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## ODDFELLOWS HOME FOR BRIDGETOWN

### Crescent Lodge With Support of Many Others In Running For Location Here

The big feature of interest at the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge which meets at Truro on August 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, will be the selection of a location for the Oddfellows' Home. It is expected that there will be a large delegation present from all over the jurisdiction which embraces the entire Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

The efforts of the brethren and sisters have now assured the selection of a suitable home for aged Oddfellows and it is of interest to note that the first practical move in this direction was made in 1910, when the then President of the Rebekah Assembly, Sister Peters, a member of Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge, Bridgetown, presented Grand Lodge, then meeting at St. John, with \$1500 collected. From this small beginning the fund grew to its present proportions.

Of course there are several places in the running for location of the home. Among them being Amherst, Truro, and Pictou. From Halifax to Yarmouth we understand that the only town at present in the race is Bridgetown and Crescent Lodge of this place will no doubt receive considerable backing from Grand Lodge delegates in the Valley and western part of the Province towns as well as from many other lodge delegates in other parts of the jurisdiction.

The elements which enter into the selection are being carefully weighed by the Order to ensure a selection strictly on merit and outstanding advantages. One of the very strongest claims which is being put forth for Bridgetown is the fact that the former property the selection of the local committee endorsed by Crescent Lodge will be self sustaining from the start and a property from which an ever increasing revenue can be obtained. The location is just outside the town limits on the main trunk road running through the Valley. The farm itself contains four hundred acres of land, fifty-four of which is under cultivation yielding from seventy-five to ninety tons of the best hay. There is seventy-five acres in pasture with never failing water supply. The orchard contains eighteen acres with nine hundred apple trees with an average yield of twelve hundred barrels of apples of the best flavor and best for export, such as Kings, Bishop Pippins, Golden Russets, Gravensteins, etc. As many of the trees are still quite young, each year should bring an increase in yield.

The house on the property is a two story one 20x40 with eight rooms on each floor, four on the lower and two on the upper, having open fire places, modern bath room, electric light, town water. The barn is also electrically lighted, has water supply and is equipped in the most modern way.

## VISIT OF KENTVILLE BOARD OF TRADE

On Wednesday afternoon last Bridgetown enjoyed a pleasant visit from the members of the Kentville Board of Trade, wives and lady friends on their return from Annapolis. The party was made up of over two hundred persons and fifty cars were required for the trip and made a fine showing.

The town was gay with hunting and the visitors were welcomed by the Board of Trade and enjoyed while here the baseball match between Bridgetown and Kentville, which is described in another column. Refreshments were provided by the local Board of Trade. Musical selections played by the Kentville band at the conclusion of the ball game. Short speeches followed of a nature appropriate to the occasion, Mayor Chesley, of Kentville, a former Bridgetown leading off. Other speakers were Hon. H. H. Wickwire for Kentville, President E. A. Hicks, Bridgetown Board of Trade; Hon. O. T. Daniels; A. E. McMahon, President Kentville Board of Trade. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by both visitors and visited. Get together events such as these, even if of brief duration, help to cement good feeling and co-operative spirit. Mr. George E. Graham, General Manager; Prof. Saxby Blair, of the Gov't. Experimental Station, were present with the large number of business and professional men and other leaders of activities in the Kings County town. These, with the many ladies who accompanied the party, made up a gathering both pleasing and unique. Bridgetown enjoyed their presence and will be glad to see them all again on future occasions.

Among the visitors who joined the Kentville Board of Trade picnic at Annapolis Wednesday was Mr. F. G. J. Comeau, Gen. Passenger and Freight Agent, Halifax, accompanied by Major Osmoney, Assistant Industrial Commissioner of the C.P.R., Montreal; Lieut. Commander Turrell, the youngest commander in the British Navy, who has come out from England to look over fruit farms with an idea of purchase; and Mr. G. F. Humphrey, expert in the utilization of waste products in fruit and vegetables, and who during the war was in charge of hydrated fruit and vegetable plants for the British Government. He will look over prospects during his trip through the Province. These visitors to our Valley are much delighted with the magnificent scenery and the productivity on every hand. They state that they do not fully appreciate the great heritage which is ours. The fact is, we have become so accustomed to our fair Valley that it takes the visitor at times to point out beauties which we have overlooked.

## ROUND HILL

Mrs. David O. Land and son David, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ritchie, returned to their home in Halifax on Friday, 29th.

Mrs. (Capt.) Wm. Tepper, of Moschelle, and sister, Mrs. George Starratt, of Salem, U.S.A., spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritchie, a visitor from Moncton, N.B., have been visiting the former's brother, Mr. Wm. Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Echlin and daughter Ina, left on Saturday for Montreal. They will be much missed by their many friends.

Dr. Charles E. McLaughlin and family, accompanied by Miss Dot MacMillan, of Halifax, visited relatives in this place last week.

Mrs. Charles Flinde and little daughter Erena, returned Friday from a visit spent at Deep Brook and vicinity.

An auto party of friends and relatives from U.S.A. were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Flinde.

Mr. David Hodlins, of Moncton, N.B., recently visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jefferson.

## BRIDGETOWN WINS AT YARMOUTH

### Local Boys Have Long End of a Ten to Eight Score--All Well Pleased With Trip

Bridgetown baseball team secured a win over Yarmouth on Friday on the grounds of the Yarmouth Association the score being 10 to 8. In the first innings both teams ran up a heavy score, but after that matters steadied down to a nice interesting game. The boys were all well pleased with the trip and the good sportsmanship of Yarmouth players and fans generally.

Bridgetown:	A. B.	R.	H.	E.
Works 3b.	4	1	2	1
Donaghy 1b.	4	1	3	1
Jackson c.f.	5	1	4	1
Grimshaw 2b.	5	3	3	1
Smith s.s.	5	3	1	1
Mansfield l.f.	4	0	3	0
Marshall r.f.	5	0	1	0
Austin c.	5	0	0	0
Malcolm p.	5	1	2	0

Yarmouth:	A. B.	R.	H.	E.
Comeau s.s.	5	1	0	0
White l.f.	5	1	2	0
Saunders 1b.	4	1	1	0
Smith l.f.	3	0	1	0
Boyd 3b.	5	1	2	0
Lightbody 2b.	4	2	0	0
Veno r.f.	3	1	0	0
Clements c.	5	1	1	0
LeCain p.	4	0	1	0

Two base hits: Grimshaw two; Donaghy; Smith; White. Strike outs: Malcolm 9; LeCain 7. Umpires: G. Gill at bat; H. T. McKenzie bases.

## CLEMENTSVALE

Mrs. Julian Glidden and two children from Summerville, Mass., are visiting her mother, Mrs. C. Trimmer. Miss Helen Nass and Mr. Lester Hewey, of Lake Munroe, called on her sister, Mrs. George Cross.

Mrs. Mary Riley, of Bear River East, spent Thursday afternoon with her nephew, Mr. George Cross.

Mrs. Heartford Long and little daughter spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. William Potter.

Quite a number from this place attended the cherry carnival at Bear River, July 25th.

Miss Jennie Pulley, of Victory, spent a few days with her brother, Mr. Geo. Cross.

Miss Edith Simpson and Miss Edrie Darris spent Sunday with relatives in this place.

Mr. Loran Potter, of Virginia East, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. J. Wambolt.

Mr. Harley Potter spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Douglas Potter. Miss Lee Etta Riley spent Wednesday at her home in Virginia East.

The town of Bridgetown is very properly taking further steps to perpetuate the memory of its founder, Capt. John Crosskill, and to that end a handsome bronze tablet will be placed in position on a stone in Riverside Cemetery. This will be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies during the Centennial Celebration. The tablet will bear the following:

To the memory of Capt. John Crosskill, R. N. Who Founded the Town of BRIDGETOWN in 1822. Born 1749. Died 1826. Erected by the Town of Bridgetown at the Centennial of the Founding 1922.

## Capt. John Crosskill R. N., Founder of Bridgetown



A word about the picture of Capt. John Crosskill given above: It was furnished by Mrs. Geo. E. Boak, of Halifax, daughter of late Judge James, of Halifax, and therefore a great grand daughter of our founder. It is taken from an old oil painting made previous to 1800 in her possession, and was lent work of the American Artist Copley and shows Capt. Crosskill to be a very dignified and intelligent looking man and worthy of our respect and honor.

## His Early Life and His Coming to Annapolis County.

(By M. E. Armstrong, M. D.)

Captain John Crosskill, who was the founder of Bridgetown, was born in Norwich, England, in 1749. Nothing is known of his parents but a family tradition alleges that while quite young he and another brother was cared for by an aunt who after the two nephews had served terms in school and were able to take the required educational test for the officers in the army and navy this aunt secured positions by her influence for the two of them. John entered the navy and his brother the army. The latter was sent to India and was never heard of afterward by the branch of the family that came this way.

Young John seems to have made due progress in promotion in the navy, for in 1776 we learn he had been advanced to the position of

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## GRADE XI PUPILS RECEIVE RESULTS

Results are now coming in for the Provincial Examinations and the following pupils of Bridgetown High School were successful in securing Grade "B" with aggregate as follows: Aubrey Price, 599; George Potter, 598; John Roberts, 483; Borden Tupper, 473; Harry Mack, 465; Owen Armstrong, 460; Rebekah McMillan, 449; Edward Orlando, 443; Iren Crowe, 412; Matilda Fredericks, 371.

A number of others made aggregate up to 400 and over but failed in one subject. 356 is pass mark aggregate on seven subjects. Others again made the required aggregate but fell down on a subject or so. All were well over three hundred.

Mr. Carlisle Wilkinson, of the Bank of Commerce staff, Halifax, spent the week-end in town, the guest of his uncle, Mr. John Wilkinson.

WHITE WINE  
Visitors say: "The White Wines of France are wonderful." Folks say Blue Bird Standard is wonderful but they don't know what we can do till they try our Orange Pekoe.

## GRADE A WORK IN BRIDGETOWN

### Proposal To Extend Local High School Course so as to Include Grade XII Subjects

There has been a strong request made upon the Board of School Commissioners here to extend the High School Curriculum locally so as to include Grade XII or "A" work and it now seems probable that this request will be acceded to. Our excellent teaching staff is very modest regarding the educational standing and achievements of the High School so that it may not be generally known that Bridgetown has the largest High School enrolment of any town in the Valley not excepting Kentville. Some seventy-five or more pupils have been pursuing courses here for the past two years or so and attendances on the increase. Those who have completed the "B" course have been obliged to go to college or to other institutions at a distance to further pursue their studies. It is now felt by many that the "A" work should be done in Bridgetown.

To do this an additional teacher will be required quite probably a man who is capable of instructing in Manual Training, a part time work, and who can also teach classes in grades IX and X so that relief thus furnished will enable Principal Archibald and Vice Principal Messenger to take up with pupils the "A" course.

## PARADISE

Miss Leone Gaul and her brother Murray have been visiting their grandfather, Councillor Gaul, at East Dalhousie. They also visited their brother at Berwick. Miss Helena Gaul returned with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Millett, and three children, Wakefield, Mass., and Mrs. Bonnell, Medford, who were on a motor trip to Halifax, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Connell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, California, are guests at the home of Mrs. Jones' brother, Mr. F. W. Bishop. Mr. Horace Bishop, of Kentville, was a week end guest at the same home.

Mr. Harry Gibson, Halifax, visited his sister, Mrs. J. C. Phinney, recently. He resided at the home of Mr. Charles Crist, Clarence, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Molisson, Cambridge, Mass., are spending three weeks with Mrs. Molisson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Covert.

Mrs. Ada Dodge, who has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felts, Lawrencetown for the past two weeks, returned to her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols, Miss Sproule, Mr. Denton, from Digby, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sproule.

Ronald S. Longley, B.Sc., is teaching at the Inspector's Training Institute for Teachers, at Parrsboro.

Mrs. J. C. Phinney very pleasantly entertained a number of her friends on an afternoon of last week.

Miss Edna Marshall is home on a three weeks' vacation. She plans to attend Camp Meeting in Berwick.

The Women's Institute will have their August picnic on Thursday afternoon at Leonard's Brook.

## MASONIC PICNIC AT LAWRENCETOWN

For a number of years the farmers of Annapolis County have held a Farmers' Picnic at Lawrencetown. This picnic has become an annual feature. The people of this pretty little town and surrounding country look forward to its return with great pleasure.

At first, this picnic was held at a beautiful little island in the Annapolis River called Hall's Island. Later an electric plant was installed at Lawrencetown and a dam thrown across the Annapolis River. This raised the water to such an extent that Hall's Island has ceased to be an attractive place for this picnic. One more instance where beauty and romance have been sacrificed to the onward march of progress.

However, with the assistance of the local government under the supervision of Dr. Cumming, the Farmers Association of Annapolis County erected a Government Demonstration Building at Lawrencetown. Beautiful and ample grounds were obtained and this building has become a community centre. For a number of years this picnic has been held here. It is proposed that this building and grounds will be the centre of interest for the picnic this year.

A little over a year ago, a dispensation was obtained for the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Lawrencetown. This lodge has had a successful year. Its membership is over forty and still candidates are asking for admission. The brethren felt, however, that their accommodations were altogether inadequate. In order to try to have a convenient and up-to-date place of meeting, it has been decided to make an attempt to raise a building fund. The Farmers Association was approached and permission obtained to hold their annual picnic under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

Evangeline Lodge, therefore, appeals to the Fraternity of the Valley and to the public generally to support them in this very worthy undertaking. Lawrencetown is one of the beauty spots of the famous Annapolis Valley and the Lodge is contemplating a program that will be very attractive. It is proposed to open the days' afternoon with a ball game, after dinner, from two to four, the Farmers Association will entertain with some of the best speakers of the Province. At four o'clock there will be a ball game between two of the leading teams of the Valley. After the ball game, supper. The day's proceedings will be rounded out by a big concert in the Demonstration Building. An effort is being made to have a radio installed in connection with this concert. One of the leading theatre will give continuous reels in attendance. The moving picture theatre will give continuous reels from two to eleven p.m. Some very popular reels have been engaged. There will also be a large number of side attractions. Ice cream will be in abundance and every effort made to entertain.

Evangeline Lodge confidently solicits a very liberal patronage. It is the intention that this will be the largest and best Farmers Picnic yet. All roads will lead to Lawrencetown on that day. The ball teams have not as yet agreed on the exact day, so we cannot at time of writing name the exact date. However, the picnic will take place on some day between the 20th and 25th of August. Adds the 20th and 25th of the local papers and will appear in full details of the program and exact date will be posted everywhere. Give Evangeline Lodge a big start on its building fund.

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## NEWS NOTES OF LAWRENCETOWN

### Tennis Booming--Farmers' Picnic--Projected Local Improvements--Sporting Notes

Many of our local people took advantage of the Wednesday half holiday of last week by attending the ball game at Bridgetown. Many of them remained to the Van Arman Minstrel show in the evening.

Considerable traffic was evidenced on Wednesday last when about forty or more cars went through the town following closely behind each other. The cars were all numbered and those that were so numbered were Board of Trade cars, and with their banners spread over the engine cover and at the rear as well, presented quite a pleasing sight to the many spectators.

Among the latest improvements in town we note that Mr. J. A. Whitman is refreshing his building at the corner with a coat of paint. Mr. Clarence Haynes, a local painter, is in charge of the work. Among others who are painting is Mr. John Hall.

On Wednesday last after the rainfall, the split log drag was making the rounds around the town, and helping to level up the road surface. We have in the town what many other towns have not, and that is a fairly good stretch of road throughout the entire length.

The Lawrencetown Juniors who went to Berwick for games on Friday, July 21st, played in a little hard luck and lost out on a 5-3 score. The Digby Tennis Club were unable to handle games with Lawrencetown for Thursday last owing to the absence of some of their players. Annapolis, however, who had been invited for the following day, arrived and a detailed account of the playing according to events is given elsewhere.

We noticed some old time tennis players who haven't had the racket in their hands for many years, down at the tennis courts quite early a few mornings past. Although not having wielded the fibre for some time they certainly made a remarkable showing. No doubt there are many people here in Lawrencetown who have discarded their tennis paraphernalia long ago in favor of a settled life, but who, at the same time, if they so chose to do, could make some of the more agile players of to-day step lively. That's the stuff. All you old timers don the sneakers, borrow a racket, and we'll supply the balls. So come along and show us a few of the many pointers that were in vogue twenty-five years ago.

With the through Owl service that has been established, we are now served with two eastern mails daily. The Owl only carries through mail, not picking any up after leaving Halifax. There is, however, quite a rush on at the local Post Office after the evening mail, although the amount of matter carried is not of such quantity as would assure very many of receiving letters.

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