

MacMillan Lecture

On the afternoon and evening of Feb. 16th Commander Donald B. MacMillan delivered his latest Arctic Lecture illustrated by the motion pictures which were taken by him last summer during the sixteen weeks of his scientific research in the Arctic Region.

On both occasions the Commander was greeted with great ovation of hand clapping as he walked down the aisle and on to the stage, where he was presented by Mrs. E. A. De Wager, who represented the Research Club of this town.

With such earnestness and sincerity of speech does MacMillan present his subject, made even more realistic by the pictures on the screen, that he takes his listeners right along with him on his exploring trip to the far North, and they experience with him the struggle over ice and snow, meet his friends, the Eskimos, in their wonderful costumes, become acquaint-

ed with strange animals and fish, while the many kinds of birds fill the air by millions.

Since listening to his lecture of these last two seasons, all of them Historical Museum Benefits, it is noticed by the teachers that even the children of our schools have developed wonderful interest in the study of the Arctic and they love to talk, write and read on that subject.

It is the expressed wish of all who listened to these discourses that after the next MacMillan expedition they may again have the privilege of listening to his new adventures and experiences.

MacMillan Banquet

During the week of Feb. 15th the people of Provincetown had the pleasure of again greeting their distinguished town's man, Commander Donald B. MacMillan. For weeks, we may say for months, his many friends had anticipated his home coming and had planned accordingly.

This was to be 'MacMillan Week' in Provincetown, and so on the evening of Thursday, 17th, Center Church, the church of MacMillan's boyhood, was transformed into beautiful reception and banquet halls. The American flags hung from the walls, gay lighted candles, decorative banquet lamps, cut flowers, and beautiful potted plants were everywhere in profusion.

After the reception, which was held in one of the parlors of the church, Commander MacMillan was escorted into the banquet hall by a large committee lead by a number of high school girls wearing 'Mayflower' pink sashes' and head dress of the same color; when at a signal the large gathering sat down to a turkey dinner with two or more members of the Research Club in the capacity of hostesses and matrons at each table.

After the repast, Miss Maria Rich, president of the Research Club, and classmate of MacMillan gave a most gracious welcome to all present, and then directing her remarks to the Commander, said in substance, "In giving this banquet the people of Provincetown, through the efforts of the Research Club, were fulfilling a long felt desire to recognize and show in some public way their appreciation and pride of him and his work."

Rev. Nancy Paine Smith, with her wonderful personality of wit, grace, and loveliness proved herself an adept as she called for toasts.

Mrs. Mary E. Sparrow, founder and first president of the Research Club responded by weaving into her remarks a beautiful poem.

Mrs. Clara Watson spoke on "Pilgrim Ancestors" while Mrs Gertrude DeWager took for her theme, "The Many Explorers In Connection with Local History." Starting with the Norsemen of about 1000 A. D., she continued down to the present time, when Provincetown gives an explorer to the world.

The speech of Rev. Mr. Hamilton revealed the fact that MacMillan when a boy received, from the Sabbath School of Center Church, a Bible for perfect attendance.

Mr. William H. Young spoke most appropriately on "Reminiscences" and Judge Collen Campbell of Hyannis, a former Provincetownite, on "Scottish Ancestry" while Mr. E. N. Paine furnished the fun of the evening with his "Beauty Talk".

All this led up to the wonderful talk of MacMillan, which of course, was the grand climax of a most wonderful evening.

Vocal solos by Mrs. Manta with Mrs. Sarah Johnson at the piano; violin solos by Mr. Charles Stowe accompanied by Miss Lovely, with the Nickerson orchestra of Hyannis, members formerly of Provincetown, playing intermittently throughout the evening, all went to make up one of the most delightful evenings with every detail carried out to a nicety which has ever been witnessed in Provincetown.

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Three "Arctic horses" (Eskimo dogs) arrived from New York to Explorer MacMillan Tuesday. Animals of this kind are the real beasts of burden in the Far North. Their services are indeed invaluable to their northern owners. Hardy and strong they "tote" or draw burdens long distances in weather that would quickly kill the most hardy horses known to man kind.

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CAPT. MACMILLAN'S VISIT

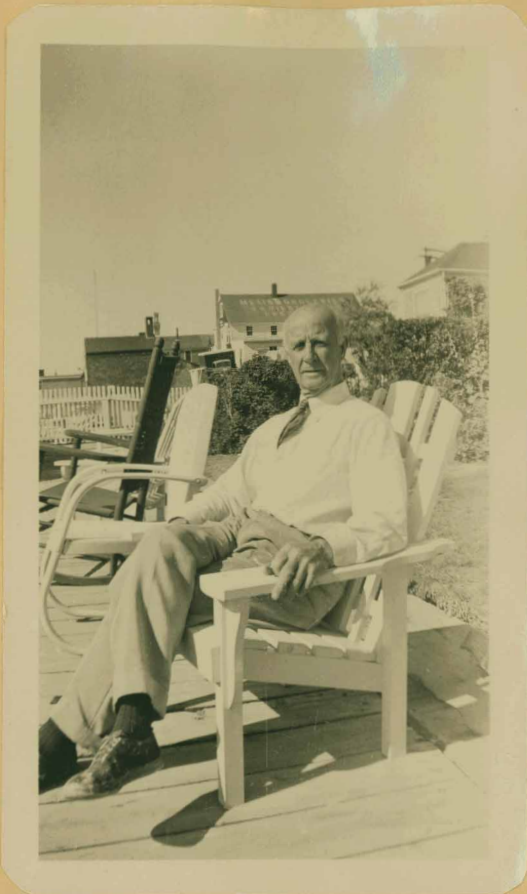
To those who were fortunate enough to be present at the reception tendered to Capt. Donald MacMillan upon the occasion of his recent visit to Provincetown we offer congratulations, for it was a most notable and interesting occasion.

From the time he arrived in Provincetown on the evening of Tuesday of last week, when he was royally entertained at the Anchor and Art Club, until the curtain rung down on the last speech of the Research Club banquet Thursday night it is safe to say that Capt. MacMillan found about every minute occupied.

On the afternoon of Wednesday he entertained a capacity house of children at the Provincetown Theatre.

In the evening the pictures were shown with a descriptive lecture, to a full house of adults, and to

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Commander Donald MacMillan in the backyard of his home - Sept. 1952
(Taken by Althea)



Commander MacMillan (arrow) speaking at some event, showing Hilliard's wharf in background. Taken June 6, 1927