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LIFE OF MRS. JOHN A. McAVITY ENDS SUDDENLY

Prominent Leader in Many Community Efforts Passes Away

TO HER Y. W. C. A. OWES EXISTENCE

Heart Trouble Causes Death Soon After Severe Attack Comes

A kindly personality endowed with fine executive qualities that has enriched the communal life of Saint John and New Brunswick for almost two generations, suddenly passed to its reward in the early hours of this morning when Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Humphrey McAvity, wife of John A. McAvity of T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., succumbed to a heart attack—spells of weakness to which she had been subjected for some time past—at her home, 38 Orange street. Barring a son, William Humphrey, Baptist clergyman who held pastorate in various parts of the Maritime Provinces, the State of Maine and in the Canadian west, when she was a child of ten the clergyman's widow married John E. Marsden, well-known in Saint John as an old-time days as a leading ship broker and one of the founders of the Leinster street Baptist church. It was in the Marsden home that Mrs. McAvity grew womanhood and after a Normal School graduation of distinction taught school for a period.

She was married to Mr. McAvity in 1878 and the surviving children are: Eleanor, wife of William M. Anglin, Allen G. McAvity, president of the Independent Oil Company, also of this city; Mabel, wife of Rev. J. A. McKeegan, Moosejaw, Sask., and formerly of St. David's church here; Lieut. Col. T. Malcolm McAvity, manager of the Hall Coal Company in Montreal and for a long period resident in England; and Catherine, wife of W. Arthur L. Anglin, whose home is in the apartments in Orange street. There are fifteen grandchildren. Two brothers, Eldridge and William Humphrey reside in United States.

HER Y. W. C. A. WORK To mention Mrs. McAvity's activities in public life would be a large measure be a resume of much that has been done by leading organizations in philanthropies, church work, the bettering of social conditions for young people and motherliness in this city for years past. Citizens will doubtless first think of her as the organizer and for years the leader in the Young Women's Christian Association. Beginning with that worthy institution, the "Travelers' Aid"—still functioning vigorously, Mrs. McAvity evolved the "Y" movement amongst girls and young women. Nobody but those immediately associated with her, it was stated today, can appreciate the sacrifice of strength and comfort she made during the struggling days of this institution, the advantages of which she strove to demonstrate from the Palm Garden in King street, a cafeteria and by the acquisition of the Saint John Presbyterian church property in King street East. Today, because of a very much sub-divided field, the Y. W. C. A. has retreated to a basic group of buildings in King street East, where the work is going on successfully, a lasting testimonial to an inspiration Mrs. McAvity was instrumental in materializing.

IN RED CROSS. During the Great War, when women everywhere organized into Red Cross units, Mrs. McAvity was foremost in the local organization. For some years she was president, and under her direction the Saint John branch accomplished prodigious work, responding with untiring energy to the fine example set by their chair-officer.

"MOTHER" OF BOY SCOUTS. It was always a reminiscence of tender appeal to Mrs. McAvity that in a motherly enthusiasm for boyish welfare she introduced the Boy Scouts' movement into Saint John as far back as when her sons, Allen and Colonel Malcolm McAvity, were little fellows themselves. This was in connection with Stone church Sunday school work, where Mrs. McAvity taught a class of carpenter girls for a number of years. The scout movement seemed to get its impetus from this practical demonstration and everybody knows what it means to the boy life of the community today as roundabout the world.

OF CULTURED TASTES. In the widespread work of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England Mrs. McAvity occupied various official positions in connection with Saint John Stone church and entered into these denominational activities with her characteristic zeal. A woman of literary tastes and a trained teacher, she was one of the original members of the French Club organized by the late Mrs. Fiske. In fact Mrs. McAvity could always be counted upon for support in cultural forward movements and in her own family, ere the ideals were inculcated so that today

Useful Life Ends

MRS. JOHN A. McAVITY

Prominent Saint John lady who died suddenly this morning.



ALMANAC FOR SAINT JOHN, DEC. 17. High Tide... 9.18 P.M. Low Tide... 6.28 Low Tide... 7.08

Local News

BETTER TODAY Friends of William Swanton who is ill at his home in Waterloo street, will be pleased to learn that he is slightly improved today.

CITY WATER SUPPLY The water department men were busy yesterday in Havelock street, West Saint John, repairing a leak in the main and today are repairing a leak in the main in Spar Cove road.

MAN IS SOUGHT A relative in Rutherford, New Jersey, is enquiring as to the whereabouts of Frederick Charles Crawford whose father was in the shoe business here about 15 years ago. Chief of Police received a letter yesterday asking that an effort be made to find him.

TWO GOOD APPLE YEARS A. G. Turney of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Fredericton, who is especially concerned with the apple growing enterprises of New Brunswick, came to the city today. He says the yield of apples for the last two years has been particularly good and highly encouraging.

FOUND ALL O. K. Dr. D. J. Page, of the Department of Health, Ottawa, medical officer in charge of quarantine, left last evening for Quebec on his way back to Ottawa. He inspected the immigration sheds on the west side yesterday afternoon and found everything in excellent condition.

WORK ON NEW VESSEL A. C. Currie, local manager of the Eastern S. S. Co. returned from Boston today. He says work on the new \$1,850,000 twin-screw turbine oil-burner for the Boston-Yarmouth route is progressing rapidly in the Cramp yards. The new craft will be ready for the 1927 traffic, which it is expected will be enormous, judging from developments the last two years.

CLASS SEASON CLOSURE The Home Nursing Class of the Red Cross at Webster street, left last night. Thirty-four members received their attendance cards, many of them being for 100 per cent. attendance. Miss Harrington, New Brunswick organizer, addressed the meeting. The class presented to the teacher, Miss Fowler, a beautiful electric reading lamp. Miss Harrington was the recipient of a lovely bunch of chrysanthemums.

Tenders May Have Checks Back

At a meeting of the Common Council, in committee of the whole, this morning it was decided that the Common Clerk should return the deposit checks to the tenderers on the Carleton City Hall reconstruction if they applied for them, none of the tenders having been accepted.

Bank Clearings Again Are Higher

The Saint John bank clearings this week totalled \$2,469,829, which again is an increase over the 1924 figures. These were \$2,280,229, so that this week's gain is \$189,600. The 1923 clearings were \$2,698,673. Halifax figures this week were \$8,621,524. In Moncton they were \$1,007,752.

KINDLY REMEMBERED.

Doubtless ladies and gentlemen who have been co-workers with Mrs. McAvity in some of the public work already mentioned, or perhaps in numerous avenues of endeavor not so publicly known, will recall many instances wherein her bright, prompt executive and unusual vigor carried out projects great and small which at first appeared almost insuperable. Of late years Mrs. McAvity upon the urgency of her physician and family had relinquished nearly all of her public work and had been enjoying the afterglow of a very useful life. She was a lady of plain and simple tastes and one whose social activities were always in the direction of usefulness.

CONDOLENCES.

Upon news of Mrs. McAvity's death the Orange street home was visited by many sympathizing friends and messages of condolence have been pouring in all day. Mr. McAvity, whose busy life in his own sphere has been also spent in giving active support to his wife's benefactions, has received a number of personal messages expressing the feelings of his friends in the blow he has sustained.

KINDERGARTEN SCHOOLS CLOSE

Presents for Kiddies and Gifts Made for Parents

Christmas Trees in Evidence—Fairville and Some Other School Programs Given

The official Christmas closing of the kindergartens took place this morning and special programmes were carried out at each school. Members of the Kindergarten Association visited the schools during the exercises. Parents and friends of the children were also on hand to enjoy the exercises.

CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas tree was in evidence at each kindergarten and gifts for parents made by the children were hung on the trees. These gifts included attractive little calendars, cleverly woven baskets, dolls. The trees were also attractively decorated. Special carols were sung by the children and games and story telling were included in the program.

Members of the Kindergarten Alliance distributed gifts for the children, the boys receiving shovels and the girls, dolls. Members of the Kindergarten Association under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Spangler supplied each school with an abundance of oranges, candies, nuts and popcorn.

At the North End kindergarten in Orange Hall, Simonds street, Miss Edith Stephen was in charge; in the G. W. V. A. rooms, Wellington Row, Miss Lou Estey, in St. James Sunday school, Broad street, Miss E. Colwell; in St. Mary's Sunday school, off Waterloo street, Miss Winnifred Ross, and in the Thorne Lodge, Miss Ruth Manks is in charge.

AT ST. MARY'S

At the closing exercises of St. Mary's Kindergarten Miss Winnifred Ross was the teacher in charge, assisted by Miss Bernice Flewelling and Miss Maymie Baig. The room was very prettily decorated with trimmings made by the children and the tree was hung with presents of blotters, match-scratches and calendars with the children's pictures, which the children had made for their parents. About 50 of the regular pupils took part and the room was filled with the Christmas atmosphere. Major; Jingle Bells, Guy Tapley swinging bell; Jack Frost; story, "The Christmas Chimes," Wilfred Ross, exercises; Tommy Stephen; Holy Night, Reta Randon; Jack and Jill, Edward Landry; Connie Smith; Willow; Conchita and Salene; Voltaire; Syrian chorus; recitation, Who is it down the chimney comes at Christmas time, Stephen Richards; Merry Christmas, Mrs. Taylor; Jingle Bells, Guy Tapley; God Save the King.

IN OTHER SCHOOLS

The Christmas closing exercises in the Beaconsfield, St. Rose's and Fairville Superior schools took place this afternoon. The Protestant Orphan's Home School, Manawagoshish road, also held its closing exercises this afternoon. Tomorrow the city schools will close for the holidays.

SEND STOCKINGS TO SOLDIER PATIENTS

Red Cross Workers Busy Today Preparing For Cheer in Hospitals

The spirit of Christmas prevailed the morning when the members of the Provincial Red Cross Hospital committee, of which Mrs. Leonard Y. D. Tilley is convenor, assembled to pack the Christmas stockings for the soldier patients at Lancaster and East Saint John hospitals. The total this year is approximately 100. The stockings themselves are suggestive of cheer, made of scarlet material and of good proportion, and contain gifts and Christmas connections with tags of good wishes attached. The ladies on the committee are Mrs. Tilley, convenor; Mrs. Walter A. Harrison, Mrs. G. Ernest Barbour, Mrs. F. S. White, Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. James H. Dooly, Mrs. W. P. R. Taylor, Mrs. W. D. Foster and Mrs. M. E. Lawrence.

OPTION IS TAKEN ON MACAULAY BLDG.

Talk of American Firm Starting Department Store in King Street

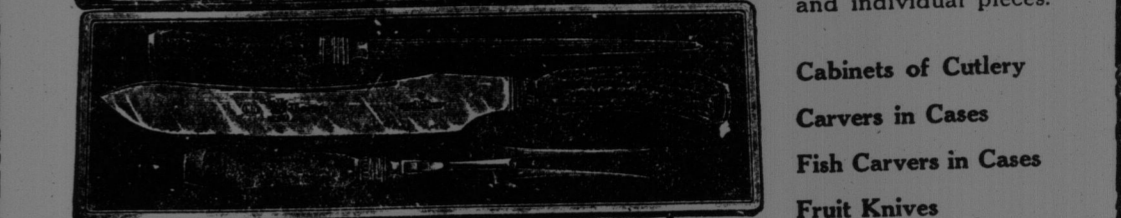
The possibility of a new department store in the Macaulay building, King street, was talked of this morning. M. L. McNeill, manager of the Imperial Life, who owns the building, now said that an option had been given to an American firm and this would expire for a few days yet. Until the option had expired there would be nothing definite to give out.

STILL ALARM

A still alarm was sent in at 4:15 this morning from one Victoria street. The chief had built a fire in the kitchen stove and left the stove-oven off for a few moments, the room filling with smoke. No. 1 Chemical wagon responded. There was no damage.

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Gloves

Of Kid, Wool, Chamoussuede, Silk Knit, Wool Lined—all the new smart shades and styles 85c to \$3.50

Fancy Work, Linens, Towels, Linen Breakfast Cloths, Linen Napkins, Linen Handkerchiefs, Novelty, Sweaters, Toques, Coats, Dresses.

Boys

ALL KINDS OF GIFT TOGS IN OUR REAL BOYS SHOP Boys' Shop - 4th Floor

Luggage

Cloth Bags and Soft Cases of Solid Leather, a full variety, priced from \$7 to \$30 Street Floor

Hosiery

Wool Hosiery in Checks, Plaids and Fancy Stripes are most popular and make \$1.25 practical gifts. Other Hosiery - 50c to \$2.50 Street Floor



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Lovely Velours in soft blues, rose, grey, tan, \$5.75 to \$11.50 Beautiful Corduroys trimmed with silk braid and maribou \$8.75 to \$16.50

Handbags

Imported English Bags of Suede, Morocco and other fine materials, in fawn, grey, blue and black—\$3.50 to \$12.50

Women's Shop - 3rd Floor

HE

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Men's Shop, Street Floor

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