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## WANTS BETTING ON HORSE RACES STOPPED



Rev. Dr. Shearer, Chief of the Social Service Council of Canada, headed the deputation which waited on the Prime Minister at Ottawa, demanding the suppression of race-track betting and the prohibition of the publication of racing information. The Premier assured the deputation that the question would be dealt with by the cabinet.

## ACADIA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

At the University Chapel on Thursday morning, announcement was made of the winners of several scholarships, as follows:

Class of 1905 scholarship of \$50 for the Sophomore making the highest average in his or her Freshman year, was awarded to Miss Grace Perry, of Wolfville.

Scholarship of \$150 for the Freshman entering Acadia University with the highest average from Provincial Grade XI examinations, was awarded to Elizabeth Corey, of Wolfville.

Scholarship of \$200 for the Sophomore entering Acadia University with the highest average from the Provincial Grade XII examinations, was awarded to J. Walter Graham, of Halifax, at present a resident of Wolfville.

Scholarship of \$200 to the student from New Brunswick making the highest average in the first division of the matriculation examinations of New Brunswick, was awarded to Miss Cora, Davis, of Brockway, N. B.

## PRESIDENT PATTERSON IN HALIFAX

Special services with special musical programmes marked the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Tazewell Baptist church, Halifax, on Sunday. The preacher at both morning and evening services was Dr. F. W. Patterson, President of Acadia University, who delivered two strong anniversary sermons and created a fine impression on members of the congregation.

Both morning and evening services were splendidly attended, practically the whole congregation turning out to hear Dr. Patterson, a favorite speaker in Halifax. A feature of the anniversary services was the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Sunday School in the afternoon, when Rev. A. L. Huddleston, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered a special address to the children of the congregation.

It was the third Sunday of the three weeks' series over which the jubilee celebration was to extend and was brought to a close with Dr. Patterson's address in the evening. The public services from the start were very largely attended, over \$5,300 being raised in money and pledges through offerings during the three weeks' series of special sermons.

## FINE FEATURES OF BIG NEW PICTURE

Thrilling Scenes Abound in Action of "To Have and To Hold".

Pirates being thrown headlong from towering decks; sword-fights while cannon boom, and a thrilling swing for life 130 feet across, and over the deck of a rakish corsair craft—such are the thrill features of George Fitzmaurice's new Paramount picture production of "To Have and To Hold", with Betty Compson and Bert Lyell in the featured leads, aided by Theodore Kosloff and W. J. Ferguson in strong roles.

The pirate incidents were taken in the ocean off Be'boe, Cal., aboard the old South Sea trading schooner, "William G. Irwin", specially rebuilt for pirate purposes. A hundred tough looking pirates with swords, pistols, bandannas and all the other earmarks of their calling form a vivid background against which the principals play out their thrilling parts.

Mr. Fitzmaurice devoted much time to the closing scenes in the luxurious banquet room of the court of King James I of England. This sequence, with its wealth of gorgeous seventeenth century costumes, particularly those worn by Miss Compson and Mr. Kosloff, is said to provide a strongly contrasting note to the color of the pirate scenes.

In this banquet scene appear "in person", such notables as William Shakespeare, Ben Johnson and the Duke of Buckingham.

Quida Bergere adapted "To Have and To Hold" from the famous romantic novel by Mary Johnston which was a best seller some years ago. The picture will be presented at the Orpheum Theatre Christmas. It should prove a strong drawing card.—Admission only 35 cents including tax.

Four street lights have recently been placed on Kent avenue, greatly improving conditions on that thoroughfare.

## WOLFVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Held Third Competitive Entertainment Last Week When Exercises Reflected Great Credit Upon All Concerned.

The third of the annual competition entertainments given by the pupils of the Wolfville High School was held at the Orpheum on Thursday evening last, and proved an unqualified success in every particular.

At each of the three entertainments the attendance has increased, and on Thursday evening standing room at the back of the theatre was hard to obtain, and a number who were in possession of tickets were unable to gain admittance.

As on other occasions the entertainment was under the direction of Principal Silver upon whom and his competent staff of teachers, as well as upon the pupils themselves, great credit is due for the excellent program given.

Each of the three grades of the High School presented a programme consisting of a song, two readings, one act comedy, and a scene. Miss Ruth MacDonald judged the songs, Mrs. Leslie Eaton the scenes, Dr. D. B. Hemmeid the readings, and Dr. W. L. Archibald the comedies.

The decision was awarded to Grade XI, though it was considered that Grade X's song was the best. The three other numbers were won by Grade XI, whose readings were given by Virginia McLean and Mason Cogswell. In their comedy, "Stage Struck", the actors were Mason Cogswell, Jack Williams, Maxine Williams, and Ronald Prescott. Their scene, "Italian Life", was without doubt the best presented in the three years of the competition, though Grade IX's scene, "Roseland", was a close second.

The decision of the judges was unanimous and was announced by Dr. W. L. Archibald. Dr. Archibald also announced that the Acadia scholarship of \$150.00 which is awarded to the Grade XI student making the highest aggregate in the Provincial examinations, goes this year to Miss Elizabeth Corey. This is the third year that this scholarship, competition for which is open to the whole Province, has been carried off by a Wolfville student.

During the evening selections were rendered by the High School orchestra, under the direction of Miss Newcombe, which were greatly enjoyed, as was also a cornet solo skillfully given by Harold Phinney.

The following is the programme in full:

Grade IX  
Song by Class: "Out on the Deep"  
Readings: Mae DeWitt  
Bryce Hatfield  
Comedy: "Train to Mauro"  
Scene: "Miserers"  
Scene: "Roseland"

Grade X  
Song by Class: "The Huntsman's Chorus"  
Readings: Jean Shaw  
Reuben Cohen  
Orchestra: "Grand Opera Selections"  
Comedy: "A Piece of News"  
Orchestra: "Bugle Boy"  
Scene: "Holland"

Grade XI  
Song by Class: "Soldiers' Chorus"  
Readings: Virginia McLean  
Mason Cogswell  
Cornet Solo: "Rufus Rastus"  
(Not counted towards points for cup)

Comedy: "Stage Struck"  
Scene: "Italian Life"  
Presentation of Cup  
NATIONAL ANTHEM

## A TIME FOR ACTION

To the editor of THE ACADIAN.  
Dear Sir,—According to evidence given at the local police court it would appear to be the duty of the town authorities to get busy in the matter of the suppression of boot-legging in our town. From the above named sources we learn that pedestrians on our streets are very likely to be accosted by strangers having the ardent in their possession and which they are willing to dispense at a reasonable figure—and ask no questions. From this authoritative source we also learn that there are those within our borders so generously disposed that it is not an uncommon thing for a householder to discover a jug of cider or other refreshing beverage tucked inside his door at any time without anything to identify its coming. In face of these conditions, and also because of the fact that behind any building, either public or private, one is not unlikely to stumble over a bottle or other receptacle containing liquid, is it any wonder that there should be evidence of disorder on our streets during the night hours? Truly, we are living in hazardous times.

It is the plain duty of the "powers that be", it seems to the writer, to take immediate steps to protect the unwary among our citizens, as well as the stranger within our gates, from the temptations which evidently abound on every hand.

## PRECAUTION AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday evening last a special Christmas service of a very interesting nature was enacted at the Baptist church. The auditorium was suitably decorated, and the pastor, Rev. Dr. Marshall, gave an interesting exposition of the Gloria in celsis, Gloria to God in the Highest on Earth Peace.

The message, Dr. Marshall said, was formerly divided into three propositions, Glory, Peace and Good Will, but the Revised Version resolves it into two—Highest Glory and Conditioned Peace. Peace is the fruit of goodwill, and there is no peace for the soul or for the world that is not conditioned in goodwill.

The special Christmas music, a cantata, "The Nativity", by Gibel, was rendered by the church choir, directed by W. A. Jones, with B. C. Silver at the organ.

With good wheeling, good sleighing and good motoring Christmas shoppers have not had difficulty in getting to town to do their buying this week.



WISHING EVERYBODY A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## The Christmas Influence Upon Human Lives

NINETEEN hundred and twenty-four years ago this month—or so—is the popular placing of an historical event—a child was born in an obscure village in a far away Eastern country. Had you been a neighbor of the family into which this small stranger came, there is little likelihood that you would have attached any particular significance to the event, or anticipated anything out of the ordinary to follow.

And yet, throughout all the centuries that have elapsed since that day, the name of that child has been held in veneration by an ever-growing proportion of mankind. Why? Because he left for those who should come after him rules of life and conduct that not only promised peace and joy to all who followed them, but actually made good their promise.

"But," says someone, "is this literally true? Are those who follow Jesus the Christ at peace with themselves and the world, and is life for them a joy?" Well, regardless of all seeming testimony to the contrary, the world would be hard put to it to prove otherwise.

If in all the years there had been but one individual able to demonstrate the truth of Jesus' teachings and promises, that alone would have been sufficient proof of their applicability to the problems of all mankind. But untold millions of individuals have at least had glimpses of the promised peace and joy, and perhaps in all history the conviction of their reality has never been borne in upon so many minds as now.

Today, more men and women than ever before are striving to put into practice in their daily lives the simple rules of the Sermon on the Mount, and to accept as applying to themselves the promises made by the Master to his disciples. The fruit of this effort, as anyone who chooses may discover for himself, is health, happiness, and peace.

## Town Topics Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybody's Tongue

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### A Pleasant Ache!

Walter E. Eaton writes: Your advertisements have started my sweet tooth aching again. I have just finished one of your 5 lb. boxes of burnt almonds. Please quote price of a 5 lb. filled half

Cake and fancy biscuits are the order of the day, now that the visiting season is in full swing. Introduction of the highest grade biscuits during the past year has met with a wide welcome. Bialbe, Petite Beurre, Ginger, Sandwich and Cleopatra being particularly popular.

## DIAMOND WEDDING

Unusual Anniversary Celebrated Prominent Wolfville Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Prat celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on Monday evening of this week. The unusual event was made the occasion of a pleasant surprise by the members of the congregation of St. John's church of which Mr. and Mrs. Prat have been prominent members for many years and Mr. Prat has been long an official. Mr. and Mrs. Prat are among the oldest and most highly esteemed of Wolfville citizens, and are the recipients of the most hearty and sincere congratulations from a host of friends.

The following address was presented: To Mr. and Mrs. George A. Prat Dear Respected Friends,—Ye your neighbors, friends and fellow church members gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity of congratulating you on the attainment of this sixtieth anniversary of the beginning of a long and happy married life, and of expressing our personal esteem for you both as faithful and useful members of the church and community, and we pray that you may be spared for many years of mutual happiness. As a tangible evidence of our affection and good will we ask you to accept the accompanying gift.

The address was read by Rev. Mr. Dixon. A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Prat by Miss Margaret Sherwood, the youngest member of the congregation.

Mr. Dixon said a few words and expressed his appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Prat, and his pleasant memories of a long friendship, and of Mr. Prat's services to the church.

A purse of gold was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Prat by the members. A pleasant evening was passed during which refreshments were served.

## SUNDAY AT THE UNITED CHURCH

The services in St. Andrew's United church last Sunday were in keeping with the Christmas season. At the evening service the choir rendered several Christmas carols including "The First Noel", "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" and Lublier's "Cradle Song".

Dr. Hemmeid spoke on the origin of Christmas and its surviving customs. The celebration of Christmas is older than Christianity and more widely spread. Among the Romans, the "Saturnalia" was a season of feasting and the hymns of Saturn were the Roman substitute for our Christmas carols.

Among the northern nations of Europe this season was celebrated by the "Yule Feast" in honor of their god, Thor, with songs, dances and savage rites. The Christmas of the Nativity was not fixed for December 25 until the fourth century.

Our Christmas carols came from Palestine, our Christmas tree from Germany, Santa Claus comes from Holland, and England contributes the Christmas card, the Yule log and Yule candle.

"These were shepherds," an anthem by the choir, concluded one of the most enjoyable Christmas services ever held in St. Andrew's church.

## SPRY AT 93

One of the most remarkable "old young" ladies in Nova Scotia is Mrs. Tabitha Newell, of Clarks Harbor, who though 93 years old is strong and active, mentally and physically, while today she does more work than many women half her age.

At a distance, to see her coming along the street, one would take her for a woman in the prime of life. She frequently walks one and a half miles each way to visit her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Kenney, and says that it does not tire her at all.

Mrs. Newell believes that to keep on working is the best way to prolong life, consequently she does her own washing and ironing as well as having the fall knit several pairs of mittens and socks. —Yarmouth Telegram, Dec. 12.

## HYDRO BENEFITS IN PICTOU

A gentleman from Pictou came into the Eastern Chronicle office on Tuesday and showed us his November bill for electric current used in his home. The bill was for 43 k.w.h. and under hydro rates he made a saving for the month over the former rates charged by the Town of Pictou of \$2.68.

His bill was for \$2.48 and under the old rate it would have been \$5.16. He was particularly pleased with the result. It was a practical showing of the advantages of the introduction of hydro. He had not taken any part in the movement for cheaper light, but now that he was participating in its benefits he was anxious to express his gratitude to someone. When the citizens of Pictou realized the benefit they were individually receiving they would be equally appreciative, was his opinion. We assured him we would pass on his words of appreciation to those who had stood behind the movement and given it time and effort.

Last week we cited the monthly saving that a Pictou man discovered he was effecting through the introduction of hydro. One New Glasgow citizen looked up his November account and did some calculating with a pencil. Under this old rate it would have cost him \$11.48. Under hydro his bill was \$5.10, a saving of \$6.38 for the month. We fancy this is a pretty large consumption for a single household, but the user has the satisfaction of feeling that he can now be generous as far as the lighting of his home and the generous use of electricity is concerned and have his bill for current within reasonable bounds.—Eastern Chronicle, New Glasgow.

Wolfville was invaded on Tuesday evening by a detachment of the Salvation Army which had an open air service on Main street and contributed to the general stir of Christmas shopping.

## RETIRED ON 65TH BIRTHDAY



The Admiralty have announced the retirement of Admiral Lord Jellicoe, effective December 5th. He commanded the British Grand Fleet in the battle of Jutland, May 31, 1916.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DAVISON STREET

December 21st was the coldest day of the season, the thermometer registering 8° below zero. Rather cold weather for Santa Claus.

Miss Helen M. Fritz returned to her home at Mt. Hanley last week after spending the past five weeks with her sister, Mrs. V. A. Card.

Miss Olive E. Coulter, teacher at this place, went to her home in Berwick Dec. 20th, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Coulter and her pupils entertained a number of friends on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18th, by giving a concert. The tree was heavily loaded with presents and looked very nice.

Those from here who attended the Christmas concert at Greenfield and Gasperau were pleased with the program. Mr. Burlingame J. Card has returned home, after spending the past week with friends in Erie, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Levy and daughter Erma, of Greenfield, spent Dec. 14th at the home of V. A. Card's, of this place.

We are very pleased to report that Mrs. Fred Jordan is much improved in health at time of writing, but sorry to report that the whooping cough is prevailing around here in this cold winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Vegre A. Card started for Mt. Hanley on Wednesday, Dec. 24th, where they will spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel J. Fritz.

Passing service in the Baptist church on Sunday, Dec. 21st, 1924, at 3 o'clock, under the auspices of Mr. J. A. Beyer.

## LAW AND ORDER

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.  
Dear Editor,—I have seen quite a lot in your paper of late regarding law and order in our town, and I would like to ask the question—How do the people expect law and order when things are handled as they were last Saturday night?

A man was arrested for being drunk and causing a disturbance on the street and was locked up, and I would like to see what the magistrate orders his release and he was let out of jail by his friends.

What do you think of it?  
One for Law and Order.

## WHY SHOULD WE NOT?

THE ACADIAN takes the liberty of printing the following extract from a private letter just received from Miss Annie M. Sturt, who is spending the winter in sunny Florida.

The suggestion which she offers is so good that we cannot do better than pass it along to our readers:

"I find the Americans are very optimistic about their country and know very little about our country. Old Nova Scotia, with all her natural resources and fertile soil would thrive with prosperity if all her sons and daughters were willing to INVEST their money and BOOST, as the people do here in Florida."

The big word here is DEVELOPMENT and I think that would be a good New Year's message for us. Not so much to put money in our pockets as to help build up our Valley for the future.

We have every thing in the Valley—beautiful scenery, fertile soil, hills and valleys, and the best fruit growing districts in the world. And the climate makes good healthy citizens.

Why should we not be BOOSTERS?

## GRAND PRE

Mrs. Fred Townsend spent a few days of last week in Halifax, returning to her home on Friday.

Miss Amy Youg, primary teacher, left on Friday to spend the holiday season at her home at Blanchford, Lunenburg Co.

Mr. Sam Trenholm, of Montserrat, S. A., arrived here a few days ago and will spend the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Trenholm.

Miss Freya Townsend, of Welton's Corner, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Fred Townsend, for the holidays.

Miss Alice Troop left on Friday for Granville Centre, where she will spend her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Trenholm are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Mary Trenholm, who is attending Business College in Halifax, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Trenholm, during her vacation.

Misses Mary and Daisy Eaton returned home on Saturday from New Glasgow, where they have been visiting their sister, Mrs. C. L. Grant.

The first of Mrs. John Lawrence will do for her that she is recovering from her recent illness.