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REENED COAL — Unload- now and during the week take y from car and save money. Mclnnis, Borden, P. E. I. 1-26-4i.

JUST RECEIVED last shipd of Robes including two heavy ed furs. Malpeque Trading Kensington. 1-29-2i.

OCKEY at Kensington Mon- January 29th at 8 p.m. Ken- n Juveniles vs. Intermediates, ng after match. Admission nd 25 cents. 1-29-1i

OST, Platinum male fox, left number 987; right ear, initials Finder notify Alban Lecky, Bedeque. Reward. 1-29-3i

ALBERTON, Monday, Janu- 29th. N. F. B. Movies. Film es- ally for schools, "Last of Mohi- " 3 and 8 P. M. O'Leary day, January 30th, 3 and 8 1-27-2i.

JUNIOR HOCKEY, Bedeque Tuesday, Jan. 30, North que vs. Albany. Admission 15 20 cents. Players are request- o bring birth certificates. 1-29-2i

FAREWELL PARTY — Miss Milton, student of Summer- Academy, was remembered by friends of the High School and emy at a party given in her r recently. Miss Milton is ng Summerside, as her father, was manager of the Bank of Scotia here, has been trans- d to Truro, N. S. S

PROBATE COURT—Hon. H. L. ker, Probate Judge, was in merside on Thursday and held sion of the Probate Court at Prince County Court House the estates of Janet Bell, late Alberton; Agnes Holland, late Tryon; George H. McMicken, of Cape Traverse, and Joseph erry, late of Summerside were d. The lawyers interested were ey M. Bell, K.C., and Richard nton. Donald O. Stewart ap- ed for the Succession Duty er. S

Personals

Friends and neighbours of and Mrs. Alphonse Doucette sorry to see them leave Bede- to reside in Summerside.

Mr. George Gaudet has returned to his duties Hunter River. e he is employed, after ding two weeks with his her, Mrs. Frank Gaudet, Bede-

Mrs. Frank Gaudet Bedeque, ved a beatiful bouquet of roses her son Pte. Charles W. Gau- who is now serving overseas.

Miss Annie Campbell of Cole- has left on a visit to Boston, S

Mr. T. Earle Hickey, C.A., Sum- ide, was in Souris during the week on business. S

FISHERIES COUNCIL

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processors.
Mr. F. W. Wallace of Gardener Que., was elected honorary dent of the Council.
mber associations or groups processors and wholesalers in various divisions of the indus- will appoint 34 voting repre- tives. Basis used to deter- equitable representation will progressive five-year average he over-all marketed dollar of the industry by regions. even voting representatives be appointed for the Mari- Provinces for 1945, two for rio., two for Quebec, two for Prairie Provinces and 13 for sh Columbia.
o representatives of whole- s in Western Canada and one for Ontario and Quebec will ppointed. The election of re- al directors for the Prairie inces has been deferred.
e Council will represent all mercial fisheries enterprises in ada, and its membership is icted to bodies already func- ing or those which may be nized in future and which esent those divisions of com- ial fisheries engaged in the essing and wholesale distribu- of fresh, frozen, smoked d, dried and canned fish and fish, as well as those produc- fish oils, fish meal and aqua- by-products.
e Council aims to provide a between the industry and ernment departments, reflect- the views of the fisheries in- sts in respect to matters which erally affect the Dominion's trade.

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—MAID WANTED—Good wages. Apply Mrs. W. E. Smallman, 88 Summer Street or Box 229, Summerside. 1-23-12i

—HOCKEY Bedeque Rink, Monday, Jan. 29, South Shore League. Summerside Crystals vs. Freetown Stars. Admission 20 and 30 cents. 1-29-1i

— BLOOD DONORS Clinic at Summerside Wednesday morning, Jan. 31. Call 257 for appointments. 1-29-1i

—POSTPONED carnival Bedeque Rink, Wednesday, Jan. 31. Thirteen prizes. 1-29-3i

—ARRIVES OVERSEAS — Mr. and Mrs. Edson Dalziel of New Annan have received a cable informing them that their son, Company Sergeant Major William G. Dalziel has arrived safely overseas. S

—POLICE COURT—A young man appeared in Police Court at Summerside on Saturday, charged with theft from a person. He was remanded until Tuesday morning. The amount of money said involved was $200. S

—BEDEQUE RINK SCHEDULE —Monday, Jan. 29, South Shore League, Summerside Crystals vs. Freetown Stars, admission 20 and 30 cents. Tuesday, Jan. 30, Junior Hockey League, North Bedeque vs. Albany, admission 15 and 25 cents. Wednesday, Jan. 31, postponed carnival, admission 15 and 25 cents. 1-27-2i

—Y'S MEN'S MEETING—Mr. W. M. Mellish was the chairman of the regular meeting of the Summerside Y's Men's Club held on Thursday at the Olympia. He welcomed two new members, Rev. Charles Carnegy, and Mr. Frank Cameron who will be inducted at the next meeting. Mr. H. T. Holman Jr., chairman of the committee appointed for the tuberculosis drive in Prince County, reported the final receipts amounted to $3,110.70. After some discussion the date for the annual radio auction was set as March 22nd. The program of the evening was in charge of Mr. A. Hopkins, which took the form of a group discussion on New Club Formation and the Y.M.C.A. project. S

—DEATH OF MRS. GALLANT — The death occurred at her home on Summer Street, Summerside, on Friday, January 26th of Mrs. J. E. Gallant, widow of the late J. E. Gallant who passed away fifteen years ago. The late Mrs. Gallant had the misfortune to suffer a broken hip last spring and never fully recovered her health. She was the former Gertrude Doyle of Tignish and she and her husband moved to Summerside about thirty years ago. She leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) R. I. Noonan, Summerside and son Pte. Lloyd Gallant with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corp Overseas. Mrs. John Ahern of Tignish is a niece. The funeral is being held this morning from her late residence to St. Paul's Church.—S

REPORT

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ent work at the Defence Department, now busy trying to get some 6,300 draftees absent without leave back to their duties or to punishment.

He left again for Owen Sound this afternoon and will be there for nomination day tomorrow. Before he left he said he had many things to do in the Capital, suggesting he might return again before voting day.

An informed source told The Canadian Press there still was a possibility of dissolution of Parliament in time to eliminate the by-election. This source, in as good a position as any to know the mind of the Prime Minister, said final decision on immediate dissolution still was in abeyance.

Everything depends, it was said, on developments in the constituency this week and on developments other than the fact that three candidates are nominated in Owen Sound tomorrow. The cabinet will meet probably Tuesday and the matter may then be considered.

One of these developments in the constituency which may have a bearing will be the speech to be delivered some time this week by John Bracken, Progressive Conservative national leader, who is just back from a trip to the fighting fronts.

If Mr. Bracken, as leader of the largest opposition party, took a strong line against Government policies in relation to the conduct of the war it would be much closer to what Mr. King has termed the kind of obstruction and controversy which would make an immediate general election necessary than similar speeches by rank and file members of the opposition.

If reports from the front that a big Allied offensive in the west is shaping up are correct and this offensive involves hard fighting for the Canadian Army that situation might have an influence in leading Mr. King to delay the general election, allow the by-election to proceed and hold a session of Parliament.

Two Australian Warships Damaged

CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 26— (CP) — Prime Minister Curtin disclosed today that the 10,000-ton cruiser H.M.A.S. Australia and the destroyer H.M.A.S. Arunta were damaged by Japanese air attacks while operating with United States warships in support of American landings on Luzon last month.

Mr. Curtin said the Australia was hit five times in concentrated attacks extending over five days, but carried on despite casualties and damage until completion of the operation.

TO-DAY

ALSO SHORT SUBJECTS
SHOWS 7.30 — 9.15
Tuesday at 3.30
CAPITOL
SUMMERSIDE

Toronto Firms Fined $2,600 for too High Prices

Thanks to the initiative shown by a Charlottetown woman, a couple of Toronto firms were fined a total of $2,600 this month for violating Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations. Mrs. E. S. Coffin, chairman of the Women's Regional Advisory Committee for the Consumer Branch of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, complained to the Standards Division of the Board about the price of a piece of cloth. She bought the cloth from a Charlottetown merchant at $4.25 a yard. According to evidence submitted the cloth should have retailed at about $2.70. Thinking the price exorbitant for the particular type of goods she sent a sample of it with the store bill and the particulars to the Regional Office of the Prices Board. They sent it to the Standards Division at Ottawa, where the cloth was found to be an English import of good quality but the price was obviously out of line.

Investigation revealed that the P.E.I. merchant had bought the cloth from Nisbet and Auld Ltd., Toronto wholesalers, for $3 a yard, according to the WPTB enforcement officer giving evidence. Allowing the legal retail mark-up, plus transportation charges, the merchant's price was in order under WPTB pricing regulations it was pointed out.

Nisbet and Auld Ltd. had sold the goods to the merchant without obtaining price approval from WPTB, according to the evidence. It was also revealed that S. Lubelsky Ltd., another Toronto wholesale house, had sold the cloth to Nisbet and Auld at a price higher than the Board had approved for sales direct to retailers and without permission from the WPTB to sell to another wholesaler.

S. Lubelsky Ltd., and Nisbet and Auld Ltd., were charged with selling materials at a price higher than reasonable and just. Both firms were convicted and fined in Toronto court last week. Lubelsky was fined $600, Nisbet and Aud Ltd., $2,000.

Prior to proceedings, Lubelsky rebated to Nisbet and Auld the full amount of his illegal profit on the 1500 yards of goods. In turn Nisbet and Auld made refunds to retailers to whom the cloth had been sold. As the material had been sold by retailers from coast to coast in short lengths to individual consumers it was impossible to trace the purchasers except in the case of the P. E. Island housewife who had made the original complaint. The court did not order any rebates. The firms involved made these before the case came to trial.

NAZIS SURPRISED—

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bridgehead which Royal Marines under Gen. Crerar's command attacked unsuccessfully Jan. 14.)

The United States 1st Army sprang a surprise attack at 4 a.m. in a blizzard which heaped snowdrifts seven feet high. During the early hours the 1st Army overwhelmed startled garrisons of three towns northeast of St. Vith.

Veteran troops speared the attack, and with forces from other units charged through waist-deep snow, capturing Berscheid, Valender and Heppenbach in a cluster five to seven miles northeast of St. Vith. Heppenbach is 4½ miles from the German frontier.

There was no advance artillery preparation. After the first surprise, the German resistance began to stiffen.

The reopening of the 1st Army's push came 43 days after Field Marshal Von Runstedt broke through the Ardennes in his December offensive.

Infantry assembled shortly after midnight in the bitter cold, clad in snowcapes for camouflage and newly-issued Arctic suits which were designed by the American Army for forces in the far north.

They struck out into the storm, sheared barbed wire entanglements and were upon the German garrison as they slept. Startled prisoners said they didn't believe anyone would attack in such weather.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 — (AP) — The United States Government lost its suit against Montgomery Ward and Company Saturday when Judge Philip L. Sullivan ruled that President Roosevelt had neither statutory nor constitutional authority to order army seizure of 16 company properties.

Plans for an immediate appeal were initiated, however, by the United States District Attorney, J. Albert Woll, whereupon Judge Sullivan stayed all proceedings so that army control will continue at least until the appeal decision. Mr. Woll said the case might reach the Circuit court of Appeals this week. Or it might be taken directly to the United States Supreme Court.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

CONFEDERATION LIFE

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MERRY MINSTRELS February Feoruary 5th, 6th and 7th.

S. A. MacDONALD'S will be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday for stock taking. 1-29-2i

ROOM must be provided for incoming spring goods. Buy now at reduced prices at Kennedy's Ladies Wear. 1-26-3i.

R. T. HOLMON LTD., Charlottetown Store will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, January 29th, 30th, 31st for stock taking. 1-27-2i.

GREAT DISCOUNT SALE still continues at Kennedy's Ladies Wear. 1-26-3i.

PAINFUL INJURY — Mr. Ross McEwen, chief operating clerk C.N.R., had the misfortune to slip on the icy sidewalk a few days ago breaking his ankle.

SUDDEN BEREAVEMENT — Mrs. Ed. Acorn, Charlottetown, received the sad news early Saturday morning that her mother, Mrs. George Shepard had died at her home in Glace Bay. Her death was unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Acorn left Saturday morning for Glace Bay.

K. OF C. SING SONG — Many servicemen attended the regular sing song at the Knights of Columbus Hut last night. Mr. Connie LeClair was master of ceremonies. Special numbers on the program included: vocal solo, Lac. Walter Bugden; violin duet, Miss Kathleen Hornby and Miss Betty May Randall; piano selections, Lac. Greenwood; selections by No. 62 C.A. (B) T.C. orchestra. Music for the general sing song was provided by Mrs. Joseph Dougan, Miss Marion Dougan, Miss Kathleen Hornby and Mr. Alf McKearney. A dainty lunch was served by the young ladies.

FERRY SERVICE RESUMED— What the old ferry, "Prince Edward Island", could do when she has half a chance was shown Saturday evening when, leaving Tormentine at 5.50, she came across to Borden in 53 minutes, which is summer time. And just to show that such a speedy crossing was not an accident, she made 12 crossings with freight between midnight Saturday, and 9 o'clock yesterday evening. Friday ice and weather conditions teamed up to prevent the ship making any crossings. Early in the morning closely packed ice was encountered two miles off Borden and after trying to reach the pier all day the ship returned to Tormentine to await more favorable weather.

Mr. J.L. McCarvill, Carleton, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Tuesday.

German Civilians Give Opinions On Cause Of Setbacks

By DOUGLAS AMARON

WITH THE CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND, Jan. 28 — (CP) — Superiority of Allied war material, the Royal Air Force, war weariness and the lack of enthusiasm for the war inside Germany are responsible, in that order, for Germany's defeats, in the opinion of civilians in the occupied frontier region of the enemy homeland.

This was the majority view of several thousand Germans interviewed by Psychological Warfare personnel of the Canadian public relations group on the Western Front. Professional men, tradesmen and farmers were questioned in this first public opinion poll of German civilians by the Allies.

In their reports, the P.W. investigators set down findings which, although they make no claim to infallibility, are interesting in that they indicate certain trends in thought which predominate, at least along the frontier.

When asked which occupying power they would prefer — Anglo-American, Russian or French—the majority in this group favored an Anglo-United States occupation, was distinctly afraid of Russian occupation and doubtful of French occupation.

The Germans professed to be 100 per cent war-weary but, said the report: "It must be remembered that Dr. Goebbels has told them to struggle or die and has punched it home again and again."

Inside Germany it would seem that the people are weary, apathetic, frightened, but hanging on. However, the Nazi Party is not tired, does not dare give in and strictly controls the people. The liberated Germans said they would not snipe at Allied troops but that the S.S. might and probably would, even if organized resistance by the German Army were to end today.

Ex-Chancellor Bruening of the Weimar Republic figured largely in their thoughts of democratic political leadership. Few gave consideration to any form of government likely to come from inside Germany, but many brooded on a long-term Allied Military Government.

Existence of a pro-Allied underground in Germany was denied by a high percentage of those questioned, but 20 per cent thought there might be a Communist-organized underground.

When questioned about the church, even the laity agreed that all churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, would back any democratic state in preference to a Communist government in Germany.

An overwhelming majority listened to Allied broadcasts and believed Allied news bulletins, chiefly because the Allies had been frank in the days when the war was not going in their favor.

Air Developments In Summerside Reviewed

The following report of the Air Services Committee, Summerside Board of Trade, was submitted at the Board's recent annual meeting by the chairman Mr. A.E. Brennan:

Air developments in Summerside, reported last annual meeting at a high level, have continued during the year, even when progress in many other places has materially lessened or ceased entirely. This continued growth has, and continues to be, a great help both from service and civilian standpoints and Summerside can be justly gratified for their continued favorable consideration.

All facilities reported last year have been maintained while some have been enlarged and developed. Your Committee are pleased to report that the most important installation of all, from the standpoint of present service rating and future stability and commercial permanence of Summerside as an Air Centre, is now authorised and construction is proceeding under the highest priority rating. When this is completed Summerside will be fully equipped and listed as one of the premier Airports of the North American continent. It is regretted that security requirements do not permit the more detailed public announcement of this important forward step and other progressive work that has takes place.

Our Summerside port has already proven its real worth on numerous occasions by providing a port of call to many long distance flyers on their way to parts of the world that a short time ago would have been considered impossible. Not so long ago over thirty of the largest and most modern planes now building were on our Summerside airport at the same time, on their various direct ways to the Azores, West Africa, North Africa, Gibralter, the Middle East and India. What does this indicate for the future when we can be on the main air routes of the world. If our natural and procured advantages are fully appreciated and used to our future good, Summerside can become an important port for air commerce on this continent. This will require continual foresight and close contact with future aviation developments, as many such matters are decided before the general public becomes aware of their importance.

Maritime Airways

Our Maritime Central Airways has again demonstrated its ability to serve this territory in a thoroughly competent manner and has grown with the fast moving times to meet the expanding traffic conditions. More planes and personnel have been added, better facilities procured, additional runs added and still others are in contemplation. Reuced fares (about one half previous rate) between here and Charlottetown as well as numerous other services and benefits to the travelling public have been instituted, all of which are appreciated by those who know of and use them.

Ownership of the large block of stock previously held in Montreal has been transferred to parties much nearer home and the stability of the situation from a Prince Edward Island standpoint much improved.

An additional return trip has been added to the Sunday runs, making a notable improvement on that day. The New Glasgow trip spoken of as authorized in our last report has been in operation since July 1st last and is proving a great convenience to mainland travellers.

The Magdalen service has continued and increased. A landing field is now being spoken of as a development at this terminal and would prove a great benefit to this important service.

Charter trips were even greater in number this year than last; there being 125 from Summerside alone during the twelve months, also 25 additionals from Charlottetown.

The staff of M.C.A. both pilots and ground crew maintain a high degree of efficiency as evidenced by the large percentage of completed trips they perform. When we realise that our Prince Edward Island service operated under the Department of Transport and that to assure safety for passengers their rulings arbitrarily cancel a number of trips when unfavorable weather conditions prevail; the record of 90.87% completed runs is very high.

The Moncton — Summerside — Charlottetown run is even better than that, averaging 95%, only 5% below the possible. The total number of completed trips to and from the Province being 3176, with 79 additional flights to the Magdalenes.

The total of 24,226 passengers carried last year compared with 17,790 the year before and 8,913 in 1942 graphically demonstrates the rapidity of public appreciation regarding the advantages of air travel.

The record of air transport from Summerside and the Province generally is as follows:

Summerside

Flights to Summerside	1,826
Number of Charter trips	125
Full rate air mail (pounds)	7,766
First class air mail (")	35,263
Charter trips	125

Totals For Province

Passengers	24,226
Pounds of mail	453,569
Pounds of Express	56,401
Flights to and from P.E.I.	3,254
Number of charter trips	150
Hours flown	2,880
Miles flown	339,766

When we consider that all this has happened in the comparatively few years since February 1929 when Capt. Rose, the first pilot to fly mail from the mainland to this Province mistook Summerside for Charlottetown and thus made us the first air mail port on Prince Edward Island, we may well wonder what the post war years will develop when all the aerial advancement now taking place, and much future progress beside, will be turned to civilian and commercial pursuits. It will be most interesting and beneficial to those who have such privilege if these privileges are properly used.

Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion

CANTEEN COMMITTEE

The following reports were submitted at the annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion.

In presenting my annual report for the third year, as convenor of the canteen committee of the Ladies' Auxiliary, I am afraid that I have not as thrilling a story to tell as in January 1944, although the total number of service personnel passing through the canteen in 1944 was over 139,000, so we certainly should not be discouraged.

With H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte, the Beach Grove and the R.C.A.F. not at full strength our sales have of a necessity fallen off. This reduced total does not indicate in any way less interest on the part of the members of the Auxiliary nor of the quality of the meals we dispense, but to war circumstances over which we have no control and to change of service personnel.

Our canteen committee assumes a great many financial obligations other than those pertaining to the canteen and we feel that not only have we provided a home and refreshments for the services but we have been of invaluable assistance to the men of the Legion in taking many burdens from their shoulders.

It should be generally known that every returned man, who can be contacted is, on his arrival taken to the canteen, and provided with whatever he cares to eat.

During the year we have joined with the auxiliary and with the branch in providing entertainment for visiting W.R.C.N.S. for the veteran on Armistice Day, for the monthly meeting of the branch for the Sunday Sing Song, for those receiving their wings at the Wing's Parade on the Market Square and our greatest entertainment of all, open house on Christmas and New Year's Day. On many other occasions the price bar has been waived and in every way the canteen has more than upheld its part.

Our very efficient manager, Mrs. Fraser has again been a patient in Montreal. I understand she returns tonight, with every promise of improved health. She has done a remarkable job. It has been, as she often said "her baby" and well has she tended it, endearing herself not only to the personnel working with her but to every member of the armed forces whom it was her delight to serve. In her absence her duties have been ably carried on by Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Brown and to them our thanks are due.

There are a few ladies, who every week do a thankless, onerous, tiresome and very important job, I refer to those who call the weekly list, Mrs. Croken, Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Messervey and Mrs. MacLeod. To them I would like a special vote of thanks from the Canteen Committee.

We have also as a canteen, been glad to do anything we could for the commissioned and non-commissioned wives of the service (mostly R.C.A.F.) who met in the Legion Home two or three days a week. We feel that there is no place where they should be more welcome, and as far as the canteen is concerned we are very glad that they are taking advantage of a hospitality, primarily intended for service men and their families.

May I pay a personal tribute to the Men's Canteen Committee, Mr. J.S. Walker, Major MacNutt, and Mr. Goodwin. It has been a pleasure to work with these gentlemen and they have been most co-operative and very understanding. They have asked me to pass on to you their warmest thanks for the wonderful work of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and especially to those who are on the permanent list, for their efforts on behalf of the men.

As I understand that the Auxiliary President has signified her intention of resigning, I feel that I must give Mrs. Henry a special vote of thanks from the Canteen Committee. I have worked with her now for three years and feel she has done a remarkable service in times of strain, a work that will be remembered for many years to come.

With Peace looming, perhaps not too far away and the possibility of not giving many more canteen annual reports I would ask permission to inflict a few statistics upon you.

The following is a list of the numbers served in the Canteen since we took over in May 1942.

May 1942 — Dec. 1942	81,897
Jan. 1943 — Dec. 1943	170,932
Jan. 1944 — Dec. 1944	139,177
Jan. 1945	5,205
Total	397,211

On behalf of Mrs. A.G. Peake,
Mrs. I.E. Croken,
Mrs. G.E. Sherren,
MARY E. COSH.
Convenor, Ladies' Auxiliary Canteen Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE LADIES AUXILIARY CANADIAN LEGION

Once again it is my pleasant duty to present for your approval your Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for the period ending December 31st, 1944.

Following your resolution the books were closed as of December 31st thus giving us an operating period of eleven instead of the usual twelve months period. 1945 operations will of course cover a regular twelve months period.

You will note with pleasure that, instead of operating at a loss we did in 1943, this year we came through with an operating profit of $708.13.

Our total receipts were much smaller than in 1943 but calls on us for donations were also much smaller. We were not called on for such funds as Chinese Relief, Greek Relief and Russian Relief. These alone effected a reduction in our donations by some $700.00.

The outstanding source of revenue was from the Spring Carnival and although there was some dissatisfaction expressed regarding the division of the proceeds, yet on the whole I believe we are well satisfied with the results.

We commenced the year with a cash balance of $133.15 and after paying all expenses and donations as well as purchasing a $500.00 Victory Bond, we have on hand $341.27. We now own $1,000.00 in Victory Bonds.

I am very grateful for all those who assisted me in any way during the year, with special mention of Mr. A.B. Cosh for auditing the books of account.

Respectfully submitted
CLARA R. RITCHIE
Treasurer.

Wellington Man Celebrates His 95th Birthday

On the evening of Jan. 21, many residents of Wellington visited Mr. Fidele T. Arsenault of this village to celebrate with him his 95th. birthday. An address was read to him with a nice souvenir from his numerous friends. Mr. Arsenault expressed his appreciation in well chosen words. Remarks by E.C. Gaudet, Dr. Raymond Reid, Benoit DesRoches, and O.F. Gallant expressed the admiration and high esteem in which he is held by all who know him. After singing, "For he is a Jolly Good Fellow," a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mr. Arsenault enjoys remarkable good health. His senses of hearing, sight, as well as his memory are exceptionally alert. He seldom fails to attend church services held three miles away from his home, and also takes his daily walk.

Mr. Arsenault was born in Urbanville of the parish of Egmont Bay. From 1870 to 1872 he was employed as clerk in the store of the late Joseph B. Poirier, Tignish, P.E.I. In 1872 he left Tignish for Wellington to take the position as clerk and manager in the store of his uncle, the late Senator Arsenault. In 1896 after the death of the Senator who died in 1897, he started business of his own in the store previously occupied by Robert Nelson of Wellington. He was also postmaster at Wellington for many years.

In 1906 Mr. Arsenault and E.F. Gaudet both of Wellington formed the company of Arsenault & Gaudet, Limited, which has since continued business with Mr. Arsenault as President. In 1942, at the age of 92, he retired quite active service when he was quite active in waiting on his share of customers.

His numerous friends of the village look forward to the pleasure of celebrating with him his hundredth birthday. — S.

Big Search On For Slayer Of Liquor Runner

TORONTO, Jan. 28 — (CP) — Investigation into the gangland slaying of Louis Wernick, 42-year-old Toronto liquor runner who was "taken for a ride," beaten and shot to death on or about Jan. 16, spread into Montreal, Hamilton and reached over the international border into Buffalo tonight.

Police said Warnick may have been killed for the $50,000 double-cross of a dope ring.

Investigation started immediately after Wernick's battered and frozen body was discovered in a snowbank in suburban Etobicokke Friday afternoon. Since that time 150 persons have been questioned by police, a number of them women "connected with the underworld and who knew Wernick," police said.

Latest evidence uncovered by police showed that liquor running and high-grading northern Ontario gold were secondary interests of the Russian-born Wernick. It was said Wernick's main interests were dope-smuggling.

The dead man was known as a "bankroll man" in the Toronto underworld—a person willing to "angel" or promote any "good" racket offered him.

An autopsy performed Saturday and a preliminary ballistics report indicated that Wernick died after putting up a great struggle in the car which drove him to the point behind a potter's field where he was dumped.

Says By-Election Definite On Feb. 5

OWEN SOUND, ONT., Jan. 26 — Postmaster General Mulock said Saturday that there "definitely" will be a by-election in Grey North Feb. 5.

Col. Mulock, here to assist in the campaign of Defence Minister McNaughton, the Government's candidate, told newspapermen that they could quote him as saying that the by-election would be held. He said he wished to set at rest rumors that Prime Minister Mackenzie King would call off the by-election by dissolving parliament prior to Feb. 5.

Veteran French Editor Given Life Sentence

LYON, FRANCE, Jan. 28 — (AP) —Charles Maurras, 76-year-old monarchist editor, was sentenced to life imprisonment Saturday upon conviction of having treasonable intelligence with the enemy.

"Vive la France," yelled the fiery little journalist as he heard the court fix his sentence. The state had demanded death.

Maurice Pujo, his 73-year-old co-editor, got off with a five-year prison sentence and a 20,000 franc fine on conviction of writing articles demoralizing to the French people. Both were sentenced to "national indignity," which amounts to loss of civil rights.

The first reaction of the public was that Maurras was spared from facing a firing squad because of his age. There were murmurs in the court room but no demonstration. The court also apparently did not care to make a royalist martyr of him.

Counsel for Maurras in his final appeal insisted that the editor was no traitor but a patriot who had joined with Marshal Petain in what seemed the best means of preserving France.

After the verdict, some commented that since Maurras was let off without a death sentence it was unlikely that a French court ever would condemn Marshal Petain to die.

QUICK RELIEF FROM SLOAN'S LINIMENT SOME ACHING MUSCLES

Girl Guide News

GUIDER'S CLUB

The February meeting of the Guider's Club will be held Friday, February 2nd, 8.30 sharp, at the home of Miss Marie Morris, 16 Dundas Esplanade.

All Guiders are asked to attend.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

The morning service was on the responsibility of the Church for spreading the Gospel among all peoples. The sermon was based upon the book of Jonah in which the Minister emphasized it being the greatest of the Missionary tracts and indicated, that despite the exclusiveness of the Jewish prophecies and thought with reference to religion, the purpose of this book was to emphasize to them that if their religion was to remain alive for them it must be shared with the people less favorably situated than themselves.

The Choir sang the Anthem "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" ..... Ambrose with Mr. George Johnson taking the solo part.

In the evening the Minister continued his series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer taking as his text the second petition in the prayer "Give us this day our Daily Bread".

"The Lord's Prayer" (J.L. Knebs) was very effectively sung by Mr. Roy Smallman. The Anthem "The Lord is My Shepherd" ..... MacFarren was rendered by the Choir.

Mr. Norman Skitch played a violin solo "air" by Schubert which was appreciated by the large congregation. Mr. Skitch has been very generous with his gift while stationed here.

Demands For Steel Continue Vigorous

CLEVELAND, Jan. 26 — (AP) — The magazine Steel reported today that demands upon the American steel industry continue vigorous although victory in Europe seems much nearer in light of Allied successes in that theatre.

"In contrast to a similar situation last summer, "said the publication, "government procurement agencies are moving as vigorously as ever to build up stocks of guns, ammunition, military vehicles, communications equipment, aircrifa, ships and other critical items.

"This is reflected in bars and sheets, most importantly among major tonnage products and hot narrow strip and some types of wire and cable among others, with producers sold virtually through the year on certain specifications on the latter products."

The magizine said little capacity remains open before mid-year in virtually all finished steel products and in some cases nothing can be promised before third quarter.

Operations last week were 98 1-2 per cent of capacity, unchanged from the previous week.

BIRTHS

CLAIR — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on January 26, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Clair, a son.

GHIZ — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Jan. 27, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Atallah Ghiz Charlottetown, a son.

DEATHS

McQUAID—At West Lynn, Mass., on Jan. 26, 1945, Mrs. Louis Doiron, formerly Edna Doiron, of Malpeque Road, P.E.I.

CLARK—At North Rustico, Jan. 28 Mrs. Edward Clark, nee Eva Pursey, aged 34 years. Funeral from the home of her father, Wallace Pursey on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m. Interment in New Glasgow cemetery.

SHEPHARD — Suddenly at Birch Grove, Cape Breton, on Jan. 26, 1945, Mrs. Ada Shephard, widow of George Shephard and mother of Mrs. E. P. Acorn of Charlottetown. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m.

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