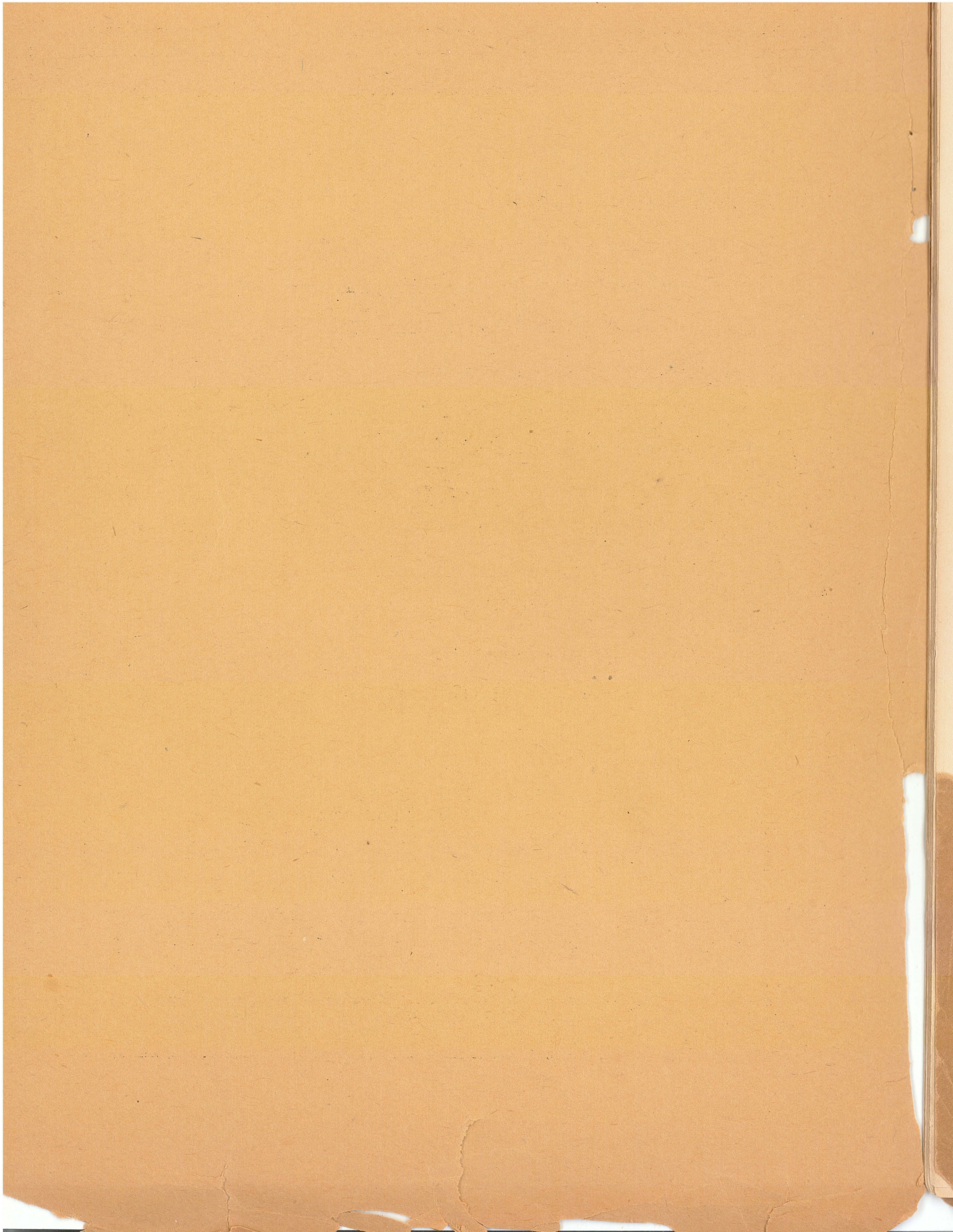


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EDITORIAL

Another college year has come and as the season's first "Herald" goes to press the seniors are again looking forward to another successful year at this institution.

The juniors doubtless are also looking ahead, wondering, as to the outcome and reason for it all; the attention to detail, history and things long since past. But, as the weeks and months go by they will see why it is so necessary that they have a firm and sound knowledge regarding the fundamental principles upon which and about which all worthwhile knowledge revolves and if these basic facts are not firmly imbedded in their minds, their learning will not be upon a firm foundation and they will leave themselves open to the questioning of men who will ask for facts not theories.

Truly the past summer must have been a very successful and profitable one, notwithstanding the dryness of the weather and the resulting lowered yield of crops, for all those students who were afraid last spring that their finances would not permit their returning this term are back, more ambitious than ever and fully convinced that farming is the only life (although there is no money in it).

To them is given the task of setting an example and a standard for the juniors to live up to, or surpass in their two years here at the A. C. A task which is passed on to these same juniors on Commencement Day when they in turn are raised to the position of seniors.

The new students are not the only new faces which the seniors see this year as we have three new professors; one of whom can not be called a complete stranger to us. We hope that the newcomers will enjoy and benefit by their new positions as much as the students and residents enjoy and benefit by their presence.

What is a good name worth? A good name is to be prized more than riches. It takes years of labor and diligent discharge of duty to earn one and yet it can be lost in a very few hours.

Let us while here at this college all do our part not only to improve our own reputations, but by our example also improve the name and reputation of the N. S. A. C.

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Since that time we have seen nothing which might change our opinion of these new men. And now I find it very difficult to find the proper words to express the feeling of welcome we have for these new men. But I feel safe in saying that the senior class need have no fear about the class of men who will be the graduating class of '39, because they are, from all appearances, a group of industrious, level-headed, God-fearing young men, who will have a favorable record wherever they may go.

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A PLOUGHING MATCH

All the ploughing that I had ever seen was my father's, my neighbour's, and my own. Whether it was good or bad I had a sort of a general idea. If the furrows were straight and of an even width, with little or no grass showing, it was good ploughing. And if anyone has ever tried to plough a rocky field, it is quite possible for one to realize that a field ploughed in this way is indeed a good job. I had read of ploughing matches in farm magazines and had wanted to see one. So when the students of the N.S.A.C. were told that they were to attend a ploughing match a few miles from Truro, I was interested.

Having had instructions to the effect that the junior classes were to pass their opinion on the ploughing and that the senior classes were to look over the horses, we started off for the scene of action.

My first thought on arriving on the field was, Well! who's ahead? But I soon found out that there was no one ahead. Some teams were moving along and others were stopped. There were 22 teams of horses and 4 yokes of oxen. My first impression of the teams was that they were badly matched as to color. As I looked down the line, a pair of nicely matched Clydesdales and a team of blacks stood out clearly. But as time passed and I had looked at each team, their steadiness and the ease with which they were handled took my fancy.. So much so that I placed some of those teams near the top as the best teams. A boy, nine years old, ploughing with a nice working team was a large feature of the ploughing match.

When I looked at the ploughing it was compared to my own, and I learned a lot. More especially so when at the arena that evening W. W. Baird explained good ploughing and the prize winners of the day were announced. Mr. Baird in making a general summing-up of the day's ploughing said that the ploughing on the average was well done. The first and second ridges extremely well turned, but a number were not as careful about widths and depths as they might have been, both at the crown and the finish. This left bad crowns and finishes - not really bad, but they lacked uniformity. Also a great many ploughed too wide and flat.

Mr. Chapman explained how he and Mr. Boulden had arrived at their placings of the best teams. It was explained that the proper harness and plough counted 50 percent of total points, and Mr. Flemming's blacks were declared to have the right harness for ploughing. This team placed at the top and it must have been a difficult job placing any of those teams that showed in the Arena that night. Mr. Archibald placed the oxen to his satisfaction and the prizes for the winners of the day were awarded.

When I came to sum it all up for myself as one who had never seen a ploughing match before, it seemed to me that it was a fine thing. To show a pride in a good team, to show a well turned-out outfit as to harness and plough, together with a show of skill and workmanship is well worth while, and as the soil is the foundation of farming, why can't the idea of a good job be followed right through the whole general plan of farming.

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"DO YOU RIDE"

This is not an inquiry as to whether or not you will accept a ride up the hill to the college on a cold, wet morning. Nor is it a question on your ability as an equestrian, though a horse is the means of conveyance. Do you ride a hobby-horse? In short, have you a hobby?

The probability is that you have a hobby, at least of a kind. Few people can keep off that kind of horse, though actual horse-flesh causes a distinct up-tilt of the nose or an involuntary shudder. ("Oh, my Deah, the SMELL!!"). Ladies lingering over cups of tasty tea to whisper scandalous ear-scorchers are indulging in a hobby, ("Reawly, my Deah, I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't heard it with my own ears!!"). Wherever two or three men, gathered together, indulge in periodic bursts of guffaws, you may be sure one or all of them is riding the hobby-horse of "That reminds me - -" or "Did you ever hear that one about the travelling salesman who - - -". Did you ever know a person who had had an operation and couldn't forget about it? Though that is a horse of a different colour it is nevertheless a hobby-horse.

However, it is not to that sort of hobby that nerve specialists and social service workers try to direct people. They advocate a hobby that will provide an emotional outlet, or occupy a person's spare time. A hobby does both these things. If you "get on edge"; if the smell of your room-mate's pipe gets oppressive (though your own may be worse); if the neighbour's baby cries till you could cheerfully choke it; if the cat stretching before the fire, causes you to flare up and fling a book at it (to the ruin of both, perhaps); if you wander around like a lost, disembodied spirit, then it is time to get the hobby horse out and go for a ride.

The enjoyment of your ride will depend on the solidity of your horse. If he balks when you approach a slough of despondency, then you had better sell him, or even pay someone to cart away his carcass. You want a horse that has substance.

Substance in a hobby-horse is recognized in the satisfaction and enjoyment it gives the rider. The fabled miser's chief delight was in handling his coins. The gold had a velvety feel to his fingers; it had weight. The sparkle of it caught his eye. The tinkle of it pleased his ears, and if he could have smelled and tasted it he would have done so. The gold appealed to three of his senses. The more senses a hobby can influence the more enjoyment it will give.

Another form of enjoyment of a hobby-horse ride, is the test of skill it gives the rider. To Leeuwenhoek, the Dutch merchant who invented the microscope, the grinding of lenses was a hobby. His skill in grinding them increased as he ground more and more. He made microscope after microscope, each a little better than the one before it. He made them, not for the sake of having a large stock of them on hand, because he never capitalized on them, but because each improvement was the result of a fresh demand on his skill.

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Because a good hobby-horse recognizes others of his kind he will enlarge your social sphere. Your stamp collection may bring you letters from the four corners of the globe. Your amateur radio broadcasting station may make you friends in China and Australia, or even find you your life's partner, as was the case in a romance via radio between a Canadian boy and an American girl.

If you ride a hobby horse you will see more of the world, because these hobby-horses take you into all manner of places. This is particularly true of those of the extensive type called Collections. Stamp and Coin Collections, as well as some other breeds, also take you back through History. If your horse happens to be of the Handicrafts type, then you are likely to ride him around home a little more, and bring enjoyment to your friends as well as yourself, because friends are always interested in this type of hobby-horse.

The two chief types of hobby horses have been mentioned, namely the Handicrafts type, and the Collections type. There are many breeds of each type, and some breeds have noted strains. Some breeds are distinctly show stock while other breeds can be fitted for the ring only with great difficulty. Perhaps we could mention a few breeds of each type. Home Workshop is perhaps the commonest of the Handicrafts type ridden by men while the favourite mount for women seems to be Fancywork. The strains of these two breeds are so numerous that we will not attempt to name them. Of the Collections type the commonest breed seems to be the Stamp breed. Here again we find strains, such as Canadian, British, American, Foreign, and many others. In the Collections type we do not find one breed adopted by women, and another by men, though there are considerably more men riders as a rule.

A third type of hobby-horse, which is becoming very popular, is a sort of cross between the two types already mentioned. This individual combines the skill and ingenuity of the Handicrafts parent with the patience and skill in arrangement and order found in the Collections type. Several breeds have developed in this type, which is Photography, such as Minicam, Moviecam, Colour, Micro and many others.

Just as a change of mount is occasionally desirable, so we like a change of hobby-horses once in a while. There is no limit to the number of such horses a person may own. A well-equipped and well-stocked hobby stable may contain several, or only one. Some people contend that one well-developed mount is better than three or four ordinary ones, but that all depends on the owner. However, it is never wise to attempt to overcrowd the stable.

Cost is always a major item. The cost of these horses ranges from little or nothing for some the Handicrafts type, to thousands of dollars for some of the Collections type. It is usually possible to select a suitable breed of the desired type at a price to fit the pocketbook. For instance, if you want to collect interesting things for next to nothing, ask your friends to give you the "Sample" of blank face cards of their playing card decks. Many of these are works

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"Do You Ride" --

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One other thing might be mentioned. Very often these hobby-horses are profitable beasts, and many of them have carried their riders to better jobs.

Once you have procured your horse, give him some attention. Whether or not you have only one, or a whole stable full, keep them well-groomed. Give each one its share of attention, because if you neglect one persistently you are bound to lose him. And finally, to give yourself the necessary exercise, and keep your hobby-horses from getting stocked up by standing too long in the stall, for goodness' sake get out once in a while and RIDE!!!

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CHEERS, OR LACK OF CHEERS

One afternoon recently, taking full advantage of a half-holiday given by our Faculty, we made our way to the T.A.A.C. grounds where the Maritime Intercollegiate Rugby championship was to be played between Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier. As we entered the field we heard a tremendous roar burst forth from the grandstand. This was followed by the ingratient cries of a few individuals who could hardly wait for the game to start. At last the teams appeared on the scene and the fans nearly went wild with excitement. Even the grandstand, creaking under its heavy burden, seemed to join in with the spirit of the occasion. As the game progressed the enthusiasm became greater, well-organized cheers alternating with songs of encouragement and praise. In the midst of it all we began to wonder if all this whole-hearted cheering and this wonderful display of college spirit urged the scrums to push a little harder, the back-field to run a little faster and bring down their men with a little more determination. We think it did, and it was not difficult to see how the enthusiasm of the grandstand was passed over to those who were battling for victory out on the rain-soaked gridiron. After all these men were human and they responded directly to the encouragement which they were given.

As we walked away after the final whistle, between lamenting over Mt. A'S defeat and our own personal loss of half a dollar, we could not help thinking of the marvellous support which those teams were given in the form of cheers and songs - the very personification of college spirit. Then we turned our thoughts nearer home and actually we felt ashamed of the dreary way in which our own teams were being supported.

Come on A.C.'s, why can't we, as an educational institution just like those which were represented out there that afternoon, express our enthusiasm and college spirit in the form of well-organized cheers and songs. Those of us who were here last year will remember how the boys went right through the entire season without one decent cheer; disheartening, we call it, and not because the spirit was lacking - not at all, but simply because we had no way in which to give vent to our enthusiasm.

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As we walked away after the final whistle, between lamenting over St. A's defeat and our own personal loss of half a dollar, we could not help thinking of the marvelous support which these teams were given in the form of cheers and songs - the very personalization of college spirit. Then we turned our thoughts nearer home and actually we felt ashamed of the dreary way in which our own teams were being supported.

Come on A.C.'s, why can't we, as an educational institution, get like those which were represented out there that afternoon, express our enthusiasm and college spirit in the form of well-organized cheers and songs. Think of us who were here last year will remember how the boys went right through the entire season without one defeat; cheer, disheartening, we call it, and not because the spirit was lacking - not at all, but simply because we had no way in which to give vent to our enthusiasm.

You have probably guessed the purpose of this article which is to urge each and every student, both junior and senior, both Degree and General, to put on his thinking cap and bring in some material by

which we can express the enthusiasm and college spirit which prevails over our entire campus.

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W. A. J. '38.

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Both the Library and the Reading Room in the main building have undergone repairs and re-decorating during the past summer. Twenty new chairs have been provided for these rooms and their appearance now is quite respectable.

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To sum up, our Library and Reading Room have made fine progress during the past year. We are still a long way from the ideal, even for a comparatively small institution. We aim at having on our shelves one or more volumes in every possible line of interest touched by our courses, of the best quality and strictly up-to-date. Side by side with this ambition is the desire to have a selection of books in every major subject which will illuminate and simplify the class work. We might mention several other objectives sought, but these notes are getting too long and we simply add - there is yet much to be done, particularly for the Library.

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The horses, both draft and light, which always command the most interest and attention, were good. A new feature of the horse show was jumping by hunter type entries, which was performed in a manner creditable to both mount and rider.

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Machinery agents were on hand to demonstrate the superior qualities of their various lines and the games of chance were sprinkled plentifully about.

As one wandered about and mingled with the throng of patrons and saw the happy looks on their faces it would indeed be hard to deny that it was truly "The Crowning Fair in the Crowning Year."

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Potato Growing in P. E. Island

Potato growing is the most important branch of farming in parts of P. E. Island. In some sections, the land is suitable for growing good potatoes. The best soil is a sandy loam which does not hold much humus or raw materials for the use of the plants. Their needs are met by commercial fertilizer. A great deal of it is used in preference to manure which, some growers claim, causes scab, if the land gets too much of it. The usually moist climate is favorable to the growing of potatoes.

Potato planters are used on most farms, rather than the old-fashioned method of making drills and dropping the sets into them. The plants are hilled as soon as they appear with one or two-row hillers. They are usually hilled first with discs, then twice with wings.

Spraying is done by pressure sprayers with draft gear for horses, the wheels supplying the force. Liquid or powder spray is used; the latter has to be applied while the plants are wet with dew. The number of sprays per season depends on the amount of infestation by bugs or on the effect made by weather conditions on diseases like blight.

The potatoes are usually not dug till the tops are dead. This is done by the elevator digger or the beater digger, but some use the plow. A good beater digger bruises very few. The potatoes are picked by hand, although some mechanical pickers have been tried, but with little success.

As to storage, many growers own warehouses, or rent a bin in one, at their nearest station. The potatoes are hauled directly from the field to the warehouse. Then they can be shipped during the winter or spring, independently of condition of the roads. The owner thus can take advantage of a quick rise in price. In large bins, ventilators about a foot square have to be put down through the potatoes to prevent sweating.

The main crop is Green Mountains, but Cobblers and Bliss Triumphs are also grown. The two classes of potatoes are tablestock and certified seed. The grades are set by the government and for tablestock are: Canada No. 1 and seconds. The tablestock has to be inspected only after grading. The certified seed has to have three inspections, two while the plants are growing, and the third after grading.

For protection against fraud, the P. E. Island Potato Growers' Association was formed. The potatoes are in a large part shipped by them and fertilizer is bought in large quantities by it for the farmers. The farmer thus gets greater returns and reduces his fertilizer costs. The cost of production per bushel has been lowered since the depression. Some growers are able to produce potatoes at a cost of twenty-two cents per bushel. The use of machinery in nearly every phase of production tends to decrease labor cost and increase returns to the farmer.

Potato Growing in F. E. Island

Potato growing is the most important branch of farming in F. E. Island. In some sections, the land is suitable for growing good potatoes. The best soil is a sandy loam which does not hold much humus or raw materials for the use of the plants. The needs are met by commercial fertilizer. A great deal of it is used in preference to manure which, some growers claim, causes rot in the land early in the season. The generally moist climate is favorable to the growing of potatoes.

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Dr. Ross was then called to the platform to lead in community singing. Variation was obtained by asking different groups to sing separate lines.

Our new Engineering professor, Mr. Banting, was asked to render a solo, which was so well received that he sang four during the course of the evening.

A very bountiful luncheon was served by the hostesses which was very well received, judging by the manner in which it disappeared.

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Social Events (Cont'd)

Church Socials

Practically all of the churches in the town of Truro have held a social evening in honor of the A. C. students. These have been exceptionally well attended and very enjoyable evenings were spent. The students as a whole appreciate this kindness from the townspeople who go to a great deal of trouble to ensure an enjoyable evening as well as a more pleasant stay while in their town.

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As usual the college dances have been very well attended and enjoyed by all attending. These dances which are held for the entertainment of the students of the P.N.C. and S.B.C., as well as the A.C.'s themselves, help to get the young people acquainted and it has been said that more than one enterprising young farmer has met his future "better half" at one of these Saturday night dances at the A. C.

S-P-O-R-T-S

With the early opening of College and a group of really good players, the A. C. Softball team got away to a good start. The first game was played with the Normal students, at the Park. Both teams played a good game, with the A. C.'s winning 39-12.

The second game was also with the Normal students and ended with a score much the same 34-13.

There were a number of outstanding players in both games. One of the most prominent was Stanley Curtis, who hit a home run every time he was up, until the Normal students got wise and let him walk his bases.

The boys are also making good progress in basketball. Prof. Banting has been helping them a great deal, and it is believed that they will have a stronger team this year than last.

The students of the A. C. were shown a good example of cooperation and consideration by the members of the Faculty, when they granted an afternoon's leave of absence to the entire student body for the purpose of attending the football game between Mount Allison and St. Francis Xavier teams, which was played in Truro.

The game was good and the students gave their divided support to both teams and saw St. F. X. emerge victorious from the mud with a score of 8-3.

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8-P-O-R-T-S

With the early opening of College and a group of really good football players, the A. O. football team got away to a good start. The first game was played with the Normal students, at the Park. Both teams had a good game, with the A. O.'s winning 22-12. The second game was also with the Normal students and ended with a score much the same 24-12. There were a number of outstanding players in both games. The most prominent was Stanley Guttie, who hit a home run the first he was up, until the Normal students got wise and let him pass. The boys are also making good progress in basketball. It has been helping them a great deal, and it is believed that they will have a stronger team this year than last. The students of the A. O. were shown a good example of action and cooperation by the members of the Faculty, when granted an afternoon's leave of absence for the entire student body for the purpose of attending the football game between Troy and St. Francis Xavier teams, which was played in Troy. The game was good and the students gave their divided support to the teams and saw St. Francis Xavier victorious from the end with a score of 25-12.

JOKES - More or Less!.

Bruce Trenholm and Laurie Smith (having been arrested for speeding while in Amherst): "But, your Honor, we are college boys!"

Judge: "Ignorance doesn't excuse anyone".

Mr. Fraser: "What do you think of Shakespeare's plays?"

Pete Magennis: "What team does he play on?"

Harold Wilson: "You shouldn't smile so much, my dear. It is dangerous."

Jean F: "Dangerous?"

Harold: "Yes, when a smile lights up your face, it might set off the powder".

A clergyman noticing in his congregation a Normal student, he had not seen before, shook her hand and said: "I am glad to see you here. If you will give me your name and address I shall be very pleased to call on you".

Hanging her head, the girl replied: "I've--I've got a fellow".

A Bed-Time Story for the A. C. Students

Once upon a time a mama skunk, a papa skunk, and two little baby skunks went out for a walk in woods. They had not gone far when they met a cross old grizzly bear.

"Oof! Oof!" said the bear, showing his teeth and raising his fur upon his back.

The little skunks were very much frightened, but not so the mama skunk. She was a very religious mama skunk.

"Let us spray", she said.

And the big bear said "Phew!" and ran away.

Being uncertain of the use of a phrase Eric Boulden asked his stenog.: "Do you retire a loan?"

The wistful-eyed one replied: "No, I sleep with mama."

Prof. Harlow: "If there are any dumb-bells in this room, please stand up."

A pause then finally Percy Archibald stood up.

Prof. Harlow: "What, Percy, do you consider yourself a dumb-bell?"

Percy: "Well, not exactly, but I hate to see you standing all alone".

During a recent convention in Truro, the Capital Theatre had the following advertisement displayed:

"Thirty Beautiful Girls"

"Twenty-five Gorgeous Costumes".

In the rush for good seats thirteen A. C. boys were seriously injured.

If you are in doubt as to whether or not to kiss a beautiful girl, give her the benefit of the doubt.

Officer: "You were doing forty, I will have to pinch you".

Miss Ross: "If you must, please do it where it won't show."

Jokes (Cont'd)

Stern father as Doug. Pond departs for college: "Now son, don't let me hear any bad reports about you."

Doug: "I'll try hard Dad, but you know these things leak out".

Bryden: "I bet I can beat you making faces."

Bill West: "Aw! Look at the start you have naturally!"

Jack Baillie: "The best way to get the most out of life is to fall in love with a great problem or a beautiful woman."

Ronald Roache: "Why not choose the latter and get both?"

Mr. Byers: "Can you give me an example of wasted energy?"

Ken. Morrison: "Telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man".

Mr. Fraser: "What did the poet mean by, "Wind Along the Waste?"

Corbett: "Gas on the stomach, I guess."

A man from Western Canada says that a fellow out there got into trouble by marrying two wives.

A P. E. I. man replied that a good many men in his section have done the same thing by only marrying one.

A N. B. man reports that quite a number of his acquaintances found trouble by merely promising to marry, without going any farther.

A N. S. man says that a friend of his was bothered enough by simply being found in company with another man's wife.

Mr. Chapman to Stenog: "Take the phone message, please. I will get it from you later."

Stenog: "No thanks! Your little boy wants to kiss you over the wire".

Dave Miller: "I'm not as dumb as I look".

Angus Beaton: "I didn't think you could be".

Guide (to touring party of the Ford Plant): "Do you know what would happen if that man on the right missed a day at work?"

Interested Onlooker: "No, what would happen?"

Guide: "2,261 Fords would go out of the factory without springs."

Onlooker: "Say, mister, that fellow has been sick a lot, ain't he?"

A former A. C. student had passed on to the "Great Beyond". A guide was showing him around, and after an hour of wandering, the man stopped, disgusted.

"And all these years I have been told what a wonderful place Heaven was", said the newcomer contemptuously. "Why, I'm telling you it isn't a blamed bit different from the old college."

"Heaven? This isn't Heaven", exclaimed the guide.

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