securely attached to first page.
(3) GRADE and COUNTY only, to be marked clearly on OUTSIDE of envelope.
(4) Marks will be on the following basis: 30% for neatness, presentation and style; 70% for subject matter.
(5) Decision of judges is final. No essays will be returned.
(6) Essays become property of Grand Division and may be used for publication.
(7) Prize winners to be notified by mail and their names published on or about May 31st.

PRIZES: A total of 38 prizes amounting to $500.00 will be awarded:

Grades 9 and 10—Grand Provincial 1st Prize $50.00
Grand Provincial 2nd Prize $30.00
County Prizes, each $10.00
Grades 11 and 12 Grand Provincial 1st Prize $50.00
Grand Provincial 2nd Prize $30.00
County Prizes, each $10.00

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Mrs. Fred J. Poirier

Mrs. Fred J. (Melenie) Poirier, passed away at Truro where she had been residing with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Galloway, (Clothilde), for the past several years.

The late Mrs. Poirier who was in her 90th year was a native of D'Escousse and resided in that village for the greater part of her lifetime. Her husband the late Capt. Fred Poirier, predeceased her some years ago.

During her long residence in D'Escousse she was organist at St. Hyacinth's Church and was also quite active in Church organizations and community projects.

The late Mrs. Poirier was a highly regarded lady and was always ready to help her neighbors and friends and on many occasions opened her home to medical doctors to serve the Northside residents two days each week and later rented her home to a full-time practioner.

We were personally acquainted with the late Mrs. Poirier and we shall always cherish her memory.

She is survived by two sons: Clarence of D'Escousse, who resides at the Poirier homestead and Raymond at Truro.

Also three daughters: Mrs. L. J. Chiasson, (Valerie), Halifax; Mrs. Hugh Campbell (Phyllis), Truro and Mrs. Roy Galloway, (Clothilde) Truro, with whom she resided and was tenderly cared for.

She is also survived by twelve grand children.

Funeral Mass took place from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Truro with Rev. Father Scott as celebrant and who also conducted the service at the grave. Buriel was at Truro.

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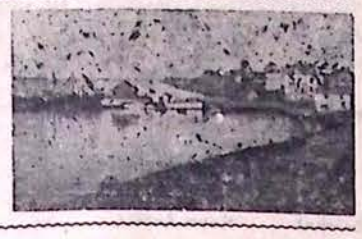
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A further account of this new Building will appear shortly in one of our issues.

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A Story By Thomas A. Boyle

In our next issue we will bring our readers another story by Thomas A. Boyle, entitled, "The Four Ghosts of Ferguson's Cove Road", Halifax County.

Mr. Boyle's sea-story in a recent issue, was well received and we are sure his next story will also be of interest to our readers.

Thank you, Tom, for your most interesting contributions, which are gratefully acknowledged.

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BIRTHS

Born to — Mr. and Mrs. Nazaire Samson, (nee Norma Shaw) on February 14th., at St. Rita Hospital, Sydney, a son, Michel Charles. Weight 7 lbs. 5 ozs.

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Born to — Mr. and Mrs. Cline Bourinot, (nee Margaret Rideout) on February 7th., at the City Hospital, Sydney, a daughter, Rhonda Lee. Weight 6 lbs. 4 ozs. A sister for Darren.

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RETIRED RECTOR

(Col.) the Rev. William Rippon, a former beloved Rector of St. John's Arichat, recently retired from the parish of French Village, where he was Rector for the past several years with four churches to serve: French Village, St. Margaret's, Tantallon and Boutilier's Point, all on the St. Margaret's Bay shore line.

Col. Rippon's first parish was St. John's Arichat where he was ordained by the Rt. Rev.. Bishop Waterman. After two years in St. John's he was transferred to the parish of French Village, where his work was outstanding. His leadership and dedicated service won for him the highest respect of the large congregation and on his retirement a fitting celebration took place to recognize a service so freely given to the glory of God and to the diocese of Nova Scotia.

Col. Rippon was bereaved two years ago in the passing of his wife and he now resides in his new home at Mason's Point with his daughter, Rosemary. Their modern residence overlooks the inland waters of the beautiful St. Margaret's Bay and we do wish our good friend and former padre, every happiness in his retirement and this wish is also extended to his charming daughter, Rosemary.

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River Bourgeois

(We are happy to once more welcome back to our columns, the River Bourgeois correspondent and we look forward to a continuance of news from the district— Thank you!—Editor."

John Beranger, adopted son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Abram Beranger of River Bourgeois recently recived a Merit Award from the Incentive Award Board of the Public Services of Canada. The "Merit Award" reads as follows: The Incentive Award Board of the Public Service of Canada is pleased to honor John Gilbert Beranger for an exceptional and distinguished contribution to the effectiveness and efficiency of the Public Service and is signed by "Ruth E. Addison," Chairman, Incentive Award Board.

The information concerning the Award read as follows: The Incentive Award Board of the Public Service of Canada has granted today a Merit Award of five hundred dollars to Mr. John Gilbert Beranger, a communicator with the Department of External Affairs, in recognition of his courage, initiative and devotion to duty during the Tet offensive in Saigon, Vietnam in February 1968.

On February 1, 1968, the day the heavy fighting began in Saigon, Mr. Beranger, who was serving with the Canadian delegation to the International Commission for Supervision and control in Vietnam, drove his motorcycle three kilometers from his living quarters to the offices of the Canadian delegation at Camp Vo. Tanh on the Northeast edge of the Cholon district at considerable personal risk and of his own volition. At the camp he manned the communications centre for three days and three nights without relief. His route ran through a part of the city in which there were road blocks and barricades; parts of the route were under heavy crossfire, particularly at Cholon where the heaviest fighting took place. The immediate vicinity of Camp Vo Tanh was the scene of concentrated fighting for the three days that Mr. Beranger remained on duty. John is the adopted son of Mrs. and the late Abram Beranger, his father having died several years ago. Besides John, Mr. and Mrs. Beranger brought up two foster children, Gregory Buckley now taking a Business Administration Course at Sydney and Margie Lamey now employed at Port Hawkesbury. Since Mr. Beranger died Mrs. Beranger has taken another foster child, Robert Brown, who attends school here. Needless to say Mrs. Beranger is quite proud of John as we all are at River Bourgeois.

Mrs. Dolores Sampson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sampson, recently returned from Alberta where she had gone some time ago. Dolores, who is a Nurse's Aid will go to Halifax, where she will be employed.

Miss Shirley Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bowers has gone to Camp Hill where she will take up a Nurse's Assistant Course at Camp Hill Hospital. Shirley, one of our most popular young people is being greatly missed.

Miss Donna Pottie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter L. Pottie, who was recently operated on for appendicitis at St. Rita Hospital, Sydney, is recuperating nicely.

What could have been a tragic accident happended recently when Warren, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Burke of River Tillard, was badly cut about the face when in some way the Power Saw, he was using struck him. The jagged cut which reached from his forehead to underneath his chin miraculously missed his eye. A friend, Alex Flynn who was also using a power saw some distance away heard Warren's cries and with Alex's help Warren reached the truck some distance away. He was taken to St. Rita Hospital, Sydney, where he is recovering.

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BOUCHARD — BOUDREAU

Immaculate Conception Church, West Arichat, was the setting for a lovely winter wedding recently, when Giselle Isabelle, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boudreau, West Arichat, was united in marriage to John Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bouchard, Arichat. Rev. Fr. A. Doucet performed the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional gown of white peau-de-soie in A-line design. Her shoulder-length veil fell from a pearl filigree coronet and she carried a cascade bouquet of red sweetheart roses.

Her maid of honor was her second eldest sister, Annette, who wore a floor-length gown of mint green peau-de-soie which featured a gathered neckline and matching headpiece. Her bouquet was of yellow mums.

Joseph Boudreau was best man. Ushers were, A. J. Theriault, godfather of the bride and George Samson, godfather of the groom.

Nuptial music was played by Mrs. Joseph Mury and hymns were sung by the Immaculate Conception Church Choir.

A reception for a large number of invited guests was held at the Isle Madame Motel, Arichat.

In the evening a family gathering was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride wore a short mint green dress with round neckline and long sleeves. Her corsage was of coral roses.

The groom is at present attending Trade School at Point Edward. Robert is also a talented singer and friends look forward to a successful career for this young man.

We wish the young couple many years of happiness.

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PETIT DE GRAT NEWS

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Dartmouth, motored here to attend the funeral of the late Charmaine N. Boudreau. Also Beverly and Sharon Landry, aunts of the deceased. Beverly presently attending university in Halifax and Sharon is nursing at the Infirmary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Boudreau, Bras D'Or, were week-end visitors here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Amedee Boudreau.

Mrs. Bertha Boudreau was a visitor to Louisdale, the past week, guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Boudreau.

Henry David, South Side, is a patient at St. Anne Hospital, Arichat.

Mrs. Remi Boudreau, Glebe House, is a patient at St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish. We hope she will soon be returning to her duties, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mavin and family have returned to Newfoundland, where Mr. Mavin was transferred to the fish plant there.

West Arichat News

DOREY — BOUDREAU

Immaculate Conception Church, here was the scene of a very pretty wedding of interest on Saturday, January 18th at 2:00 p.m., when Brenda Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Dorey of this place became the bride of Adolphe Placide, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Boudreau of Arichat South Side,

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Father A. Doucet. The guest pews were marked with sprigs of lily of the valley, tied with white satin bows.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked most attractive in her original full length A line gown of peau de soie, the close fitting bodice was trimmed with guipure lace and pearls with long tapered sleeves. Her long cathedral train was caught at the back and her three tier bouffant veil was held in place by a crystal crown. She carried a bouquet of red sweetheart roses intermingled with fern and streamers. Jeanette Dorey sister of the bride was bridesmaid and was attired in a becoming sheath dress of rose pink chiffon velvet. A round neckline and long tapering sleeves. The back of the dress held a bow which fell into a slight train. She carried a nosegay of pink and white carnations. She wore white accessories and a matching headpiece. Robert Boudreau supported the groom. Leonard Lavandier and Clarence Babin ushered.

Later in the evening a reception for over 250 guests was held at the Parish Hall, Petit de Grat. The bride's mother wore a two-piece ensemble in light and dark gold shade, with a light gold hat and wore brown accessories. She wore a corsage of yellow carnations.

The groom's mother wore a two piece dark blue wool suit with black velvet hat wearing a corsage of pink carnations. A three tier wedding cake centered the bride's table flanked on either side by bouquets of mixed flowers. The cake was cut in traditional manner by the birde and groom after which it was served to the guests by the happy couple. A toast to the bride was proposed by Rev. Father A. Doucet which was fittingly responded to by the groom. The Very Rev. A. P. Poirier also made a very appropriate address.

The young couple were the recipients of many useful gifts which included a sum of money.

They will reside here. We join with their many friends in wishing the popular young couple a long and happy wedded life.

Mrs. Wilfred Fougere, 67, of Port Royal, Richmond County, passed away at the City of Sydney Hospital.

The former Laura Doiron, she is survived by her husband, a son, Willard, Port Royal, two daughters, Mabel (Mrs. Melvin Martell) Sydney; Beatrice (Mrs. John Gerrior) Halifax; five brothers, Francis, Dartmouth; Henry, Wallace and Wilfred, all of Port Royal, Clarence at Arichat, and by three sisters; Mrs. Alice Foss in the U.S.A. Nellie, (Mrs. Anthony McGuire) and Anita (Mrs. Wallace Fougere) both in Halifax.

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The current issue of this newspaper carries an advertisement with details of the contest for interested students, listing the subjects to be written on, as well as the attractive prizes offered.

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CARD OF THANKS

We, Mr. and Mrs. Ludger Boudreau of Petit de Grat, Richmond Co., parents of Charmaine Nicole Boudreau, who died on February 11th, at the age of 3½ years, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who assisted in any way during our recent sad bereavement. Also, to all our relatives and friends who sent floral tributes, cards and letters of sympathy.

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L'ARDOISE NEWS

At the January meeting of L'Ardoise Council C.W.L., chaired by the President, Mrs. Alice Burke, correspondence read included a "Thank You" letter from a former pastor, Rev. Alexander MacKinnon who is a missionary in Central America. He wished to thank the Council for the Christmas donation sent him and which will be used to buy milk for undernourished pre-school children in his area. Other donations were sent to Holy Fathers Fund, Mabou and diocesan scholarships, stipend for a Mass for a deceased member of this Council and the monthly Mass for living and deceased members of the parish; also donations to the church and to needy families. The president reported taking in meetings held concerning the renovation of the church will begin the latter part of February. The finance conveneor reported on the success of the card games held each week and on the success of the social evening held for young people. It was moved that this Council sponsor the Girl Guides in the parish. Our director, Rev. Stanley MacDonald suggested we set aside part of our meeting for the spiritual needs of the members. He recited the Act of Consecration with the members, after which the meeting adjourned and lunch was served.

Friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Martell, Rockdale, will regret to learn that she is seriously ill at St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney. Mr. Simon G. Martell, retired merchant, is also a patient at the same hospital.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McGrath on recent birth of a son.

Miss Beverley Sampson, student at Teachers College, Truro, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Sampson.

Mrs. Marguerite Martell, has re-entered St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish. All hope for a speedy recovery.

Joseph LaBille, of the R.C.A.F., presently stationed in Sydney, spent the week-end at the home of his grand father, Emmanuel Monbourquette.

The Misses Grace and Jeannette Monbourquette, Halifax, were visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Con. Monbourquette over the

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