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Groynes Do Make Beaches



This is one of a series of shots The Centre Islander had taken of the rock groynes and their effect on the beach east from Manitou Rd. Since these pictures were taken, Alphonse Fournier, the federal minister of public works, has announced the intention to remove some of the rock from in front of the seawall and build groynes west of Manitou Rd. The rocks will also be used to fortify the piling "baseball" at the foot of St. Andrew's Ave.

Steve Jenner Appointed Superintendent of Island

Stephen Jenner has been named as superintendent of the Island by Parks Commissioner Chambers. Steve has been with the parks department for 25 years, the last seven of them at the Island.

Steve says his greatest anxiety this year is the water level. He is a specialist in tree removal, however, and Steve will prove a useful man for the Island at the present time. As he points out, most of the trees on the Island were planted at about the same time, and they are needing attention at the same time.

Under Steve's direction, a program of thinning and topping trees has been initiated. This program, already completed on Hooper and St. Andrew's Aves., demonstrates the improvements that can result from such a program carefully carried out.

Branches that are endangering houses or persons are removed, and in cases where the trunk has deteriorated so much that the weight of the upper section of the tree may be too much for the trunk to carry in a storm, the tree is topped low down. Removal of branches permits more sunlight to penetrate to the ground and into the houses. The additional sunlight has a noticeable effect on days when the sun follows a rain.

Topped Up 68 Feet

The most difficult operation Steve and his men have yet carried out was at the rear of 290 Lakeshore. A big tree, perhaps 100 years old, was endangering the house. Harry Backwood, one of the parks staff, succeeded in topping the tree 68 feet from the ground. Heavy branches and sections of trunk were cut off and lowered without damage to the house at the remainder of the tree.

Another plan that Steve proposes to carry out this year is removal of sand that drifted over the walk between Manitou Rd. and Cherokee Ave. In some places this sand drifted in to a depth of two and three feet, over a wide area.

This sand, under the plan, will be carried to fill in behind the pilings

Breadman Harry Keeps Right On Job

We're glad to see Harry the Breadman still getting around after a mishap last week. It seems Harry was peddling along at the end of a day when a couple of pedestrians stepped into his path. Harry took the hard way out, and upset his wagon attempting to avoid injury to the pedestrians. The pedestrians were unhurt, but the wagon landed on Harry. He suffered a broken collar bone and severe cinder burns.

and proposed groynes at the foot of St. Andrew's Ave.

Will Give Protection

Eventual construction of groynes in front of the pilings will give Steve more protection from high water than at present. Last fall, when erosion was fast carrying away the beach on the western section of Centre Island, at Ward's and at Hiawatha Ave on Haulan's Point, the parks department copied methods used on the Mississippi river levees. Sand and brush and entanglements will save shores against moderately high water and anything but severe storms.

Water levels last year, as recorded by the parks department on the Island, reached a height of 240 feet above sea level. That was the highest ever recorded, although in 1870, the level reached a peak of 248 feet, 10 1/2 inches. Last year's mark was a full six feet above the low in 1934, when the water was only 234 feet above sea level. This year's chart is just under way.

Prior to moving to the Island park seven years ago, Steve had been for 18 years at the Exhibition Park. He joined the city staff on return from overseas in 1919. He enlisted in 1914 and went overseas in 1916. He was wounded at the battle of Sanctuary Wood, and while wounded was taken prisoner by the Germans, remaining in the prison camp for two years.

Doug 'Non-Resident' But May Be Around

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce that Doug Lockhart and his family will not be with us at the Island this summer. Doug and Mrs. Lockhart have been active workers in all our community efforts for years, and Doug will be long remembered as the very efficient major-domo and "barker" on such events as the Red Cross "Fishes-of-Peasants". It was always beyond us how he managed to keep up such a running fire of chatter and good humor as he occupied the driver's seat on the milk wagon that preceded the ever lengthening stream of money.

We can let you know now that it was Doug, who wrote the letter quoted in "Doings of Your Association" in our last issue. We had counted on a great deal of support from him in our various activities this year and as he is still a member of the R.C.Y.C. we know he won't forsake the Island entirely — and look forward to having him with us on many occasions during this summer.

Point Your Camera Win \$1 For Newspix

Photos make news, no matter whether the publication is international or local as is The Centre Islander. The Island with its variety of activities, is a prolific source of pictures. Furthermore, amateur photographers are frequently right on the scene when news breaks and features occur.

Accordingly, The Centre Islander offers a minimum award of \$1.00 every issue for the best reproducible news or feature photograph submitted by an amateur. The only conditions are that a photograph to be eligible must be of Centre Island activities, and taken by a resident of Centre Island. Submit your entries in the form of a print, on the back of which is written lightly the subject, date, and name and address of the photographer.

"MOHAWK" GIRLS BACK

Among those who have recently returned to the Island are: Jean Towle, Hazel Handley, Martha Easson and Margaret Linney. This popular group resides at 4 Mohawk Ave. and it's good to have them back!

Matt Chetwynd Must Leave But He Leaves A Challenge

Just before going to press, we received with mingled feelings the news that Matt Chetwynd has been ordered by Ottawa to take up duties at Ancaster. This will necessitate him leaving Centre Island almost immediately.

First, we want to congratulate him on his promotion and wish him every success for the future, with the hope that the future course of events will bring him back to live in our midst. For the time being at least, his wife and young son will continue to live on Hooper Ave. but as his time off will not amount to more than one Sunday a month, we know that Centre Island will not be able to see much of him this summer.

He has done wonderful work already in organizing the youngsters, devoting practically every evening, Saturday and Sundays to coaching them, and generally keeping up their interest in the supervised sports that the Association is so anxious to have go forward. Qualified in practically every branch of the sport world, badminton, tennis, swimming, track and field, soccer and softball, he brought a wealth of experience, and it is going to be much impossible to replace him.

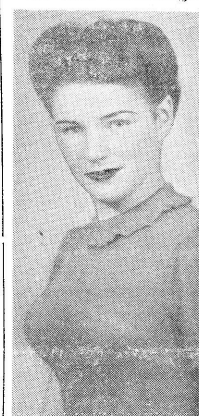
Long looks on the faces of all the youngsters as they heard the news testify to his personal popularity among them. It had been his plan to train leaders among the older children to carry on various sports under his general supervision and even a month or so longer at the Island would have seen this aim accomplished. However, in his own words — "We must carry on. The fact that one person leaves suddenly cause the whole edifice to tumble. There are dozens of other qualified people who can make the program a success."

It is now up to others to come forward to finish what Matt so admirably started. Accordingly, he

Association Gets Quarters "For Now"

Just as the paper was going to press, A. W. Whiskin, president of the Centre Island Association, announced that the Association has been donated temporary quarters. Mr. Whiskin said that one Emily English had very kindly donated the use of the building on Manitou Rd. known as the "Tea Room", as a meeting place for Association affairs.

Terry's An Answer To Our Challenge



The answers to our challenge in the first issue are still coming in — and here's the latest. It's Terry (Hart). She's already popular with the younger set, and while this picture perhaps isn't as nice as the real girl, it's still a good answer to that movie starlet we showed you in the first issue.

Parks Commissioner Offers His Help

Commissioner Chambers heard an appeal by Len Johnson on behalf of the Island Cane Club and Islanders who want to join a swimming section, to swim in Long Pond under competent supervision. He has quite sympathetic and saw no reason why some arrangements could not be made. It is working for us along those lines at the present time.

has called a mass meeting for his "scan-scan" next Sunday, as advertised in this issue — and we depend on you to take up where he is forced, in the service of his country, to leave off.

Mrs. Chetwynd will be with us for a while, and has promised to give guidance and help to the girls. In the meantime, if you are not

able to attend next Sunday's meeting and are willing and able to help, will you please get in touch with any member of your executive committee, or in particular with Ed. Day, 310 Lakeshore Ave., who is already doing a lot of work on the softball part of the summer's activities.

What Do I Get For My Dollar? Pat Hacker Has The Answers

"What do I get for my dollar?" seems to be the question most frequently asked by prospective members of the Association, Pat Hacker says. Pat is co-chairman of the membership committee.

And here is Pat's answer: "What does the president of the Association get for the hour of work he puts in each week? What is Mrs. Roddy getting for her tireless efforts for the Red Cross? Or Len Johnson with the paddlers?"

or Matt Chetwynd with the young fry? Or Ed Day for his work distributing this paper? Or Al Cox, for chasing all over town for ads? Or dozens of others giving freely of their time and energy to this Association?

"When you are asked to join the Association, don't ask 'What will I get for my buck?' Ask, 'What can I do to help?' And Pat ad: that all members are automatic" on the membership committee.

Another Challenge Offered Island Gals



We were short a photographer this week to catch some of the Island's sweater girls. So we fell back on a little movie starlet, Dolores Moran. She is showing off a style that many Island girls will be wearing if they ever take off their sweaters and slacks. Technically, it's called a jersey crossover top, combined with a pink and navy plaid skirt.

St. Andrews Church Will Open June 4

St. Andrews - By - The - Lake church opens June 4. Rev. Don Churcher will again be in charge, and he tells us that he has a very interesting summer schedule lined up. — It will include some outstanding speakers, particularly at the morning services.

As the Dean and other church officials have so often assured us, they look upon this Anglican church as a community church on the Island — and all denominations are invited to make it their regular place of worship. Going to church is a good habit, and you'll feel better for the hour spent regularly there.

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Lots of people are stopping members of the Association's executive and this newspaper's editorial board on the street—or telephoning them at their homes or offices, saying, "Here's something for your newspaper."

It isn't our paper, it's their newspaper—the community's newspaper. While we are getting together a reporting staff who are making it their job to ferret out news—we want all the news, the kind of news these well-meaning supporters are offering—but it would help tremendously if they'd just write the article down and drop it in the Centre Islander News-Box in front of Hughes' Marketeria on Manitou Road. Or if it is written down and they can't get to the news-box any interested member will be glad to take it there for them.

It's awfully difficult to find the time to write up dozens of articles that are given verbally—but it only takes a minute or so for the individual. If you feel that you can't write well enough—just put down the bare facts, sign your name, address and telephone number so that we can contact you if further details are required—our Editorial staff will put it into newspaper parlance for you. But try writing it YOURSELF—it's YOUR newspaper, and you'll be amazed at how well you'll do as a reporter.

'The Kid' Knows All About Canal Boats

Known as "The Kid," a slim, gay woman of 41 with a liking for the open air and a deep knowledge of canal boats is training women canal-boat crews for the Grand Union Canal Carrying Company, and she knows the canal better than she knows Worcester, her home town. Her name is Mary Ely Gayford but between London and Birmingham, she is called "Kid" by her workmates.

She taught eight girls how to handle these boats on her "flag-ship" the Dipper.

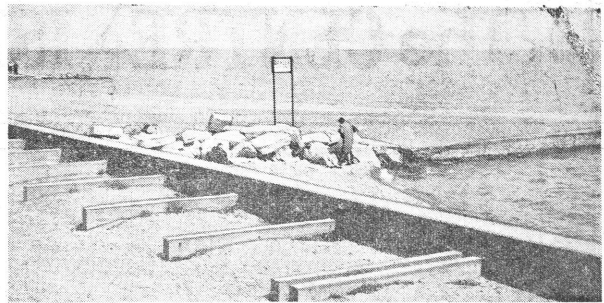
"They are taught: how to steer the boats, how to operate the engine and operate the locks. After I take them on their preliminary trip they operate on their own in crews of three," she said.

"It's a grand life, though arduous, and if the women don't jump to it, it means that a lot of boats lie idle, now that the men have been called up."

Each pair of boats represents \$5,000 worth of cargo per year, ranging from coal and steel to foodstuffs.

The northwest corner of New Mexico, joining Arizona, Utah and Colorado, is the only point in the United States where four states meet.

All mankind, according to Prof. A. C. Haddon, Cambridge University ethnologist, can be divided into three kinds: woolly hair, wavy hair, straight hair.



THIS IS NO 2 SHOWING WHAT GROYNES CAN DO

Don Newton, Bride Tell Of Jack Fisher

S/gt. Don Newton and his bride Jean dropped over Sunday, May 7 to look over the haunts of their courtship. Both were looking very well and their life in the capital city seems to be agreeing with them. They brought news of Jack Fisher, another of the "Villa Uncauny" boys. Jack has taken unto himself a Scotch Lass name of Kerr to wife and it unknown at the moment whether he will return to take up residence at Centre Island or remain on the slightly larger one for the duration.

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The youngsters have enthusiastically taken to organized sports — but we need older help to help them.

JOIN THE CENTRE ISLAND ASSOCIATION

Woodlawn Is Heard From For First Time This Year

Greetings from Woodlawn. For men may come, and women too, but we go on forever. Another season has started, and all in fine style. There are a few new faces, and we shout a hearty welcome to two staunch representatives of the T. Eaton Co. Faint Vickerii and Alma Morrow. Their giggles are heard for blocks. The service women hold forth in the personages of Loya Jackson and Virginia Vaughn.

We knew the Davies had arrived for the fifth season, when we encountered the high piled baggage wagon at the front gate. Nevertheless their presence added much to the general "homey" feeling that prevails this place.

The gathering of the clan is somehow not complete without our "Parky" AWI Phil Parkinson is now a radio-telephone operator stationed at No. 1 bombing and gunnery school at Jarvis. There is great merriment when leave is granted and she joins our ranks, even if for only a short time.

Have you seen the most popular cover-girl of the Island? We also boast her membership in our household. This will be her second year with us. The typical Mitchell pose greeted us all in the last issue of

Editor Announces His Retirement

Your editor regrets to announce his retirement, following printing of this issue. It has been fun, and the help being offered by a number of people testifies to the soundness of the principles of the paper. The editor, however, needs to work to eat, and three or four hours a day, plus one whole day every week, on The Centre Islander, are too much. He feels that perhaps he has made some contribution in getting the paper to the point where others can carry on.

The "Centre Islander".

The men are sadly outnumbered. I'm afraid. There is a shortage, you know. Grumbles are heard from both Pop and Howard occasionally about the situation, but confidentially, I think they love it.

Edith Cresswell is back again and is being joined this year by her mother and sister, Margie. We welcome them to our Island family.

With such a jolly gang, plus the generous hospitality of Elsa and Pat, the outlook for 299 Lakeshore this season, is definitely choice.

— Isabelle.

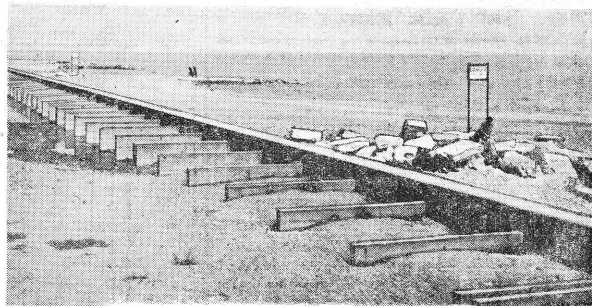
Gerry Ryan Takes Himself A Wife

The wedding is announced of Gerald Daniel (Gerry) Ryan, a well known Islander to Miss Jean Eselle Greenlee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Greenlee, at 3 p. m., June 3, in Deer Park United church.

A stag for Gerry was held on Saturday, May 13, at the home of Jim Hepburn, Lawrence Ave. W., and among many business and bridge playing friends of Gerry were the following Centre Islanders — Alf Trudeau, Don Murray, Alan Cox, and Bill McElroy. Jim Hepburn was a top-notch Iroquois softball pitcher on the Island for many years. A cake of poker chips in a beautiful stand was presented. "Bung" Norris, secretary of the board of control was also on hand. After the wedding Gerry and his bride will live on Oriole Parkway, but we feel sure that the call of Island will have him back with us before many moons are past.

An "imperfection" — the presence of chromium oxide — makes a ruby "perfect".

Rubies were believed in ancient times to have the power to stop bleeding.



THIS IS NO 3 SHOWING WHAT GROYNES CAN DO

Association Aids Youngsters Already

For any that might be still wondering if the association has a place in our community — we recommend that you take a walk down hall, when the youngsters are practicing their track and field sports. Compare this with them standing around the main drag wondering what to do with themselves, or hanging around home thinking up things to do. The keen delight they show in the organized sport under Matt Chetwynd is better.

Watch the intent look on their faces as they charge down for the running broad jump. Matt has patience galore and a way with the kids that is a joy to watch. See him entice what he calls "the shrimps" into the races. Watch their faces fall when they find it's time to go home again.

Never before have the kids had a chance to get actively into this health-building clean program. And if you think they don't want their parents and friends watching them, take our tip, go down and cheer them on. Then there are the softball practices down on Olympic (Toothpick) Island — all ages. It's the finest example we've seen of community effort at Centre Island for years. And as similar Association activities grow we feel that all will recognize the possibilities for good there are in this community venture.

— Whiskin.

Teacher Hayne Reported Better

H. G. Hayne, teacher at the Island public school, has been at home sick for the past several weeks. A thank-you note from Mrs. Hayne to the children of the school for a plant they sent Mr. Hayne said that he was able to get up for part of each day and it is expected that he will return to his duties a little later this month. In the meantime, Mrs. Bailey is taking his place in the education of the young hopefuls in the upper four grades.

The orangutan, an ape usually as heavy as a man, has exceedingly long and strong arms but his legs are equally small and weak.

On U. S. warships the keys to the powder magazines are sent to the captain each night for safe-keeping — a custom dating back to John Paul Jones.

Walk 'Round Island Aids Body Culture

People are gradually getting settled on the Islands and I hope that every woman, man and child will participate in all the sports and gatherings now being planned by the Centre Island Association.

You girls and women, how are you going to spend the summer? Are you going to sit on the lawns? Or are you going to take full advantage of the many organized relaxation programs being planned by Island organization? Whether you work in an office, in a factory, or in your home, you need to relax, to relieve all tension and you have a splendid opportunity to do that here on the Island.

If you are not familiar with these beautiful Islands, gather up your family and go hiking and exploring. That brings us to the first step in body culture, which we are going to discuss under this heading from time to time.

Do you know how to walk? I wish that everyone could have the opportunity to pose walking in front of a movie camera. Most of us take it for granted that "gwalk the right way, but it is false," the contrary. Correct walking is really a

highly beneficial exercise, it gives you self assurance and stimulates the sense of rhythm which is the foundation of all art and life itself. The most noticeable faults exhibited in walking are: straightening the shoulders with an effort; stiffening the spine; and placing the feet on the ground too first, or in an affected manner.

Body culture instructors have worked out numerous exercises for the elimination of these faults. There are spine exercises, hip exercises, toe exercises etc. All these are performed, unconsciously as you hike about the Islands. Wear suitable clothes and comfortable shoes, above all relax. Walk tall, swing your arms, swing your legs freely from hips. Place your heel down first and let the toes follow, walk with long strides, keep your feet close together. The movements of your arms and swaying of your body are exercising muscles and adding to your general fitness.

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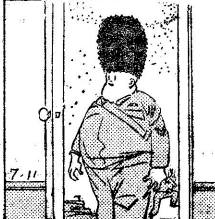
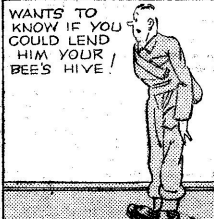
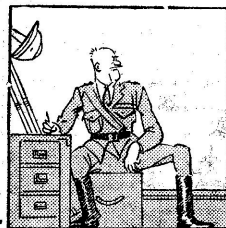
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Shore Protection On The Island

The consensus on the Island, expert and otherwise, is that groyne construction is the answer to problem, but we'll enlarge on the situation, in the light of information just secured from conferences with various officials and engineers. The matter involves two distinct factors. First, an agency can be designed to break up wave action to prevent destruction of shore lines. Secondly, another device can be used to accumulate drifting sand to build up beaches. Neither, alone can be guaranteed to accomplish both aims. Together, the first will prevent destruction and the addition of the second will, in all likelihood, build up a beach in front of such positive protection.

This requires the building of a "base wall" for protection, and the erection of groynes running out into the lake at right angles to it. The concrete breakwater running east from Manitou Rd. to Ward's Island provides definite protection the groynes eastward west of Oriole Ave. show that beaches can be accumulated. It has now been agreed that removal of the loose rock in front of the seawall along the boardwalk can serve two purposes. It will allow the concave face of the wall to operate and throw back waves as it was designed to do.

The building of groynes with the rock will build up more beaches. If future highwater periods and storms cause fluctuations, the wall remains as the positive protection. The Dominion Minister of Public Works has advised civic authorities that now that this scheme has been concurred in by every one, he will have the matter attended to as soon as possible.

This brings up the protection of the balance of the south shore of the Island, west from Manitou Rd. and in particular the row of pilings at the foot of St. Andrew's Ave. Owing to the emergent nature of the situation last fall, this was put in as a temporary "base-wall" for protection. It was hoped that the inclusion of old hydro poles between the front and back rows of piles would catch drifting sand and build up a beach. This was taking place until shifting winds and a rise of one foot in the lake level showed that such lateral obstructions had not been built high enough between the piles to catch the sand. It washed in. At the Association's request, the city is inspecting the work immediately, to determine what should be done toward making this a more positive "base-wall" protection, and how a beach can best be procured at this particular spot.

We have also asked that the work that is going to be done east of Manitou Rd. constructing rock groynes be carried out of that point, using some of the rock to construct westerly "base-walls" with groynes running out these walls, and rock groynes to run out from the piling at the foot of St. Andrew's, after it has been reinforced as indicated or strengthened by the addition of rock.

While the action of the pilings has not proved as satisfactory as hoped, it cannot be denied that it has stopped the erosion of last year. It has protected the shoreline and the services on which the Island depends. The building up of a beach would naturally protect a shoreline, but the action of groynes alone is always problematical, depending on location and other things and your association is intent on securing both factors — protection and the beauty of sweeping beaches.

Two Letters Have Similar Point

In last week's Centre Islander there were two letters of general interest to our community. One was on bonfires and grass fires, and the other on cleaning up leaves and other winter debris.

C. E. Chambers, the parks commissioner, is a good friend of the Island, and perhaps next year he can persuade Mr. Chambers and Steve Jenner, the new Island Park superintendent, to clean up the residential section of Centre Island before working on the park section. That would answer the suggestion of the letter to the Association in last week's Association News column.

Cleaning up the residential section first would also answer most of the worries of Capt. Florence, Fireman Bill Armstrong and others mentioned in last week's letter to the editor.

It still won't answer the problem of people who set out bonfires and grass fires without considering the direction of the wind—or the need for control should a breeze spring up. The unexpected always happens when people are handling dangerous things—and fire has been the most dangerous as well as the most useful thing man ever discovered.

It is by preventing little fires that the firemen prevent big conflagrations. When you have some slash, branches or long grass to burn, telephone the Island fire station and tell them about it first. They will tell you whether or not it's safe.

We urge all members of the association and other readers to pay particular attention to the policies of the association expressed in these columns. They represent what we feel to be the judgment of our residents, as gleaned from all available sources. You have a right to disagree, to suggest changes, or to make suggestions. Let us know what you are thinking. Remember that our aim is to co-ordinate all that is best for the community welfare. We always need your thoughts and views.

ISLANDANTICS



WE'LL TAKE THIS PLACE . . . EG BERT SEEMS AT HOME ALREADY

By UNSWORTH & JOHNSON

Letters To The Editor

Mr. Editor:

Do you think you could do something about the broken glass lying all over the Island this spring? It is to be found on all the thoroughfares from the Eastern Gap to the Island airport. At the moment it is a menace to every bicycle rider at a time when everything possible should be done to conserve rubber and manpower. In a few weeks now it will become a much more serious menace to children as they run in bare feet to and from the beach.

I have seen some very badly cut youngsters carried on stretchers from the labshore to the lifeavers' launch where they have to be rushed to the city hospitals as a result of the carelessness of people who leave broken glass for the unsuspecting bather.

There are signs posted on the beach to tell everyone that it is a criminal offence but these seem to have been entirely overlooked this season.

It would take very little to clean up this deplorable condition if you can get the co-operation of Islanders, first to spend a minute or two to clean up glass when it has been broken and secondly to pick up every jagged bit they may come across. . . .

— Concerned.

The Editor:

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic is urgently in need of blood plasma as we are all aware! Through the medium of our paper I think we could make some arrangement to have a "Mobile Unit" to visit our fair community for this purpose some evening.

I think there are numerous eligible over here that would be grateful donors who could not take the time off in the city whereas over here on our Island, if, as, and where a unit or blood bank could be set up, it would take care of the donors.

I am quite sure transportation for the unit could be arranged through the general superintendent of the Island airport. Mr. Johnston.

There is only one exception I know of and that is, most donors are requested to attend clinics in the morning and not consume any "fatty" foods as this congests the

blood flow. This may however be overcome now through some recent medical discoveries.

Any further information or assistance I may assist you with I will be only too glad to do so.

— S. B. Pest.

It was rather a saucy show, and Margaret's uncle remarked:

"I'm a bit disappointed, dear. I do not think this is the sort of play for a girl of your age."

"Don't worry, old bean. I've lived up a bit, I expect," was the answer.

LATE SCREEN STAR

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14 Mond.

15 Greasers.

17 Slant.

19 Roman philosopher.

21 Article.

22 Atmosphere.

24 Street (abbr.).

25 He was — by birth.

28 Station (abbr.).

29 Born.

31 Male deer.

32 South Carolina (abbr.).

33 Electrical unit.

34 Jackdaw.

36 Member of Parliament (abbr.).

37 Dexterity (abbr.).

39 Before.

42 Seine.

43 Exist.

44 He was well known in —.

48 Sun god.

49 Peel.

50 Epic.

52 Curse.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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24 Beginner.

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28 Severe.

31 Mineral spring.

33 Snaky fish.

36 Cat's cry.

38 Telegraphic code.

40 Cereal grain.

41 Theme.

43 Bushel (abbr.).

44 Skein of yarn.

45 French article.

46 Whirlwind.

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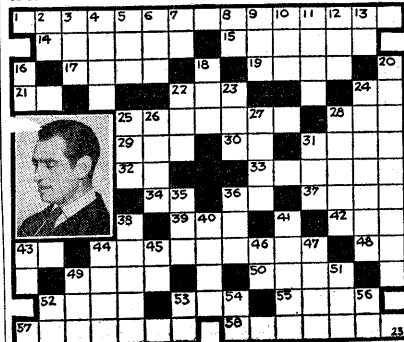
51 Japanese coin.

52 Cubic (abbr.).

53 Suffix.

54 South America (abbr.).

56 Mountain (abbr.).



Trouble In The Wigwam

By CHARLES SOLOMON

Through the trackless paths of the green forest there crept, silent and sinuous as a snake, the sinister form of Big Chief Squating Buffalo, most ruthless of all the Sioux warriors.

The chief was in full panoply of war. In his left hand he gripped firmly the bow that was the terror of his enemies; his right hand had grasped the tomahawk that had scalped so many of the pale-faced intruders. His headress was perhaps a little less imposing than might have been expected, consisting as it did of a single goose-feather, attached with a humble piece of string to his unruly fair curls. For Big Chief Squating Buffalo was just ten years old, his tomahawk was of no more lethal a material than wood, and his hunting ground was the New Forest.

Nevertheless, the Big Chief was in no amiable mood. It was trouble in the wigwam—the recalcitrance of an unreasonable squaw—that had sent him out on the warpath. Many of his brothers, both Indian and paleface, have fought with no better an excuse.

The Chief is Annoyed

For one who is, at any rate in imagination, a famous warrior and the terror of the plains, it is humiliating in the extreme to be slapped by an elder sister for upsetting a glass of milk; it is calculated to destroy his prestige among the Sioux braves of lesser degree. But Daphne had been irritable and unlike herself throughout the holiday. Generally she would enter wholeheartedly into his adventures, but now she "couldn't be bothered," and refused even to call their caravan the wigwam.

Even more annoying to the chief was the fact that he had noticed smoke coming from the chimney of a hitherto uninhabited cottage only a few hundred yards from the caravan. What was the fun of coming to the New Forest if it was going to become as crowded as the London suburb that was his home for most of the year? Undoubtedly the newcomer would be some disagreeable old man who would regard him as a disturber of the peace, or, worse still, it might be a family with a dreadful child who would expect him to play "sisy" games.

On The Safe Side

With infinite precautions against discovery, Squating Buffalo approached nearer and nearer to the hostile encampment. He could see now, in the afternoon sunlight, a young man seated in a deck-chair in the little garden of the cottage. He looked harmless enough, the chief decided, but you could never tell. It was better to be on the safe side. He selected an arrow from his quiver and fitted it with loving care to the bow. Then he let fly.

Big Chief Squating Buffalo was never known to miss, and he had none of the sportsman's prejudice against a sitting target. Swift and sure the arrow winged its way, striking the hated paleface in a vulnerable though hardly not a lethal spot. True, the head of the arrow was only of blunted wood, and the canvas of the chair intervened between the missile and the victim's body. Nevertheless, the impact was sufficiently unexpected to bring a startled cry from the white man.

Big Chief Squating Buffalo leapt into the clearing with a blood-curdling yell.

"Death to the paleface!" he cried, in a high treble. "Your scalp shall hang in my wigwam!" The victim of the outrage eyed the intruder with some astonishment. He was, Squating Buffalo observed, a well-set-up and athletic-looking young man; his blue eyes had a good-humoured gleam, but the firm set of the jaw indicated the possibility that the white man might undertake a punitive expedition. The dusky warrior stood for a moment uncertainly, pondering the advisability of a strategic withdrawal.

Then the victim made a gesture that stamped him for ever as a man after Squating Buffalo's heart. He extended his arm in the gesture familiar to all students of the adventures of Buffalo Bill, and gravely ejaculated: "How! The paleface greets his red brother."

The face of Squating Buffalo broke into a grin. "I say," he said. "You're not angry?"

"Not a bit," replied the young man. "Come and have some tea. I mean, the paleface offers his red brother the hospitality of his wigwam. I've got some bun."

"Sugary ones?" asked the chief, anxiously.

"Sure," he said the other, "and doughnuts as well. But we'll call 'em pemmican."

A tea of sumptuous proportions, during which no one called attention to his appetite or criticized his table manners, rapidly restored the Sioux warrior to his customary good humour. When the meal was over, his host lit a well-seasoned briar, having first insisted that Squating Buffalo should take a puff, so that the cessation of hostilities should be properly marked by the smoking of the pipe of peace. The Big Chief choked a little, but was satisfied that all the due formalities had been observed.

Squaw Trouble

"I wish," the Big Chief said at length, "that I was really an Indian."

"I sometimes feel the same way," answered the young man, speaking half to himself. "I'm certainly inclined to envy the noble savage's forthright and direct way of dealing."

Airman Writes Asking For Paper LETTER TO HOGSON

A friend who is an Islander sent me the first copy of The Centre Islander. Reading it has brought back many pleasant memories of bygone summers. I would like, very much, to get the paper for the summer, as it seems as if I'll be here for several months. And while this air station here on the rolling prairie has facilities to cool the heat, such as a swell swimming pool, it still lacks the free and easy gait of the Island. Of course, being in the R.C.A.F. has its restrictions.

As we, serving in Canada are not on 'active service,' I expect to pay a subscription rate. If you will let me know what it is, I'll send it along. Wishing you and the Island all the pleasures I used to know, I remain sincerely,

Jack R. Morris.

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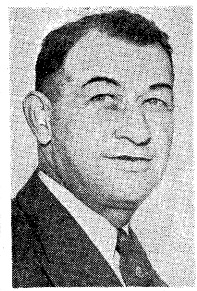
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DOINGS OF YOUR ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Recent applications for membership in the Association include a group of juniors, sponsored by Ian Stewart. Ed. Day, the circulation chief, in addition to his other duties, has already turned in 20 applications to the membership committee.



Mrs. J. W. Barnes turned in an application for Mary Roberts for her brother, Jimmie, serving with the R.C.A.F. on the west coast. His sister felt Jimmie would want his name on the list of supporters of the Association.

the Association. She realizes he will get a great deal of pleasure from reading The Centre Islander.

Building Fund Committee

At a meeting of executive committee of the Association, Mrs. Roddy, Bob Thompson, and Len Johnson were appointed to form a building fund committee for the purpose of obtaining the necessary funds to rite buildings of a club house.

Many other members of the Association are being added to this committee and a program of entertainments and events will soon be announced by the entertainment section.

The donation section of the building fund committee is being organized for the purpose of receiving special donations. A start has already been made to this fund by the gifts of two hundred dollar bonds, and one fifty dollar bond, until the donations committee start their drive any donations would gladly be accepted by the Association treasurer, Mr. Harold Alken, or Mr. Len B. Johnson, the building fund committee chairman.

At a meeting of the building fund committee it was agreed that the committee will co-operate with the activities of the Red Cross, so that neither organization would conflict with the other. It is believed that under this arrangement the results will be mutually beneficial.

Still Need Help Parking Bikes At Ferry Dock

Remember the appeal we had on the front page of our last issue for volunteer workers at the bicycle parking area at the dock? As far as we've been able to learn, nobody has responded and we urge you again to take part in this worthwhile effort. Seven ladies of the Red Cross itself take one day a week and then are responsible for getting other helpers for their own particular day.

Even Mrs. Roddy, with her heavy duties as president of the Red Cross has assumed responsibility for one day—but regardless of all the other things she has to do, she doesn't simply sit back and let somebody else do the actual work. For we all know the hours that she personally spent down there last season she intends to spend again this year.

If you can only spare a couple of hours of your morning or afternoon a week you can be fitted into a schedule by these ladies which will make sure that our bicycles are never left unattended. Take this to heart—your housewives and others of the Island. Think now "I can give from nine to twelve on Tuesday mornings" or "I can easily make it between four and six Thursday afternoons" or "what have you" and give such offer of help to Mrs. Roddy, 320 Lakeshore Ave. quickly.

he's my blood brother. And he's going to give me a rifle and moccasins, and all sort of things. And he's going to be in my tribe."

"So it's you, Michael," said the girl, quietly. "How did you come here?"

The young man bowed ceremoniously. "Black Eagle, at your service," he replied. "Blood brother to Squating Buffalo, and elected a member of his tribe."

"And what exactly is a blood brother?" she asked.

"I'm not quite certain," answered Michael, "but I fancy it's much the same as a brother-in-law."

For the first time the girl smiled; then her face grew serious again. She lifted her arm in the

More Boys Welcome In Swimming Group

We announced in our last issue that Rev. Don Churcher had made arrangements for use of the Harrison swimming tank for some of our junior boys. Six of them were to take advantage of it on Tuesday, May 16. They were Len Stewart, Vernon Thompson, Don Waddell, David Wild, Peter Whiskin and John Farrelly.

Len Johnson was on hand to look these young hopefuls over with a view to developing some future swimming champions. It is reported that a "splashing" good time was had by all. We can accommodate a few more for this weekly event, and if you are interested we ask that you get in touch with Ian Stewart at Sunday school.

In one way or another, every person should learn to swim—consider the disastrous tragedies that could be prevented if this were a universal accomplishment.

red man's traditional gesture of greeting.

"How!" she said gravely. "The paleface is welcome to our wigwam."

—TH. Bitts.

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"Who's that?" he asked in a whisper.

"It's my sister," answered the boy, a little sulkily. "She's calling me in to tea. I don't want any tea."

"Squating Buffalo," said the other, "you shall have a rifle and an Indian headress, you shall have moccasins and a real bow and arrow, and everything to delight the heart of a Sioux warrior."

"I shall!" cried the boy, joyfully.

"All for being your blood brother?"

"No," said the other. "For being Daphne's blood brother."

Welcome To Paleface

There came into the garden a girl—young and fresh, a tress of rebellious fair hair had blown over her eyes.

"Derek!" she called. "Where are you?"

"Here I am," he shouted gleefully. "And here's Black Eagle—"

40 Youngsters All Enthusiasts Out To Practice

BY MATT CHETWYND

Track and field practices began Thursday evening May 11. Forty young enthusiasts turned out, and worked out on ground exercises; running broad jump and practised starts for the dash. Looks as if we'll have some track stars too — Peter Whiskin, Joan "Stewy" Stewart, Betty Waddell, Ron Johnson, all showed up well.

Last Saturday evening another bunch were out and we pick Peter Whiskin for the junior broad-jump. He was making 12-13 feet. Ron Johnson made a 15' foot jump. He is also catching on to the "Western Roll" quickly and should be clearing 5 feet before long.

Who was that female who balked at the high jump because there were too many people watching? — Tommy McMillan for junior high jump.

Don't forget the idea is to jump over the bar kids, not under or through. What's the matter with the older "kids"? — Somebody's got to win those prizes on May 27, and unless somebody gets out to practice, somebody's going to get a "charley-horse" getting out of their "winter oil" all in one afternoon!!!

Monday evening the junior boy's club cleaned-up a combination of girls and boys 17-19 in a practice soft-ball game. You girls will have to stop lively May 27. The "Jay Gees" practised Tuesday night getting ready to do battles with all comers.

We saw three people trying out Lake Ontario on Sunday. Alan Cox was seen diving in gracefully and coming out as if he had hit a \$10 bill on the beach. Ron Johnson did all his swimming under-water and brought back reports that the ice is still pretty thick down there. Another "sag" snuck in, coyly-ducked — and shattered all track and field records on his way out: fourth time this year — 1st time June 25 — tough these Westerners. The lake is really warming up — 3° above March 25th — 3° above Sunday May 14th. Come on and join the Polar-bear club (bring your own blow torch please).

Don't forget May 27th folks — only one week to go — get those entries in before the May 26 for the track and field meet and the Centre Island Association trophy competition.

When tons of excess munitions were exploded in France after the last war the sound reverberated 200 miles.

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SPORT NEWS and VIEWS

Front Five Community Courts Ready For Big Day May 24

BY GEORGE SLADE

The official opening of the Community Courts will take place on May 24 — and all players are requested to be on the courts at 10 a. m.

Old member — new member — prospective member — remember to bring your rackets, tennis balls (old or new) and your tennis shoes in. We are going to get re-acquainted and intend to see that all new Islanders who are tennis-minded get acquainted with a "Mixed Doubles" is scheduled, with tennis balls as prizes for the winners.

Steve Tenner has had some of his men grooming the courts and he has promised to have them in fine in good shape for the holiday. Thanks a million "Steve" — we certainly appreciate your efforts.

Turn out in droves — the committee will see that you are made acquainted with each other. In case you have forgotten the courts are still over by the Clandeboye Bridge, and the time is 10 a. m., May 24.

CLAIMS HE'S BADGERED

Oh! Boy! The guy what sits in the Editors' chair of this paper is a regular yim-wan Grege. Phones me when I'm as busy as a one armed Schickelgruber. (paper-hanger to you) — snaps his whip — and demands some more scrawl for the sheet. I started out (little innocent that I was) thinking that every fortnight I could back out a couple hundred words. And now he pulls the weekly chore on me!!? Tain't right!! that's wot 'tain't!!

He didn't give us time to arrange a committee meeting, and he is the man to blame for the non-appearance of the official line-up of this year's committee members in this issue. However, I imagine that this information will be available next week.

Splash!! that my fraus is something that we have been waiting to hear for many seasons. For years one of our eligible males has skied away from the diving board, but this week he dived in!! — the handsome Teddy Auld plunged into the sea of matrimony. Miss Wilda Leader is the lady that took the chance, and we will all get a chance to become acquainted with her when happy couple return from their honeymoon to take up residence in the bridal suite at Tam and Chris Bradfield's lovely home at 274 Lakeshore — Congratulations, Freddy!! from all the club members and welcome to Mrs. Auld.

BOB HEWITT BACK

Bomber Pilot Bob Hewitt has returned to Canada after one and a half years of operational flights over Europe. He expects to devote considerable time to flying here in Canada for the balance of the war. We all home the Air Force can spare him for a visit to the Island and for a few sets on our courts this summer. His sister "Chum" is still down in St. John, N. B. with her hubby Capt. Frank Shaw of the Ordnance Corps. Both are in the pink, wai-ke-he!!

Our Jeannette Allin is working so hard these days, that she has

worn out all her duds and is taking time out this week-end to fly down to New York to buy out Fifth Ave. shops, (the lucky stiff).

Lots more old members are showing their faces around — Hammy and Audrey Smith are on the Island for a couple of weeks with small son "Steve" who is a fine little tottler and a slice off the old Ham (Swift-ch???)

Spending a very pleasant evening during the week with Jim Browning who is also the proud daddy of a 3-months old tennis player by the name of Jim Jr. Jim, June and Jim Jr. are staying at Norm Fraser's on St. Andrew's Ave. this season and are always ready to welcome stray scribblers (or even old members), and in case you don't know — Mr. Jim is a whiz on a hand-jeweler and enjoys nothing better than a spot of barber shop.

Way Up High Sassy

It's nothing but the very best for the Club's No. 1 lady player, Isabel McKinnon (nee Isabel Catton) who when residing at Ottawa last fall with her husband's sailor hubby, Lieut. Don, was entertained by Princess Juliana of the Netherlands at the swanky Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club. After being invited to play tennis with the royal lady, she proceeded to trim her Royal Highness in much the same style as she knocked off the opposition at our own courts. "You shoulda eased up Red" tain't policy to plough into a princess. Ragally!! The whistling cut and scrawling artist of the courts, Del Earle, is back on the job. There are also Dot and Junior, Del and a horse, all work and I understand there are oodles of that commodity lined up for him.

Greetings to Eleanor Heplun, Mae Dennis, Dot Scrivner, Grace Gray, Bern Morin, Pat Hurd and Ruth Chappel and some more. See you all at Community Court on the holiday morning, I hope.

Merchants Support Softball Team

After a years' lay off, your Island again has a soft ball team, one which we think will measure up to the high standard set by the clubs of former years. While it is not planned to enter any organized league, there are plenty of service men's and industrial teams around who will guarantee competition for at least one good game a week. All such matches will be held on Saturday evenings to enable everyone to turn out to back out boys.

Practices have been held every night for the past two weeks and among those who should give the opposition plenty of trouble are:

Andy Andrews, Eddie Guthrie, Bob Roddy, "Porky" Forrester, Ron Butler, "Arny" Armstrong, Doug Britton, Ed Day, Bob Eustice, Paul Lawless and many others.

The team wishes to thank the merchants of the drag who generously have provided sweaters and equipment to guarantee a good show and the best grade of ball the players have in them. The following have offered their financial backing: Perc, Hughes Marketaria, Tyndall's Drug store, Wetzels' Wayside Inn, Acme Farmers dairy, New Method laundry, Dick's Grill, English East Home, Ward's Coffee Shop, the Maritain Hotel, Jack Fordham, Island Hardware, and Johnny Orrock.

There are 123,000 officers, cadets and seamen now enrolled in the U. S. merchant marine.

Canoe Association Holds Annual Meet

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Canoe Association the following officers were elected for the coming year: Commodore, Cecil Powers (Ottawa New Edinburgh Club); Vice-Commodore, Len B. Johnson (Island Canoe Club, Toronto); 1st Rear Commodore, William G. Cleveley (Ottawa Rowing Club); 2nd Rear Commodore, Henry Bourassa (Rideau Aquatic Club); Secretary, Treasurer, Ed. Gilbert, Montreal. Delegates from the following clubs were present: Balm Beach Canoe club, Boulevard Canoe club, Island Canoe club, Toronto; Otterburn Rowing club, Otterburn, Que.; Carleton Place Canoe club, Carleton Place; Chateaugay Boating club, Chateaugay; Cartierville Canoe club, Grand Truck Boating club, Excel Boating club, Montreal; Lacine Racine Canoe club, Three Rivers; New Edinburgh club, Ottawa.

A past Commodore's pin was presented to W. H. Nichol, the retiring commodore.

It was decided that the C.C.A. continue to function with more stress being placed upon the training and coaching of juveniles and juniors.

All clubs forced to suspend operations since the start of the war, were placed on an associate membership list, but would not have the right to vote until rejoining the Association actively.

It was decided that the Olympic fund of over \$1,000 in Victory Bonds remain intact and that the interest from it be transferred yearly to the general fund, thus eliminating any deficit which may occur on account of operating expenses.

L. B. Johnson was appointed to interview Dominion Government officials in charge of the Physical Fitness program which the government hopes to make a nation-wide movement. He was asked to report to a committee composed of the officers of the Association who were empowered to deal with the government's plans as they affect canoeing.

Invitations were given by the Eastern Division to Ottawa and Toronto clubs to send competitors to an inter-city regatta at a date to be set later this summer.

The gibbon, a species of ape, inhabits southeastern Asia and the islands of Borneo and Sumatra.

Lady (with newspaper in hand): "It says here that a woman in Omaha has just cremated her third husband."

Old Maid: "Isn't that always the way? Some of us can't even get one, and others have husbands to burn."

Practices Are Held Thursday, Saturday

Track and field practices will be held every Thursday and Saturday evening until the meet on May 27. A good number are turning out but let's have some more — there are never too many. As soon as some of the senior girls and boys begin turning out in force, we'll have a separate night for both seniors and juniors.

There is still lots of room in your clubs for any of you late "immigrants" to the Island — get in touch with the members of any of the clubs.

— "Matt" Chetwynd.

George Bala Brings News Of Islanders

Sgt. George Bala graced the Island the other day. He is on leave from Prince George, B.C. I took a look at the map and see that Prince George is much further up the Fraser river than I'd care to swim if I were a salmon.

George tells us that Doris Armstrong is nursing in England. You will remember that Doris' last Island address was with Mr. and Mrs. "Diamond" Jack Jackson, Ingotons Ave. F/O Charlie Patton of the RCAF, according to Sgt. Bala, was recently married in England. This will come as shock to the Island girls and be greeted with surprise by the lads.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barker of Hanlan's Point are proud of their five representatives in the armed forces. There are four sons and one son-in-law, and they carry the Barker name into all three branches of the service. While the Barker family resides at Hanlan's Point, the boys have taken part in so many Centre Island activities that they can be properly considered of interest to readers of The Centre Islander.

Able Seaman Verral Barker is said to be the first Islander to enlist in the Navy. There are various claims to be the first to enlist from the Island, but no one, so far, has doubted the suggestion that Verral was the first to leave for the Navy. Verral enlisted at the outset of the war in the R.C.N.V.R. and is now on the frigate, H.M.C.S. Winnipeg.

Sergeant Jack Barker is well known to Centre Island sport fans. He enlisted in the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders and served with them for two years in the West Indies, stationed at Jamaica. He was moved to Britain with his unit, and is now awaiting the coming of D-day.

Russell Barker chose the artillery, where the artillery is the way of doing his bit.

He joined up with the big gun outfit in Toronto and went overseas with the First Division of the Royal Canadian Artillery, with the rank of gunner.

Russell has been in uniform about two and a half years, and now is in the thick of

the big drive in Italy which has moved the Germans out of Cassino and back on the Hitler line.

Don Barker active duty on the high seas at the R.C.N.V.R. barracks at St. Adolphe, near Halifax.

The last of the Barker connections in uniform is Russ Hyland. Russ is a sergeant in the Royal Canadian Air Force, training at Macdonald, Manitoba. Russ is expected home on leave shortly.

Len Johnson Has Some Gossip

We note from George Slade's column of sparkling wit, from which we painfully extract the up-to-date news of the "racquetiers", that an opening meeting is in the "immediate offing" which means only one thing—the tennis players of the Community Club can take out the old racquet and get it all turned up and ready.

Matt Chetwyn's boys and girls are off to a start, with their first Red day next Saturday and some exciting contests are bound to occur.

Some of the swimmers are already training in indoor swimming pools in the city (until the Island waters warm up) with the hopes of qualifying for the Ontario swimming championships late in June.

Ross Anderson, seventeen year old son of Doc Anderson of tennis fame, is a champion Toronto High School swimmer, and has been appointed as one of the assistant coaches on Art Johnson's staff. There will be other additions later. The Island Canoe Club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers soon, and the boys will be out on the shores of Long Pond, reconditioning racing shells and war canoes for the season's events.

How about the horseshoe pitchers getting in touch with the writer, and arranging for organization for future tournament pitches?

A coffee percolator is as essential as a typewriter in many business offices, since the beverage is served several times a day.

When the Maritime Commission was established in 1936, there were only 10 shipyards in the U. S. capable of building ocean-going vessels 400 feet long.



Lieut. Bob Gow returned to Toronto unexpectedly in the last group of men back from overseas. Bob was a reporter for the Telegram when he enlisted about four years ago. The picture shows Bob being greeted by his wife and two and a half year old daughter Linda. Bob was sent overseas before Linda was born, and he had his first glimpse of her at the station.

Bob has been with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps,

serving with the Eighth Army in Italy. He went through the invasion of Sicily and later of Italy with his unit.

Bob was granted compassionate leave to return to see his parents, who have been in poor health. He flew from Italy to England, and made the rest of the journey by boat. Bob's wife, the former Corine Walsh, is also an old Island girl.

News comes to us of a former Island boy who is now a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps. Older Island residents spent a number of years, as a boy, at the home of his uncle, J. Ham, 540 Lake Shore Ave.

Returning to his father's home in California while still a youngster, he had extensive training in singing and dancing, and later made many professional appearances on the West Coast including engagements at the Paramount theatre in Hollywood. Later he trained as a pilot at the Douglas Aircraft school, and flew planes for a number of movie actors, among them Dennis O'Keefe.

With the outbreak of war, he tried to join the R.C.A.F., but was turned down for air crew because of color blindness, a defect which later kept him out of air crew in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

About four years ago Ted returned to the Island and was active in organizing the winter dances at the Hotel Manitou, where he played the trap-drums.

At present he is stationed at Kingman, Arizona, and is instructing in the gunnery school. He married a Nevada girl about two years ago, and has a baby daughter. The Centre Islander wishes Ted the best of luck and hopes to see him again at the Island after the war.

Coffee grounds and tea leaves will clean short-napped rugs if sprinkled by handfull over the rug to be cleaned, allowed to remain for 15 minutes and brushed off with a stiff bristled brush.

Waste fats are still needed for the war effort. To simplify the salvage of the necessary fat, collect it in a washed number two can as it has an approximate capacity of one

Verna Reiser dropped in on the Island for a short visit last week, snatching a bit of Toronto air after breathing Montreal atmosphere for several months. Verna is training as a WOG, or wireless operator,



VERNA REISER

ground, as the air force term it. Verna left her job at the Toronto Star last fall to enlist in the R.C.A.F. and looks very trim in her uniform. Sorry we haven't a picture of her in uniform, but she still looks nice in this one.

BILLY DINSMORE PARADES

Lately enlisted O/S Bill Dinsmore of 288 Lakeshore is looking smarter than ever these days. Resplendent in his new uniform, shouldering rifle complete with bayonet, he looks as nautical as Capt. Kidd. Passing King and Yonge St., at 13.00 hours on the nose daily, he has been following the Navy Band in the Victory Loan parades.

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YOUR ISLAND GARDENS

By F. J. WALTER

To The Flower Grower

Now is the time to think of Roses, as early attention will mean blossom in June, and if any replacements are to be made, now is the time to make them.

Having taken care in removing the winter coverings, and having cleaned the bed of broken branches, we can now proceed with the pruning of the rose trees. Taking each bush separately, carefully take note of the strength of each branch, and then take out all dead wood with sharp shears. A sharp instrument is most important, as a dull one will not give you a bad, jagged cut, but will bruise the branch and in some instances cause the loss of it.

Carefully notice the number of breaks in the bush, commencing from the base upwards. Now, leaving 3 or 4 strong shoots, cut the branch at an angle, not straight

across, and always leaving the top short on the outside. This allows more air to pass through the plants otherwise as the growth comes along, you will find the bush crowded in the centre, making too many leaves, which in turn become nests for insects.

With reference to the Climbers, many Islanders met with serious loss the previous winter, owing to the very severe weather, and many Climbers did not respond to treatment during last summer at all. Those we did manage to save only produced weak shoots, however, with a little more attention and care we hope we shall have better results this season.

Having tied the branches back to the fence, or trellis as the case may be, and spacing them a foot apart, cut out dead wood and then cut each shoot back to within an



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inch of the main branch. This will produce a strong break, and in the vigorous varieties will produce shoots as much as four feet in length, and an abundance of Roses. By cutting back hard, the growth becomes much stronger.

Now dig out around the roots — say, about 6 inches from the base and fill with well-rotted manure. This applies also to bush roses. If chemical fertilizer is used, be careful not to get close to the roots.

If planting new rose bushes, dig the hole large enough to spread the roots out and deep enough to allow one inch above the stems. Fill in with a layer of manure, and cover with earth to depth of one inch. Place the bush on top of this, spread out the roots, then fill in, after which tread the earth firmly down all around the bush.

Following is a list of some good varieties of bush roses suitable for Island gardens: — Hadley, Roile de Holland, Joanna Hill, Rev. Page Roberts, Butterfly, Rapture, Una Wallace.
For Climbers: — American Pillar, American Beauty, Dorothy Perkins, Excelsior, Paul Scarlet.

Teas, Showers Held For Helena Crate

Helena Alma Crate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Vaughan Crate, 26 Hooper Ave. will be married to Private Andrew Kerr Gilles, R.C. O.C., son of Mrs. J. Gilles, Hinawlia Ave., Hanlan's Point, in the west chapel of East Memorial church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. A reception will be held afterwards at the Old Mill.

Five showers, several teas and a cocktail party have been held in the bride's honor, and there will be a trousseau tea on Saturday, May 20. The matron of honor will be Mrs. Gordon Webb, and the best man will be Norman Gillies, brother of the groom-to-be.

Old Maid: "I bet that man was embarrassed when you caught him looking over the transom."

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