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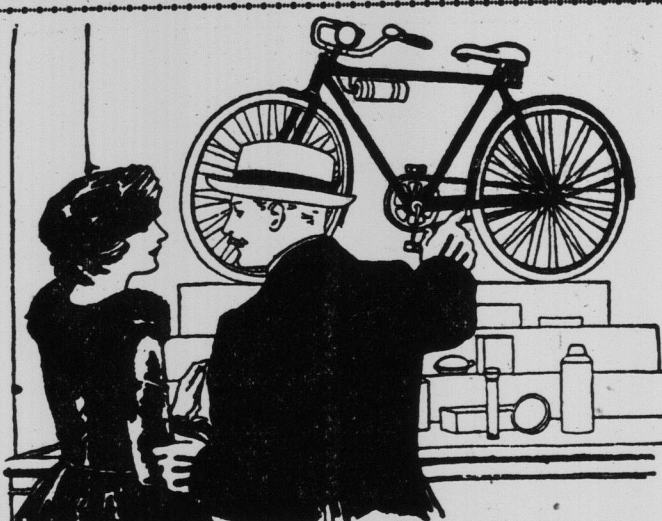
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## OLD FELLOWS HOLD SECOND ENTERTAINMENT

**Rebekah Lodge Has Excellent Program; Keenly Enjoyed**

The second of the winter entertainments conducted by the Odd Fellows of the city was held last night, Jewell Rebekah Lodge, No. 6, being hosts on this occasion. The ladies had made big preparations for this event and the visitors thoroughly appreciated the reception accorded them. At the conclusion of the program dancing was enjoyed for an hour and a half. Refreshments were served. The playlet "School of Pantomime" proved the hit of the evening, the local "hits" being particularly apt. The meeting was held in Odd Fellows' Hall, West Saint John.

### PROGRAM GIVEN

The program included a piano solo, Olga Von Richter, solo, William McClelland, addresses by Joseph Murdoch, deputy grand master; Mrs. Phoebe Edwards and M. D. Brown and the playlet, the cast of which was as follows:  
Jemima Jane Wiggs, the female dandy, Lillian Silliphant.  
The widder Dubb, looking for a meal ticket, Edna Gaudet.  
Mandy Dubb, her hopeful, wants a general, policeman or a man, Alice Thompson.  
Betsey Bean, Musquash's Belle, Minnie Bartchard.  
Mrs. Ketchum, she knows what's what, Greta Clayton.  
Florence Bunch, Wrigley's advertisement, Lena Slavit.  
Sarah Belle Stubbs, the curly headed maiden, Mildred Newcombe.  
Castoria Skillet, Pemm Skillet, the twins, Margaret Von Richter, M. Conrad.  
Wellies, Clarissa Noodle, composer of Yankee Doodle, Fannie Slavit.  
Nancy Pet Gump, Circ's understudy, Jennie Grant.  
Caddy Jellyfish, the poetess, Edwina Irons.  
Sissy Spigot, the giggler, Evelyn Johnson.  
Director, Alice Silliphant.

## LEAGUE GETS AWAY TO EXCELLENT START

**Trojans Defeat Nationals in Opening Basketball Contest**  
—Y-Nots Also Win

The Trojans and Nationals opened the local basketball season when the Trojans won 31-28 in a fast, snappy game for so early in the season. Some fast footwork was noticed and some remarkably accurate shooting. The first ball was tossed by J. C. Chesley, honorary president of the league, who also made a short address to the players in which he outlined the true meaning of sportsmanship and urged them to play the game for the game's sake.  
On Saturday night, Y. M. C. A. meet Nationals, with High School club to get the game early in the season. Plunkton and Malcolm were outstanding for the winners, scoring a majority of points, while Written was high man for the losers. The whistle blew for many infractions of the rules. Referee Ronald Shaw keeping close tabs on the play. Humphries shot out of the game early in the second half for repeated personal fouls. Yeomans and Written managed to keep in the game with three each, four being necessary for banishment.

The Nationals got the jump on the Trojans the first half and scored three baskets before last year's champions got to get the game as well as Plunkton. Nationals put up a good fight in both halves and were a constant threat. The first half ended 31-15 in favor of the Trojans and the final count was 31-28, the Nationals holding them to an even break in the second half. The following is the line-up:

Trojans	Nationals
Wilson	Written
Plunkton	Boyer
Humphries	Yeomans
Strling	Malcolm
Malcolm	Yeomans
Kerr	Pollard
Hollis	Kirk
Brown	McKenzie
Milnes	Written 23, Boyce 2, Yeomans 4, Pollard 2, Kirk 2, Wilson 6, Plunkton 21, Malcolm 17, Kerr 4, Hollis 3, Strling—Ronald Shaw.

### INTERMEDIATE GAME

In a fast snappy game the Trojan Intermediates were defeated by the Y-Nots, 37-16. The game was very fast with many substitutes being thrown into the fray by both sides. The following is the summary:  
Trojan Intermediates . . . . . Y-Nots  
Forwards . . . . .  
Armstrong . . . . . Murray  
Arbuthnot . . . . . Turner  
F. Boyce . . . . . McLean  
Centre . . . . . Reid  
Daley . . . . . Smith  
McDade . . . . .  
Boyer . . . . . Sinclair  
Burnie . . . . . Work  
Shannon . . . . . Barbour  
Scores: Murray 6, Turner 10, Smith 14, Sinclair 2, Work 5, Arbuthnot 5, F. Boyce 3, Daley 1, McDade 3, McBurnie 2, Shannon 4.  
Referee—Walter Golding.

### WEST END FIRE

The West End fire department responded to an alarm from Box No. 87 about 2.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, for a fire in some clothing in a house at 274 Duke Street, occupied by Mrs. Ryder and owned by Mrs. David Lane. The fire was soon extinguished with little damage.

**ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, DEC. 2.**  
A.M. . . . . P.M.  
High Tide . . . . . 9.40 High Tide . . . . . 10.01  
Low Tide . . . . . 3.27 Low Tide . . . . . 3.45  
Sun Rises . . . . . 7.43 Sun Sets . . . . . 4.41

## Scouts Toy Shop

THE Rover Scouts are becoming expert at their self-appointed task of making over old toys to be given to the kiddies of the city who otherwise would have no playthings at Christmas. About 100 of the old toys, that have been sent to the Scout office or have been collected by the Rovers, have already been patched up, mended and made to look like new.

The Scouts toy shop is a new venture this year and it is not receiving quite as much assistance as Scouts hoped for. They want more of the damaged toys and are hoping to get in touch with those people who have such articles lying unused for and unused about their homes. The Scouts want to help bring sunshine and joy to the "toyless" children and the toys, which they have re-made, will be distributed with the stocking of the "Times" Empty Stocking Fund. The latest friends to arrange to send old toys reside in Westfield. Where it is possible, the Rovers will call for the old toys. The toys can be received for mending later than Dec. 20, as it takes some time to do the repairing.

## SCOUTS AND CUBS FEAST AT TRINITY

**Investiture and Presentation Mark Gathering Last Evening**

Three investitures were carried out and two presentations took place at the much enjoyed very successful supper gathering of No. 17 Trinity Troop, Boy Scouts, and Trinity Wolf Cubs, held evening with about 50 present, among the company being the members of the newly appointed Scout committee for Trinity Troop, A. Brewer Edwards, John Gillis and Sydney Mealey.

An excellent feast was served by the ladies of the church under the co-operation of Mrs. C. F. Regan. Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, the rector, gave a short talk on scouting and told the story of John Gillis of the early days in New Brunswick to illustrate Scout qualities. Rev. W. E. Fuller, curate, gave a very interesting lantern slide talk on "Men of the Stone and Bronze Age". A hearty sing song was indulged in and R. S. Coupe was at the piano.

Mr. Lawrence, on behalf of the troop, presented to Victor Regan as a birthday gift, a handsome set of military brasses. To C. E. Upham, scoutmaster, Mr. Lawrence presented a book, which was the gift of the mother of a Scout, in appreciation of Mr. Upham's leadership.

A happy hour the whole company adjourned to the upper hall where Assistant District Commissioner F. C. Choppin, Mr. A. H. H. Pickett and Mr. Simon, as a Tenderfoot Scout, and Acting Assistant District Commissioner, E. H. Hoyt, invited John Carrick and John Chamberlain, as Wolf Cubs.

## Committees For Rosebud Day Are Ready For Appeal

The Women's Council members have been at work during the last week or two getting ready for their annual "Rosebud Day" appeal for the Children's Aid Home, on Saturday, Dec. 4. A special committee from the Women's Council has had all the details of the arrangements and an energetic and enthusiastic band of workers has been enrolled.  
Mrs. W. E. Pickett, president, is the general convener. The banks are being looked after by Miss Alice E. Eley and Mrs. H. Pickett and the tags have been put in readiness by a committee convened by Mrs. H. Pickett. Banks and tags will be distributed to the workers on Friday at the Children's Aid Home in Garden street which will be headquarters for tag day.  
The ward convener appointed are as follows: Kings, Mrs. Harold Hooper; Queens, Mrs. A. C. Wilson; Dukes, Mrs. W. B. Tennant; Prince, the Salvation Army, Sydney; Mrs. P. E. Holman; Wellington, Miss M. Gunn; Victoria, Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell; Lorne, Mrs. Clarence Harcourt; Dufferin, Mrs. Thomas Graham; East Saint John, Mrs. H. B. Peck; West Saint John, Mrs. E. A. Young; Brown ward, Mrs. A. Tobin; Buys, Mrs. E. Waring; Lancaster, Mrs. R. W. Wigmore; and Fairville, Mrs. G. Giller. The convener for automobiles required on tag day is Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy.

## As Hiram Sees It

"I wonder who them fellers is, going up river," says I to the town feller, plintin' to the patch of moonlight on Long Reach.  
"Them," says he, "is the ghosts of Capt. Francis Peabody an' some others from Massachusetts. He was one o' the settlers of Mauderville. He'd been in the French war—an' Parkman mentions him in his book 'Wolfe an' Montcalm.' The captain come to the Saint John in 1762. He was chosen agent for a bunch o' Massachusetts fellers to go to Halifax an' see about these grants on the Saint John. He was the first signer o' a memorial they sent to Halifax in 1763. The record to show he brought cattle an' sheep an' huts to the Saint John in 1765. The noo settlers at Mauderville got their goods them days from James Sinclair county—that they took in 1768. He was one o' the first magistrates in the town of White. He was the first collector o' customs on the river. He was a hunter an' a fisher. He didn't fer they was sixty-one families there in 1788—when the Loyalists come. Capt. Peabody was a fine old feller. That was his ghost we just seen in the moonlight on the river."

## SURVIVORS OF VALERIAN ARE HELD BLAMELESS

**Court Martial at Bermuda Finds Men's Conduct Admirable**

R. Arden Clarke, of R. G. Dun & Company, Saint John, and who is secretary of the Saint John Cricket Club, has received the following letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Walter Cowan, commanding the North American and West Indies station in Bermuda, in reply to a letter of condolence sent to him by the Saint John Cricket Club at the time of the loss of H. M. S. Valerian, Admiralty House, Bermuda, November 24, 1926.

My dear Sir:  
Will you please offer to the members of your club my most sincere and grateful thanks for your letter of condolence about Valerian, and it will be forwarded for the information, and I have no doubt great comfort of the survivors, who went home two days ago, and I am glad to be able to tell you that Commander Usher is one of them, and that though in worse case than any of them he has made a good recovery.

Yours truly,  
WALTER COWAN.  
Mr. Clarke has also received a letter from C. A. J. Nichols, navigating officer of H. M. S. Valerian, in which he says regarding Commander Usher: "Of course, I imagine you know by now that Commander Usher is quite well and on his way home. He was rather weaker than the rest when saved, as he insisted on trying to swim away from a raft at the beginning to make room for others." Navigating Officer Nichols, also says:

**STORIES UNTRUE.**  
"The stories about sharks are quite untrue, of course—to anyone who knows anything of their habits—obviously so, as they never come near the surface in rough weather; and, any how, there are so many fish around here that they don't trouble about men. The full story of the tragedy is rather long, and I expect you have had authentic accounts in your papers by now, but whether Valerian ever touched bottom or not, her fate was sealed by the force of the hurricane in which she could do nothing to help herself. The Curlew was out in the hurricane, and from their description of it I can quite see that it was impossible that a ship could live through it."

**BEHAVIOR ADMIRABLE.**  
The court-martial at Bermuda brought out that the behavior of the men of the Valerian was admirable. They sang songs in the water and one Stoker Bone, with a life-belt around him, struck out and said he was "going visiting." When they had to let go they called out "Clerico Boys"—and died.

## EQUIPMENT TIME IN NEW BUILDING NEAR

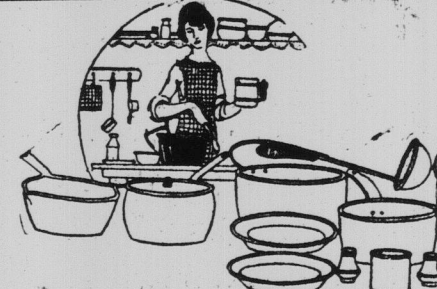
**Installation of Western Union Plant in Modern Quarters in Union Street**

A start will be made probably this week on the installation of equipment in the new Western Union Telegraph Company building in Union street. Yesterday was the date when the company was to have entrance to the building and last Friday the contractor, James Gilchrist, notched the first of the plate glass windows had been placed in position on the ground floor. On Saturday the contractors will be put in. A concrete sub-base is being placed on the floor downstairs. The full story of the tragedy is rather long, and I expect you have had authentic accounts in your papers by now, but whether Valerian ever touched bottom or not, her fate was sealed by the force of the hurricane in which she could do nothing to help herself. The Curlew was out in the hurricane, and from their description of it I can quite see that it was impossible that a ship could live through it."

## SPORT ATTRACTIONS OF EAST PRAISED

**Rod and Gun Has Several Articles on Maritime Hunting and Fishing**

The December issue of Rod and Gun very effectively directs the attention of lovers of big game to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. A feature article is one "Concerning Moose," by the veteran New Brunswick guide, Henry A. Brulhaite, whose portrait also appears. In "Men and Moose" W. E. Hale has an entertaining review of an article on "Moose and Men" in the September issue of Rod and Gun, which related to the exploits of certain wild-ers of the pen in the deep woods of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. This article is illustrated with the picture of a hunter and a fine New Brunswick moose head. There is also a splendidly illustrated article on Salmon Fishing on Nova Scotia's Barrens, is the tale of a hunting expedition after the white-tailed deer. Altogether this issue of Rod and Gun will attract a great deal of attention to our hunting and fishing resources.



## How Far Ahead In Christmas Cooking?

Of course your Fruit Cake is being made within a week. See what Pans you need—they have some nice ones in the expanded Kitchenware Department at McAvity's. Round ones, 8c. to 15c., according to size. Set of four Pans, assorted sizes, 45c. Square Cake Pans, 15c. to 35c. Set of four assorted sizes, 95c. The Plum Pudding should start mellowing mighty soon. Proper Steamers, by size, 70c. to 90c.  
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