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Bright and Active On 93rd Birthday

Hale, bright, cheerful and active, Mrs Agnes Vanderbeck celebrated her 93rd birthday yesterday (Wednesday) at her home in Millerton. During the day many friends called to offer their congratulations, and to wish her many more years of health and happiness.

Notwithstanding her advanced age Mrs. Vandrebeck is in good health, with her faculties unimpaired, and her interest in life is much keener than that of many younger people. She reads without glasses, and follows the war news closely from day to day. One of her greatest desires is to live to see the end of the present world conflict, and she appears to have excellent prospects of attaining that desire. Natuarally, she hopes and expects Great Britain to be victorious. Mrs Vanderbeck tells many interesting and amusing stories of the old days on the Miramichi. She was in Newcastle last year and saw the Wireless and went to see the Hospital and also had a drive across the Morrissy bridge, which she then saw for the first time. She went to see the old Newcastle house she lived in ninety years ago, and which is fast falling to decay. She also saw the Ledden House that came through the Miramichi fire. After the fire, when she was old enough to remember, her parents used to tell her that one of Mr. Ledden's boys had died and was being waked. That night the family all left the house and also left the remains. The house escaped the fire The reason the old folks said, the house could not burn was that there was a caul put into the wall of the house when it was built. They told her that Mr. Corbett who lived on the hill above Douglastown took his family out in a canoe and they were all drowned and the house was not touched by the fire.

Mrs. Vanderbeck was born in Newcastle of Irish parents, her father coming from Ballenalaugh, county Antrim, while her mother was a native of Timmnavady, county Derry. She has four children living: Councillor J. W. Vanderbeck, of Derby; Geo R Vanderbeck, Postmaster at Millerton; Burton Vanderbeck of Millerton; and Mrs Mary J Crocker of Boston.

N. B. ESTIMATES IN THE ESTIMATES

The estimates of the Minister of Finance, given out at Ottawa last week total $203,472,756. The interest on the public debt jumps from $37,000,000 to $54,000,000. Pensions increase from $3,365,000 to $8,763,000.

Some N. B. items are as follows:

St John Harbor—$1,000,000

St John Dominion buildings, repairs—$10,000

Bathurst Harbor improvements—$8,500

Cape Bald, repairs to breakwater pier—$,500

Dorchester, wharf improvements—$1,500

Great Salmon River, repairs and improvements to breakwater—$1,100

Harbors and rivers generally:

Repairs and improvements—$40,000

Mills Point, repairs to wharf—$600

Neguac, repairs to wharf—$4,000

Richibucto Beach, breakwater repairs and improvements, $1,600

Shippegan Gully, repairs to breakwater and breastworks ,$3,500

St Nicholas River, repairs to wharf—$900

Tynemouth Creek to reconstruct and repair, breakwater, $5,500

Welchpool, repairs to wharf, $850

NEWCASTLE LADY A PRIZE WINNER

In Hallam's Zoological contest, the committee found that there were 10,543 hairs on the square inch of bear skin and the nearest estimate was 10,500, by Mrs Jas A Davis, of Acme, Alberta. Miss Jennie Parks of Upper Derby, N. B was 18th with 11,056 and Miss Julia Murphy, of Newcastle, N. B., 27th, with 10,000. There were 64 prize winners, the estimates ranging from 7,899 to 13,392

RECRUITING FOR RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BATALION

Lieut. P E Palmer of the 257th Railway Construction Battalion was in Newcastle Wednesday looking for recruits for the New Brunswick company of the battalion which is being recruited with headquarters at St. John. The N. B company is being officered by men from the province. Lieut Palmer's home is in Dorchester. For several years he has been engaged in civil engineering in the Canadian West.

TRURO HOLDS McLELLAN CUP

The two rinks of Newcastle Curlers, which went to Truro on Tuesday to play for the McLellan Cup, met defeat at the hands of the Knights of the broom of that town by the small margin of six points. The local men who made the trip were:

Charles Dalton
C M Dickison
Thos M Maltby
John Russell skip
Willis Nicholson
James McMurray
Robert Galloway
J Russell McKnight skip

Eddie Dalton also accompanied the curlers as a spare.

BIG GERMAN VESSELS REPORTED DISABLED TO PREVENT THEIR USE IN CASE OF WAR

Here are shown five big German steamships at New York, which are closely guarded by a squad of the city's policemen. They are the Prinz Joachim, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the Koenig Wilhelm II., the Hamburg and the Allemania. It is reported that the machinery of all these vessels has been disabled so as to prevent the United States from using the ships in the event of war with Germany.

N. Y. H. Special

Newcastle Red Cross Society

Financial report of Newcastle branch of C. R. Cross for month of January:

Receipts

Jan.	
2 Balance on hand	$119.36
Life member, Mrs. Dr. Nicholson	25.00
Life member, Mrs A J Ritchie	25.00
Life member, Mrs F J Desmond	25.00
Donation, Mrs F J Desmond	15.00
Donation, Mrs Stickney, Rutland, Vermont	5.00
Fees	1.75
Sale of yarn	2.65
9 Week of Prayer collections, Baptist Church	4.46
Presbyterian church	3.52
Methodist	3.43
Donation, Mr John Rundle	10.00
Fees	4.00
Sale of yarn	4.10
Life member	25.00
23 Fees	5.00
Donation Miss A Flett Nelson	1.75
30 Fees	3.00
Sale of yarn	1.35
Life member, Miss Aitken, Rutland, Vt	25.00
Life member, Mrs O Nicholson	25.00
Monthly Mite to rNewcastle	71.90
Monthly Mite for Nelson and Chatham Head	12.75
Donations for Dr Harris' hospital at Shoreham, Eng:	
Mr E Collolly	20.00
Mr E A McCurdy	5.00
Miss Young (Montreal)	5.00
Mr. Willis Nicholson	3.00
Mr sGilmore Stothart	1.00
Miss Marjori eDavidson	1.00
Mrs E Sinclair	1.78
Miss Fleming	.30
	$456.10

Expenditures

Jan.	
9 Lady Tilley for hospital supplies	$50.00
Bottle machine oil	.10
16 J D Creaghan & Co.	45.00
Treasurer for stamps	1.00
Moody & Co.	.62
Postage on yarn	.50
Materials purchased for Dr Harris Hospital at Shoreham, England	37.08
	$134.30

Receipts	$456.10
Expenditures	134.30
Balance on hand	$321.80

LOUISE HARLEY, Treasurer

DEATH OF A WELL KNOWN CHATHAM CITIZEN

The numerous friends of Michael F. Noonan were grieved to hear of his death which occurred at his home Douglas Avenue, on Friday afternoon after a short illness. Deceased was well and favorably known among a wide circle of friends and acquaintences and highly respected by all who knew him. He at one time conducted a large dry goods business in the Noonan building, Upper Water street, but owing to ill health, retired to his late residence on Douglas Ave.

Deceased is survived by his wife, who is a sister of the late Fr. Fitzgerald; two sons, Frank and John; and two daughters, Mary and Gertrude, all at home. Three brothers, Patrick A., of New York; James, of Bristol, England; and John of Parsons; Mrs Finn, and Mrs Jas F Maher, also survive.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, consisting of crosses, crescent and wreaths

The funeral was held on Sunday, and was one of the largest witnessed for some time, many coming quite a distance to pay their last tribute respect.

The pallbearers were R A Lawlor, Sheriff O'Brien, Coun Baldwin, Chas. Raymborrow, Edw Barry, D J. Buckley, L W Strang and W J Moran

Conservatives in Favor Of Straight Party Ticket

Disgusted with Coalition Schemes. Liberals Trying to Form Ticket and "Independents" may Bid for Votes

Political gossip fills the air in Northumberland today, and little else is to be heard. Speculation is rife concerning the character and personnel of the tickets which may be in the field, and a multitude of different stories are in circulation.

From reliable sources it is learned that the Liberal-Conservative party will nominate a staight party ticket at the county convention to be held in Newcastle Town Hall at 2.30 Saturday afternoon, Feb. 10. Who the nominees of the convention will be no one at present seems able to say, but it seems more than likely that they will be selected from among the following named gentlemen: J L Stewart, M L A, Chatham; F. D Swim, M L A, Doaktown; John Betts Millerton; R A Murdock, Chatham; W A Allain, Neguac; J A Gallant and P Chaisson of Rogersville; Councillor Lawrence Doyle of Douglastown; Mayor C P Hickey of Chatham; John McColm of Whitney; Councillor Jas. Parks of Redbank; and J A Creaghan of Newcastle.

Considerable guessing has been going on as to where Messrs Stewart and Swim, who were elected to the legislature as independents, will stand in the present campaign. Both are straight Conservative party men and now that their former differences with the provincial government have been removed by Premier Murray's repudiation of any sort of a coalition scheme, and the promulgation of a progressive policy of administration in accordance with their views, it is understood that both are prepared to support the newly organized government, and to accept nominations from the Liberal-Conservatives convention on a platform supporting Premier Murray, if such nominations should be offered them. It is regarded as likely that this will be done.

Among the other gentlemen mentioned as possible nominees, some have intimated their willingness to accept nominations, while the others have not committed themselves.

The outstanding feature in connection with the proposed Liberal-Conservative convention is the strong feeling that seems to exist throughout the county that the time has come for adherence to straight party lines, and that the nominees of the convention should be out-and-out Conservaticves who will give whole hearted support to Premier Murray, who is the first political leader in New Brunswick in the last quarter of a century, with courage and back bone enough to come out flat-footedly and fight a campaign out on straight party lines. Many of the premier's political opponents are commending him for this course, because they realize that it will result in more honest and more efficient government for the province, and his party supporters feel that a man who has the courage to break the bonds of an established system of "coalition" governments of one sort or another, but all worse than a straight party government, is deserving of the strongest possible support, which they are determined he shall have.

Liberal Prospects

Following the Conservative Convention at Newcastle on Saturday the Liberal party will "hold forth" at Chatham on Monday afternoon in a "special meeting" which it is said is to be a convention to nominate candidates for the provincial legislature. In the announcement of the meeting, which is signed by Hon J P Burchill, President, and W F Cassidy, Secy., it is merely stated that the proposed meeting will be held "for the purpose of taking into consideration matters of importance, in the interest of the Liberal Party," and nothing is said about candidates.

Whether or not "the interest of the Liberal party" consists in naming a party ticket remains to be seen. It has been suggested that the indefinite wording of the call for the Liberal meeting was prompted by the uncertain prospect of securing four sacrificial lambs for the party altar. Hon. Mr Burchill has been much talked of as a prospective Liberal standard bearer, but from what can be learned the effort to corral three other lambs who are willing to be slaughtered, has been very discouraging to the Liberal elders. Strong overtures, it is said, have been made to D J Buckley, but his political zeal has not yet reached sacrificial heights, and the dead hero role has no charms for him. Hon John Morrissy and his son, Chas J Morrissy, have also been in the limelight, as a matter of course but both are reported to have declined to become principals in the prospective political fray. The ex-minister, is said to be tired of politics, and his talented heir is said to regard himself, and to be regarded by many of his friends, as being politically immature. Councillor D V Allain of Alnwick, it is asserted is anxious to get a seat in the Liberal band wagon, and toot his horn in unison, if not in harmony with any other three that can be induced to climb aboard. W F Cassidy of Chatham, the genial secretary of the Liberal association, is wanted for the ticket, but the shoe business is said to be more attractive to him at present than is political strife. F M Tweedie, of Chatham, son of Hon L J Tweedie is said to be in a receptive mood politically, and with earnest persuasion the Liberal workers are hopeful of inducing him to permit his name to grace their much desired party ticket .

What About the Independents?

Councillor J W Vanderbeck, of Millerton, who is looked upon as a virile political free lance, is holding off from both parties, and if he seeks a seat in the legislature it will probably be as an independent representative of the working man, according to his own statements. How many team mates he may have, if any, is all guess work. Thos Parker a Doaktown recalcitrant, it is claimed, wants to harness up with the Derby war horse, with the special object of defeating Frank D Swim, the present Doaktown member. In this particular object, it is asserted that he has the support of Hon. John Morrissy, of Newcastle, the ex-minister of Public Works, between whom and Mr Swim, it is well known, friendship is conspicuously non-existent. Councillor Lawrence Doyle, of Douglastown, is also mentioned as a possible independent candidate, but the Advocate understands that Mr Doyle favors a straight party ticket in support of Premier Murray and that he will not under any circumstances oppose the government. John Morrison, of Oak Point, is suggested as the fourth candidate on an independent ticket, but there seems to be very good reason to doubt his taking such a stand.

OBITUARY

DANIEL OLSEN

Daniel Olsen of Chatham, aged 66 a resident of Chatham for 40 years, dropped dead on Frost street, on Thursday. Heart trouble and dropsy caused death. Deceased is survived by his widow, four sons—Michael of Rumford Falls, Me.; Matthew of Cuba; and Daniel and Bernard of Chatham; and five daughters—Minnie of Winnipeg; Johnanna of Lynn, Mass.; Mrs Frank Mrs Sweeney and Miss Alino, of Chatham.

FREDERICK STREET

The death of Frederick Street, one of the oldest farmers in the county and a most respected citizen occurred after a weeks illness at his home at Chaplin Road, Monday. Deceased was 92 years old. His wife predeceased him by 28 years. He leaves the following children: William, Bangor, Me.; Mary Ann (Mrs Carl Bersing), Chaplin Road; Emma (Mrs Robert Lumsden), Chaplin Road; John, Maple Glen; and Jas. Trout Brook. Deceased was a member of the Anglican church The funeral was held this afternoon, interment in St Andrews cemetery, Newcastle, Rev W J Bate conducting services.

THOMAS CARROLL

Thomas Carroll, one of the best known and most respected residents of the Miramichi passed away at his home at Carrolls Crossing on Thursday, Jan 11th, in the 74th year of his age. Mr. Carroll had been a sufferer from rheumatism for the past fifteen years, during the latter part of which period he was confined to his home and sometimes to his bed. But though crippled physically he retained his mental activity till the end and took a keen interest in all the leading questions of the day, particularly the present war accounts of which he always followed in the newspapers. Being a man of cheerful and generous nature his home was noted for its hospitality to all and many friends throughout this province and elsewhere will regret to learn of his death. The funeral services which were held on Saturday Jan 13th were conducted by Rev A J Patstone, Anglican rector of Ludlow and Blissfield, interment being made in the Carroll private cemetery. Three sons of the deceased, William Everett and Justus and one grandson Manford, acted as pallbearers, besides the above mentioned the deceased left one son Thomas, residing in Finlayson, Minn; and five daughters, Mrs Willard Wilson, of McNamee, N. B, Mrs H Lyons of Finlayson, Mrs M Harty of Sandstone, Minn; Mrs E Mitchell and Mrs J B Ogilvie of Superior, Wisconsin. He is also survived by his widow, formerly Miss Elizabeth McKinnon. Mrs T Barry and Mrs J Anderson of Houlton, are sisters of the deceased. Three brothers, Charles, James and John, reside in Minnesota and one brother William in Bristol, N B

A LITTLE CHILD DEAD

The infant child of Mr and Mrs Alex Moore of Chatham, died on Monday aged two months. Mrs Moore was Miss Rachel Howe of Newcastle.

AFTER NAVAL RECRUITS

Mayor Fish has received a request from A. P. Mulcahy, Naval Recruiting Secretary for N. B to assist in securing recruits for the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve for Home and Overseas Service. Mr Mulcahy requests that six or eight live business men be formed into a Naval Recruiting Committee in Newcastle. Mr. E M. Robertson who is organizing the effort to obtain naval recruits in N. B will be in Newcastle on Tuesday Feb 13, to explain the matter fully, and it is Mayor Fish's intention to call a meeting of interested citizens to hear Mr Robertson.

Honor Roll of St. Mary's Academy

Honor Roll of St. Mary's Academy for month of January:

Senior Department.

Lottie McWilliam, Cleora McLaughlin, Gertrude Ryan, May Dolan Bernadette Keating, Margaret Clarke, Doris Buckley, Cecilio Murphy, Bessie Creamer, Margaret Dolan Dora Allen, Mary Taylor, Irene Whalen.

Pupils of Senior Department making over 75 per cent. in examinations during month are:

Margaret Callahan 97.2; Lottie McWilliam 87.4; Gertrude Ryan 85.4; Cleora McLaughlin 84; May Dolan 97; Margaret Clarke 94.1; Bernadette Keating 94; Doris Buckley 80.4; Helen Neif 80.4; Anna McLaughlin 75.3; Nellie Creamer 60; Cecilia Murphy 77; May Donavon 76; Bessie Creamer 93.6; Dora Allen 89.3 Margaret Dolan 86.9.

Commercial Department

Hazel Clarke, Rose Anna Gauvin, Marion Kenneally, Nan Nicholson, Florence Gallagher, Hazel McMaster Jennie Copp, Marion Rundle, Sadie Arsenault, Irene Copp, Jessie Whitney, May Wright

Intermediate Department

Lila Sullivan, Cecilia McGrath, Helen Lawlor, Carmel McCarron, Yvonne Daigle, Laurie LeBlanc, Florine Wright, Lenore Ryan, Marie Caughlin, Beatrice Dolan, Maudie Keating ,Irene Foran, Adrienne Belanger, Armande Lavergne, Gabrielle Lepine, Gabrielle Gelly, Helena Gallagher, Flora Chiasson, Irene Doucet, Albina Bourgoin, Georgina Dolan Gertrude Hall, Bessie Donavon, Katie Gabrielle, Clare Murray, Patricia Keating.

Pupils of this department making over 75 per cent. in examinations at close of first school term are:

Grade VIII—Lila Sulliva n95; Cecilia McGrath 95; Helen Lawlor 94; Carmel McCarron 94; Laurie LeBlanc 93; Florine Wright 91; Lenore Ryan 90; Marie Caughlin 88; Beatrice Dolan 88; Frances Dolan 86; Yvonne Daigle 80; Dorothy Lawlor 77;

Grade VII—Helen aGallagher 85; Margaret Campbell 81.2; Flora Chiasson 81; Irene Doucett 78

Grade VI—Margaret McMahon 87; May Dunn 77.

Junior Department

Laura Black, Violet Crawford, Bella Dunn, Ella Bernard, Bertha Dutcher, Bessie Thibodeau, Hannah Fogan, Margaret Dunn, Annie Gorfety, Helen Black, Helen Donavon, Adele Farrah, Josie Keating, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Fletcher, Gladys Donavon, Alma Paulin, Florence Dunn.

Primary Departfent

May Allen, Francis Ryan, Gladys Hogan, Kathleen Richard, Alice McEvoy, Mildred Vickers, Margaret Bucgley, Martha Black, Stella Stewart, Mollie Savage, Eileen Dalton, Stella Allen, Martina Witzell, Wilhelmina Hogan, Josephine Phee, Nora Phee.

Music Department

Helen Neif, Margaret Clarke, Gabrille Lepine, Gabrielle Kelly, May McEvoy, Florine Wright, Florence Gallagher, Irene Foran, Adrienne Belanger, Estelle Theriault ,Doris Buckley, Laurie LeBlanc, Mona Robinson, Mona McWilliam, Dorothy Lawlor, Helen Lawlor, Alice Dupont, Arlande Lavergne, Nellie Creamer, Albina Bourgoin, Yvonne Daigle, Irene Copp, Alfa Paulin, Mary Fletcher, Helena Gallagher, Annie Gormely.

FREIGHT TRAINS IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Two freight trains disputed the right of on the main line of the C G R at Barnaby River Wednesday, with the result that both came to grief in a head on collision. Both engines were wrecked, a number of cars were smashed, and traffic was blocked for several hours by the wreck. None of the train crews was injured

Letter from Pres. Chas J. Morrissy

The following letter from Mr Chas J Morrissy, President of the West Northumberland Patriotic Fund Association, is sufficiently self-explanatory, and is published out of a desire to deal without prejudice, and with perfect fairness with its author. Life is too short to engage in useless controversy, and if Mr Morrissy is satisfied with his statement, The Union Advocate is not inclined to comment further upon the matter.—Editor.)

Mr. John S. Scott.

Manager Union Advocate,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt today of your letter to my solicitor, Mr. R. A. Lawlor, stating that you published the account of what transpired at the Patriotic meeting January 16th without malice and believing it to be in the public interest, but you would be pleased to insert in your paper an explanation or denial from me.

I thank you for your offer and I take this opportunity to emphatically deny the charges of Coun. Vanderbeck. The charges were so ridiculous as to hardly warrant a denial. No member of the Patriotic Committee in the case referred to or in any other case has ever interfered with any payment since the fund started. Mr. R Corry Clark, the treasurer, is the only man who issues or signs the ques. The issuing of the cheque in question was authorized at a meeting at which I was not even present.

The reason that Mrs. White has not received all the Patriotic monies due her is because the committee has not received a certificate of her husband's enlistment, which certificate the committee must have. Mrs White's case is only one of several claimants whose money is being with held because applications have not been accompanied by certificates of enlistment.

You state in your letter that your article was fair. I do not think so. First you could have found out from the Treasurer how the cheque was issued and secondly you could have reported correctly what I did say. Your article says that I retorted that "I wished Coun. Vanderbeck's son had received Patriotic money," insinuating that I might have as Coun. Vanderbeck charged held it up too.

What I did say was I was sorry Coun. Vanderbeck's son had not received Patriotic money because he might then have paid for a sleigh he bought some five years ago.

You surely must have remembered this because Coun. Vanderbeck replied that he could pay for anything he bought.

The whole business is in the hands of the court and you may rest assured I will make the guilty ones suffer.

Thanking you,

CHAS. J. MORRISSY.

Newcastle, N. B, Feb 6th, 1917

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special evangelistic services will be held next Sunday night at 7 o'clock in the Baptist church. All will be heartily welcome.

STR. HECKLA SUNK

One of the first victims of the new German warfare that commenced on Feb. 1st was the Norwegian steamer Heckla. The Heckla is well known on the Miramichi having loaded here several times during the past few years.

THE FREDERICTON MARKET

Wednesday'smarket was a fairly large one. The following prices prevailed: Beef 7 to 11 cents per pound pork, 14 to 16 cents per pound; eggs 40 cents per dozen butter, 40 cents per pound, potatoes, $4.25 and $4.50 per barrel.

KILTIES TO VISIT NEWCASTLE

A strong effort is being made to fill up the ranks of the 236th N B Kilties within the next month and with that end in view, Col. Guthrie and staff are arranging a Provincial tour of the band, accompanied by speakers. Newcastle will be visited by the recruiting party on February 16th

MITE-BOX OPENING

The Excelsior Mission Circle of the Methodist church held its annual mite-boxopening in the vestry of the church Wednesday night. Over $10 was realized from the mite-boxes. The pastor, Rev C W Squires gave an excellent address on "Missions in the Sunday School" The programme included solos by Misses Edith McLean and Florence Price, and readings by Miss Bessie Hack and Miss Maud Atkinson.

THE PULPLE MASK AT THE HAPPY HOUR

Among the many thrilling scenes in the Universal super-serial, "The Purple Mask," which comes to the Happy Hour Theatre on Monday 12th is a fight in the underground sewers of Paris in which several members of the notorious Apache gang appear as extras. The entire company was taken to Paris for these scenes and others in the French capital. Francis Ford and Grace Cunard are the stars in this production and are supported by a strong case of film artists.

Mrs Jeremiah Cogs of Trout Brook was taken to Hotel Dieu Tuesday for treatment.