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## 100th Birthday

THE DIGBY

The hundrotth anniversary of the Digby Weekly Coviet has brought to mind some tond memories as cotained in the following historical chapter of the Alter Box first, I wish to congratulate the current into of the Courier, Mrs. J.M. (Edith) Wallis, for a physical done over the years and still being well done, to will done over the years and still being well done, to solve over the years and still being well done, to be controlled under the same formity management of 42, years, 1931 to 1973, under the control of Wallis Print Limited, the late J.J. Wallis become fitter of the Courier, the second time, in 1929, and at the same time of Courier the second time, in 1929, and at the same time of **Credits** units, in 1929, and at which he had been running to same starts evicually and which became Wi between 1929 and 1931

the last year of the twenties activent 1927 international the last year of the son with the when 1 worked in **Figure 2018 and 2018** The base of the son every day after set months after fin-Links of the present months after which are a set of the present in the building. The set of the present Digby town hall on First Avenue J.J. Wallis then by the set of the set of the print shop but mostly, across the street at the Courier office which was then across the street at the Courier office which was then across the street at the courier office which was then across the street at the courier office which was then across the street at the courier office which was then across the street at the courier office which was then across the street at the courier office which was then across the street at the courier office which was then across the street at the street across the street acr

across the street at the Counter due where The Royal located on land **Contact** area where The Royal Bank of Canada **Contact** area where the Royal Malis Job Print operated in 1929 with a sould of four consisting of JJ Wallis, JM Wallis, Mass Eva Haynes, who later became Mrs. George Kilcup, and myself. I was easily to the staff in early 1929 Eva s Job v **Disc Claimer** (1929) **Ison Claimer** office "mate" worked nearly full time at all the different jobs at the Job Print, and I, worked at various duties, most of the time heing spent at operating printing unsets.

We worked ten-hour days, six days a week. "J.1." and "Mac" sometimes worked overtime I worked only the regular hours being paid a weekly wage which was comporatively good for those times and may lack of experience. I received four or five dollars a week for working after school hours to six o clock and on Saturday all day, and mue dollars a week for hall weeks after finishing school. A two or three dollars a week raise was offered to me in the fall of 1025 for me to stay on at printing, but. I had made up my mind to enter a branch of the Royal Bark of Canada, starting salary of \$200. The bank salary mired out about the same per hoar as for the prin-ing job. Nevertheless, the congenial atmosphere of the printing plant those days, and, experience towever short, were belpful and appreciated by me We worked ten hour days, six days a week the printing plant those days, and, experience lowever short, were helpful and appreciated by me

however short, were beloful and appreciated by me-"J.J." was very jovial in his occasional trip to the bob Print and did considerable kidding all in good tun. Mac" was a witty person who mixed in a good natured sarcasm now and then for one reason or natured sarcasm now and then for one reason or natured sarcasm now and then for one reason or incoher. Eva most always had good answers to all the kidding she was called upon to take, and, generally beld her own in a quet sort of way, always hay setting type. We four all got along very well wheed. However, I do remember that some days full seem long and weary because of the monotony of tome repetitious jobs: e repetitious jobs

In spite of the great demand for printing those ast boom days of the twenties, business generally being brink it looked to me that people had to work here and hard to make any decent profit. There was

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New and then a priming job had a topy on par-new and then a priming job had a topy on par-tement paper which required a Rend kind of rinters ink which smelled very had base days I rinters ink which smelled very had base job on always dreaded it when "Mac the largest press in spite of the fact tag we always opened an outside door to lessen the abers on the

One of the jobs 1 had to do, being the passor and printers devil on the staff, was a 1.1 K denning over and their. One day not long after 1 stand my job at the printing plant. I decided to them in from that apparently hadn't been cleaned in some con-

siderable time. "J.J." came along and said. "how are parmaking out Vince." Tassured him that I thought is a beginning in see the floor..."J.J." laughed very beartily, he thought the remark pretty good and minible. Sometimes the gasoline engine of a poce of inachinery would reliase to work, and der "sho." the fix-it man had patiently worked for a organ length of time to get it going again, without senits. Mac' would then stand back and case que streaming, then he would immediately start working. See "he would asy. "all it needed was a bit of cusing. On other sociations when some gauge released

then he would immediately start works, "se," he would say, "all it needed was a bit of crass." In duty for me and, seemed to be broken "Mac would say "use a little oil" and sure enough site that is value of that remark and the actual need of "an many life situations, applied at the right une of that remark and, in the right way. Other things that sort of stick in my menory and of 1928 got together just before dark our evening and devine work then some the toget une right "Mac" of four teeninge boys who in the typical wood of 1928 got together just before dark our evening and devine my pool which had just been tilled with eater. Others were taken of near the road just ease of the pool nobody else seemed to be around exception four boys, no thought or time for bathing runb, up to the pool they went. They stood on the edge of the paol and which had just been study and my hing, but the next "Digby Courier" had a good story on the pisode. The heading of the story went something life. "Four Boy Scoats officially Opeo Pines Hele Swimming Pool" Who were the four ' Many years later they are known as the late Dr. Earl H Anderson, veteran of two wars toxics word, and Kreant, was awarded the Victoria Cross, Sudney L

tike. "Four Boy Scous" Hotel Swimming Pool" who were the four Many years later they are known as the late Dr. Earl H. Anderson, veteran of two wars (socurit world and Korean), was awarded the Victoria Cross, Sidney L. Smith, now prominent druggist for many years in Digby: Chryton D. Snow, Digby wholesale jobster king merchant; and myself. As a young teenager T used to like doing some writing about different events interesting to myself and mostly for myself. One day "Mac" wait to me "how about writing your version of the story told about "The Marconing of Jerome". If add heard and about "The Marconing of Jerome". If add heard and eread at least two somewhat different in tree about the point on the French Shore of St. Min: Bay, Digby County, When found this man's tongue had been cur-out and his legs quite freshily amputated, were surgically well dressed and board. Bay Digby County, When found this man's tongue had been cur-oust and his legs quite freshily amputated, were surgically well dressed and board. Bay Digby County, When found this man's tongue had been cur-oust and his legs quite freshily amputated were surgically well dressed and board. Bay and normal, all for some mysterious reason. "Jerome" appeared to have been a man at some could or would ever say after being hand and cared for by some family in the Freins short was, something that sounded like the way terter and the area who he was or why he was left the way terter and wars and, different ideas have been a man of wars and, different ideas have been a man of a pre-man did the out of the wars tert man "Mac" was, Itelt no urge to ward.

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### Digby 172 Years Ago

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number of the herespapers kindle sent to us by frands is a copy of the Saint John Gazette of May, 1902, nays the Telegraph and another sha John Gazette it your, using other the Telegraph and among other advertisements contained in the advertisements nor tamed in the same before us is due dissertions the task and township of Dagley, and offseting for sale certain lots in the tawn. In this area we are fold the township of Digby verticula from the Gat of An-raphic authority of Anestends from the total to the en-capelies westward to the en-tremity of the province of Nova Scottas, and contains about 10,000 actra." The town plot is thus described.

free trade with the U.S.A., espeicially with the New England States. The question was then debated by some Dubby High School abudents one of which was "J.J.s." daughter. Florence traw Mes. Melvin O. Tibert, Freeport, Digby (0.) Some days after the debate a man from some part of Nova Scotia came to the printing shop looking for Florence, one of the successful debaters; I had the impression that this man was interested politically but, maybe I was wrong.

Well. I felt that I had learned considerable from my short experience at "The Wallis Job Print" I was learning to do beginner Jobs, receiving some knowledge about things like embossing, stapling, perforating, courting, cutting and trimming paper stock, mixing inks for certain desired colors, and so forth, but, the only experience I had at setting 398 was just enough to make a "pi", the printers name for a confirmed mess.

was him of meas There was a taste of trying to sell job printing outside the plant. Work was a little slack one early fall day and so "Mac" said to me, "how about trying fall day and so "Mac" said to me, "how about trying the plant of taking orders for printed personalized your hand of taking orders for printed personalized through a taking orders for printed personalized christmas cards." I tried it, made several calls christmas cards." I tried it, made several calls around town, speet most of the time at one particular around town, speet most filler and get an order, but home its



The Town Plot is situated at the east of the township just within the entrance to An-rapelle liasin, and teenly milles from Annapelle Town, and see milles actoss lised from the based of S. Mary's (day. This laid out from the water's edge, partie on level water's edge, partly as level ground and partly on the declinity of a modern till, dry and pleasant, and having wit apolis Basin an eastern aspect, a view of the Annapolis Basin and its cultivated shares for twenty miles in where it terminates with the Fort and River's most with the Forthern bases of that name. It was settled by Loyalists from New York in 1783, the most of whom went early to farms, or, moving to older countries, left the whole

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#### 1800's

- (1810) the first elections were held in the County.
- (1837) the County of Annapolis was divided to include the County of Digby.
- Old Post Road and rural school system improved.
- Weymouth Trading Post established.
- Ship Building is a major industry in the area.
- (1879) the District of Digby was incorporated.
- (1891) the railway (the missing link) between Annapolis and Digby was completed.
- Joshua Slocum sails around the world alone.
- Temperance Movement.
- Summer Tourism Industry develops.
- I.M. Singer invents the sewing machine.
- Canadian Confederation (1867)
- Klondike Gold Rush
- The Supreme Court of Canada is established
- Florence Nightingale takes London nurses to the battlefields of the Crimean War

#### 1900's

- Poor Farm in operation
- Isaiah Wilson's Geography and History of the County of Digby Published.
- Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier visits Digby.
- Marconi transmits wireless message across the Atlantic
- Queen Victoria dies
- The Boxer Rebellion breaks out in China.
- The Boer War in Southern Africa ends

#### 1910's

- (1912) last race of the Brattain Cup in the Annapolis Basin.
- First motorized vehicle in the area.
- Communities collect cloths and money for the war effort.
- Spanish Flue kills many in the area.
- First Calgary Stampede
- Women in Canada get the vote
- Halifax explosion
- WW1
- The Titanic Disaster
- Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first to reach the South Pole.

#### 1920's

- Motorized vehicles becoming more common.
- Last wooden ship built in Bear River.
- Electric lights installed in villages.
- Motorized vehicles becoming more common
- Canadian Schooner "Bluenose" wins the International Fisherman's Trophy
- Agatha Christie launches her career as a mystery writer.
- George Carnarvon and Howard Carter unearth King Tutankhamen's tomb

#### 1930's

- Economic Depression.
- Rural electric lines being installed.
- Electric lights installed in villages.
- Highway paving projects underway.
- First crossing of the Princess Helene Ferry.
- Rum running along the coast.
- Rum running in its heyday
- Dionne quints born in Ontario
- Movie "King Kong" released starring Canadian Fay Wray
- WW II begins

#### 1940's

- Digby home to WWII submarine base.
- CFB Cornwallis largest training base in the Commonwealth.
- Scallop Industry expands.
- Hog farming expands.
- Population decline in rural communities.
- Newfoundland enters confederation
- UN Formed
- U.S. planes drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Orson Welles' film Citizen Kane, premieres

#### 1950's

- Bus service along the Digby Neck.
- Population in villages continue to decline. NORAD formed with USA
- National Ballet of Canada founded
- Bear River Power Plant built
- Korean War
- Smoking linked to lung cancer
- Sputnik launched
- Castro takes over power in Cuba
- Elizabeth II coronation Queen of England

#### 1960's

- Sissiboo Power Plant built.
- Kejimkujik Park established.
- Conners Brothers Fish Cannery Plant closes in Freeport.
- Fish Meal Plant opens in Mink Cove.
- Weymouth Industries closure.
- Bear River Village Fire.
- Canada celebrates 100th birthday
- Pierre Trudeau sworn in as Prime Minister
- Bay of Pigs invasion
- Thalidomide deformities revealed
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- John F. Kennedy assassinated
- Demonstrations against Vietnam War

#### 1970's

- Evangeline Mall built.
- New CN Ferry Terminal built.
- Ground Hog Day Storm.
- Municipal Airport opens.
- Hwy 101 completed to Digby.
- First Computer used.
- Jones Bottling Plant burns in Weymouth
- War Measures Act invoked
- Pierre Laporte murdered
- Canada-Soviet Summit Series in hockey begins
- Quebec language legislation (Bill 101) passes
- Munich massacre at the Olympics
- Rock stars Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin die.
- At Kent State University in Ohio, protesting students are killed by National Guardsmen

#### Links

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#### **General Links**

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