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GREETINGS

To Our Many Friends and Customers.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE ANNAPOLIS CHURCHES

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Following children took part: Muriel Barajun, Ruby Carr, Vivian Munroe, Averil Coombs, Willetta Taylor, Phyllis Cummings Alice Carr, Violet Rawding, Ruth Harnish, Frank Munroe, Ansel Coombs, Reginald Munroe, Corey Cummings, Edward Munroe and Howard Ritchie. The remainder of the programme consisted of recitations by Dorothy Weir, Ruth Carr, Vivian Munroe, Clifford Beeber, Howard Ritchie and Donald Willis; "Lullaby" song and recitation by Bertha Barajun, and a vocal solo by Lester Harnish. On Christmas day an early celebration of Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Luke's church, and a full service at eleven o'clock with splendid music by the choir, and Christmas sermon by the rector, Rev. T. C. Mellor. The church was artistically decorated with the usual evergreens, and beautiful chrysanthemums and a plant sent by Mrs. Howie in memory of her husband, the late Rev. Henry Howe, formerly rector of the parish.

Rev. Monsignor Grace officiated at the masses at St. Thomas' church, which was tastefully decorated with carnations, ferns and poinsettias and many lighted candles. Monsignor Grace preached from the Gospel of the day, and the choir rendered special music, with Mrs. C. E. McClafferty at the organ. The Christmas offering amounted to ninety-seven dollars. Mr. Arnold Emerson, now an electrician in Boston, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ezra Medcraff at Upper Clements.

Mr. William DeVaney, Jr., arrived recently from the West, and is spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. DeVaney. Mr. and Mrs. James Rippey of Berwick, with their little daughter, spent Christmas with Mr. Rippey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rippey. Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie and her daughter, Miss Gertrude, paid a short visit to Halifax on Monday. Mr. William H. Harris of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff at St. John, N. B., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris on Christmas day. Mr. Reginald Roon, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Aylesford, spent the holiday with his parents,

BRIDGETOWN PEOPLE SEE WONDERFUL NEW BIRD FILM, THE "SEA FOWL"

On Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23rd, the bird-lovers of Bridgetown received a great treat in the form of moving pictures of the wonderful bird life on the coast of the Canadian Labrador. These pictures were taken last summer by a government photographer in Labrador and have just been completed for public showing this month. Bridgetown was therefore very fortunate in being one of the first towns in Canada to see these pictures.

At 3 o'clock the Primrose Theatre was well filled with an enthusiastic audience. The meeting was opened with a few words by Principal Archibald and then Mr. Maurice Armstrong, Honorary Bird Officer for Nova Scotia, who has spent two summers on Labrador Protection Service in the Canadian Labrador, gave a short address. Mr. Armstrong first told of the bird life on the Labrador and of the terrible destruction formerly wrought there by the Halifax eggers. He then went on to explain the "Migratory Birds Convention Act" whereby all our migratory birds are protected during the nesting season, all over North America. This work is carried on in Canada by the Canadian National Parks branch of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Armstrong closed with a few words in honor of bird protection and conservation of our wild life.

The moving pictures entitled the "Sea Fowl" then followed, five reels of wonderful scenes—wild Labrador coast country, rocky islands, barren moss-covered hills and Indian villages. We saw the Bird Officers at their work—and birds—hundreds of them right in their homes. There were even little gulls hatching out of their shells and old mother ducks watching their nests. All kinds of sea-birds were seen in their natural haunts. It was a treat such as only comes this way once in a life-time and everyone of those present went away with a keener interest in our wild birds and their protection.

The proceeds from this entertainment went to help along the school fund.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Fenwick W. Harris. Death removed from this life one of the most generally esteemed residents of Upper Granville, Mrs. Fenwick W. Harris. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, two sisters, Mrs. A. F. Burns, formerly of Clementsport, and Mrs. William Piggott, of Granville Ferry, another sister, Mrs. John Troop of Granville Centre, died about a year ago, three brothers, Harry and Russell Withers of Granville Ferry and Joseph Withers of Boston.

The deceased, nee Ida Withers, who was sixty-eight years of age at the time of her death, was a daughter of the late Walter Withers of Granville Centre, and was during the whole period of her married life a resident of Upper Granville. She was an active worker in the Methodist church and in all movements for community betterment and was much beloved for her hospitable and friendly disposition. The funeral service which was largely attended was conducted by Rev. J. H. Freestone on Sunday, Dec. 14th and interment took place in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephen Boehner. Paradise.—The death took place at an early hour on Sunday morning at the residence of her son, Mr. Aubrey Boehner of Paradise, of Mrs. Stephen Boehner after a long illness, borne with cheerfulness and resignation. Her husband predeceased her ten years ago. She leaves to mourn their loss four sons, Aubrey of Paradise; Reginald, Lorne and Charles, in different parts of the United States. We hope next week to publish a more extended notice.

DEEP BROOK. Mr. S. C. McAnn, our teacher, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Wallace, Cum. Co. Miss Ethel Purdy, of Windsor, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Purdy.

Mrs. Walter Purdy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wright at Bear River. Miss E. A. McClelland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Spurr for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Sanford of Torbrook, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sullis entertained a large dinner party on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Clarke of Bear River, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roon and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shortt and Miss Bessie Hooper of Digby.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Purdy and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Harris for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nichols and daughter Nellie, spent Christmas with Mrs. Nichol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McClelland at Clementsvale.

Mrs. Flora Purdy spent Christmas with her daughter at Bear River. Capt. Frank Spurr was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spurr over Christmas.

We are happy to report Miss Gertrude Curtis gaining strength daily from her recent serious illness. We extend hearty New Year greetings to our valued Editor and staff.

PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS BOARD BEING ASKED TO OPEN ROAD FROM LAWRENTOWN TO ALBANY ROAD.

Lawrentown.—A pretty generally signed petition is being circulated in Lawrentown asking the Provincial Highways Board to open the so-called Trout Lake Road. This runs in a practically direct line from the main road on the south side of the Annapolis River at Lawrentown through Trout Lake where it joins the Albany Road. The advantages claimed over the route at present used is that it is only a few miles the distance to the South Shore and for the most part is nearly free of grades. A greater advantage too is the presence in the country traversed by this road of abundant supplies of excellent road building material. From the trading point of view there is perhaps little to choose between this route and the one in general use. The proposed road passes through no settlements, but goes very near to Inglisville and West Inglisville, the road through these two places crossing the Trout Brook road. Excellent gravel could be brought from pits along the latter road for highway construction in this Valley and while the initial cost of opening this road would be greater than continuation of work on the other road indicated above, it is claimed that once opened up the cost of upkeep would be much less.

Personal Mention

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D. H. Sarsfield, of Paradise was calling on friends here Friday.—(Kingston item in Outlook.) Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Fitch have arrived home from Middleton, where Mr. Fitch underwent an operation at the Memorial Hospital. He is still at time of writing, confined to his room but expects shortly to regain his usual health and strength. Edward Orlando is home from Acadia and spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Orlando. Owen Armstrong is home from Dalhousie and is spending the vacation with his mother at Tuppersville.

Mrs. A. E. Hart and daughter Miss Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harriss and sons Donald and David, all of St. John are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peters and will remain here till after New Year. Miss Edna Clarke is home from Wolfville, where she is taking the business course and is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Clarke. Mr. F. H. Willett of Tuppersville, who had been in Florida some little time looking after his business interests there arrived home for the Christmas season.

Mr. James Fay is home from Dalhousie University and is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fay. Mr. George Foster is home from Acadia to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foster. Mr. C. J. Hoyt, of North Sydney, arrived on Tuesday on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Catherine FitzRandolph, whom we regret to say is quite ill. Mr. Borden Tupper is home from Dalhousie, spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. L. M. Tupper.

OBITUARY. Edwin Spurr. The death of Edwin Spurr, son of Charles and Margaret Tupper Spurr occurred at Round Hill, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, Dec. 21st, 1924. Mr. Spurr was a life-long resident of Round Hill, having been born in that village 67 years ago.

He was a staunch supporter of the Church of St. Paul, having been a member of St. Paul's Church since boyhood. He was well and widely known throughout the community and respected by all. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, by Rev. T. C. Mellor, from St. Paul's church, assisted by Rev. A. Gibson at the house and grave.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a widow, formerly Miss Alina Hendry, of Pleasant River, Queens Co., N. S. Three sons, Vernon H. Spurr, Boothbay, Maine, Dr. Starr F. Spurr, Toronto, Ont., and Eugene G. Spurr at home. Five daughters Mrs. Percy Farnworth (Alma), Edam, Sask., Mrs. C. F. Owen (Josephine), Belmont, Mass., Mrs. Ormon Bassett (Jennie), Waverley, Mass., Julia, Edam, Sask., and Margaret in Boston, also a sister Mrs. John Whitman, Clementsport, and one brother, A. T. Spurr of Digby.

OBITUARY. Unique Family Gathering. Lawrence.—A family gathering took place on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bishop which was in several ways unique as it included their five children and families, twenty-two in all. There has been no break by death of any members of the families represented. A very happy time was spent by all.

Local Happenings

Rev. A. J. Prosser went to Truro, on Tuesday on Children's Aid Society business and will visit the Industrial School, Halifax, before his return. The last of the week will be spent in Digby County.

Mr. A. B. Clarke left yesterday for Block House, Lunenburg County, with \$4000 worth of Silver Black foxes purchased from the Rayner, Clarke and Harlow ranch by a company recently organized in the Lunenburg centre named above.

The Women's Institute meet at 3:30 on Thursday, Jan. 8th in the Board of Trade Rooms.

The Home Nursing class resumes on Friday, Jan. 2nd at 3:45 in the Board of Trade Rooms. Preparations have been made for a Fancy Dress Carnival on Friday evening in the Bridgetown Rink. Prizes are offered for the best and for the most ludicrous costumes. The Bridgetown Band will be in attendance. Skaters in costume only will be allowed on the ice before 9:30. The Carnival promises to be one of the best yet held here.

Mrs. Mary Bishop, who was admitted to Digby Hospital some time ago suffering from a fractured skull, left the hospital Monday, completely cured. It will be remembered that Mrs. Bishop was taken from Bear River after she had been struck on the head with the butt end of a two edged axe, at the hands of her son, and at that time very little hope was held out for her recovery. After a delicate operation had been performed by Dr. DuVernet, the lady seemed to recover, and after careful nursing and medical attention she completely recovered from the wound. The son, so we are informed, has been taken to Dartmouth for treatment.

Tomorrow, Thursday, being "The Feast of the Circumcision," and New Year's Day, there will be a service with celebration of Holy Communion in St. James' Church schoolroom at 10 a.m. The annual Recreation Hall Christmas Tree entertainment took place last night. We hope to give an extended report in our next issue.

Charles LeBrun left for Sackville, N. B., by the Sunday midnight train to attend the Tuxis Boys Parliament, which is meeting there this week. We understand Charlie, on his return, is to make a full report to a meeting of the combined local Tuxis Squares and this, doubtless, will be unusually interesting.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Baptist church hold their monthly meeting in the church at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 5th. The meeting will be followed by a tea. Little Gordon LeBrun fell off a chair on Saturday and injured his arm painfully. It was at first thought a bone was broken. Dr. Armstrong was called in an examination fortunately showed this not to be the case.

The marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage, Lawrenceville, last Thursday of Miss Norah Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Taylor to Mr. Albert Oickle. Mr. and Mrs. Oickle will reside in Lawrenceville.

On Monday evening friends of Miss Irene Harding showered her at the home of Mrs. E. C. Hall, where she received many handsome and useful gifts. Dainty refreshments were served and the occasion was much enjoyed by all present. Miss Harding as many of our readers know is shortly to become a principal in a pleasing event.

The staff at Central wish to thank all those of the subscribers who remembered them so kindly during the holiday season. Our staff here is a very obliging and painstaking one and their work is highly appreciated by the public.

The Bridgetown Hockey Club have made financial arrangements with the Rink Management to have the use of the ice two evenings a week, Tuesday and Thursday, and will it is understood, have sixty per cent. of the gate in games which teams of the local league now being formed play with each other. The management of the Rink will make the arrangements when outside teams come here to play. It is expected that there will be four teams including the High School in the town league.

Messrs B. N. Messinger, P. O. South and the Bank of Nova Scotia have the thanks of the Monitor for handsome calendars. Some interesting local matter were obliged to omit in this issue will appear in our next, including Masonic celebration of St. John's Day and other items.

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ROTHSAY LOSE A. F. & A. M. CELEBRATE ST. JOHN'S DAY.

The officers and members of Rothsay Lodge, A. F. & A. M. celebrated St. John's Day, attending Gordon-Province United Church evening service. There was a good turn out of the brethren who presented a fine appearance. Mr. R. Fay, P.M. was Marshal. Special music of a high order was rendered in the church and an eloquent sermon, an outline of which is given below was delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Freestone.

The preacher's introduction referred to the very significant fact in history that about the same period in different part of the world, Confucius in China, Buddha in India, Zarathustra in Persia, the Orphic movement and hysterics in Greece, and the prophets of Israel, there came a universal effort on the part of the more civilized to reach out and up beyond to a spiritual idea of God. This found its peak and development in Israel—beside such the other, and separate, movements sink into more or less insignificance. It is the "high and lifted up" of Isaiah. Samuel's, "Behold, obey is better than sacrifice, and toarken than the fat of rams." Abraham the father of all who have faith, was the first to apprehend clearly the idea of God. God who cannot be obtained in a building made with his, God who is the Great Geometer of the heavens.

That was the germ idea that was struggling for life in the surrounding nations but which had come to birth in Israel. Side by side with it, and of course arising it, was the crude Animism of the peoples, Animism, which peopled stones, and trees, and hill-tops without, which, if they worked well were retained, but otherwise cast aside and new ones picked up. Animism, rude and debasing and a sure preventive to growth in lofty ideas from which are born, music, art, indeed althah ennobles, and the true ideas of God; Animism, eventually found champion in Israel in Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

The preacher then went on to describe the significance of the Temple in this lofty ethereal development of the thought of God and of Jeroboam's shrewd estimate of it and his counter-measures in the building some weeks.

Messrs Will and Truman Hyson, of Newton, Mass., are spending their holidays here with their Mother, Mrs. Mary Hyson. Mr. L. H. Stoddard of Lawrenceville, has gone to Florida to spend his counter-measures in the building some weeks.

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