

Latest Suburban Notes

Mr. Charles P. Dunn returned to Halifax Thursday. Mr. J. P. Rice has returned from his trip to Halifax. Mr. James Hillman was a passenger to Halifax last Thursday. Mrs. W. G. Parsons, of Middleton, has been visiting Mrs. H. B. Short. Mr. Frank Dodge, of Bridgetown, was in town on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Geo. E. Corbett, of Annapolis Royal, is the guest of Mrs. Sydney Wood, Montague Row. Rev. R. McArthur, a former Digby pastor, but now of Halifax, has offered his services at the hospitals in that city. Dr. T. H. MacDonald, of Meteghan, has returned from Halifax, where he had been attending the special relief work. Mr. Louis Dakin, who has been employed on the Courier for the past year, has severed his connections with that establishment. Mr. Wm. Teho was a passenger from Halifax Tuesday. He had his shoulders and two ribs broken in the recent disaster in that city. Messrs. Loran Snow and Harry Snow were passengers from Wolfville Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays at their respective homes. Word has been received that Sgt. Major George C. Cossaboom has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, while on "active service" in Palestine. Mr. Vernon Johnson, of Weymouth, was in town on Monday. Mr. Johnson is now travelling in the interests of the Neilson Chocolate Co., of Toronto, his route being Western Canada. Mrs. Nathaniel Bates, who has been the guest of her children and friends in Boston and Taunton, Mass., arrived in St. John on Saturday, 8th inst., on her way to her home in Freeport. The sum of \$39.35 was realized by the ladies of St. Patrick's R. C. Church at their annual tea and Christmas sale Tuesday evening. The cushion for Red Cross was won by Miss Edna Wright, ticket No. 65; hot water bottle was won by Mrs. P. Richards, ticket No. 48. Capt. C. F. Lewis, of St. John, was a passenger to Digby on Thursday, via S. S. Empress, on his way to Liverpool. He will bring the dredge Canada from that port to Yarmouth, where she will be in commission this winter in the work of dredging the harbor. He was accompanied by an engineer. Over 500 people listened to a very interesting address given by Major, the Rev. Chas. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) in the Bijou Dream theatre Sunday night. Rev. Wm. Driffield occupied the chair. On the platform were the clergymen and united choirs from the various churches. Auto parties were present from more than 40 miles east and west. On Thursday morning of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Denton, of Little River, received the sad news that their grand son, Roscoe V. Trask, had been killed in action, Nov. 16th. Pte. Trask was 18 years of age. He enlisted with the 12th on Jan. 15th, 1916, and went overseas in July. On Sept. 25th last, he was wounded in the back, but returned to duty Nov. 5th. The Brunswick street Baptist parsonage at Fredericton, N. B., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Friday afternoon, Dec. 7th, when Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage David Merrill Graham, formerly of Centreville, Digby Co., now of Weymouth, Maine, and Ethel Iola Mowbray, of Brenton, Carleton Co., N. B. The happy couple were unattended. Rev. A. B. Higgins, of Dartmouth, well known in Digby, was sitting back to a window when the explosion came. He escaped with a slight cut on the nose. Mrs. Higgins had just stepped into the bathroom, the only room in the parsonage in which the glass and furniture were not demolished. She escaped unhurt. Their daughter, Dorothy, was at Dalhousie College and received no serious injury. The glass and the organ in the Dartmouth Methodist church were destroyed.

MELVERN SQUARE

Miss Nelly, of Brooklyn, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Edward Van Buskirk. Forest McNeil, of the Prov. Sanatorium, returned to his home in Melvern on Saturday, the 15th inst. Mrs. Wheelock Marshall and son, Vernon, of Bridgetown, attended the funeral of their cousin, Mr. W. H. Martin on the 15th. Sergt. K. H. McNeill, who has been spending a few weeks at the Prov. Sanatorium, Kentville, has returned to his home in Melvern Square, much benefited in health. We are pleased to report Eugene Stronach, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stronach, recovering after a severe illness of pneumonia. Dr. Miller has been in attendance. The concert given by the Junior Red Cross Society in Melvern quite recently, was a decided success, financially, and otherwise, the sum of \$30.00 being realized for Red Cross purposes. The concert will be repeated in Kingston in the near future. During the past week, nearly every home in Melvern has responded liberally to the call for help, and boxes packed closely, with food have been forwarded to Bedford and Halifax, to relieve the suffering there—a small part, perhaps, but our "bit."

After the terrible calamity in our city of Halifax, local happenings sink almost into insignificance, the all absorbing topic of the day, being the late disaster—even election has failed to arouse the usual excitement and interest shown on such occasions. We are thankful to be able to state that, although several of our Melvern people were in Halifax at the time of the great disaster, they all escaped without serious injuries. Mrs. Leonard Goucher and family returned from the city to Melvern, a few days after the explosion. It is our sad duty to report the death of our neighbor, Mr. William H. Martin, after only a few days' illness. On Wednesday, 12th inst., an operation was performed by Doctors Balcom, Miller, and Devine, but the patient passed away early on Thursday morning, after much suffering. Mr. Martin was a kind and obliging neighbor, and, as a man, will be much missed in the community.

PARADISE

Miss Rowena Morse, of Halifax, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. K. Morse. Mr. Fred Ruggles, of Halifax, has been spending a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. Carey Phinney. Mrs. J. R. Bondurant and children have gone to Connecticut, where Mr. Bondurant has been for the past few weeks. Messrs. Albert Longley, Ronold Langley and Edgar Bishop, students at Acadia College, are spending their vacation at their respective homes. Mrs. J. D. Keddy, of Boston, came to attend the funeral of her son, the late Lieutenant Harold Balcom. She was accompanied by her daughter, Sadie. Rev. J. W. Williamson, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board for Nova Scotia, will give an address in the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th. Major J. E. Morse, Mrs. Morse and daughter Louise, of Halifax, have been guests at the home of her brother, Mr. L. H. Balcom. Mr. Wm. Miller, of Bear River, has also been a guest at the same home. The sad news reached Mr. L. H. Balcom on Wednesday morning that his brother, Lieut. Harold Balcom, had passed away at the Victoria General Hospital after an operation, found necessary from injuries received at the time of the terrible explosion at Halifax. The remains were brought home on Thursday, accompanied by Major J. E. Morse, Mrs. Morse and daughter Louise. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon in the Baptist church, Rev. I. A. Corbett officiating. He was assisted in the service by Rev. Ritchie Elliott and Rev. J. H. Balcom. The church was appropriately draped with symbols of mourning, in the midst of which the Canadian and British flags were conspicuously displayed. The Empire's flag and on which were floral tributes. The interment was at the Paradise cemetery. Much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing friends.

WEST PARADISE

The snow in the woods is two feet deep, which is something very unusual for this time of the year. Some of our farmers have already commenced hauling logs and fire wood and report excellent sledding. It is reported that Pte. James Longley, one of the boys who enlisted from this place, in a Halifax Regiment, is lying in a critical condition in the Military hospital at Halifax. He hopes to learn soon of his speedy recovery. Major J. E. Morse, who came home with the body of his wife's brother, Lt. Harold Balcom, who was killed in the Halifax explosion, after calling on his relatives and friends in this vicinity, has returned to his duties in the Home Guards at Halifax. Our school teacher is preparing a program for a school concert, to be given in the hall in this place on Friday, 21st inst. No admission, but a silver collection will be taken. Some of the local talent of the section will assist in the exercises of the evening. Mrs. Gordon Hirtle (nee Miss Lottie Saunders), who has been living in Halifax and was there at the time of the explosion, has returned to her home. With the exception of a few cuts from flying glass, she escaped uninjured although the whole window came flying across the room just missing her by a very small margin.

PORT GEORGE

The past week has been cold and stormy; good winter weather. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the MONITOR and staff. Preaching service in the Methodist church Sunday, Dec. 23rd, at 7.30 p. m. The Red Cross meets at the home of Mrs. Lewis Sabean Wednesday evening, Dec. 19. Pte. Guy Furguson arrived home from Halifax with the loss of one eye and other injuries. Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

BEAR RIVER

Mr. Fletcher Chute arrived home from Halifax on Saturday. Hon. O. T. Daniels was a recent guest of Dr. L. J. Lovett. Mr. Rouben Alcorn arrived home from Kennacook on Thursday. Dame Rumor says you may listen for wedding bells in the near future. Messrs. John Cross, of Kentville, and Harry Marshall, of Digby, were in town recently. A cablegram received here on Thursday reports Pte. Roy VanBuskirk killed in action. Mr. Clarence Rice, who spent the past week with his mother, returned to Halifax on Tuesday. Mr. Jesse O. Harris was a passenger to Bridgetown and Nictaux on Thursday, returning Saturday. Messrs. P. L. Webb, Geo. Graham and George W. Grant were guests at the Commercial House on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller, who have been enjoying some weeks in Massachusetts, returned home on Friday. The Misses Mauds Crandall and Edna Peck returned from Wolfville on Saturday for the Xmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns Alcorn, of Halifax, arrived here last week. Their home was destroyed in the recent disaster. Mr. Carol Clarke, of Wolfville, arrived home on Saturday, school having closed earlier than usual to allow the young men to get home for election.

Do not forget to attend the patriotic concert to be given in Oakdene Hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th, by the Oakdene staff of teachers and pupils, proceeds to be divided between the Red Cross and Halifax Relief Fund.

HILLSBURN

Mr. Charlie Eccles left for St. John on Tuesday. Miss Amanda Coates is visiting at Granville Ferry. Mr. Fred Kay spent a few days at Halifax last week. Mr. Ralph Williams, of Bridgetown, was in the village on Friday. A. L. Davidson, M. P., of Middleton, called on friends here recently. Mr. Robert Longmire spent a few days at Digby and Port Wade, recently. Miss Lydia Milbury, of Litchfield, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Wallace Longmire. Wishing the MONITOR'S staff and readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Capt. Arthur Longmire and crew of the fishing schooner Dorothy P. Sarty, spent a few days at their homes here last week. Quite a number of men are busily engaged hauling timber for the vessel which will be built at Anderson's Cove, by Capt. R. R. Longmire, of St. John. Mr. Esteen Longmire spent a few days at Halifax last week in order to find his little daughter, Theo, who was in that city attending the school for the deaf and dumb. We are glad to report that she escaped with only a few scratches, although she was thrown through a screen door when the terrible explosion occurred, after which she was taken by her teacher to a place three miles from the city, where she was cared for until found by her father. We are also glad to say that she made rapid progress in her studies during her short stay at the school.

ROUND HILL

Private Dwight Phinney, of Halifax, spent a few days with relatives in this place. Vernon DeLaney has returned home from St. John, having received injuries by falling from an elevator. Mrs. Jacob Whitman left last Wednesday to spend Xmas with her daughters in the west. Private Alfred Spurr, of Halifax, has returned from France, where he has been serving King and country for over a year. Our village has sent the sum of one hundred dollars; also 9 bales and a large packing case of bedding and clothing to the stricken people of Halifax. The many friends of Sergeant Clarence LeCain, son of Col. and Mrs. Geo. LeCain, of this place, are glad to hear that he is recovering from his injuries received in the Halifax disaster. On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 12th, a meeting of the Union party was held in Round Hill Hall. The speakers for the afternoon were Capt. Chipman, of Annapolis; Harry Crowe, Newfoundland; Rev. John Reeks and Leslie Whitehill, of this place.

FALKLAND RIDGE

Helen Mason spent the 5th at Middleton. The shock of the explosion was heard and felt here. Miss Hazel Berringer, of Lunenburg, is the guest of Miss Luetta Feener. Mrs. Alfred Layte, of North Springfield, spent the 6th, the guest of Mrs. R. Swallow. Timothy Feener, who has spent some months at Halifax, arrived home Dec. 3. Mr. Sam Kaubach and family, of Hastings, moved into Mrs. Ella Weaver's house on Dec. 6. Miss Marjorie Marshall is substituting as teacher in place of Helen Mason at South Springfield. Helen Mason left for Windsor on Dec. 10, to enter the hospital for an operation for appendicitis. She was accompanied by Mrs. Fay Hill.

PRINCEDALE

Mrs. Harold Fish spent Tuesday in Digby. Mr. Elder Milner, of Morganville, spent Monday with relatives here. Mrs. Agnes Height, of Plympton, who has been visiting Miss Violet Wright, returned home Wednesday. Miss Gladys Miller returned home Monday after spending the past few months at the home of her brother, John, at Morganville. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria

Bells across the Snow

Oh, Christmas, merry Christmas, Is it really come again? With its memories and greetings With its joy and with its pain. There's a minor in the carol, And a shadow in the light, And a spray of cypress twining With the holly wreath tonight. And the hush is never broken By laughter light and low. As we listen in the starlight To the "bells across the snow."

Oh, Christmas, merry Christmas, 'Tis not so very long Since other voices blended With the carol and the song! If we could but hear them singing As they are singing now. If we could but see the radiance Of the crown on each dear brow. There would be no sigh to smother, No hidden tear to flow. As we listen in the starlight To the "bells across the snow."

Oh, Christmas, merry Christmas, This never more can be; We cannot bring again the days Of our unshadowed glee; But Christmas, happy Christmas, Sweet herald of good will, With holy songs of glory Brings holy gladness still. For peace and hope may brighten And patient love may glow. As we listen in the starlight To the "bells across the snow."

GRANVILLE CENTRE

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th a Christmas concert will be held in the hall under the direction of Miss Lillian Powell, teacher, and the pupils of her school. A silver collection will be taken for Red Cross work. A number of the members of Seymour Division, S. of T., gave the play "East Lynne" in the hall here, also at Stony Beach, realizing the sum of twenty-five dollars, which will be divided between Red Cross and Halifax Relief. Another of our boys has distinguished himself in France. Corporal Joseph B. Troop has been awarded a "Military Medal" for bravery, in holding his gun under heavy fire. Corp. Troop is a member of No. 9 Siege Battery, and is a son of Mr. Arthur S. Troop. At the last regular meeting of the Seymour Division, a committee was appointed to call on the members and solicit aid, which will be sent to Miss Cora M. Lavers, Grand Patron of the Grand Division, S. of T., who is one of the sorrowful sufferers from the Halifax disaster, having lost her mother, brother, niece and home. Services for Sunday, Dec. 16th: In the Episcopal church at 3 p. m., in the Baptist church at 7.30 p. m. The service will take the form of a dedication ceremony, in memory of Pte. Judson W. Eaton, who was killed in action in France, June 3rd, 1915. Special music appropriate to the occasion will be conducted by Prof. Morse, of Annapolis.

MIDDLETON

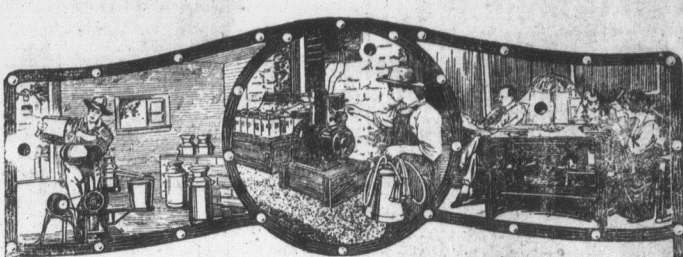
J. E. Slocumb, of Port George, was in town on Saturday. Miss Olive Palmer arrived home last Wednesday from Halifax. Carmen Moore arrived home Saturday to see his mother who is ill. Mrs. J. M. Parker, of River Herbert, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. P. Nelly. Mrs. C. B. Tupper, of Bridgetown, was the guest of Miss Susie Smith, one day last week. Mr. Reed arrived home on Wednesday evening last from Halifax. He expects to return some time the first of the year. Principal I. R. Marshall and family, who reside on Black street, Halifax, escaped without serious injury, but their house was badly damaged. Pte. W. F. Whitford has been reported killed in action. His many friends in this town will remember him as a junior member of the Commerce Bank of this town some three years ago. Miss Pauline, Wright left on Tuesday for her home in Pictou. Miss Wright has made a great many friends during her stay in town and will be sorry to see her go but hope for her return in the spring. Mr. C. M. Hoyt went to Halifax the first of last week and brought back with him the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thomson. Although the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomson was quite badly damaged, they will fix it up, and help to take care of those who are left without homes.

ARLINGTON

Miss May Witham, Clarence, recently visited her friend, Miss Hattie Banks. Mr. Charles Starrat returned home on Wednesday from St. John, where he has been employed during the summer. The Red Cross Society will hold an ice cream and pie sale at the home of Mr. Harry Hines on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th. All are invited to attend. Recent guests at Mr. Christopher Grant's were Mr. and Mrs. John Walker and daughter, from New Brunswick, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sproule and son Aubrey, of Clarence.

ST. CROIX COVE

Mr. Guy Starrat, Port Lorne, spent last week with relatives here. Mrs. Charlotte Anderson, Port Lorne, visited her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Hall, on Friday. Mr. B. R. Hall, Acadia, and Misses Letta and Kathleen Poole, Wolfville, arrived home Saturday, the 15th inst., to spend the Xmas holidays with their parents. Proceeds of the pie sale held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall, amounting to \$3.75 has been forwarded to the treasurer of the Red Cross Society, Bridgetown. Next sale will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zachus Hall, on New Year's Eve. Men's Palamas, Nightshirts, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Armlets and Garters in Xmas boxes at Lockett's.



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Table with columns: Eng, Geom, P Mat, Alg, Chem, Hist, Av. Rows: Marguerite Bancroft, Maria Bailey, Henry Reeks, Miriam Bancroft.

Table with columns: Eng, Geom, Arith, Alg, Hist, Sc, Av. Rows: Helen Baxter, Beverley Robinson, Audrey Bishop.

Table with columns: Eng, Draw, Latin, Arith, Alg, Geog, Sc, Av. Rows: Grace Ecklin, Louise Williams, Thomas Rice, Georgiana Bancroft, Cyril Reeks, Jean Tubby, Hattie Tupper.

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WAR MENU FOR THURSDAY

How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the Men at the Front. Issued from the Office of the Food Controller for Canada.

- BREAKFAST: Cornmeal Porridge, Milk, Sugar, Toast, Grapefruit, Marmalade, Tea or Coffee. LUNCHEON: Creamed Codfish, Baked Potatoes, Canned Peaches, Indian Bread, Tea, Milk, Sugar. DINNER: Irish Stew, Dumplings, Tomato Salad, Graham Rolls, Rice Pudding with Raisins, Milk, Sugar.

The recipes for Irish Stew, and Indian Bread, mentioned above, are as follows:— Irish Stew— Cut stew meat (flank or shoulder) into 1 1/2 inch cubes. Put these and bones into kettle. Cover with boiling water. Set on the stove. Bring to a boil and then set back where it will simmer slowly. One hour before the stew is to be served, add salt, pepper, sliced onion, diced carrots and turnips or any vegetables preferred, and twenty minutes before taking from the fire add some thinly sliced potato. If too thin thicken with a little flour; pour into a deep hot platter and serve. For dumplings cook small tea biscuits in the oven. Before serving put these on the platter, and pour the stew over them. Ingredients of Tea Biscuits— 2 cups flour, 4 teaspoons baking flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons beef dripping, 3/4 cup milk, or sufficient to wet up all of the consistency to roll. Indian Bread— 1 1/2 cups Graham flour, 1 cup of Indian meal, 1 1/2 teaspoon soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup molasses, 1 and two-thirds cups sour milk. Mix and steam same as Boston Brown Bread. (Recipes by Domestic Science Experts of the Food Controller's Office.)

Among the Churches

Parish of St. James, Bridgetown.

The services next Sunday (4th Sunday in Advent) will be: Bridgetown, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. St. Mary's, Bellisle, 3 p. m. Sunday School at usual hour.

WEEK DAYS

Bridgetown Wednesday—7.30 p. m., Bible class; 8.30, choir practise. Friday—4.30 p. m., Service of Intercession on behalf of the war; 7.30, Meeting of the Anglican Young Peoples' Association.

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Mary's, Bellisle, 8 a. m. Bridgetown, 11 a. m. At each of these services the Christmas Communion will be celebrated.

Presbyterian Church

Gordon Memorial Church, Queen Street, Pastor: Rev. F. C. Simpson. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. Bible Class every Sabbath morning at 10 and 7 p. m. Sabbath School at 10 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Visitors cordially welcomed at all services.

Bridgetown United Baptist Church

Rev. M. S. Richardson, pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching service at Centrelea next Sunday at 3 p. m. Prayer and praise service Wednesday evening at 7.30. B. Y. P. U. Friday evening at 7.30.

Bridgetown Methodist Church

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.; Epworth League, Friday, 7.30 p. m. Services next Sunday, Dec. 23: Bridgetown, Sunday School 10 a. m. Public worship, 7 p. m. Granville 11 a. m. Benville, 3 p. m.