

# Annual seal supper a success



**Magdalen Islands:** The Island Optimist Club held its 5th annual seal supper on the evening of Saturday, March 14 at the cafeteria of the Polyvalente School in Lavernière in collaboration with the Magdalen Island Sealer's Association.

Once again, it was a huge success, with most of the approximately 300 people in attendance enjoying the great variety of new and traditional seal meat dishes available -- buffet style (ham supper was provided for those who did not wish to eat seal meat but wanted to support the seal hunt).

Appetizers consisting of crackers and seal meat terrine were served before the supper. A new dish was provided this year -- a variety of seal meat sausages, mild, medium and strong. The heart and liver with vegetables were especially delicious, and many enjoyed the roasted seal meat

and stew, which was very similar to an Irish stew.

Some found the taste of seal meat very much like certain wild ducks.

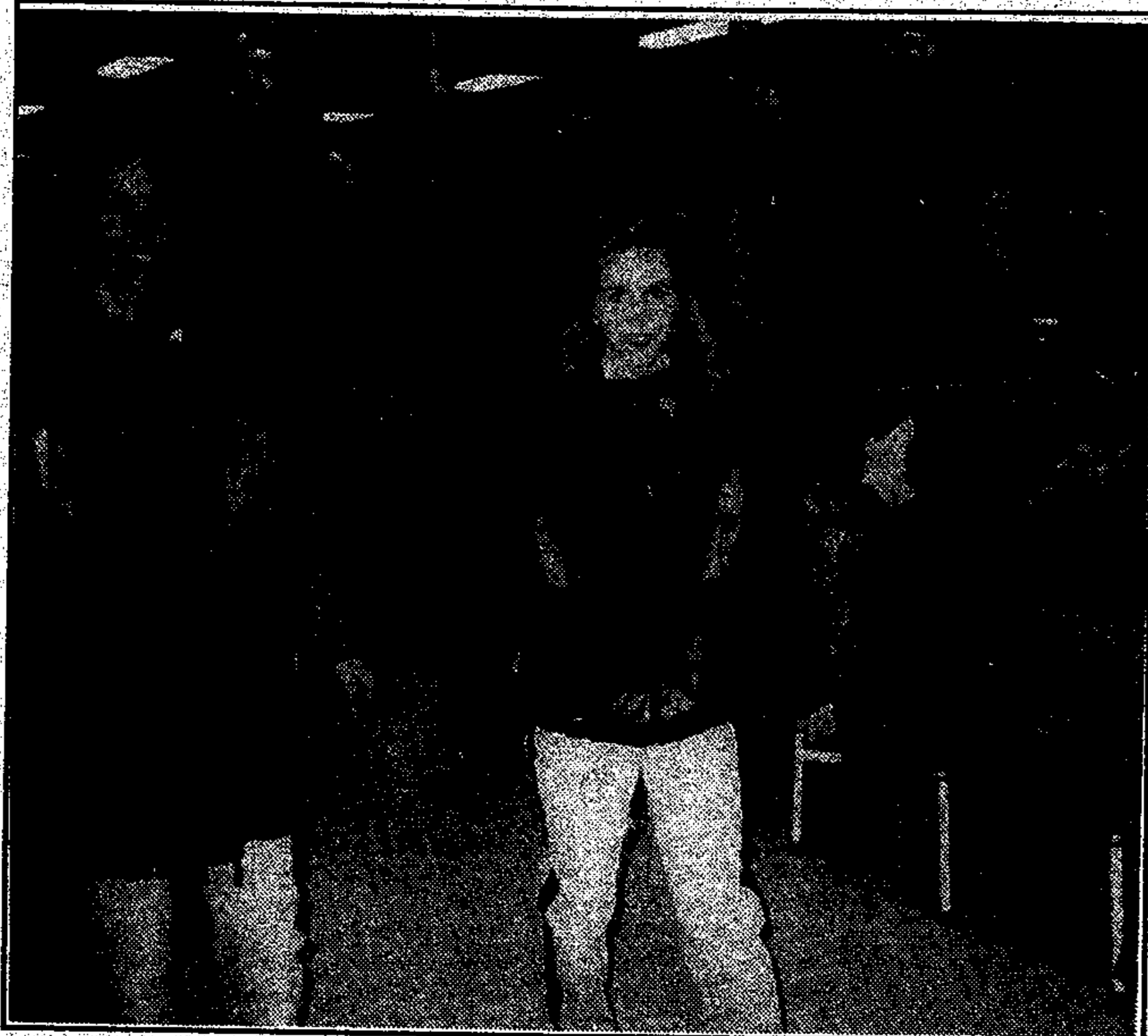
To end the meal, a variety of desserts were available with

tea or coffee.

Following the supper guests were treated to a Fashion Show courtesy of *Cuir's ODY-C*, which received a standing ovation. Both male and female spectators praised the manager, Odette Leblanc, for her excellent creations, which included many styles of coats and jackets, hats, slippers, mittens and vests -- even a bunting bag and bowtie. Especially attractive were garments manufactured from a combination of seal fur and cowhide leather.

Also on display were the works of various Island artists, from tiny creations out of seal-skin to a life-size model of a baby seal made from Island sand, and realistic stone sculptures and carvings.

The evening ended with music and dancing for those who wished to remain. Everyone seemed to agree the price of their tickets (which in-



cluded everything) was money well spent.

Members of the Optimist Club must be commended on a great job promoting the seal industry for the Magdalen Islands.

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