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—ORDER wire nails, all kinds at Brace's. 12-26-2i.

—TRANSFERRED HERE.—Nursing Sister Pauline Noonan, R.C.A.F. has been transferred to the R.C.A.F. station at Summerside. She is the daughter of Mrs. J. M. Noonan, Summerside.—S.

—GALVANIZED soft also hard drawn steel wire obtainable at Brace's. 12-26-2i.

—THE OFFICE of E. E. Perkman, Optometrist, Summerside will be closed till Feb. 1 for testing eyes but open for repairs and collecting accounts. 12-26-30-4-6-11, 18

—BEDEQUE RINK EVENTS — School Skate Friday afternoons 3-5. Regular skating Tuesday and Saturday nights. Special skate New Year's night. Season ticket holders admitted. No skating Tuesday, Jan. 2. 12-26-3i.

—HOCKEY Bedeque Rink. The big South Shore League benefit game. Star players from three teams. Come and give the boys a boost. Thursday, Dec. 28. Skate after. Admission 20 and 30 cents, including tax. 12,27-2i

—FARMERS INSTITUTE.— The annual meeting of the North Bedeque Farmers Institute was held in North Bedeque School on Monday evening. The secretary, Mr. Ralph MacCaull, gave a report of the year's business, showing the total sales for the year amounting to the sum of about $23,600 which was mainly made up of fertilizer and feed. Ten cars of bulk grain was handled during the year. The following directors were appointed for 1945, Ralph MacCaull, Elmer Walsh, Frank Jardine, Rueben Large, Horace Huestis, Edwin Lord, Gordon Staver, Colin Waugh, Lorne MacCaull, with the following executive: Pres., Elmer Waugh, Vice Pres., Edwin Lord, Sec'y Ralph MacCaull.—S

—BUY bolts, welding compound and all blacksmith supplies at Brace's. 12-26-2i.

—BORDEN RINK opening tonight, 8 to 10. Good ice, good music. 12-28-1i

—BOOK orders for galvanized netting and fencing at Brace's. 12-26-2i.

—OWING TO many requests, we have decided to serve turkey dinners New Year's Day from 12:30 to 2 p. m. and from 6 to 8 in the evening. Kindly make your reservations early. Queen Hotel, Summerside. 12-28-2i

—WOUNDED OVERSEAS.—Capt. and Mrs. John Skerry, Alberton South, have received the sad news that their son, Ralph was killed in action. He has been overseas for five years and was expected home for Christmas. Another brother, was invalided home a short time ago.—S.

—ROTARY MEETING— The weekly meeting of the Summerside Rotary Club was held as usual on Tuesday in the Olympia. There was no guest speaker, but a number of business matters were discussed. The report on the crippled children's drive showed the amount of $2,200.00 received, with some districts still to be heard from. This is already over the objective set for the County. L.A.C. Cyril Hickey, R.C.A.F. was the only guest.—S.

—FUNERAL AT SUMMERSIDE —The funeral of the late D. B. McDonald of North Bedeque was held yesterday morning with solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Paul's Church, Summerside. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Francis McDonald, St. John, N.B.; Deacon, Rev. J.C. McDonald, Summerside; sub-deacon, Rev. George McDonald, all cousins of the deceased. Master of ceremonies was Rev. Francis McQuaid, St. Dunstan's University. Present in the sanctuary was the rector, Rt. Rev. Mgr. G. J. McLellan, V.G., and Rev. W. V. McDonald, Seven Mile Bay. The service at the grave was performed by the Rt. Rev. G. J. McLellan, who also received the body at the door of the church. A guard of honor of fourth degree Knights of Columbus was in attendance, consisting of Messrs. V. Maddigan, T.E. Hickey, George Clow, E. P. Foley, Henry Wedge, Elmer Pineau, and Dr. J. A. McPhee. Members of Summerside Council Knights of Columbus attended in a body. The pallbearers were as follows: Messrs. J. P. McInnis, Ralph Hogg, Ralph MacCaull, Ronald McNeill, Ronald McDonald and Parvin Cass. S

Hubley—Dodds Wedding

An event of wide interest in the Maritimes took place at 3.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the United Baptist Church, Summerside, when this marriage of Miss Ruth Dodds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Dodds, Summerside, to Mr. Charles Emerson Hubley, Carleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Hubley, Dartmouth, N. S., was solemnized amid an appropriate Christmas setting. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ernest J. Harris.

Miss Catherine MacCallum played the Wedding March.

The bride was lovely in an attractive gown of white silk brocade. A coronet of white rosebuds held her long veil of maline. She wore a pearl necklace and carried a shower bouquet of red roses. Attending the bride were Miss Betty MacNeill as maid of honor and the Misses Marjorie and Shirley Dodds, sisters of the bride, as bridesmaids. The attendants were attired in cardinal red velvet dresses with matching Dutch hats and carried cascade bouquets of white roses.

Mr. Ralph H. O'Brien, Halifax, N.S., was the best man. The ushers were Mr. C. Elmer Stevens, F/O. O.T. Page, R.C.A.F., and P/O. Nelson Currie, R.C.N.V.R.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

During the ceremony Miss Eleanor Campbell Borden, sang the Lord's Prayer and during the signing of the register Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Summerside, sang "When You Come Home Dear". A reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. MacNeill. Receiving with the bride and groom were Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hubley, and Dr. and Mrs. J. F. MacNeill. The toast to the bride was proposed by Dr. MacNeill and responded to by the groom. Mrs. H. H. Jewell, Saint John, and Mrs. N. F. Schurman, Summerside, poured tea. Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. G. R. Kendall and the Misses Aileen Parkman, Betty Ellman, Edie MacKay, Connie Ellman, Betty Sharp and Phyllis Stewart, all of Summerside.

Barbara Morrison and Shirley Bruce opened the door and ushered in the guests.

Following the reception the young couple left by plane for Nova Scotia.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hubley, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Jewett, Saint John; Mr. E. J. Cleveland, Dartmouth; Dr. and Mrs. R. D. MacNeill, Cape Traverse; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Darrach, Mr. and Mrs. Waldron Darrach, Kensington, and Mrs. Ed. Currie, Fairview. S

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Death of Noted Holstein Breeder and Grader

Mr. Cecil J. Stewart, Secretary of the P.E.I. Branch of the Holstein Friesian Association received a telegram announcing the death at Port Perry, Ontario, of Mr. Robert Holtby of that place. Mr. Holtby was chief grader in selective registration for Canada in the Holstein Friesian Association. He visited this Province almost every summer and was always welcomed by Holstein breeders as he was a man of pleasant personality and sound judgment. His passing will be felt by a wide circle of friends and breeders in the Holstein Association.

P. E. I. Heifer Makes Good Record

In the list of R.O.P. cows given in the December number of the Ayrshire Review is the heifer "Blackaddar Gem" 236246, owned by the Estate of George L. Boswell, Charlottetown, stands second in the three-year-old division with a record of 12,044 lbs. milk, 590 lbs. of fat with an average test of 4.43.

This heifer besides being a splendid producer has an excellent show record. She is sired by "Cherry Bank Steadfast". The herd-sire now in use in the herd of Keith Boswell and Sons, Victoria, P.E.I. This bull is a son of the noted "Alta" crest Winter Royal. His dam is Cherry Bank Royal Gem 2nd, a cow with over 51,000 lbs. of 4 per cent milk to her credit in 5 lactations. She is also the dam of "Leitchcroft Gayscholar" a bull which was junior and grand champion at the red and white show held at Markham, Ont. this year.

UNION ROAD SCHOOL

Honor Roll for the first two months of the term.

Grade IX.—1, Elaine Forsythe; 2, Vivian Williams.

Grade VI.—1, Henry Williams and Eleanor Campbell, equal.

Grade V.—1, Roy Inman; 2, Ray Forsythe; 3, Wendall Oliver.

Grade IV.—1, Reginald Oliver; 2, Marie Lewis; 3, Elma Inman.

Grade III.—1, Shirley Oliver; 2, Frances Inman; 3, Patricia Inman.

Grade II.—1, Billie Clark.

Mae Malley—Teacher.

ANCIENT GREECE

The history of Greece goes back 3,000 years.

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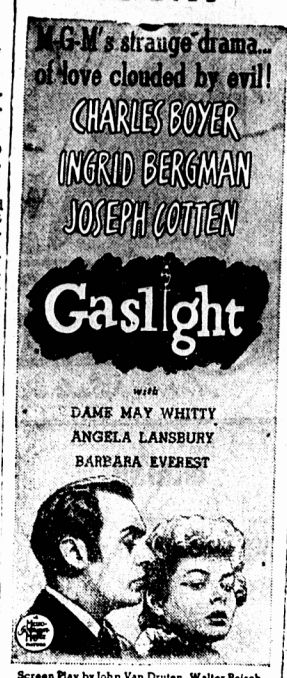

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ALSO — NEWS
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"GASLIGHT" ONE OF SEASON'S LEADING DRAMATIC PICTURES

—"Gaslight", the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film at the Capitol Theatre, is one of the most exciting and dramatic stories ever to reach the screen. Featured by outstanding performances by the star-studded cast headed by Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotten, "Gaslight" will keep you on the edge of your seat as it relates the story of the beautiful young singer, portrayed by Miss Bergman, who marries her accompanist (Charles Boyer) and with him sets up home in the London house where Paula's aunt, a famous singer, was murdered.

Deliberately, Boyer sets out to drive his wife mad—just why, and through what insidious methods, it would be unfair to relate. The entrance upon the scene of a Scotland Yard man, played by Joseph Cotten, brings the picture to a tense and highly thrilling climax.

"Gaslight" has been handsomely produced for M-G-M by Arthur Hornblow, Jr., George Cukor, the director, keeps the production going at top interest, and the entire supporting cast, hand-picked, turns in sterling performances.

AMERICAN TROOPS

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struck his first serious counter-blow at the Germans after back-tracking 50 miles across Belgium came on top of the two-day-old information that the spearhead of the enemy drive had been blunted short of its Meuse River goal.

American forces met the two-pronged German drive toward the Meuse in the aeras of Ciney and Celles two days ago and brought it to a halt, knocking out some enemy armor and compelling Von Rundstdt's forward tank units to withdraw from the farthest westward points attained in their 12-day-old push.

At the northern end of the Allied front, meanwhile, today's communique said 1st Canadian Army units in the Netherlands "continued to encounter enemy patrols along the Maas River north of Tilburg."

Von Rundstedt Loses Initiative

"Von Rundstedt has lost the initiative in his great all-out gamble to smash through the American front," Associated Press Correspondent Roger Greene said in a front dispatch.

After touring the rim of the German's salient, Kenneth Dixon of the AP reported: "The Allied positions seems the most cheerful since Von Rundstedt uncorked his counter-stab."

For the fifth straight day swarms of planes lashed at German troops and armor in clear, cold weather, piling roads and snow-covered fields with the smoking derelicts of German tanks and supply vehicles.

Nazis Short of Fuel

There was strong indication that Von Rundstedt's extended forces were short of fuel. Of 17 enemy tanks and self-propelled guns which the Americans found abandoned when the pushes to Ciney and Celles were folded back, at least a dozen had dry gasoline tanks.

A field dispatch said the Germans already had thrown in a vast majority of their reserves and had more than 20 divisions, including 10 panzer grenadier divisions, committed to the battle. It said the situation "now may be regarded as past the crisis stage."

Several thousand surrounded Americans held out heroically for the eighth straight day in Bastogne on the southern flank of the fighting, throwing back repeated German tank attacks as they awaited the arrival of powerful relief columns, last reported only 4 ½ miles south of the city.

Hundreds of tons of supplies—mainly ammunition—were parachuted to the beleaguered troops today from unarmed transport planes which completed the mission without a loss.

Later a force of American fighter-bombers, summoned by the transports, attacked a battery of German 88-MM. guns which were shelling Bastogne. They reported knocking out nine guns, blowing up an ammunition dump with bombs and killing at least 36 Nazi gun crewmen by strafing.

(A BBC broadcast from London said American relief columns were within 1 ¼ miles of Bastogne, and a United States 1st Army headquarters report said a single vehicle had reached Bastogne.

(Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, German Military Commentator, observed that Allied counter-attacks in Belgium "already are more methodic" and said that the great offensive which Hitler planned to inflict a decisive defeat on the Allies was turning "more and more into a battle of attrition.")

According to the latest information issued at Allied Headquarters—which presented the situation as of Tuesday morning—American troops were in possession of both Ciney and Celles. The latter town, only four miles from the Meuse, marked the apex of the German drive on Sunday. The Germans ran tanks thorugh Celles and close to Ciney, but apparently did not attempt to hold them against American counterflows.

At Eaton, Simpson, leading drug, grocery, hardware stores, or write Derpo Products, Toronto 4.

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.

COOKS for Photographs.

DON'T WAIT until the last date to pay your civic taxes. 12-21-2i.

CONFEDERATION LIFE

CITY'S FISCAL YEAR ends December 31st. After that date all taxes in arrears are subject to interest at the rate of 6%.

CITY TAX OFFICE will remain open each evening this week until 9 o'clock for the convenience of the Tax payers. 12-27-4i

SPEND HOLIDAYS HERE — Sgt. J.V. Masters and Mrs. Masters of Quebec are spending their holidays with Mrs. Masters' mother, Mrs J.T. Rodd, 250 Grafton Street, City.

THREE HOURS LATE — Last evening's train, due at 6:30, did not reach the City till 9:30 owing to the heavy passenger traffic on the mainland caused by the influx of members of the armed forces coming home on New Year's leave.

RESUMES DUTIES — Superintendent A. T. Marson has returned to resume his duties as commanding officer of "L" Division R. C. M. P. after having taken a three months special course in Regina, Sask. He was relieved, while absent from the Province, by Inspector N. J. Anderson, who is now in command of R. C. M. P. division headquarters at Moncton.

FUNERAL AT AUBURN — The funeral of the late Edwin Curley was held from his residence in Auburn, Saturday morning to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus, where Requiem High Mass was sung by the pastor, the Rev. Louis Callaghan, who also conducted the service at the grave. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Eddie J. Roach, James Simpson, Raymond Boylan, James McKenna, Damien Lynn, and James Lafferty. Interment in Church Cemetery.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Rowan Earl Cooke of Argyle Shore was held yesterday afternoon. A short service conducted by the Rev. J. A. Nicholson at the home of his father, Gorham Cooke, East Royalty, was followed by a service at Trinity United Church conducted by the Rev. T. E. MacLennan and the Rev. J. A. Nicholson. The pallbearers were Peter MacEachern, Waldon Sellar, William Cooke, William Hambly, Lewis Murphy, Claude Smith. Interment in People's cemetery.

YOUR ORANGE WILL COST YOU MORE—Because the operation of a definite price ceiling on oranges in the United States makes it no longer necessary to continue the Canadian orange subsidy to control consumer prices in Canada, the subsidy will be discontinued effective December 30, the Prices Board has announced. Under the new policy the Canadian price will be based on the O.P.A. ceiling in the growing area of the United States, plus a controlled mark-up set by the Board. When the subsidy was started two years ago there was no United States ceiling on oranges to protect the Canadian consumer, the Prices Board chairman explains. But the U.S. ceiling has now been in effect for more than a year and has been working satisfactorily. Discontinuance of the subsidy will not affect the supply or the quality of oranges sold in Canada though there may be an increase of from three to four cents per dozen in retail sales, a Board spokesman states. But if California's big orange crop is marketed safely within the next few weeks it is considered probable that oranges may sell below the ceiling at prices near their present level.

W.M.S. MEETING—The W.M.S. of the New Glasgow United Church held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. R. W. Stevenson. The president, Mrs. W. B. Bulman, presided. A program of Scripture reading, prayer and Christmas carols led by Mrs. Warfield Orr was carried out. Interesting readings were given by Miss Elsie Laird, Temperance Secretary and Miss Anna Stevenson, herald. New committees were appointed and officers elected for the coming year. Mrs. Warfield Orr was appointed a delegate to attend the Presbyterial in Summerside on Jan. 24 and 25. Mrs. W. B. Bulman invited the members to her home for the next meeting. Roll call to be responded to by a verse on Glory. Total collection amounted to $7.75. A donation in memory of Mrs. John T. McLeod was gratefully received from Mrs. Ernest Haslam. The meeting closed by singing My Faith Looks Up to Thee, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the Mizpah Benediction in unison.—G.

Personals

Mrs. D. E. Frew, city, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James White, Sturgeon.

Mr. Harry MacFarlane of Augustine Cove has undergone a successful operation at the P.E. Island Hospital. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

THREE CHARMING WRENS

Overseas for Christmas on service with the Royal Canadian Navy is this group of Wrens from Prince Edward Island. They are Phyllis Woodside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Woodside, Kensington; Beryl De Blois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel De Blois, Charlottetown, and Frances Gavin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gavin, Tignish.

HISTORIC ETENTS—

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not trust.

Demonstrations in Brussels followed an order for disarming Belgian resistance forces but behind-the-lines order was kept on Gen. Eisenhower's command. A similar crisis in France was surmounted by forthright Gen. de Gaulle, who had returned to head a provisional government after Paris was liberated Aug. 25. In October the Allies recognized his administration and France's place in Europe was further strengthened in December by an alliance with Russia.

What Mr. Churchill called "the bare, grim bones of the Polish problem," produced further Allied headaches. He sided with Russia in her demands for that part of Poland east of the Curzon line.

On the fighting fronts, however, there was no dissension. General Eisenhower, as in the Mediterranean the previous year, has welded the polyglot formations under him into a hard-hitting striking force.

At year-end the American 7th Army, which landed on the Riviera August 15, was in Germany near Karlsruhe. To the north three other U.S. armies were on German soil but the Germans had launched their first big, well-executed drive against the American 1st Army, pushing some of its elements back into Belgium and Luxembourg. Allied headquarters recognized the attack as "the big thing", with the Nazis throwing heavy armor through the gap and supporting the push with V-bombs.

Farther to the north, elements of the British 2nd. and Canadian 1st armies were on the so-called "holy" soil of the Reich after hard, bloody battles from the Normandy beaches where they landed June 6th.

The Russians, meanwhile, had reached East Prussia, knocked out all Germany's Balkan satellites but Hungary, driven Finland from the war and held sway in most of the Baltic countries. By Nov. 6, Marshal Stalin was able to announce restoration of the Russian frontier along it's 1,800-mile length from the Barents Sea to the Black Sea.

Tokyo Feels our Bombs

The Germans still clung to Italy, the Allies still not reaching Bologna as the year ended but they had liberated Rome June 4th after a spring offensive in which Canadian forces helped crack the Gustav and Hitler lines.

Highlights of the Pacific war, with its many island invasions, were the Americans return to the Philippines Oct. 29 and the hard blow dealt the Japanese fleet off the Philippine, in October when the American carrier planes struck 56 Japanese warships, sinking 24. Among the islands invaded were the Marianas, developed into a base for Tokyo-bombing Superforts.

Australian troops continued to hit hard at the Japanese in the southwest Pacific areas by-passed in the advance to the Philippines; the Allies pushed the enemy back in Burma but the Japanese made grave advances in China.

The year was notable, too, for a hideous new war development, German flying bombs and rocket bombs which first struck Southern England and then parts of liberated Europe. After an 80-day battle against the flying bombs which began June 15, Britain was able to announce victory in the autumn after 2,300 of the 8,000 buzz-bombs launched hit Southern England. Then came the rocket bomb, still unconquered.

For the Empire, the year was highlighted by a spring London meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers who announced after the conference they favored a world authority to prevent aggression. The July Dumbarton Oaks international conference took the preliminary steps.

And as the year closed the man responsible for the international anarchy remained in obscurity. Little had been heard of Hitler after he escaped a July 20 bomb plot.

WOULD CONTINUE—

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ed for three-year terms by "general suffrage" and the Commission should appoint its own chairman—"a British subject and preferably a Newfoundlander, were he available, from anywhere in the British Commonwealth."

2: Considerable sums of money, at present beyond Newfoundland's resources, should be provided from the United Kingdom "to set the country on its feet."

3: Two years after annulment of the local defence regulations a referendum should be held on the Commission form of Government and if the people approved a continuation on the new basis "I would urge that the (10-year) development plan be put into operation without delay."

Lord Ammon's 10-year plan falls into 13 sections:—

1: Health—appointment of a special health committee to study the present "evil" health conditions, a health campaign conducted "without any cheese-paring" and inauguration of a medical air service for outlying areas.

2: Education—establishment of teacher-training schools, increased pay for teachers, more secondary schools and technical schools, more bursaries and a gradual extension of common schools as opposed to denominational institutions.

3. Housing—a "vigorous policy and propaganda against unsanitary ways of life...to raise health to European standards," including implementation without delay of the St. John's housing report.

4. Fisheries—"Legislation should oblige every merchant supplying goods on credit to furnish at least four times yearly a statement of accounts;" the future lies with fresh frozen fish, fillets, salmon and lobster.

5: Agriculture—communications linking farm and market must be made available; the Government should order an expert soil survey, supply tractors for land clearing, extend educational courses for young farmers, and send agricultural officers to Canada for training.

6: Natural resources—there should be schemes for conservation of fish and timber, commercial exploitation of hardwood, development of waterpower resources, and use of game as local meat supply.

7: Communications and transport—"for economic development, the one great necessity is a proper system of roads and transport." There is much scope for an up-to-date steamboat service.

8: Local Government—"local self-government must precede national self-government"; a local government expert from Britain should be appointed for three years to help settlements organize their councils.

9: Co-operative movement—"it would be advantageous to secure expert assistance in its building and co-ordination as a strong economic structure."

10: Civil service—a system of competitive examinations should be instituted to meet complaints that applicants are accepted to satisfy denominational demands.

11: Finance—a senior British treasury official should be seconded to Newfoundland for 10 years with authority to approve all but the largest financial undertakings without consulting London; the indirect tax system needs revision; price control should be instituted, and possibly Britain might remit some of Newfoundland's debt.

12: Military bases—the Commission should seek co-operation of Canada and the United States in using these bases to Newfoundland's best advantage in peacetime.

13: Labrador—"Since the Privy Council award (of Labrador to Newfoundland), little or nothing has been done to develop Labrador...one could wish that Canada had been successful in the dispute...Canada evidently thinks there is something worthwhile...in view of the enormous possibilities, I should deprecate the further granting of territorial concessions in Labrador."

"There is much to be done before Newfoundland enters into its full inheritance," Lord Ammon concludes, "but with faith in herself she can gain it, for great are her possibilities."

Jap Carrier Sunk By U. S. Submarine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—(AP)—The first definite sinking of a Japanese aircraft carrier by a United States submarine was reported today by the Navy Department.

The announcement came in a Navy communique which disclosed the destruction by the far-ranging submersibles of 27 vessels, including the large carrier and six other combatant ships.

The announcement raised the total of Japanese fighting ships which have fallen victim to American submarine warfare to 99, including a carrier, 14 cruisers, 44 destroyers, three tenders and 37 miscellaneous types.

Yanks Strike Again At Volcano Islands

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 27—(AP) United States warships and planes bombarded Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands Dec. 26 in the third joint air-navy attack on that enemy base, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

DEC. 28, 1940—More than 38,000 prisoners counted in British offensive against Italian Libya. Greeks forced Italians from important heights around Tepelini. British bombers from Britain attacked Lorient and French coastal areas. Britain was free from night raids.

POULTRY JOTTINGS

By F. G. Ward

Registered dressed poultry packing stations came into being late in 1943. They are playing a very important part in the moving of large quantities of dressed poultry into trade channels. Very few people realize the work, the detail necessary in presenting dressed poultry to the consuming public. First, there must be sales appeal. Perhaps you say "How can there be sales appeal to a chicken? They are all the same, but, no, oftentimes the condition in which they are marketed presents a great contrast in appearance—poultry of equal weight, fleshing and fat can, in the factor of dressing be totally different. One chicken should be the essence of sales appeal, the other the opposite.

Registered dressed poultry packing stations operate under registration from the Dominion Dept. of Agriculture. Regulations governing the grading—processing practices are unified—the result being a uniform product. A marked improvement is noticeable since regulations governing the processing of poultry became effective.

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The old nightmare of producers at this time of the year is almost forgotten—that of plucking poultry. Registered Poultry stations are all equipped with mechanical plucking machines. They will, if need be, pluck 100 chickens per hour and do a much better job than most producers. The cost to the producer at present 6c per bird.

At one registered station visited last week. I saw battery after battery full of live poultry awaiting killing. In the processing room, the killing gang were busy bleeding and sticking poultry. The steam controlled temperature water vats were receiving an uninterrupted flow of poultry just killed. These birds are given a semi-scald treatment by dipping them in to water vats, temperature 128 degrees to 130 degrees and held there from 30 to 60 seconds. They are then passed on to the plucker operating the plucking machine—in almost no time his work is completed and the bird is passed on to another crew who pick remaining feathers the plucker may have missed. After this operation, the birds are placed on racks transferred to a cooling room—40 degrees F.— where they remain until properly cooled, are weighed and graded, placed into respective weight and grade bins and in turn are made ready for packing.

This operation includes a thorough cleansing of feet, vents and mouth by washing.

Poultry is packed in boxes of various weight rizes, birds of a like weight and grade to a box. Boxes are carefully lined with waxed paper to prevent freezer burn. The grade of each bird is stamped upon the breast and upon each box.

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Inspectors of the poultry Marketing Services on P.E.I. make an individual inspection of each box of poultry put up. This is a 100 per cent inspection. This type of inspection is not compulsory but is a protection both to the shipper and to the buyer. A fee is charged for such inspections. All P.E.I. Registered Stations request this service. It probably is responsible to a large extent for the uniform grade of poultry packed. After inspection, each box of poultry is marked with a Government stamp—anyone purchasing such a box of poultry has the satisfaction of knowing that such poultry was up to grade when packed.

Poultry from registered dressed poultry grading stations have sales appeal—sales follow—then repeat sales. During 1945, we are assured of an outlet for our dressed poultry. Let quality again be our aim for 1945! Bear in mind the lesson taught this fall, that immature, improperly fed poultry when so marked depresses the market. A few more days with proper finishing feeding can place that unfinished bird into the milkfed class.

Efficiency in management—quality in the finished product—means satisfaction to all.

Annual Masonic Installation Ceremonies

The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was very fittingly observed by the members of the Masonic Craft of this city last evening when upwards of seventy brethren attended a banquet at 6 p.m. in the Masonic Temple.

Wor. Bro. James C. Montgomery, P.M. of Victoria Lodge No. 2 capably presided as toastmaster. After the toast to "The King" had been drunk, a toast to "The Craft" was proposed, which was very ably responded to by Wor. Bro. R. E. Kemp, P.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 1, and the toast to "The Holy Saints John" was responded to by Rev. Bro. James T. Ibbott in a manner which was very fitting, inspiring and instructive.

Immediately after the banquet the brethren repaired to the Lodge Room where the installation of the officers of St. John's and Victoria Lodges took place.

R.W. Bro. W.R. Carson, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in Prince Edward Island, in due and ancient form, performed the beautiful ceremonies of installation in a most creditable manner, ably assisted by Wor. Bro. Frank A. Vanderstine, P.M. of St. John's Lodge, as director of ceremonies.

After the installation of officers was concluded, Wor. Bro. R.H. Rogers, P.M. of Victoria Lodge No. 2 presented the retiring Masters Bro. R.J. Rupert of St. John's Lodge and Bro. C.W. Rowe of Victoria Lodge, with Past Masters' Jewels on behalf of both Lodges.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

St. John's Lodge	Victoria Lodge
W.M.	
G. D. Murchison	G. E. Procter
S.W.	
J. A. Rodd	G. E Sherren
J.W.	
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BIRTHS

REICH—At Port Washington, Long Island, New York, on Nov. 28, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Reich (nee Elizabeth Compton) a daughter, Margo Louise.

NUNN—At the P.E. Island Hospital, Dec. 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Paige Nunn, Cymbria, a son.

ATKINSON — At Nashville, Tennessee, Dec. 14, 1944, to Capt. and Mrs. D. W. Atkinson (nee Alice Clarke, Mt. Stewart) a daughter.

MacNUTT—At the Prince County Hospital, Summerside on December 18, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Dugald J. MacNutt Malpeque, a son, Dugald Clair.

MARRIAGES

AFFLECK—ALLEN — At Middleton, Saturday, December 23rd, by Rev. J. H. Bishop, Alma Elsie Allen of Middleton, to Keith Page Affleck of Bedeque.

HERMISTON — MacKINNON. — At Zion Church, on Saturday, December 23, 1944, by Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, Miss Elsie Mae MacKinnon of Charlottetown, to Mr. Norman Leslie Hermiston of Saulte Ste. Marie, Ont.

JORDAN - HERRING—At the United Church Parsonage, Murray Harbour on Decembe 26, 1944 by Rev. Roy Vessey, B.D. Vernon Ethelbert Jordan to Esther Eulalie Herring, both of Murray Habor, P.E.I.

JENKINS—MacDONALD — At the Baptist Parsonage, Charlottetown, on Dec. 27, 1944, by the Rev. I. Judson Levy, Christine MacDonald of Boston, Mass., to Earl Goodspeed Jenkins of Southport, P.E.I.

REYNARD—SOMERS — At the bride's home on December 20, 1944, by Rev. D. J. Morrison, Mildred Jean Somers of Bradalbane to LAC. Joe Morris Reynard of Lachine, Quebec.

THE B. I. S.
PLAY COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY, DEC. 29,
AT 7:30 P.M.

DEATHS

ANDERSON — At the P. E. Island Hospital, Wednesday, Dec. 27, Mrs. John Anderson of 269 Richmond Street, Charlottetown. Funeral notice later.

PARKMAN — Suddenly at Winsloe, December 27th, 1944, John S. Parkman in his 78th year. Funeral from his late residence Friday afternoon, service starting at 3 p. m. Interment in Winsloe North cemetery.

BINNS—At the residence of his sister, Mrs. L. Crawford, 53 Richmond Street, Benjamin Binns, age 72 years. Funeral notice later.

BIRT — At the P. E. Island Hospital, Dec. 26, 1944, Mrs. Norman Birt of Eldon in her 30th year. Remains are resting at the home of her brother, Harry Simmons, 155 King Street, where a church service will be held Thursday at 1 p. m., thence to Mount Stewart United Church, service starting at 2:30. Interment in Mount Stewart cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. Henry T. Burgoyne, who passed away December 28th, 1943.

Dearest Lilly thou hast left us
And our loss we deeply feel,
It was God who has bereft us
He will all our sorrow heal.

Inserted by Husband and Family.

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