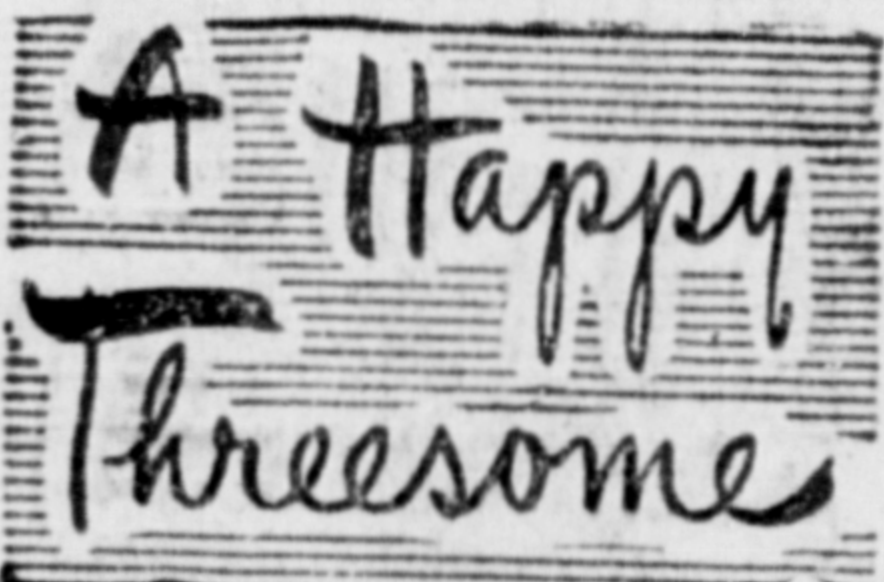




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BIG CROWD AT P.T.A. MEETING

Spotlighting student talent, King Edward played host to a record attendance of over seventy adults at the Parent Teachers Association meeting last night in the music room of the school.

Featured on the social program was a novel arrangement of the "Troubadour" enacted by a cast of Grade IV pupils, under the direction of Miss Lorie Hart, program convener, with the adults participating.

A piano solo was ably rendered by Miss Sylvia Helland, Grade III, and received with enthusiastic response.

A special feature was a quiz program with the teachers of Conrad and King Edward as the battling little Quiz Kids. The contest was ably handled by Principal R. G. Moore as quiz master and was a particularly enjoyable item of the evening's entertainment.

Motion pictures were shown, and refreshments were served under the sponsorship of Mrs. John McLeod.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY RESTS

Members of the Prince Rupert Horticultural Society decided to suspend their meetings for the next three months and will stay home and study the seed catalogues until the third Tuesday in February when they believe it will be time to prepare seed flats.

Last night's meeting in the Civic Centre was well attended and enthusiasm has not died down with the aging season. President C. P. Balagno was in the chair and, with the help of J. J. Payne, W. J. Pinniger, Sam Massey and others, answered many questions relative to putting the borders to bed for the winter.

Two door prizes—one dozen tulip bulbs and one dozen daffodil bulbs donated by Mrs. Robert Cameron—were won by Mrs. A. S. Nickerson and Mrs. Arthur Armstrong.

EIRE FINDING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO IT ALONE—VALERA MORE TRACTABLE

By STUART UNDERHILL
Canadian Press Staff Writer

DUBLIN—Republican Eire, which remained neutral during the war, seems to be accepting in peacetime an increasing responsibility in the international sphere.

Short of dollars like the rest of Europe, this country faces an economic crisis that seems likely to

cause increasing hardship. It is becoming clear to Irishmen that there is no way to escape economic dependence on the United Kingdom—for that matter, on Europe generally.

The government's wartime insistence on Eire's right and ability to stand alone has given way to public acknowledgement of international ties. The republic participated in the Paris talks on the Marshall Plan and will discuss the possibility of a European customs union. Its application for membership in the United Nations has been blocked so far by the Russian veto, but the application has not been withdrawn.

"It would be foolish to think that we could maintain in this country a tolerable way of living if all our European neighbors go down in a welter of disorder," said Sean Lemass, minister for industry and commerce.

"Anything that promotes the creation of a workable European economy is a direct benefit to ourselves."

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Ouellette has never tried detective-story techniques of safe-

cracking—such as rubbing the fingers with sandpaper. The probable result of that, he said, would be sore fingers.

He first finds the number of dials in the lock by checking the clicks as he spins the knob. Then, using a system of combinations he has worked out, he tediously turns the knob until the lock opens. Sometimes it takes 20 minutes—sometimes 30 hours.

One of his most interesting jobs was opening a Moose Jaw police department vault that had been locked for years. He

Eire and the United Kingdom was indicated by Prime Minister De Valera's visit to London, his first since 1938 when the Irish ports were transferred to Eire and a trade agreement was concluded.

This time only economic matters were under discussion, and De Valera made plain now closely by his government now is willing to work with the British. The plan, he said, was to "find out in what respect we can be of assistance to the other." Civil servants of the two countries now will go into the matter in detail.

As part of the sterling area, Eire is dependent on the United Kingdom for a share of dollars from the sterling-area pool in London and economic isolation is not possible. As one of the United Kingdom's biggest food suppliers, the republic has been getting more dollars than she can possibly earn by exports to the United States.

Lemass hinted in a recent speech that Eire is drawing closer to the other spheres for monetary self-protection if no other reason.

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