

Life in Old Country 'Good'

Days Former City Resident

Life "in the old country" is considerably brighter these days, according to Jean Aird, former Prince Rupert resident who returned to Scotland about a year ago.

In a letter to the Daily News, she compares conditions in Scotland with those here and says she finds life good in her home city, she's a little homesick for Rupert.

She says that many of her friends who have returned to Scotland have improved greatly in the last two years, she writes in her letter.

According to all intents and purposes, the butter—1/4 lb. per week—being the only commodity on short supply, is abundant and of excellent quality, as indeed is all the food. Our shops are packed with a wide variety of merchandise. In some respects we are more in Glasgow than in Rupert.

Britain has created a world of opportunity for house building. This is to be seen in the workers who have sprung up in amazing activity this year. There are four types. The first is similar to the wartime flats in Rupert, generally four rooms with frigid and wash-machines installed, and are let at about two dollars per week.

The semi-detached type of apartment—four living rooms, bathroom and kitchen—let the homes on Sixth Street, though our houses are more closely packed together. The rent here is around \$100. Tenements are also built with balconies, and are similar to the flats type. The 'flat' type of apartment is similar to the Elizabethan Apartments, only ours are

filled out with all sorts of modern conveniences, and have garden space.

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King Edward Concert Tonight

First of two Christmas concerts by students of King Edward school will be held in the school auditorium tonight when children of grades four, five and six stage an operetta entitled "The Lost Doll." They also will put on a play, "The Wise Men of Gotham."

On Thursday night students of the primary school will give a selection of performances arranged by the various classes. Altogether approximately 400 children will take part.

The performances will start at 7:30 p.m.

FETES KIDDIES

Santa Claus came to town Sunday to pay a visit to some 30 children at a Christmas party sponsored by the Credit Women's Breakfast Club.

Mrs. D. J. Lippett was convener of the affair at which party hats, noise makers and balloons started the fun. The youngsters played musical chairs and other games and then enjoyed ice cream, soft drinks, cookies and cake.

While they waited for Santa's visit, the children sang Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Beatrice Grant.



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Former Rupert Residents Celebrate Golden Wedding

Prince Rupert oldtimers shared interest in a Golden Wedding celebration, marked at Ladner, B.C. by Mr. and Mrs. Anton Akerberg, former Rupert residents.

The couple lived here in the early 1900's, leaving in about 1928. Mr. Akerberg, a machinist, was part-owner of the firm Akerberg and Thompson, located in those days on the waterfront. The 50th wedding anniversary celebration was marked by Mr. Akerberg's illness. He was in Columbian hospital.

Relatives and friends from Prince Rupert and California attended the celebration which included a dinner party for which the decorative theme stressed gold.

Among guests were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Akerberg of Ladner, son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Walker Dawes and

Primate Better

EDMONTON (CP)—Most Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Anglican primate of all Canada and metropolitan of Rupert's Land, was released Saturday from University Hospital here, where he had been confined since an abdominal operation Dec. 4.

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FRANKFURTERS AND CORN CUSTARD

- 2 (12-oz.) cans kernel corn
- 1 tall can evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup corn liquid from can
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- Process Canadian cheese
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon Ac'cent (pure monosodium glutamate)
- Few grains pepper
- 4 eggs, slightly beaten
- 8 frankfurters

Drain corn, saving liquid. Combine evaporated milk and corn liquid. Heat margarine or butter; blend in flour, salt, Ac'cent, and pepper. Add evaporated milk mixture. Stir over low heat until smooth and thickened. Remove from heat. Add drained corn. Add eggs slowly, stirring constantly. Pour into greased shallow baking dish. Set in shallow pan or water. Bake in moderate oven (350° F) 45 minutes. Meanwhile, score frankfurters at 1/2-inch intervals, almost through. Insert thin slices of cheese in each scoring. Place frankfurters on corn. Return to oven; bake 15 to 20 minutes longer or until custard is firm. Makes 8 servings.



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Muzzy's Favorite Play Is a Killer This Time

Mr. Muzzy has several types of plays. It may be significant that these same plays were his favorites a dozen years ago:

He loves to finesse and he loves a crossruff. When declarer on his right, leads a low card of a suit in which dummy's holding is headed by the ace, Mr. Muzzy likes to play the highest cards in his hand—to "force" the ace, as he calls it.

In most cases this play gains nothing at all and in fact loses a trick. A simple example of this is where declarer planned to play the ace anyway.

In today's hand, however, Mr. Muzzy's second hand high play was a real killer. Against the three no trump contract he led the seven of diamonds. (The 10 would have been a better choice with this holding.)

Mr. Dale put up the king and it held. The jack was returned and Mr. Champion ducked again. There followed an agonizing wait while Mr. Muzzy tried to decide whether to overtake with the queen. He finally did so and returned another diamond which Mr. Champion won.

A heart was discarded from the board and Mr. Dale dropped the deuce of spades. Mr. Champion now planned to go after the club suit. He led the deuce, intending to play the 10 from dummy. If Mr. Muzzy had played low on this trick, Mr. Dale would have won with the jack. But Mr. Champion would have won any return and on the second lead of clubs Mr. Muzzy's king would have fallen. The entire club suit would then be good and the defenders would be through.

However, Mr. Muzzy did not play low on the first club lead. He wanted to force the ace—so he played the king. This had a devastating effect on Mr. Champion's plan. If he let the king hold, Mr. Muzzy could rattle off three diamond tricks.

If he won with the ace, Mr. Dale still had the suit stopped with the guarded jack. And, since there were no quick en-

Mrs. Kirkpatrick Heads Stewart Legion Auxiliary

STEWART—Mrs. S. D. Kirkpatrick was named president of the Women's Auxiliary to Stewart Branch No. 85, Canadian Legion, at that group's annual election of officers.

Other officers named were: Mrs. A. L. Lawrence, first vice-president; Mrs. W. J. Crawford, second vice-president; Mrs. L. A. Behrens, secretary; Mrs. R. L. Barwise, treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Bennett, sergeant-at-arms, and executive, Mrs. S. L. Young, Mrs. R. H. Sharp, Mrs. D. Geddes and Mrs. R. Macleod.

The officers will be installed January 18.

Mrs. Grindstrand Wins at Whist

Saturday night whist games staged by the Loyal Order of Moose will be suspended until after Christmas. The next drive will be held January 9.

Winners last Saturday were: Ladies' first, Mrs. H. Grindstrand; second, Mrs. L. Franklin; men's first, Ollie Tweed; second, L. Franklin. Pool winner was P. C. McDowell and L. Franklin won the door prize.

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Residential Light-Up Contest Opens

The residential section of The Jaycees Christmas light-up contest opened yesterday, and members of the Junior chamber committee expect dozens of entries by closing date Saturday.

Meanwhile, the merchants section of the contest has closed with 16 local firms entered. Judging of both sections will take place Sunday, with the names of prize winners to be announced December 23.

In the residential category, first prize will be \$20 cash plus a merchandise prize and second prize \$10 cash plus a merchandise prize.

In the business section first prize will be a perpetuated trophy along with a merchandise award and a \$5 cash prize to the person responsible for the display. Second prize will be a letter of congratulation, plus merchandise and a \$2.50 award to the person responsible.

Committee in charge of the contest includes Roy Weiss, Reg. Williams, Larry Standwood, Fred Aston, Jay Burns and Gerry Woodside, chairman.

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P. F. P. Bird Heads Scout Association

P. F. P. Bird was named president of the Prince Rupert District Boy Scout Association at that group's annual meeting last night in the Civic Centre.

F. E. Anfield was re-elected district commissioner and other officers named were: Dr. L. P. Charbonneau, vice-president; Stuart Furk, secretary; James Taylor, treasurer, and councillors Jack Martin, M. J. Saunders, W. H. Lemmon, Douglas Frizzen and W. G. Seaby.

Group chairmen and ex-officio members of the council include Eric Faure, Robert Cameron, John McLeod, G. McClintock, M. J. Saunders and Jack Davis.

J. L. Blain of Prince George, field commissioner for northern B.C. and the Yukon, attended the session at which District Commissioner Anfield was praised for his work.

In annual reports by Commissioner Anfield and retiring president Fred Conrad, the need for Scout and Cub leaders was stressed. Leader training courses staged in the past year were a great help, but more leaders are still badly needed.

Major activities during the year were participation in Coronation and Remembrance Day parades, training courses for leaders, and attendance of two Scouts, David Ridsdale and James Baldwin, at the all-Canada Jamboree in Ottawa.

The boys enjoyed considerable camping activity throughout the summer, featuring a troop camp at Lake Kathryn, near Smithers.

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