

Pastoral Letter on Sacerdotal Jubilee

The joint Pastoral Letter of His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan and the Archbishops and Bishops of the Canada on the occasion of His Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee...

The Central Guardian

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CARTONIST VICTOR RUNTZ will give an illustrated talk at the Baptist's Men's monthly supper meeting tonight at 6:30.

BE A BLOOD DONOR on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Your blood may save a life—perhaps your own!

Personals Miss Janet Fendergast, nurse at the P. E. I. Hospital, has returned to work after a two weeks holiday.

Mrs. James Marchbank, New Annapolis, is visiting her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lowther, Cornwall.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas Martin, Southport, will be pleased to learn that he is making satisfactory progress after undergoing two recent operations at the Charlottetown Hospital.

PUTS STREET LIGHTS OUT - City streets were without light last night for about a half hour when icy streets caused an auto-accident on King St. Knocking high tension wires to the ground. The matter was quickly investigated and lighting conditions set back to normal. The accident occurred about 7 o'clock.

REPRESENTED LOCAL MASONS - At the first Masonic All Canada Conference held recently at Toronto, the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was represented by M.W. Bros. George G. Wood, Grand Master; H.R. Caruthers, Grand Warden; and L.A. MacDougall, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, M.W. Bro. G.G. Wood, was elected to the chairmanship of the next conference to be held in Winnipeg in February, 1951.

DELEGATES REPRESENTING Dominion Masonry problems, Sovereign Grand Jurisdiction of Canada and the two Provincial Grand Lodges of Newfoundland met in a three day conference, M.W. Bro. Arthur D. Cumming, P.G.M. of Alberta, presiding. Recommendations made will be forwarded to the various Grand Lodges. One of the highlights of the conference was the formal dinner tendered the delegates by M.W. Bro. T.H. Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

INCIDENT (Continued from Page 1) ed in what was termed a protest for six reasons. The note, however, listed only two reasons, saying the remainder "are pertaining to ship's routine and would be appreciated only in naval circles."

Manzanillo Bay on Mexico's southwest coast is a large harbor partly formed and sheltered by a large island extending southward parallel with the coast. It is one of the chief Pacific ports of Mexico.

The letter, dated Feb. 27, was mailed from Acapulco, about 300 miles southeast of Manzanillo Bay whence the Athabaskan sailed Saturday for Panama, another 1,200 miles southeast. The port of Acapulco is in a deep, semi-circular bay, almost landlocked, and is the best harbor on Mexico's Pacific coast.

It once was the depot for Spanish fleets plying between Mexico and Spain's East Indian colonies. The letter writer in the newspaper, written on Athabaskan newspaper and signed "An Athabaskan," said it was written "in the hope that the public may at least hear of this, the third mutiny, in the west coast squadrons since June, 1946."

Admiral de Wolf would not comment on this assertion. The letter writer said there were six reasons for what he termed the "revolt." Most striking of the demands was that the executive officer be removed from the ship. A second request was that Canadian money again be accepted by the ship's canteen. American money only is recognized now by order of the executive officer.

Naval officers here expressed their belief that the reference to monetary matters was the result of some temporary financial arrangement. Canadian currency normally is the standard currency aboard a Canadian warship.

Admiral de Wolf said: "It seems to me there is a troublemaker on board the ship. The Athabaskan was not delayed and the matter was dealt with by Cmdr. Mediand, who took command December, 1948."

Admiral de Wolf, attributing the Feb. 27 incident to "very junior ratings," said he lacked full details but added: "It is nothing worth troubling about."

The Sun story said: "Events came to light when an anonymous typewritten letter was received by the newspaper today written on H. M. C. S. Athabaskan newspaper. It was dated Feb. 27 from Acapulco, Mexico."

"Contents of the letter alleged that at Manzanillo Bay, the seamen, stokers, electricians and miscellaneous ratings mutinied and sealed themselves in the forward upper messdeck for approximately two hours."

"After an address by the captain, they returned to work and the ship was able to proceed to sea."

The Athabaskan sailed with the west coast squadron from Esquimaux Jan. 28 to take part in Canada's largest peacetime naval manoeuvres.

Admiral Grant added that no official statement could be made until a full report was received on the disturbance. So far, he said, only unofficial information had been received.

Other high officers termed the incident "a tempest in a teapot." It had involved some 30 of a crew of 140 officers and ratings.

Naval headquarters discounted the report of "other mutinies." They were certain there had been no mutinies.

The disturbance at Manzanillo Bay was believed to have started when some ratings, who had never been to sea, failed to obey orders. One high naval officer said the trouble was due to the "ignorance" of some of the ratings. These probably would be disciplined by cancellation of leave at Panama, next port of call.

Naval headquarters described Cmdr. Mediand as "a highly competent" officer who first joined the navy 20 years ago.

P. E. I. Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service



Registered laboratory technicians, Miss Joyce MacPhail (left) and Miss Margaret MacLennan (right) with the Red Cross Transfusion Service vehicle.

Blood Arriving In Laboratory



Technicians receiving a shipment of blood from the Halifax depot in the insulated, aluminum ten-pint containers.

Revised Potato Value And Production Estimates

The following revised estimates of the production and value of the 1948 Canadian potato crop has been released by the Dom. Bureau of Statistics on Feb. 24th. Values per unit represent average prices received by farmers for the first half of the current crop year, that is from Aug. 1, 1948, to Jan. 31, 1949. Value figures, together with estimates, will be finally revised when complete figures on disposition are available. Details by Provinces follow:

Table with columns: Province, Acreage (000 bus.), Yield per Acre (000 bus.), Production (000 bus.), Average Farm Price (\$ per bus.), Gross Farm Value (000\$).

ST. LAURENT (Continued from page 1) in a position to carry out the aims set out in its charter.

With tears in his eyes and with a catch in his voice he told the Richelieu Club of his own and his family's anxiety when their son—Renald St. Laurent—was serving aboard a corvette in the Second World War.

He told how on at least 20 occasions he had shaken the hands of personal friends who had lost a son in the war. He told of his visits to veterans' hospitals where he had seen what war did to men's bodies and minds. He also told

how he had met the gaunt emaciated survivors of a Japanese internment camp.

Anyone who knew or who saw the horrors of war certainly did not want to see another third war brought about.

In his speech to his supporters Mr. St. Laurent said he feels it essential that the Liberal Party be maintained in power in Ottawa, but he warned that the party cannot rest on its past laurels. It must convince the people that its policy is the right one.

He verbally jabbed at the Opposition parties and said: "Our left wing parties would be much closer to power if the country was in the hands of the Conservatives, because they would benefit from a popular reaction which has no reason for existence under a Liberal regime determined to apply all the principles of social justice."

He warned his listeners against alliances such as brought about the defeat of Liberal chieftain Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911.

He said every one recalled what had happened in that year—a combination of nationalists in Quebec and Conservatives in the rest of the country defeated the Liberal Government of the day.

Building Collapses Under Weight of Snow TRENTON, N. S., March 6 - (CP) - A second building of the Trenton steel works here collapsed today under pressure of heavy snow. The 160-by-60-foot structure had not been used for some time.

Last week a building collapsed under snow which piled up during the winter's worst storm. The snow was 12 feet deep on roofs in places. Snow is being removed from roofs of other buildings believed in danger.

RELEASE IS

Continued from page 1 "full-scale investigation" of what he called the Justice Department's "shocking, inexcusable laxity" toward Miss Coplan.

Chairman John Wood (Dem. Ga.) called a committee meeting for tomorrow.

Cabinet was the first member of the U. N. staff to be arrested on spy charges although a State Department aide last year charged that spies were being smuggled into the United States with U. N. credentials. After investigation the State Department formally denied the charge.

THURSDAY LIKELY

(Continued from Page 1) Temperance Act, the Town Planning Act and the Petroleum Products Act.

Questions on the order paper included Opposition queries respecting the public debt, the amounts paid under the plant disease and indemnification fund, the cost of reconstructing Beach Grove Inn, certain expenditures listed as "sundry" in the report of the Public Works and Highways Department, the purchase of Government motor cars, particulars of work on the ferry wharf at Georgetown, and an explanation of the Premier's statement on the Draft Address in reference to free trade between Canada and the United States.

NO SOFTENING

Continued from page 1 skeptical majority of observers: "My reaction is not good. I fear that optimism would be foolhardy."

Moscow radio's announcement was made early Saturday in a Russian-language broadcast at dictation speed just after an English-language broadcast which said the Soviet Union desires peace and "unswervingly conducts a policy of co-operation among all democratic countries, regardless of their internal social system."

Official spokesmen for British and European governments with-held comment until things have crystallized. But informally most of them said they saw nothing to cause them to rejoice.

They noted that Communist leaders outside Russia have adopted a militant policy in recent weeks, in sharp contrast to their earlier declarations that there was no reason why Communist and capitalist countries can't live together peacefully.

RUSSIANS REFUSES

Continued from page 1 proposal which he said provided for the transfer of restitution functions to consulates to be established in the occupation zones, Sokolovsky said.

"The Soviet authorities cannot accept such a proposal, since it constitutes an attempt to force them to approve the transformation of occupation zones into separate, state units and the establishment of a Western German state."

"The Soviet authorities, consistently advocating the unity of Germany and the formation of a democratic sovereign state, categorically oppose any proposals aimed at the splitting of the country."

The letter, distributed by Tass, official Russian news agency, said in part that the situation regarding the restitution of Soviet property in the American occupation zone of Germany is "completely inadmissible."

The letter claimed United States authorities in Germany have sabotaged activities of the Soviet restitution mission by not permitting the Russian mission to inspect German factories, archives, museums, and art galleries in its efforts to pin down Soviet properties there.

The communication said most of the Soviet applications for return of the Russian property have been turned down by American authorities under several pretences.

United States authorities said today they will reject a Soviet demand to send investigators through the American zone of Germany to look for Nazi loot.

RED CROSS

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It is picked up at the airport by the Red Cross vehicle—a panel truck driven by Mrs. R. C. MacLellan. Besides making her two

Trinity Church Afternoon Auxillary

The afternoon Auxillary of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, was held on Thursday afternoon in the Social Hall, with the president, Mrs. Gordon Avar, presiding.

The devotional period, led by Mrs. Harold Newson, opened with prayer and the singing of "We Thank Thee That Thy Church Unsleeping."

The theme of the service was "Thy kingdom come through the united witness of the Christians of the world," based on the message from Amsterdam, at which forty-four countries and one hundred and forty-seven different religions were represented.

Mrs. H. C. Rice led in prayer and the singing of "The Church's Foundation" closed the devotional period.

After the minutes and treasurer's reports for February were given the offering was taken and dedicated with prayer by the president.

Mrs. A. D. MacLennan read a very impressive letter from the Presbyterian Christian Stewardship Secretary, Mrs. Head, regarding gifts for building advance.

Mrs. Morson, Community Friendship Secretary reported one hundred and nine visits made to hospital and homes during February.

Mrs. Avar extended an invitation to all from the Evening Auxillary to attend a social evening with them on Monday evening, March 21st, at which Mrs. Gordon MacMillan, Cornwall, would show slides of her beautiful garden.

The 5th chapter of the Study Book, "West of the Ganges," was given in a very interesting manner by Mrs. Edgar Gillespie, assisted by Mrs. Newson, Mrs. Mutch and Mrs. Barbour. After singing "Rise Up, O Men of God!" the meeting closed with prayer by the president.

Steel Demand Is Declining In U. S.

CLEVELAND, March 6 - (AP) - Metal-working operations appear to be slowing down further, the magazine Steel reported today.

"Slowing industrial activity is being reflected in noticeable contraction in steel requirements," the trade journal said. "And over the last week or so sentiment in steel market circles has deteriorated significantly with order cancellations and shipment deferrals increased."

However, Steel believes that manufacturing operations are on a high plane despite disturbing circumstances.

Output of steel ingots held close to its all-time high last week with operations easing only one-half point to 99.5 per cent of capacity.

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Some of the small manufacturers who flocked into the picture during the war, or after, are already feeling the pinch. The furniture industry has always been particularly vulnerable to over-expansion in boom periods since a small operator can commence production on a shoestring in his basement or loft. Cut-price sales and time-payments are distress sales incentives for these operators.

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World Day of Prayer Service

The World Day of Prayer was held Friday afternoon, March 4th in St. James Church with a good representation of women from the Protestant churches of the city.

The order of service was prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of the United States in consultation with groups of consecrated Christian Chinese women in different parts of China. They chose as their theme "The Lord Is Thy Keeper" from Psalm 121:5.

Mrs. R. R. Hurst of St. James Church presided at the impressive service, assisted by Mrs. R. E. Mutch of Trinity Church, Mrs. Hutchison of the Salvation Army, Miss Margaret Cotton of St. Peter's Church, Mrs. Alfred Frizell of the Church of Scotland, Miss Ada Harris of St. Paul's Church, Mrs. R. A. Houston of the Central Christian Church, and Mrs. A. A. Mutch and Mrs. G. C. Webster of Zion Church.

The offering given by Mrs. J. D. Davison concerned the projects to which the offerings of the World Day of Prayer are given.

A special musical selection, "O Lord Most Merciful," by Cesar Franck was sung by the girls' choir under the direction of Miss Lillian MacKenzie.

The offering of \$49.25 will be used for relief in Europe and Asia and for the printing and distribution of Christian literature to women and children in other lands as well as in Canada.

Furniture Industry Still Booms

(Financial Post) Those widely advertised furniture sales don't represent a depressed industry or probability of early across-the-board price cuts.

Far from it. The Canadian furniture industry is still coasting along its greatest boom road in history. Early indications are that 1949 manufacturer's sales will be close to last year's record \$88 million. Back in 1938 they were \$20.5 million.

Though the going has been a good deal tougher for the manufacturers and retailers in poorer quality, cheaper-price lines, and first postwar casualties are showing up, public demand for all medium-to-better-grade goods is still holding close to record levels.

Average backlog of orders in the hands of furniture manufacturers in these grades represent around six months capacity business. One large Kitchener firm has orders on its books sufficient to assure capacity operations until late next fall. Spot survey of several retailers in Toronto reveal sales up slightly from last year.

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Roads Open, Water Is Big Problem Now

The main Prince Edward Island highways, with a few exceptions, are now open to all traffic, the Guardian was informed last evening by the Department of Public Works and Highways.

However, owing to yesterday's mild weather and the rain during the night, a considerable amount of water is collecting in the cuttings and hollows:

Road maintenance crews were working until late last night draining these areas, where possible.

Number 1 highway is clear from Summerside through O'Leary to Alberton and Tignish.

Number 2 highway, which is the road from Charlottetown through Kensington to Summerside and Borden, is clear through Hunter River as far as Hazel Grove. Two plows were working all night with instructions to carry on until this highway is cleared to Kensington. From Kensington, the highway is open to Summerside and Borden.

The Bonshaw highway is open all the way to Borden.

The road from Charlottetown to Montague and Georgetown, number 3 highway, is clear. The highway from Montague to Murray River and Murray Harbour is also clear.

Souris highway is open from Charlottetown to Midgell and plows were continuing on towards Souris last night.

The highway from Hunter River to Rustico is open to New Glasgow, Sheraton and Adam Innes most popular.

On the whole the industry, from manufacturing to retailing end, is in the strongest financial position in history. Many of the long-established firms have plowed back considerable earnings into manufacturing plants in the form of new, more efficient equipment. They look to these cost-saving factors to stand them in good stead when the going gets tougher.

There are still shortages of skilled workmen in the better class factories. Some raw materials, particularly veneers, are far below requirements. Currently trade representations are being made to Ottawa with the hope of increasing the industry's U. S. dollar allocations for import of certain essential U. S. raw materials, such as oak, walnut and aromatic red cedar lumber and face veneers and some types of upholstery fabrics.

Effective quotas for first half 1949 is at rate of 77 per cent of basic year's import in case of lumber and veneers and 40 per cent for upholstery fabrics.

GRAPE FROM ASIA Grapes were introduced to China from western Asia in the second century B. C.

ONE MINUTE NEWS ABOUT JOHN MANVILLE BEDECK HOME IN LIFE-LONG GARB

If you're building a new home, or remodeling your present one, there's one thing you'll want for sure. That's a sliding shingle that is long-lasting beautiful and requires no costly upkeep.

The answer of course is Johns-Manville Cedargrain Sliding Shingles. J-M Cedargrains made of asbestos and cement are permanent as stone—absolutely fireproof, rotproof and never need paint to preserve them! But that's not all. Cedargrains are attractively grained like fine weathered wood—with deep wavy shadow lines that add an extra touch of charm and distinction. And, Cedargrains are available in four attractive colours—Dover White, Blended Gray, Tantonite and Greenstone. In remodeling, Cedargrains can be applied right over old-fashioned side walls. For free illustrated folder write Canadian Johns-Manville Sun Life Bldg., Montreal—or see your nearest J-M dealer.

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Annual Meeting PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DIVISION CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY "CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL" WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th. 6:00 P.M. Dinner, \$1.75. Please phone 432 for reservations by Tuesday, March 15th.

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New Guinea Natives Run Sheep Farm

SYDNEY, March 6 - (Reuters) - New Guinea tribes who saw their first white man only 15 years ago are today running an experimental wheat and sheep farm.

The farm is the realization of a dream of Neptune Blood, a member of the New Guinea administrative staff, who wants to help the natives of the central hills to progress.

He first met them when he was a member of the European Constabulary in 1934. When New Guinea was evacuated during the war, he stayed on to become a member of the cloak-and-dagger outfit called Moss Troops.

After the war, he transferred to the administrative service. He held T. J. Hallstrom, a Sydney industrialist and philanthropist, of his dream of a stock farm and community centre which could teach the adaptable highland natives to develop without an influx of white men who would exploit them.

Hallstrom gave \$20,000 to help him in the development of his project. The department of external territories chose a 500-acre site at Mondulag, 40 miles from Mount Hagen, near the Papuan border.

Sheep Flown In

Several hundred Romney Marsh sheep have been flown in as well as supplies of seed.

The natives are being taught to shear, spin, weave and make their own clothes, from the wool of the sheep.

When the flock has increased sufficiently, meat from the station will supplement the present meat diet of the natives, mainly pork.

The station is administered by the Mundulag trust on a non-profit making basis. In addition to his gift of \$80,000, recently chartered a plane and flew from Sydney to the station, taking with him gifts of more sheep.

The natives, knowing that their benefactor is chairman of the Taronga Park zoo in Sydney, captured some rare specimens of animals for him, including a three-toed echidna—believed to be the only three-toed echidna in captivity.

BIG PAYROLL Including seasonal wood workers pulp and paper mills provide employment for some 328,000 workers.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

DEATHS McILLAN—At his home, 302 Euston Street, on Saturday, March 5, Thomas Michael McMillan, aged 78 years. Funeral this (Monday) morning at 8:45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for solemn Requiem High Mass. Burial in the Roman Catholic Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Nell MacCannan who passed away March 7th, 1948.

"Not just today but every day In silence we remember." Ever remembered by his family.

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