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Editorial

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us live some kind of a sermon every day.

ACADIA'S ANNIVERSARY

Another college year has drawn to a close and the many students of both sexes whose presence has added materially to the towns activity during the past winter have taken their departure for their respective homes. It is a pity that these young people are deprived of a residence in Wolfville during the good old summer time when conditions here are at their best. Wolfville is then particularly attractive, when the hottest weather is always tempered by the cool breezes which daily accompany the incoming tide. Some day Acadia will provide summer courses for the benefit of those who desire to do post graduate work and qualify in special subjects.

The present closing has been exceedingly interesting and has been attended with many pleasing incidents. There has been the usual large attendance of the friends and supporters of the university, and while the season has been a backward one the many spring-time attractions of Wolfville have been favorably commented upon by visitors. Unfortunately the earlier date at which these closings are held in recent years prevent those who attend from enjoying the beauty and sweetness of the apple-blossoms and the rich verdure of dykeland and meadow, as of yore.

It was indeed good to welcome back to Wolfville the graduates of former days as well as the hosts of friends of the institutions of which they are justly proud.

An important feature of this year's proceedings was the laying of the cornerstone of the new college building, which is now well on in its construction and which already gives promise of becoming a handsome and imposing structure. All the students who have said good-bye to their alma mater and gone forth to take their place in the affairs of the "wide, wide world" we would follow with all good wishes, and to those—the larger number—who will be back at Acadia next year, au revoir.

FLY THE FLAG

While circumstances made it impossible for such an observance of Victoria Day in Wolfville this year as its citizens would have liked, there was really no justification for the meagre display of bunting which prevailed in town on Saturday. Flags from only a few poles gave evidence of the loyal regard entertained by our people for the memory of good old Queen Victoria.

The matter of flag flying might very profitably engage the attention of Nova Scotians to a considerably greater extent than is apparent. We are so prone to congratulate ourselves on the fact that we do not belong to a nation of "flag-wavers" that we go to the opposite extreme and fail in giving proper respect for the flag that represents so much in our national life.

The psychological effect of a proper display of the flag upon the average human being is noticeable. People appear to brighten up and look upon the world with new eyes. Pessimism is dispelled and new courage inculcated. If more of our people would purchase flags and make it a point to raise them every morning they would create some enthusiasm that would last throughout the day and do incalculable good.

In a few weeks now our town will be thronged with summer visitors many of whom will come from the neighboring republic where we sometimes think that the flag loses dignity by a too profuse familiarity. Naturally these summer people will wonder at our seeming failure to appreciate due to the privilege of British and Canadian citizenship. Maybe they will question our loyalty to the flag and our devotion to our country. Let us show them in the coming days that, with no desire to inflict our opinion upon them, we realize our heritage and love the flag to which we owe so much.

ALCOHOL AND GASOLINE

Unfortunately this fair valley has a few citizens who believe it their right and privilege to get loaded up at a government liquor store or from the bottle of some bootlegger and speed along our highways without thought of other motorists or of pedestrians.

The Victoria Times commented on a recent Seattle speed maniac tragedy in its editorial column and the editorial is reproduced here in the hope that it may reach some of the few speed maniacs of the Annapolis Valley.

The Victoria Times editorial reads:
A family of seven set out in their motor car from their home in Los Angeles on a holiday trip to British Columbia. In Seattle Sunday night the sixteen-year-old son went for a drive around town, with two friends and visited a bootlegger.

An hour later the family car had been wrecked and the son was in jail on a man-slaughter charge. With his brain crazed he drove his car full speed into a crowd coming out of a theatre. He hit one man so hard he sent him whirling in the air. The man had been killed instantly.

Even after that the youth drove furiously down a traffic crowded street until the ride came to an end when the car had a wheel torn off in turning a corner and was smashed against a bulkhead. The holiday tour has ended with the mother visiting her son in jail.

No safe way has yet been found of mixing alcohol and gasoline outside of the laboratory.

A GREAT NOVA SCOTIAN

The proposal is made by the Boston Post to erect a monument on some vantage point on the harbor to the memory of the great Nova Scotian designer and builder whom it credits with the "making of American shipbuilding respected the world over". Donald McKay is only one of a host of provincialists who in the land of their adoption have rendered valiant service in the building up of the great American republic. Had their talent been given opportunity for development in their native land Nova Scotia would have been the gainer. It is with just pride that we hear of the recognition of their worth by a foreign country. Realizing that as Nova Scotians and not as "Americans" their names should go down in history, THE ACADIAN would suggest that in the homeland provision should be made for making a permanent record of their achievements. If as the Post urges "Boston should not permit the memory of the King of American ship builders to grow dim" the fact that he was a Nova Scotian should not be allowed to be forgotten by the people of his native province.

THE LEADING EDUCATOR

Criticism is sometimes heard regarding the intelligence displayed by post-office officials in the handling of mail matter entrusted to their care. This work is a most responsible one and demands a wider knowledge along general lines than is necessary in most other occupations. Our experience is that as a general rule those who engage in this most exacting service measure well up to the demands made upon them.

A case in point came to our notice one day last week, when a letter arrived at the Wolfville post-office addressed to "the leading educator". This town being essentially an educational centre it might have been expected that the delivery clerk would have been perplexed as to the destination of this communication. Nothing of the kind happened. The letter was promptly placed in the drawer of THE ACADIAN and in due course reached the editor's desk.

Our office dictionary defines an educator as one who "forms and regulates the principles and character of", and what other agency functions in this particular to the same extent as does the local newspaper? The influence which it exerts upon the life of its constituency is of necessity beyond that exercised by any other individual or institution, and its value to the community, when properly directed, is greater than may be estimated.

ACADIA DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Repeats "Come Out of the Kitchen" to Packed House—Distinction Awards Presented

The Orpheum Theatre was literally packed on Saturday evening when the Acadia Dramatic Society repeated their performance of "Come Out of the Kitchen". As in the previous presentation all the parts were splendidly taken, the cast being as follows:
Paul Dangerfield, alias Smithfield
Charles Dangerfield, alias MacLean
Elizabeth Dangerfield, alias Brindlebury
Olivia Dangerfield, alias Jane Ellen
Amanda, Olivia's Black Mammy
Randolph Weeks, agent of the Dangerfield's
Burton Crane, from the North
Mrs. Falkener, Tucker's sister
Cora Falkener, her daughter
Solon Tucker, Crane's attorney and guest
Thomas Leffert, statistical poet

The program rendered by the Acadia Conservatory Orchestra before the play and between acts was of a high order and greatly enjoyed.

Between the second and third acts Dr. Patterson made the presentation of awards won during the year in debating, literature, and athletics. The winners were as follows:

- Debating A's—Claire Cutten, Alice MacLeod, E. L. Curry, R. B. Curry, F. S. Crossman, W. P. Warren.
- Literary A's—E. Louise Morse, T. H. Robinson, H. M. Bannerman, C. M. Spidell, T. W. Cook, E. R. Rafuse.
- Basketball Distinction Bands—Helen Archibald, Pauline Colbath, Anne Doherty, Helen Lawson, Jean MacLaughlin, Kathleen MacLean.
- Basketball A's—Kathleen King, Carol Chipman, Beatrice Smith, A. R. Clark, Otto Noble, J. A. Woodworth.
- Basketball Distinction Caps—C. E. A. Brown, S. Chipman.
- Football Distinction Cap—B. J. Elderkin.
- Football A's—D. B. Messenger, A. T. Smith, Blair Elderkin, Arnold Noble, R. E. Jenkins, G. D. Anderson, R. B. Estey.
- Hockey Distinction Caps—A. R. Clark, F. W. Wright.
- Hockey A's—D. H. Collins, F. H.

ACADIA ORCHESTRA GIVES SPLENDID CONCERT

The concert given by the Acadia Conservatory Orchestra last Thursday evening, in the Baptist Church, was a splendid performance and reflected much credit on the conductor, Mr. Carl Farnsworth. It was to be regretted that the attendance was not larger as the program given was deserving of a much larger patronage. The selections by Mr. W. A. Jones, tenor, were also rendered most effectively and were much appreciated. The program was as follows:

- Overture Semiramide Rossini
- Recitative, "Thanks to my Brother" Handel
- Aria, "How vain is Man" Handel
- Second Symphony Haydn
- Adagio
- Allegro
- Menuetto and Trio
- Allegro spiritoso
- Silent Night Bohm
- Jest Her Way Aitken
- The Old Minstrel Evans
- Heart of the Harlequin Drigo
- Frolic and Fancies Adams
- Sweet Little Woman of Mine Bartlett
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That it is genuine appears beyond doubt for it has been examined by several experts. It is an old flint lock musket, with the name of Alexander Selkirk engraved upon the barrel and the date 1701. It was upon Selkirk's adventures that Daniel Defoe based his classical romance.

So pleased was Mrs. Julie Bersing with her acquisition that she gave a "Robinson Crusoe dinner" at the Savoy to celebrate it, the gun being laid upon a silken cushion in the middle of the table.

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