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NOTES AND NEWS OF LAWRENCETOWN

Mothers Day Fittingly Observed at Baptist Church.—Fine Music and Sermon at Methodist Church.—Social And Personal Items.

Mr. G. Kinney of the National Bank, N. Y. is a guest of his mother, Mrs. H. B. Kinney.

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Dr. Archibald was a day in Halifax, the guest of his mother.

Mr. Rackham, father of Rev. H. Rackham, is a guest at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. R. L. Morse and daughter were at the college closing in Wolfville.

Miss Elizabeth Morgan, Truro, is at home for the week-end.

Mrs. McLearn is at home for a few days then goes away on F. M. Kingston.

Mr. J. Hall, is at home from Mt. A. The daughters of Rev. A. Whitman, Stella, Francis and Jean are at home.

Mrs. M. Wheelock has gone to Wolfville.

Mrs. Charles Ronch has been to Wolfville, her sister Miss Phinney has graduated from Acadia.

Miss G. Jefferson has been in Halifax for a short time, is now at home.

Dr. F. Wheelock and Dr. M. Elliott were in town recently.

Mrs. F. Bishop, Bridge St., has been visiting friends in Nictaux.

Mrs. Fairs has been a guest at the (Continued on Page Four)

Personal Mention

One of the nicest courtesies you can show your friends is let them learn through this column of your visit whenever you go away. Let us know when you have visitors at your homes. The Monitor will consider it a courtesy whenever you give us an item of this kind. Write or phone No. 12 or 102.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Goodwin, Grandville Centre and daughter Blanche are attending the closing exercises at Wolfville this week. Another daughter, Miss Edith is a member of the graduating class of Acadia University, securing her B. A. degree.

Mr. H. E. Burns, of Halifax, spent the week-end in town, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Burns.

Mrs. S. C. Turner has returned from a visit to relatives in Cambridge and in Peabody, Mass.

Mrs. A. R. McNeil of Kenville, who has been visiting her father Mr. Wm. Monro and her sister, Mrs. Mildred Bauld, returned home on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Bauld's little son Hugh.

Rev. D. W. Dixon of Port Lorne was a visitor in town on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Lang of Lockport is visiting with the guest of her daughter Mrs. C. P. Lewis.

Mrs. J. L. Shafter, of Grandville Ferry, left on Tuesday to visit her sister, Miss I. G. Willett, R. N. of New York, she was accompanied by her little daughter Grace.

Mrs. Braine went to Sackville last week to witness the graduation of her daughter, Miss Winnifred at Mount Allison. She returns tomorrow. Miss Winnifred, who graduated with high honors in English and who won a \$30 prize, went at once to Truro to take a course at the Normal College.

Dr. MacMechan, "Dalhousie University, while here" last week was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owen, before leaving town he had a long and interesting interview with Capt. W. J. Prin, Messenger.

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NEW DISPLAY ADVERTISEMENTS THIS ISSUE

- All changes of copy for ads, MUST be in by 12 noon on Monday's each week.
- Buckler & Daniels
 - Town Topics
 - Mindard's Lignum.
 - A. Young & Son.
 - Colonial Motor Co.
 - Fred's Place.
 - Cheysey's
 - Strong & Whitman.
 - Modern Business College
 - Lockett & Company.
 - Mrs. E. L. Fisher
 - H. H. Whitman.
 - B. N. Messinger.

CLARENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morse, of Brighton, Mass., local manager for the Boston Ice Co., has been spending a week at the home of his cousins, Lorenzo Elliott and Mrs. Laura Bishop, after an absence of 40 years. Mr. Morse has been conveyed pretty well over the Co. by auto and is well pleased with his native province. Mr. Morse's trip was tinged with sadness as he came to convey the remains of his mother, Mrs. Mary Morse, who was laid in the family lot at Pine Grove Cemetery, Middleton.

Dr. M. R. Elliott, of Wolfville, called at her old home recently.

Mrs. E. Stewart Elliott has been spending a few days visiting relatives in Weston, Kings Co.

Gordon Banks has purchased a farm near Margaretville and has taken possession.

Mrs. Albert Banks is visiting at Kingston Village.

UNITED CHURCH NOTES.

On Wednesday evening of this week the famous story, "Ben Hur" will be read and illustrated by colored slides. Admission is 25c and 15c.

An Annual Board Meeting will be held in the United Church next Monday evening, June 2nd, at 8 p.m. All funds should be in before that time. As announced last Sunday, next Sunday special offerings will be taken up all over the circuit and all above the average weekly offering will be devoted to Missions and Connexional Funds. We need two hundred dollars.

The Annual Conference Billings Committee is on the war-path and we must all do our best in the way of providing entertainment if we are to have ample accommodation. Remember the number of delegates will be in the vicinity of one hundred and fifty.

The Young Peoples Society plans to open the Tennis Courts this coming Friday.

Miss Sadie Banks of Halifax is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Banks, her sisters, Miss Susie Banks who has spent the last three months in Windsor, is also at home.

Mrs. Allister Banks, of Mt. Rose, spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs. Norman Healey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Titus was calling on friends here on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Edgar Grant is spending a few days with Mrs. Stephen Neaves.

Mrs. Zachue Hall visited her daughter, Mrs. Johnson Beardsley on Monday 19th.

VISITING DAYS AT THE SCHOOLS

Thursday and Friday This Week Days Appointed.—Visiting Programme Exhibit of Manual Training Work.

Annual visiting days in the Bridgetown Schools have been fixed for Thursday and Friday, May 29th and 30th, and hours as follows:

Thursday.
9-9.30—Miss Hayden (Primary Dept.)
10.30-12—Miss Whitman (Grades 2 and 3.)
1.30-3—Miss Ritchie (Grades 3 and 4.)

Friday.
9-10.30—Miss Miller (Grades 5 and 6.)
Afternoon—High School departments—Principal Archibald and Vice-Prin, Messenger.

On account of recent illness of Miss Crowell it has been thought advisable this year to omit visiting day in her department. On the afternoon of both Thursday and Friday there will be an exhibit of work done in the Manual Training department under supervision of Mr. Price.

HAMPTON.

Mrs. Curtis Foster is spending a week at Wolfville with friends and relatives.

Mr. J. H. Shearer and two children, Beatrice and Harvey, of Paradise, spent Sunday 25th with Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Fash.

Miss Thurber, of St. Croix, spent the week-end with Miss Zella Foster.

Mrs. Judson Chute, Clarence, spent Sunday 25th with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Tompkins.

MRS. JANE GUEST MURDEROUSLY ASSAULTED AT PORT LORNE

Miscrants Gain Access at Night to Her Room Before Arrival of Neighbors Makes Her Way to Road Bleeding Profusely.—Slight Clues Yet But Investigation Is Being Conducted by Attorney Generals Department.

Mrs. Jane Guest, an elderly widow of Port Lorne was assaulted in her home on Tuesday night and left in an unconscious condition as the result of the murderous attack, and probably the fact that her shrieks for help frightened off her assailant she would have been left dead.

About eleven o'clock Mr. Stephen Neaves, her next neighbor, who had retired to bed was awakened by shrieks and frantic cries for help. Hastily donning some clothes he ran in the direction of the sounds and found Mrs. Guest then on the road shrieking and bleeding profusely. He removed her to his home and when she relapsed into unconsciousness. Examination revealed two cuts on her head, one several inches long from the top of the skull backward several inches and the other at the back of the head. She regained partial consciousness next day but on Thursday appeared brighter but still in a critical condition. She could give no definite clue to identify her assailant. The old lady lived alone but with neighbors close by. She had no enemies and her condition financially was not such as would tempt thieves or robbers. So far as we have been able to learn no one was seen about her premises that evening but the close proximity of woods would permit approach being made to her home without the cognizance of neighbors, and at the time of the assault most of the population would have retired for the night. The party who made it gained entrance by a window on the ground floor but evidently knew the interior arrangements of the house for in leaving he made his way out by turning a button which fastened the front door on the inside.

He would scarcely have used a search light in the interval between the assault and the arrival of Mr. Neaves. The probability is that he was frightened away by the sound of approaching footsteps. The house was locked up after the assault and remained so till the arrival of a detective from Halifax on Thursday. The wounds on the old lady's head had the appearance of having been caused by a hatchet or light axe but at time of writing the instrument of attempted murder has not been found. The village has been thoroughly roused by the sad event the first of its kind to occur in Port Lorne, and no efforts will be spared to bring the guilty party to justice. The case was put into the hands of the Attorney General's department assisted by local authorities.

The old woman was evidently attacked very suddenly and in what light was given by the moon it appears somewhat doubtful if she could have identified her assailant even supposing he were not a stranger in the place.

The Story of the Assault.

It appears that on Tuesday night Mrs. Guest had retired as usual but after being in bed some time heard sounds below as if some one were in the house. Getting up she lit a lamp and proceeded down stairs making a complete examination of the ground floor rooms. No one was found but it appears evident that as she went to the front stairs her assailant stole up the back ones and hid himself in one of the rooms. Returning upstairs she placed her lamp on the stand and prepared to go to bed again. The miscrant made his appearance from hiding, struck the lamp, breaking it and extinguishing the flame and then struck the old woman twice on the head inflicting the wounds described above. Some parties in Port Lorne have advanced the theory that the woman fell down stairs and was wounded thus. This is not borne out by facts as a casual examination of the premises showed.

The house, an old one and rather dilapidated structure lies close to the main road running through Port Lorne and down to the Bay. It fronts toward the south but the bedroom occupied by Mrs. Guest faces the west and the road. The lower sash of the window is and has been missing. On the lower part of the upper sash, a patch of blood about the size of a man's hands and no doubt made there when she put her head out the window to call for help.

On the ground immediately under the window was a larger quantity of blood which had fallen as she shrieked. She had quite profusely after going out on to the road. At the north side of the house and facing the Bay are a number of low windows and through one of these the assailant made his entrance. Just under the window is the print of a foot but nothing distinctive about it as regards either size or appearance. After the occurrence the front door of the house was buttoned and everything left as before, including the window mentioned.

The house itself has an ell at the back and contains quite a number of rooms not more than four apparently being put to any special use.

The surroundings are grown up with shrubs and behind are outbuildings also by the little brook a few yards away the remains of a grist mill operated years ago by Mrs. Guest's father, Thomas Sabians. Beyond this are woods. The place was thus easy to enter and easy to leave from unnoticed at night particularly.

Detective Moshier of Halifax arrived in the village on Thursday afternoon, made examinations and commenced an endeavor to find clues. In conversation with the Editor he admitted that the case was a most baffling one from an apparent lack of motive for the assault. It could not be burglary for it was common knowledge that the old woman had no money. No stranger had been seen around the village. Mrs. Guest did not appear to have any enemies. All these circumstances made the finding of clues a difficult task.

We were unable to learn whether any weapon had been found in the house such as could have been used in inflicting the wounds mentioned above. However in any case the assailant could have easily taken the hatchet or hand axe away with him.

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CADETS HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED AT ANNUAL INSPECTION BY CAPT. H. M. LOGAN.

The annual inspection of the Bridgetown Cadets took place on Wednesday and was made by Capt. H. M. Logan of Halifax, District Cadet officer of M. D. No. 6. Forty of the corps were on parade and the march past, battalion drill, squad drill, extended order, physical training and organized games were all exemplified in a smart manner and the captain complimented the corps on the excellent showing made.

The officers of the corps are: Ralph Adenson, Captain; Dennis Mack, Platoon Commander; Charles Anderson, Platoon Sergeant.

GRANVILLE FERRY.

A large number of visitors listened with much interest to the exercises on "Empire Day" given by the teacher and pupils of elementary department of our school. Ven. Archdeacon Watson and Rev. J. B. Thomas were among the visitors and spoke very encouragingly to both teacher, who is Mrs. E. Poole, and pupils. Much credit is due Mrs. Poole for the careful training of the little ones. And we sincerely trust she may have another successful year with us.

Miss Nettie Casswell having spent the past week in St. John, N. B. returned home Monday.

Miss Susie Troop of Belleisle, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Amberman.

Christina Willett of Berwick, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Blanche Calnek.

Mrs. Charlie Saunders spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Blair.

Mrs. Adeline Weatherspoon and daughter Margaret, having spent the winter months in Mass. arrived home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Curry and children, of Windsor, are visiting Mrs. Curry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherspoon.

Miss Kathleen Wagstaff was married to Mr. Henry Lewis Cave on Monday the 19th at Northampton, Mass.

CLEMENTSVALE.

Mrs. Clifford Smith, left for Wolfville Saturday, to attend the closing exercises of Acadia College.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Wright and Mr. Robert Freeman of Lansdowne took place at the parsonage Wednesday, May 21st. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wright, in the evening.

Mrs. Z. A. Sanford of Princesdale, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. M. S. Brown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser, of Princesdale, is visiting at Mrs. Genos Sanfords.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Potter who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Manning Potter, at South Farmington, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Ina Hubley, who has been spending the winter in St. John, N. B. returned home on Wednesday.

TEACHERS ENGAGED FOR 1924-25.

Officially Reported to Inspector Foster.

Through the courtesy of Inspector Foster we are publishing below list of teachers with their schools, for the ensuing year. As soon as a teacher is engaged both she and the Secretary of Trustees must notify the Inspector at once. No doubt the below list should be much larger. A second list will be published the last part of June. By preserving these lists, teachers without schools will have a better idea where their services may be needed:

Section Teacher
North Springfield—Miss Florence M. Marshall.
Belleisle—Miss Hazel Gould.
Smith's Cove, Primary—Miss Fern Cossaboom.
Tupperville—Miss A. M. Chesnut.
Cross Roads—Miss Pearl Long.
Paradise West—Miss Mary E. Martin.
Bridgetown 2nd Prim.—Miss Evelyn Beattie.
Bridgetown, 1st Int.—Miss Helene Hicks.
Annapolis, Vice-Prin.—Mr. Joseph E. Steadman.
Bear River, Prin.—Mr. Dennis B. Wright.
Round Hill, Adv.—Miss Minnie C. Whitman.
Grandville Ferry, Adv.—Miss Augusta Messenger.
Granville Ferry Prim.—Mrs. Elinora Poole.
Wilnot—Miss Florence E. Karnes.
Brichton—Miss Minnie A. Cochran.
Gilbert's Cove—Miss Ingeborg E. Haught.
Clarence East—Mr. Clyde M. Brown.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT N. WILLIAMSTON

D. M. Charlton Loses Home, Barn, Horses, Cattle And 50 Tons of Hay.—Loss only Partially Covered by Insurance.

North Williamston.—One of the most destructive fires in this community occurred Tuesday evening between the hours of six and seven o'clock, when D. M. Charlton's fine residence and also his barn and outbuildings were totally consumed by fire.

The fire which started in the barn from some unknown cause, was well under way when first noticed by Mr. Charlton's family.

Neighbors and friends rushed from all directions but when they arrived that nothing could be done to save the buildings, but by their heroic efforts the household furniture was saved. The contents of the barn were totally destroyed, including three horses, two head of cattle, fifty tons of hay, five hundred bushels of grain, several tons of fertilizer, and some farming implements. Some insurance was carried, but the loss is a heavy blow to Mr. and Mrs. Charlton, who are hard working and industrious people. Their many friends sympathize deeply with them in such a loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Charlton welcomed a son on the 22nd.

Miss Eva Whitman is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whitman.

Mrs. Gates of Beech Meadows, Queens Co., is spending the summer with her son, Mr. Wm. Gaetz.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Turner of Bridgetown, were guests at the home of W. E. Illsley on the 21st. Mrs. William H. Bezonson and children of Brickton were guests at the same home on the 22nd.

W. A. ANNUAL MEETING AT DIGBY

Delegates From All Over Province Will Assemble at Gathering of Church of England Missionary Workers.

Digby will receive an influx of visitors next week, the occasion being the 19th annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Women's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. Delegates are expected from all parts of the Province and the meetings will extend from Monday to Thursday.

The local clergy taking part will be the Rev. T. C. Mallory, rector of Annapolis, who conducts the opening devotional service with address on Monday afternoon, the Ven. Archdeacon Watson, rector of Grandville, who celebrates the Holy Communion on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in Holy Trinity church, the Rev. Wm. Driftfield rector of Digby and Rural Dean of Annapolis, who preaches at the 11 o'clock service on Tuesday morning, and the Rev. Canon Underwood, rector of Bridgetown, who conducts the "Quiet Hour" at noon on Wednesday.

The last session of the gathering will be held on Thursday morning. Besides the regular delegates who will be in attendance throughout, we understand the Bridgetown branch of the auxiliary propose to send a large representation on one, if not on two days, also St. Mary's, Belleisle.

UNION OF MORE SCHOOL SECTIONS

Commissioners of Annapolis Disapprove Belleisle School House And Grounds.—All County Schools But Two Colored Ones in Session This Year.

The annual meeting of the Board of School Commissioners of Annapolis West held their session in the Court House, Annapolis, Royal, on Friday, May 16th.

Throughout the country there are many small sections finding it difficult to maintain a school. Also the attendance of the pupils in such sections is so small that school work is lacking in enthusiasm and interest, both for pupils and teachers. Two of such sections were linked up with larger sections.

Dalhousie West, No. 52 Annapolis East was united with Dargis No. 35, subject to the approval of the Council of Public Instruction and the Annapolis East Board. Myers Gibson who is the only resident of Dalhousie West having children will get \$1.00 a day for conveyance. He is over three miles from the Dargis school house. Payment for conveyance will be met by \$90 from the Municipal School Fund, \$35 from Provincial Aid and the balance from Sectional Rates.

Guinea was united to Clementsport. Most of the pupils in Guinea are less than two miles from the Clementsport school. Parents living more than two miles get from fifty cents to one dollar per day for conveyance. The conveyance fund is made up of \$120 from Municipal Aid, \$60 Provincial Aid and about \$50 if needed from sectional funds. The Board ordered that residents of Guinea more than two miles and one quarter from the Clementsport school shall not pay a rate higher than \$1.00 per hundred assessment.

The Board expressed its disapproval of the Belleisle school house and grounds. This section is the wealthiest rural section in Annapolis County and the Board felt that it should erect a school building in keeping with the spirit and ideals of the community. Inspector Foster was instructed to write to the trustees and ask them to bring the matter before the ratepayers at their annual school meeting in June.

Inspector Foster reported general improvement in school buildings, grounds and equipment. All schools in Annapolis West, save two colored schools, have been in session during the year.

ENSLEY BOYD HAS HAND NEARLY SEVERED.

Middletown—Ensley Boyd, who is employed at the local mill of the Canada Co-operative Company, had his hand nearly severed below the wrist Tuesday afternoon, by one of the saws. He was oiling the machine when his hand came in contact with the swiftly revolving circular saw.