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Ottawa studying Compulsory Service plans

OTTAWA, Jan. 21—(CP)—Application of the principle of compulsory selective service, expected shortly as a result of governmental studies now in progress, is thought likely to have wide ramifications in Canadian industry, business and agriculture, as well as an impact on the armed forces.

The degree to which the selective aspect of the announced governmental policy will be applied is one of the main things which are intriguing employers throughout the country and officials in several departments of government upon whom will fall the responsibility of putting the policy into operation.

In both the first great war and in this conflict Canadians became more or less familiar with compulsory service but neither in the last war nor in this so far has the compulsion been applied on a strictly selective basis.

The national service act of 1917 in its essence was a measure of universal conscription, in that all men in certain age classes were required to serve in the army, anywhere the government wished them to go.

When the act was first brought into operation, however, exemptions were allowed on a considerable scale. Farmers were given exemption as well as men employed in war industries and men who were supporting their parents.

May be secret Session of House

OTTAWA, Jan. 21—(CP)—Secret sessions of the House of Commons for intimate discussions of war operations "may be arranged," Prime Minister Mackenzie King told the House today.

The request for a secret sitting came from Mr. J. Caldwell, acting C.C.F. leader, who has made a similar request on several occasions since the war started.

He made his request late in the day when little more than prorogation was ahead of the House.

Mr. King said "some of the reasons which the government had in mind earlier in this session and in previous sessions for not holding a secret sitting, do not have the same force at the present time."

"I think we can assure him (Mr. Caldwell) and honorable members of the House that if it is desired to have a secret sitting that can be arranged."

Alternative Method

The alternative method of proceeding by industries would involve an examination of the employment rolls of large industries, starting with those considered least vital to the war effort.

On the basis of such examination one firm might be asked to release 100 men and replace them with women or older men, another might be asked to release 500 and so on.

As the Canadian plan evolved officials have before them data on TAKE TWO—OTTAWA STUDY... compulsory service plans in other countries. There appears no disposition to adopt the United States system of calling men into the army by lot.

Great Britain's experience with compulsory service for men up to the age of 50 and for women in certain age groups has been studied.

Australia is reported starting to conscript women for war work in order to release men from factory and office jobs.

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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Belfast, Sunday, January 25th, 11 A.M. Y.P.S. 7 P.M. Rev. E. C. Evans, Minister. L-717-1-23-11.

CORNWALL PASTORAL CHARGE—Sunday, January 25th, Cornwall 11.00 A.M. Sunday School 7.00 P.M. M. S. Services, Speaker, Rev. D. C. Boothroyd. L-714-1-23-11.

NORTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCHES—Sunday, January 25th, North River, School, 10.15 A.M. Service 11 A.M. Clyde River, S. School 2 P.M. Service 3 P.M. Long Creek, Service 7.30 P.M. A cordial invitation to worship with us. Rev. A. E. Todd, Minister. L-709-1-23-11.

TRYLON—BONSHAW BAPTIST CHURCH, Sunday, January 25th, Trylon 3.00 P.M. Bonshaw 7.15 P.M. A very cordial invitation is extended to all to join with us in these services of worship and praise. The pastor will speak on the subject: "The Voice of Authority." L-708-1-23-21.

CORNWALL Pastoral Charge.—Congregational meetings will be held as follows: Cornwall, Monday, January 25th at 7.30 P.M. New Dominion, Tuesday, January 26th at 7.30 P.M. Kingston, Wednesday, January 28th at 7.30 P.M. Official Board Meeting, Cornwall, Thursday, January 29th at 7 P.M. All church organizations are required by the General Secretary, Rev. J. R. Skinner, Chairman of Presbytery will attend all meetings. L-663-1-20-23

SOLDIER WELCOMED—On Friday evening, January 2, many friends of Elmer Bannan gathered at his home to welcome him home on a short leave. The meeting was called to order by Mr. James L. LePage who called on Mr. Bannan to read an address, while the presentation of a substantial sum of money was made by Roland Buntain. After Elmer had made a fitting reply all joined in singing, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." After lunch was served the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and cards, and a late hour the guests departed to their homes wishing Elmer the best of luck.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION—A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Murray, Clyde River, on January 13th when members and friends of the Clyde River Baptist Church gathered at their home in honor of their recent marriage. Rev. A.E. Todd acted as master of ceremonies and after a few introductory words called upon Mrs. Elmer Bannan and Mr. Danley MacNeill to report on their honeymoon to the place of honor. An address was then read by Mrs. Robert Matheson while the presentation of a substantial sum of money was made by Mr. LePage. Mr. Murray on behalf of the bride and himself expressed their gratitude. After singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows," the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and cards, and a late hour the guests departed to their homes wishing Elmer the best of luck.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER—On the evening of Tuesday, January 6th, a very large number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. Charles Stevenson, the occasion being a miscellaneous shower held in honour of his sister, Bertha, whose marriage took place the previous Saturday to Pte. Preston Carr. After all were gathered the happy young couple were led into a beautiful decorated room by Miss Maebelle MacLennan and Mrs. William Kells. The room was decorated in patriotic design in red, white and blue with streamers extending from the ceiling to the two seats of honor. When the bride and groom were seated a very large, overflowing, decorated basket was carried in by the Misses Catherine Stevenson and Barbara Smith. The gifts were opened by Miss Maebelle MacLennan and the accompanying ceres, which caused much laughter, were read by Mrs. William Kells, and the beautiful gifts, consisting of cut glass, linen and money were arranged on the table by Miss Sadie Smith. In few well chosen words, Pte. Carr thanked the people on behalf of his wife and himself, for their beautiful gifts. Lunch was then served and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, music being furnished by Messrs. William Smith, (violin), Herman Parsons, (guitar), and William McEachern, (violin). After enjoying themselves all the well wishers all left for their homes, wishing Pte. Preston and Mrs. Carr many years of happy wedded bliss.

GAUDET-JENKINS—A wedding of interest to the younger set was quietly solemnized at 5 o'clock on Tuesday morning at St. Dunstan's Basilica when Gilbert Arthur Gaudet, eldest son of Mrs. Elizabeth Gaudet and the late Gilbert Gaudet, K.C. was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Sadie Margaret Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Jenkins of Mt. Allison. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Eric Robin, a classmate of the groom. The charming bride was becomingly attired in a street length dress of heavenly blue with white and black accents, black velvet halo hat and black accessories and carried a corsage of American Beauty roses. Her bridesmaid was Miss Eleanor Gaudet, a sister of the groom who chose a dress of dusky rose wool crepe with large black picture hat and black accessories and carried a corsage of Talisman roses. Mr. Aloysius Gaudet acted as groomsmen. During the nuptial Mass appropriate hymns were rendered by Mr. W.J. Brown and Miss Bernadette Gaudet. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast for the immediate family was held at the residence of the groom's mother, Mrs. Gilbert Gaudet, Rochford Square, Mt. Allison. Mrs. Gaudet left for Quebec and Montreal on their honeymoon. Many beautiful gifts were received by the popular young couple. The out of town guests included Mrs. Hedy Jenkins, Mt. Allison and Mrs. V.P. Doucet of Moncton, N.B.

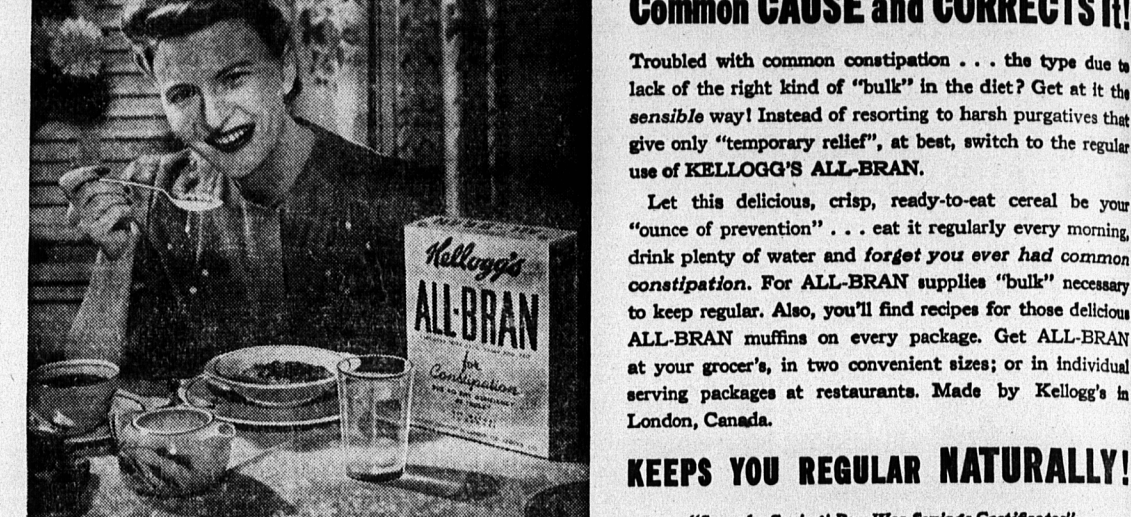
RECEIVED INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING IN BEACH GROVE INN TRAINING CENTRE—In the uniform of a private in the Tank Corps of the Canadian army, Dunstan McNichol, 25 son of the late State Senator James P. McNichol, stood before members of the Senate on Tuesday morning here today and was admitted to the practice of law.

On Friday McNichol will report for duty at Camp Borden near Toronto, Canada, with the well wishes of Chief Justice William I. Schaffner, who told him today: "I hope you distinguish yourself and return to practice law before this court, in which you will be most welcome."



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WINSLOE PASTORAL CHARGE—Services Sunday, January 25th at the Philadelphia General Hospital. Mrs. McNichol also maintains a Toronto home at Cardigan, P. E. I. It is interesting to note that Dunstan McNichol is the first person in success.

CAVENDISH CHARGE.—Worship on Sunday, January 25th, North Rustico at 11 A.M. and in the North Rustico at 7.30 P.M. Geo. W. Tilley, Minister. L-710-1-23-11.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25th—Cape Cove 11 A.M. Nine Mile Creek 7.30 P.M. Y.P.S. Church, Clyde River 7 P.M. Rev. T. W. Goodwill, Minister.

YORK PERSONALS—Owing to Jap activity in Vancouver Pte. Wilford Murray's leave to visit his home at Pleasant Grove, York R., was cancelled. The condition of Mrs. (Col.) Crockett, aged 91, of W. Murray, W. Waits, shows no improvement.—Pte. Michael MacKinnon, P.E.I. Highlander is visiting his home at Grand Tracadie.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Brookfield Charge. Services next Lord's Day, Hunter River 11 A.M. Glasgow Road 3 P.M. Hartsville 7.30 P.M. Y.P.S. Christian Endeavour and Prayer Services, Brookfield Tuesday 8 P.M. Hartsville Friday 8 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting, Glasgow Road Wednesday, January 28th, 8 P.M. Dr. A. O. Thomson, Minister. L-693-1-23-11.

JAMES A. GORDON TAKEN BY DEATH—Past Noble Grand of Malden Lodge of Odd Fellows and Past Grand Patriarch of Middlesex Encampment. Resident of Malden Over 50 Years.

(Malden News, Jan'y 5) James Montgomery Gordon of 68 Cross St., past noble grand of Malden lodge of Odd Fellows and past grand patriarch of Middlesex encampment, passed away Saturday evening at his home. He was a salesman for the United Shoe Machinery Co., Beverly, for 30 years, and retired a few years ago.

Mr. Gordon was single. He made his home with his wife, Mrs. Sidne Phillips and Misses Rose and Catherine Ritchie. A brother, Geo. N., survives him.

He was born in Huntly, P.E.I., the son of Archibald and Christina (Montgomery) Gordon. He first worked for General Electric Co., Lynn, and in 1892 started on the road for a wire grip fastener company. Seven years later he entered the employ of the United Shoe Machinery Co.

A resident of Malden for over 50 years, he made his home on Cross St., since 1903. He sang in the choir of the Mystic Side Congregational Church.

Mr. Gordon also was a member of the Quarter Century club of the United Shoe Machinery Co. and lodge of Stirling Masons.

Funeral Services—The funeral services for James M. Gordon, 68 Cross St., a past officer of Malden lodge and Middlesex encampment, will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Many relatives and friends were gathered, including business associates and members of the lodge and encampment in which he was interested. Rev. Alexander Stewart of the Centre Methodist church officiated.

The Odd Fellows ritual was read at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blequeiere, was filled to capacity when a large number of friends gathered together for the purpose of honoring Mr. Gordon. The gallant of the R. C. A. F. now stationed at Edmonton, Alberta, Miss Adeline Boun read an appropriate address and Miss Vera Martin presented him with a brooch and a sum of money. He graciously acknowledged the kindness of his friends, stating that he would always cherish the memory of this delightful occasion. After singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Splendid music was furnished by Messrs. Leo and Arthur Pien, and R. Gallant of North Rustico. A gratuity lunch was served to all present, after which all departed for their homes feeling well satisfied for an evening's entertainment.

TO THE LADIES—300,000 pairs of stockings, 50,000 greatcoats, 47,000 uniforms and 50,000 pairs of rubbers and over-shoes are among purchases made by the Department of Munitions and Supply to outfit the Canadian Women's Auxiliary Air Force and the Canadian Women's Army Corps.

WEEK END FOOD SAVINGS FRIDAY--SATURDAY and MONDAY. COFFEE Fresh Ground Lb. 43c. BAKING POWDER 1 Lb. Tin 15c 2 For 29c. SOUPS 10 oz. Tin 9c 3 for 25c. MARMALADE 16 oz. Jar 25c 32 oz. Jar 40c. CORN STARCH Pkg. 12c. PEANUT BUTTER 3 Lb. Tin 55c. APPLE JUICE 20 oz. Tin 10c 3 For 27c.

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In Memoriam

MRS. CARTNEY D. McLURE

"He giveth his beloved rest." In the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 24th, a new day was breaking over the earth there passed peacefully away to the home of many mansions the spirit of Mrs. C. D. McLure, widow of Arthur D. McLure who predeceased her on July 6th, 1928.

Mrs. McLure, a daughter of the late Adam and Mary (Irving) Dixon was born at St. Mary's Bay on June 17th, 1859. She possessed many qualities of mind and heart which endeared her to all who knew her and to her many friends learned with regret of the passing of this kind and lovable Christian woman, who was always greatly interested in anything for the betterment of the community, her family have been bereaved of a devoted mother, their happiness and welfare being ever uppermost in her mind.

Despite her advanced age she had been exceptionally active and was always able to attend services in the M. H. North Presbyterian Church, until the latter part of May 1941. Since which time she had been confined to her bed, during her illness she was never known to murmur or complain but accepted her Cross with the Christian fortitude which ever characterized her life.

She leaves to mourn their loss, one daughter and seven sons, Lucy B. of Lexington, Mass., who devotedly helped care for her mother during her illness, Adam, Charles, Cameron, and Benjamin of Montague, Chester and Howard in the old home and George of M. H. North, also eighteen grand children and six great grand children. She was predeceased by a daughter Mrs. Arthur Reynolds and a son Lieut. William D. McLure who served overseas in the Great War, also two children who died in infancy.

The funeral which was largely attended was held in the M. H. North church the services were conducted by her pastor Rev. A. C. MacPhail "Rock of Ages" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

The remains were interred in the New cemetery at M. H. North beside her loved ones who had gone before. The hearse was driven by Edward Millar the following were pall-bearers: Laurie McLure, Willard McLure, Fred Johnstone, Elmer Miller, George Miller and Herbert Llewellyn.

Army Recruiting—One of the factors governing the whole situation is governmental policy with respect to the army. Suggestions have been advanced that a maximum objective will be fixed for the Canadian army, based on a certain number of divisions overseas and a certain number for home defence.

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