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-VISITING IN S'SIDE — Mr. Mrs. James Gamble of Mont- are visiting in Summerside, guests of Mrs. Gamble's mo- r, Mrs. Ferguson and brother Edward Ferguson —S.

-RECEIVED SAD NEWS — Mrs. ce Profitt of Summerside has eived the sad news of the death Jan. 29th at Rock Haven, Sas- tchewan, of her nephew, Ralph nald following an operation. He s about 30 years of age and ves a wife and three children. e deceased was the son of Mr. d Mrs. Melville Donald of Park rner, P.E.I. Two sisters and a other are also left to mourn. The nald's are well known on the Is- nd and their many friends here ll be grieved to learn of their dden bereavement.—S.

-FUNERAL SERVICES — The neral services for Mrs. Joseph ers were held on Monday morn- from her residence on Milton enue to St. Paul's Church and metery. Rev. J. C. MacDonald ebrated the Requiem Mass and Rev Mgr. G. J. MacLellan, D., officiated at the final rites the grave. Many old friends e present at the Mass to pay inal tribute to a dear friend. e pallbearers were Messrs. E. P. ley, J. E. Dalton, Jerry Dou- ne, James O'Holloran, Wilfred llant, Leon Gallant.—S

-FUNERAL OF STEPHEN AUDET—The funeral services for phen Gaudet were held on nday morning from St. Paul's urch, Summerside and was rgely attended. Rt. Rev. Mgr. G. MacLellan celebrated the Re- iem Mass. Interment was in the man Catholic Cemetery at Mis- uche, Rev. Dr Monaghan con- cting the final rites at the ave. The pallbearers were Messrs. manuel Arsenault, Benjamin udry, Harry Wedge, Wm. C. ry, Emanuel DesRoches and dolph Arsenault.

-READ'S CORNER RED CROSS EETING— The Read's Corner d Cross meeting was held on hursday last at the home of Mrs. Mark MacQuarrie with a very good tendance. Mrs. Harry Heckbert e president, presided over the siness meeting. A very large num- er of finished articles were turn- d in. Both sewing and knitting. A arge quantity of sweaters and socks nd many other articles. $5. was oted for the Russian relief fund. he president felt the work was ing on splendidly. A short pro- gram was carried out. Readings ere given by Mrs. S. S. Beaton, rs. Clark MacQuarrie, Miss Ella ozier, Mrs. Wyman Cairns gave a solo, Mrs. Scott had charge of a alentine contest. 1st. prize was on by Mrs. Cairns and the 2nd. y Mrs. Henry Crozier. A bounteous unch was served by Mrs. MacQuar- ie, the gentlemen contributing to- wards the Red Cross fund by pay- ing for their lunch. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Vernon Matthew.—S.

—DEATH OF MRS. JAMES STROTHARD—Many citizens of Summerside will learn with deep regret of the death on Feb. 2nd at Truro, N. S., of Mrs. James Strot- hard, who resided in Summerside some 25 years ago where her late husband was Minister of the Meth- odist (now United Trinity) Church. Mrs. Strothard was 93 years of age and had resided for some time with her daughter, Miss Josephine Strot- hard, Superintendent of the Mari- time Home for girls. She was well- known in Truro and attended St. Andrew's United Church until two weeks before her death. She was a native of St. John, N.B. Her hus- band, the late Rev. James Strothard held many pastorates in the Mari- times and was for a number of years at Summerside where he and his wife are very highly remember- ed. Mrs. Strothard was very active in church work and was a charter- ed member of the W.M.S.; and was also a member of the I.O.D.E. Upon retiring from the Ministry Dr. and Mrs. Strothard went to live in Pic- tou, where Mr. Strothard died in 1928. Since that time Mrs. Strothard resided with her daughter in Truro. She leaves three daughters, Miss Josephine, Miss Alice, a returned missionary from Japan and Mrs John Hockin of Glenholm, N.S.; also two sons, Rev. Dr. H.S.B. Strot- hard, pastor of the United Church, Lunenburg and Mr. Lester Strot- hard, retired banker, now living at Wolfville, N.S.

The funeral was held from St. Andrew's Church on Feb. 5th, the body afterwards being placed in Robie Street Vault. Burial will be at Pictou, N.S., in the Spring. S.

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—CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—Mr. and Mrs. John Murray of S'Side celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Monday, Feb. 16th. Many friends called to extend congratulations. They also received many messages of congratulations from relatives and friends.—S.

—WELCOMED AIRMAN — Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morrison of Hamilton entertained recently in honour of Harold Ramsay of the R. C. A. F. who has recently been posted to S'Side. Friends from the neighbouring districts were present and after greetings had been exchanged, Mr. Ramsay was presented with an air force ring and an address, to which Mr. Ramsay suitably replied. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Music was supplied by David Ramsay, brother of the guest of honour. Refreshments were served by the hostess.—S.

Personals

—Mrs. Arthur Wright of New Annan was a week end guest to Summerside, visiting friends.—S.

—Mrs. John S. Taylor was hostess for the Ladies Guild of the United Baptist Church at Summerside on Friday evening.—S.

Concert and drawing Of Lottery, Alberton

A very large crowd attended the concert and drawing at Alberton last night, the large hall being filled to overflowing. Songs, step dances, dialogues and other items filled the program from beginning to end, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The music of the evening consisted of piano, organ, violins and guitars.

Prizes were won as follows:

1st, electric lamp, Mrs. James McIntyre, Alberton.

2nd, set knives and forks, Miss Helen Burke, Elmsdale.

3rd, tea set, Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Alberton.

4th, Indian blankets, Mrs. Arthur Sherry, Fernwood.

5th, Turkish towels, Mrs. Shirley Brown, Brookline, Mass.

6th, serving tray, Miss Janet Profitt, Alberton.

7th, assorted articles, Mrs. Catherine O'Brien, Alberton.

8th, table cloth, Miss Marion Connolly, Central Bedeque.

9th, box of stationary, Mrs. William Trainor, Albany.

10th, ladies toilet set, Miss Ada Cahill, Toronto.

Alberton Pilot Goes overseas

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Feb. 15 — (CP) — Gay young Canadian Warriors, all recent graduates of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan, are now safely in Britain, eagerly awaiting the word that will send them swarming into the battle skies of Europe in company with the thousands of their countrymen already there.

Word of their safe arrival in the United Kingdom was received here Saturday, some days after they leaned over the side of their transports and watched the eastern coastline of Canada fade away gradually in the cold brightness of the January sun.

In charge of the movement was an English veteran, Wing Cmdr. G. Milner who for 29 years has been helping fight the Empire battles. Across his tunic were stretched service stripes termed by him as "Pip, Squeak and Wilfred."

Canadian airmen "are a fine bunch", he said, and are doing a "great job" overseas. "Just talk to the ones aboard and find out for yourself," he told reporters, and here are some of the ones they met: PO. Arthur Green, Alberton, P. E. I.; PO. T. H. May, Hamilton, Ont.; Sgt. J. M. Bissett, Winnipeg; Sgt. W. G. Pilkington, Toronto; Sgt. W. R. Riley, Bracebridge, Ont.; and G. Harkness, Vancouver, B. C.

EVERY AVAILABLE

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might last five years were referred to as pessimists, he said, but now it appeared likely the conflict might last anywhere from six to 12 years.

Mr. Gardiner was one of several Cabinet Ministers who addressed meetings of civil servants in support of the Victory Loan.

Finance Minister Ilsley and Air Minister Power spoke to members of the Royal Canadian Air Force headquarters personnel, Navy Minister Macdonald was the speaker at a meeting for naval service headquarters staff and Revenue Minister Gibson asked support from a meeting of a number of civil servants not included in the meeting addressed by Mr. Gardiner.

Large Turn Out Of Summerside Citizens

Many see Beacon Fire of Freedom lighted at Western Capital; First day's sales are satisfactory.

There was a large turn out of citizens for the ceremonies at the high school which preceded the lighting of the beacon fire of freedom at Summerside, which with the one at Charlottetown, started the victory loan campaign on its way. The headquarters of the loan committee reported that the first days sales were quite successful although exact figures could not be given.

The ceremonies started off with a parade from the town hall to the high school, the air force band furnishing the music. The contingent of airmen who marched in the parade were under command of Flt. Lieut. Williamson. Major Inman was marshal of the parade. Legion members, RCMP, town police, mayor and town councillors, firemen, boy scouts, girl guides and citizens all joined in the march to the school. Mayor Lidstone was chairman at the ceremonies. On the platform were members of the clergy, Group Captain E. G. Fullerton, and officers of No. 9 S.F.T.S., school members of the town council, Mr. W. E. Darby, Prince County chairman, Senator Creelman MacArthur, E. P. Foley, Mr. L. R. Allen.

"O Canada" sung by the whole assembly opened the program. Mr. Lowell Hancock led the singing with Mrs. Whalen at the piano. Mayor Lidstone in a brief speech gave the reasons for the victory loan and pointed out the honor which had been given to Prince Edward Island to start the beacon fires in Canada which will go from coast to coast, W. E. Darby was then called upon and an eloquent address stressed the need for Canadians to subscribe to this loan so that our armed forces may have the tools to fight this evil which has come upon us and so that peace can be restored. The Girl Guides and Brownies then gave a delightful rendition of "Land of our Birth." Rev. Kenneth Sullivan gave a stirring address urging the people to be up and doing so that with the powers we have and by the grace of God we will come through to victory. Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. G. MacLellan, also spoke on behalf of the campaign and asked that all in whatever sphere of life they were in to do their part so that the dignity of human personality on which is based our Christian civilization may be preserved to us and to our children.

Ven. Archdeacon G. R. Harrison gave the pledge to victory the people repeating it after him. Group Captain E. G. Fullerton spoke briefly saying that he heartily endorsed the words of the previous speaker and pointed out the urgent need for tools of war which certainly cannot be purchased without money. Mayor Lidstone gave the proclamation that all flags were to be flown and that next Sunday had been set aside for a day of prayer and intercession for victory and peace. Senator Creelman MacArthur representing the federal government and E. P. Foley, representing the provincial government, were asked to light the beacon fire which was an effigy of Hitler. While this was being done the people sang "Keep The Home Fires Burning." Crowds watched the bonfire until a late hour.—S.

VICTORY LOAN

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quired as no emergency arose.

The Male Chorus was also on hand while this impressive ceremony was being carried out and along with the thousands there sang "Carry On, Carry On, Carry On." Powerful searchlights nearby were kept focused on the scene during the entire proceedings.

Prior to the lighting of the beacon, which was situated on the common on the west side of Government pond, an impressive program was held in the Drill Hall nearby. This was attended by over a thousand citizens who taxed the capacity of the large building.

The program opened with the song, "O Canada" by the Charlottetown Male Chorus, which was under the direction of Prof. John Inch with Mr. Albert Bianchard at the piano. This was followed by a patriotic address from His Worship, Mayor B. Roy Holman, who presided. His Honor, Lieutenant Governor LePage spoke briefly and was followed by Premier Thane A. Campbell, Another song, "Comrades at Arms", preceded the address of Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan. This was followed by a song "Be British", by Mr. Charles Earle. Then the reciting of the Victory Pledge by Capt., the Rev. J. W. McCardle took place. The text of these addresses appear below.

During the singing of "Let the Hills Resound" by the Male Chorus, Lieutenant Governor LePage and Premier Campbell left the Drill Hall for the Beacon escorted by Group Captain E. A. Blake, O.B.E., M.M., and Lt.-Col. F. I. Andrew, M.M.

Before the program commenced the orchestra supplied music for the entertainment of those present. Members of the orchestra were: Piano, Albert Blanchard; 1st violin, Miss Kathleen Hornby; 2nd violin, Vernon McFarlane; saxophone, Les Alexander; Clarinet, Charles McGregor and Drums, J. Coady.

Near the completion of the program, the doors were opened and everyone proceeded to the beacon across the pond. In their enthusiasm to reach the scene on time, many lost their footing on an icy hill at the corner of the Drill Hall with the result that they received minor bruises. One young girl fell heavily knocking herself unconscious when her head hit the ice. She received medical attention and recovered shortly after. Many others fell as they raced across Government Pond. However, there were no serious accidents reported to mar the celebration.

MAYOR B. R. HOLMAN

The following address was delivered by His Worship, Mayor B. Roy Holman:

"I feel greatly honored this evening in being permitted to preside at this, the inaugural of the Beacon Fires of Freedom ceremony, the flames of which will travel from here in an unbroken chain across this great Dominion.

"I am confident that the impetus and inspiration given will help to call up the energies of our people and make certain of success.

"The following verses, written by Squadron Leader G. L. Creed, R. C. A. F., seem to me very appropriate.

Somebody's Son

Somebody's Son has volunteered
to risk his life for you..
Somebody's Son is far from home
and the things that homefolk do..
Somebody's Son for your Freedom's sake
is preparing himself for War..
Somebody's Son deserves your help—
for it's YOU he is fighting for!

Somebody's Mother is giving her boy
in a Cause that is yours as well..
Somebody's Wife knows a loneliness
that only her heart can tell.
Somebody's Mother and Somebody's Wife
are doing all they can do..
Somebody prays that some other may care—
and the answer is up to YOU!

Somebody's Son in the days to come
must meet the bitter Test..
Somebody's Man for our Freedom's plan
in a foreign field may rest..
Somebody's Job is to care for them NOW—
for on them all our hopes depend..
Somebody's Job is to dig up the cash—

and that Somebody's YOU, my friend:

LT. GOV. B.W. LEPAGE

The following address was delivered by His Honour, Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage:

'A vast number of the citizens of this province, including a large representation of His Majesty's Forces, are assembled here in Charlottetown to celebrate the launching of Canada's Second Victory Loan of Six Hundred Million Dollars.

"We feel highly honoured to have the opportunity of lighting the first Victory Beacon fire of freedom in Canada.

"Our Government is again calling on Canadian citizens for a loan of Six Hundred Million Dollars to finance the war. They will not call in vain. Nothing will Canadians withhold to protect their liberty. Government Bonds are the safest and best investment in Canada, and can be more readily converted into cash than any other security. Modern war-fare costs a lot of money.

"This war is not of our making. It was thrust upon our nation by dictators who would like to dominate and enslave the peoples of the earth.

"In order to preserve our democratic system, our freedom, and the privilege of living in a land of peace, Canada has been called upon with other freedom-loving nations of the world, to equip and maintain large and ever-increasing fighting forces at home and abroad. Canada's resources must be marshalled to the utmost in order to keep up her ever-increasing war industries, so that our fighting forces may be provided with planes, ships, tanks, guns, ammunition, and other essentials in sufficient quantities. This alone will assure and safeguard civilization and bring about final victory.

"We have a patriotic duty to perform. We have reached the point where we must cut down unnecessary consumption of all commodities in order to make available materials required for war efforts. We must now save our money so that we will have it to loan to our government to carry on the war.

"You will I know, agree with me, that the outstanding thing at the moment, and the one to which we must subordinate all else, is the winning of the war. Let every true Canadian co-operate with our government so that this Victory Loan may go over with a bang and be over-subscribed within the next few days. Show the dictators that we have the money, and are ready to use it for our freedom."

In conclusion may I quote the closing words of Prime Minister Churchill's speech at Ottawa:

"Let us then address ourselves to our task, not in any way underrating its tremendous difficulties and perils, but in good heart and sober confidence, resolved that whatever the cost, whatever the suffering, we shall stand by one another, true and faithful comrades, and do our duty, God helping us, to the end."

PREMIER CAMPBELL

The following was the text of Premier Campbell's address:—

"The fate of mankind hangs in the balance." Thus spoke Prime Minister Mackenzie King last night in opening Canada's second Victory Loan campaign, at a time of grave and alarming world events;—on a day when the fall of Singapore marked the culmination of a series of heavy losses for Britain and her allies, particularly in the Pacific area.

We must anticipate, as Mr. Churchill pointed out yesterday, a hard adverse war for many months ahead; there lie before us many misfortunes, severe and torturing losses, remorseless and gnawing anxieties; our enemies have proved themselves to be most formidable, deadly and barbarous.

Yet, in the face of these grim realities, confidence in ultimate victory remains unbroken. But effort and determination must be redoubled rather than being relaxed. Each reverse and each disaster creates a new need, for more ships, more and better planes, more and better guns more and better ammunition, more and better tanks, and more and better equipment. For all these money is urgently required, as well as for the training, rationing, clothing, equipping, and wages of the members of our active army, navy and air force. By whatever method these forces may be enlisted, Canada must not let them down by failure to provide them with adequate and up-to-date "tools" with which to finish the job.

INSURANCE
ALL LINES
RALPH MUTTART
Summerside

Measured against the consequences of a possible Nazi victory;—measured against the sacrifices and sufferings which our armed forces, as well as the civilian population of many countries, are called upon to endure in the cause of our freedom, the act of lending our money to the Government at 3% interest would seem to contain a very small element, indeed, of patriotic sacrifice. And yet, it is all the Government is asking us to do in the present campaign. The money must be had; the people are given the opportunity of lending it on a voluntary basis at a fair rate of interest. It is for the people of Canada to decide between the success of the present loan, and the raising of the necessary money by some form of conscription of wealth.

We can have no doubt as to what course the Nazis would follow. Hitler and his gang have kept their war machine going by conscripting the wealth, not only of their own country, but of all those countries which they have conquered or overrun. Such would inevitably be our fate if we were to become the victims of Nazi conquest and aggression.

Prince Edward Island has taken a foremost place among the Canadian Provinces both in the number of enlistments and in the raising of money for war loans and auxiliary services. In lighting the first beacon of the present campaign, may we kindle a flame which will symbolize the determination of the whole Dominion of Canada to make the new Victory Loan a quick and emphatic success.

DR. W. J. P. MacMILLAN

Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, in a stirring appeal, spoke as follows:

"Once more at this fateful hour Canada is on trial, again we stand at the judgment bar, again we are given a chance to prove that we are true citizens of the Empire, that we are loyal and faithful subjects of the courageous and splendid monarch King George and his glorious Consort Queen Elizabeth. We now can prove that we want to support and second the vital efforts of Britain's peerless leader and Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill. Let us translate our declarations of loyalty into action by making this second Victory Loan of 600 millions a complete success.

"The honor of kindling the first beacon fire comes to Prince Edward Island. Let us in serious earnestness fire this symbolic emblem and prove Churchill's prophetic words, when he said, "what he (Hitler) has done is to kindle a fire in British hearts here and all over the world which will glow long after all traces of conflagration he has caused in London will be removed. He has lighted a fire which will burn with a steady and consuming flame until the last vestiges of man's tyranny have been burned out of Europe and until the old world and the new can join hands to rebuild the temples of man's freedom and man's honour upon the foundations which will not soon or early be overthrown." Then speaking later in Canada he said, "In the past we had a light that flickered, in the present we have a light which flames. In the future there will be a light which shines over all the land and sea."

"Let this glorious peace loving garden province that leads the Dominion in per capita enlistments again lead Canada in over-subscribing this loan. There lies in the Savings Banks nearly three billion dollars and this amount has been increased by 180 millions in the last two years. Now is the time to use it. Remember we are only lending not giving but we can furnish some of the tools absolutely necessary to finish the job.

"In the Name of humanity and Christianity let us do our full duty."

CAPT., REV. J. W. McCARDLE

The following remarks were made by Capt., the Rev. J. W. McCardle, who recited the Victory pledge:

"Once again Canada has issued a call to arms to her civilian population to aid her in her struggle against the enemies of our Christian civilization. There is no gainsaying the fact that we are engaged in a veritable crusade for the preservation of those Christian ideals which are as dear to us as life itself; for the continuance of those liberties which as free men and free women in a free country we now enjoy.

"Religion and true patriotism go hand in hand. He best loves his country who best loves his God. He best serves his country who best serves his God.

"It is the history of nations that Freedom has always been purchased and maintained at the price of great sacrifice. Our nation calls upon every loyal citizen to make a material sacrifice—to make an investment in the cause of freedom.

"By the purchase of Victory Loan Bonds you can make no safer nor greater investment. Your greatest dividends will be a continuance of those institutions which guarantee, our liberty, our political equality, our freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience.

"Every dollar you invest in Victory Loan Bonds gives courage and inspiration to our fighting forces, discomfort to the enemy, keeps aflame the Beacon Fires of Freedom and hastens the day of Victory.

"I shall now recite the Official Pledge of The Beacon Ceremony which voices the sentiment and determination of all freedom-loving and patriotic citizens to make this Second Victory Loan an unqualified success.

"With the message of this Beacon Fire of Freedom burning in my heart, I hereby solemnly reaffirm my belief in Almighty God, and again declare my loyalty and allegiance to His Majesty the King. I pledge myself to do all in my power to support all undertakings to insure victory for our arms and a just and lasting Peace.

DUTCH INDIES

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assault on Rangoon, chief port for China. Rangoon is 85 miles across the water from the battleground and 125 miles by road and rail around the Gulf.

The Japanese were using their familiar infiltration tactics and supporting their land forces with dive bombers and strafing planes flying at tree-top levels.

Could Still Use Road

Even should the railway be cut at Pegu, or even if Rangoon should fall, the Burma Road still could be used. Supplies could be carried over an alternative route from Calcutta through Upper Burma by way of Shamo into China.

The Burma Road itself was not directly threatened, because the main Japanese effort was concentrated far south of its terminal. Thousands of Chinese veterans are deployed along the northern sections of the front guarding the road directly.

Coolies were blasting a new route to China through 100,000-foot peaks of the forbidding Himalayas between Sadiya, in the northeast Indian province of Assam, into China's Sikang province. This new route, considerably northwest of the Burma Road and beyond reach of Japanese bombers, is one-third completed. But the engineering is difficult and its completion may take the better part of this year.

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from the Government to this proposal.

If the procedure at Westminster is followed a clause would be inserted in the Defence of Canada Regulations to preserve the secrecy of the debates in the secret session.

The secret session in 1918 lasted only part of the afternoon but opinion was expressed among members here tonight that the forthcoming secret session would last considerably longer.

Mr. Green raised the question of a secret session in the House today to discuss defence preparations on the Pacific coast "or on both coasts."

He added: "The fall of Singapore may mean that Canada has only a limited time in which to prepare."

M. J. Coldwell, acting C. C. F. House Leader, said the secret session should be held immediately and "should deal with the whole of our defence effort and with our production, that is to say there should be a complete inquiry into the situation as it now exists. Members of this House know very little more than the general public. It is about time we assumed our responsibilities and went into this thing very thoroughly."

The Prime Minister first said the Government had planned on the House completing the debate on the address and passing the bill authorizing a plebiscite by which the Government is to seek release from its commitments in regard to conscription for overseas service. However after Mr. Green and Mr. Coldwell urged the secret session should not be put off that long, Mr. King said that if the feeling was that a secret session should be held immediately "we might agree at once to have the session held the moment the debate on the address has been concluded and I think there is a general understanding that this might take place tomorrow night."

AUSTRALIA

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order under general supervision of the Federal Parliament.

Parliament meets in secret session Friday. The Australian War advisory Council will meet Wednesday to be informed of the cabinet's decisions.

The government and service chiefs have been making all their plans on the basis of the collapse of Singapore and there have been many secret movements of troops and aircraft.

Intensification of day and night patrols over the coast and the sea approaches to Australia is anticipated. Commentators pointed out that Australians are determined to ensure that there will be no repetition of the Pearl Harbor disaster.

At Melbourne, before leaving for Sydney, Mr. Curtin said Australia's immediate problem is no longer that of contributing to a world-wide war, but one of resistence of invasion of her homeland. On this phase of the war now developing, he said, there depends not only the fate of Australia, but of the frontiers of the United States, all the Americas and to a large extent that of the English-speaking world.

Australian war correspondents reported measures for the defence of the sea approaches to northern and eastern Australia are being completed.

Army Minister Francis Forde announced an additional call-up to the colors of certain categories of married men.

The problem was immense, the hour late and the stake vital. With a population less than that of Canada, the Australians have a continent almost as large as all of eastern Canada plus Manitoba to defend and many of their airmen are deployed on the North African battlefield, half a world away. Others are garrisoned in the Holy Land and thousands were lost apparently in the desperate attempt to hold the great British base at the tip of Sais.

Australia's outer possessions already have been invested by the tide of Japanese conquest. Bombs have fallen and troops have landed at the Bismarck Archipelago off the northeast tip of Australia, and on the huge island of New Guinea. The Japanese have unsuccessfully bombed Allied shipping in the Sea of Timor.

Great Dutch Oil center Falls to Japs

(By WITT HANCOCK)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Feb. 16—(AP)—The great oil centre of Palembang on southern Sumatra, producer of 50 per cent of the total petroleum output of the whole of the Netherlands East Indies, fell to the Japanese today—but in flames set off by the defenders to consume the principal immediate loot sought by the invader.

Not in six months, it was estimated here would it be possible for the enemy to set the fields flowing again and his thrust, for all its success, cost him enormous casualties and at least seven vessels crippled by bombs dropped over the Bangka Strait just east of Palembang. Two of the ships were cruisers, five were laden transports.

Nevertheless, successive communiques both from the Indies command and from the allied high command for the southwest Pacific told a story of increasing gloom.

Though Palembang's oil was lost to the invader in a $100,000,000 fire that represented the greatest single voluntary self-destruction of national property since the Russians blew up their $110,000,000 Dnieperstroy dam last fall, it was lost also to the united nations, as had been the supplies of Balik Papan and Tarakan on Borneo Island. Lost, in fact, was substantially all the production of all these islands.

Strategically, too, the allied position grew worse as the enemy continued to land in force about Palembang, for that city lies but 269 air miles from Batavia, the heart of the allied war effort of Java Island. There were indications that the attack upon Java itself even now was in preparation.

Press Relations Officer Appointed

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Feb. 16 —(CP Cable) — Kim Beattie, Toronto newspaperman, has been appointed press relations officer of the Canadian Corps, succeeding Captain Gillis Purcell, it was announced at corps headquarters tonight.

His asistant will be Lieut. Bill Austin, also of Toronto, who formerly was Ottawa press gallery representative of Reuters news agency and worked with The Canadian Press in Toronto.

Beattie has taken up his new post with the rank of captain in the 48th Highlanders, the unit he served with in France during the first Great War. He enlisted in 1915 when he was 15 years old and on his return to Canada worked as a free lance writer, as a reporter with the Toronto Telegram and with Liberty magazine. His wife, son and daughter live in Toronto.

Capt. Beattie came to Britain recently to write a series of articles for the department of national defence on the training of Canadian troops in Britain after having written a similar series of training in Canada.

Capt. Purcell took the appointment as press relations officer early in 1941 after being granted leave of absence from his duties as general superintendent of The Canadian Press. He returned to Canada in January after losing a leg on manoeuvres on Oct. 29.

BITTER BRITISH

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The name of Sir Stafford Cripps, former Ambassador to Russia, was on many lips and his entry into the government would be popular, it was said. Many expressed disappointment when he was reported to have declined the Supply Ministry in the last Cabinet shuffle. He was said at that time to have held that as Minister of Supply his authority would be too confined.

Many usually well-informed persons expressed belief Mr. Churchill's House statement will be brief. They suggested the fall of Singapore is too recent to permit of full review and pointed out that a judicial inquiry into the escape of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen from Brest is expected. Such an inquiry, these persons said, would not be in the nature of a punitive probe.

Meanwhile the country was puzzled by repeated losses without what the man in the street regards as plausible explanations. There was no defeatism in newspaper editorials, however, and no virulent criticism of Mr. Churchill, although the government was attacked.

The country, it was said, wants action and the critics might be satisfied if the Prime Minister made two concessions—reduced the War Cabinet to a group freed of departmental responsibilities and divested himself of his own duties as Minister of Defence.

The severest critics of the administration may not be satisfied with anything less than a wholesale housecleaning, it was believed. To obtain a fresh mandate, some sources suggested, the government might call a general election.

DUNSTAFFNAGE SCHOOL

Honor Roll for January:

Grade X: 1. Isabel Jenkins; 2. Clifton Court; 3.—Charles Jenkins

Grade VIII: 1. Keith Vessey.

Grade VII: 1. Harry Norton. 2. Wilfred Dennis; 3. Lincoln Boswall.

Grade VI: 1. Aden Clow.

Grade V: 1. LeRoy Vessey, Wilfred Stewart (equal); 2. Verna Boswall.

Grade IV: 1. Ethel Robertson

Grade III: 1. Robert Vessey; 2. Erwin Court; 3. Keith Foster.

Grade II: 1. Albert Foster; 2. Jean Robertson.

Grade I (a): 1. Phyllis Dover; 2. Florence Anderson; 3. Gloria Jenkins.

Grade I (b): 1. Irene Dennis.

Teacher, Beatrice Cameron.

Kensington And Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Underhill of French River were visitors to Kensington the guests of their daughter Miss Irene Underhill and Mrs. Underhill's mother, Mrs. C. MacGregor.

Mr. William Champion of the R. T. Holman staff was in Kensington on Saturday, visiting his wife and family.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howatt, of Ottawa, formerly of Kensington, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. William Woodington and his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Bryenton who have been residing in Kingston, N. S., are spending a few days in Kensington with Mrs. Woodington and other relatives and friends.

The Rev. A. D. Stirling has returned after spending a few days in Charlottetown attending the "Presbyterial."

Miss Velda Roach of Moncton is spending a few days in Darnley, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Fred Roach.

The Misses Margaret MacLeod and Enid MacLeod of Irishtown were visitors to Kensington Saturday.

Corporal Allan Jenkins of the R. C. A. F. station spent Thursday evening with friends in Kensington.

Miss Wilma Delaney student of the Union Commercial College, Charlottetown, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Delaney in Kensington.

A large number of hockey fans were in attendance at the Kensington Rink on Thursday evening to withness the fast and rugged game between the Kensington Shure Gains and a R. C. A. F. hockey team from the Summerside Airport. The crowd was kept in constant uproar as these teams fought to a finish with the Shur-Gains taking the game with a score of four-three.

Miss Annie Carr of New London accepted a position and is now employed in Kensington.

Mr. Leslie Coulson of Moncton has arrived to spend a few days with his wife and family in Darnley.

The Misses Joyce Howard and Georgie Kennedy of Kensington, spent the weekend in Charlottetown, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Godkin.

Mr. Albert Walker has returned to Halifax after spending a few days at his home in Kelvin.

Mrs. Hugh Bridges and three children of Valleyfield, Quebec are spending some time in Hamilton, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Craig.

Mr. Ralph Howard of Margate spent Wednesday with friends in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Proffit of Margate were recent visitors to Kensington.

Miss Anna Casely of Kensington has arrived home after visiting a few days with her sister, Mrs. Earle Hogg, at Wilmot.

Mr. Robert Goodwin of the R. C. A. F. is spending a short leave at his home in Kensington.

Among the visitors to Summerside on Thursday were Mrs. Gordon Cook, Mrs. Orville Darrach, and Mrs. Lorne Monkley and small son.

The Kensington Brownie Pack held their weekly meeting in the Town Hall on Friday afternoon. After the fairy ring the Brownies held a pow-wow at which eight Brownies, Marjorie Mann, Isabel Jardine, Neva and Freda Heckbert, Helen and Sylvia Pendleton, Olive Howard and Doris Reeves received service stars. Three of the Brownies, Isabel Jardine, Betty Caldwell and Marjorie Mann are now second class Brownies and are ready for first class work. Keep up the good work Brownies. At the close of this meeting, the Brownies went in a body to present Doris Reeves, who is at present ill, with her service pin. Chin-up Doris, we're all hoping to see you again soon at our future meetings.

Mr. David Condon of the R. C. A. F. is spending a short furlough at his home in Kensington.

Mr. Hollis MacKay is spending a few days in Kensington, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Lester Champion and Mr. Champion.

The sympathy of this community is entended to Mrs. Elizabeth Mann on the death of her brother Mr John MacFadyen at Meadow bank.

Miss Marjorie Campbell of Irishtown is spending a few days in Kensington the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Campbell. —H.

MENTIONED IN ORDERS

INVERNESS, Scotland — (CP) — L. Cpl. J. K. Clark of Merritt, B. C., a member of the Canadian Forestry Corps, was mentioned in army order for rescuing 10-year-old Henry Cameron of Dundonald, who fell from a bridge into the River Ness.

SWEDEN'S BIGGEST

STOCKHOLM — The motor tanker "Julius" of 17,300 dead weight tons, largest ship ever built in Scandinavia, has been completed and delivered by the Gotaverken shipyards.