

PRINCE EDWARD - TODAY

GREER GARSON, WALTER PIDGEON, MRS. PARKINGTON. Shows 3:15 - 7 - 9:10

COMING - PRINCE EDWARD - THUR.

They Kissed... HEDY LAMARR, PAUL HENREID, 'Conspirators'. Also News - Community Sing

CAPITOL - TO-DAY - COMEDY HIT

"EVER SINCE VENUS"

Plus Shorts - Shows 3:15 - 7 - 8:15

THUR. CAPITOL FRI. - SAT.

MARSHAL OF RENO, WILD BILL ELLIOTT, RED RYDER. ADDED - Serial - Stodge Comedy - Cartoon

HOPE RIVER SCHOOL

Report of Hope River School for the month of November. Grade X - 1. Ada Graham; 2. Mona Turner; 3. Ruth Simpson; 4. Noreen Turner; 5. Clarinda Simpson; 6. Claude Simpson.

EMPIRE - THUR. - FRI. - SAT.

IT'S A HO-HO-HOWL OF A HONEYMOON! MRS. PARKINGTON

MARTHA O'DRISCOLL, NOAH BEERY, Jr.

ALLERGIC TO LOVE. DAVID BRUCE, FRANKLYN PANGBORN, MAXIE ROSENBLUM, HENRY ARMETTA

Serial - Comedy. MacLEAN - LANGILLE WEDDING

PICTOU, Dec. 21 - A pretty wedding took place recently in St. James' Church, Pictou, when Canon Fraser of New Glasgow united in marriage Patricia Mildred Langille, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Langille, River John, and Benedict MacLean, son of Mrs. C. J. MacLean and the late Mr. MacLean of Cardigan, P.E.I.

LISTEN TO CURTAIN TIME. CBA 10.30 P.M.

Buckingham

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a new nature may be inserted here and a word, strictly payable in advance.

CRASWELL for Photographs. 12-21-44

FAY your civic taxes early and avoid long waits. 12-21-44

CONFEDERATION LIFE INSURANCE. 12-27-44

CITY TAX OFFICE will remain open each evening this week until 9 o'clock for the convenience of the Tax payers. 12-27-44

OVERSEAS CANADIAN FUND - The Royal Trust Co. acknowledge with thanks \$2.00 for the fund from Fred Hooper, Milton, P. E. I. 12-27-44

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RESERVATIONS - Owing to the limited number of reservations left for our New Year's Eve Celebration, please pick up tickets by Friday evening, December 23rd. The Charlotvetown Guardian. 12-27-44

FOURTH AND FINAL installment civic taxes is due December 31st. 12-21-44

DIED FROM WOUNDS - Corporal Cluet Sharkey, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sharkey, Cardigan, died December 12th from shrapnel wounds received on December 11. His unit was the "Irish Regiment of Canada". Corporal P. C. Sharkey volunteered for active service in March, 1923, and was overseas in November of the same year. He first saw action in the invasion of Sicily and since then has been on active service in Italy. 12-21-44

POLICE COURT - The Police Court yesterday an assault case was adjourned one week. Two persons charged with being drunk and disorderly each had their \$10 bail estimated and a third was remanded until Thursday. Three others charged with being drunk and disorderly each had their \$10 bail estimated and a fourth had his \$30 bail estimated. Two charged with obstructing police officers, were remanded until today, and two others charged with possession of stolen goods in connection with the recent jewelry store robbery, were remanded until today. 12-21-44

IS PRISONER OF WAR - Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, Cardigan, have received the following telegram from the Ministry of National Defence, Ottawa: "24153 to inform you that information has been received through indirect channels that P-82535 Patrick Milton Bernard Fitzpatrick previously reported missing in action, has now been reported a prisoner of war Germany. 'Prisoner of war' camp and number unstated. This information is subject to official confirmation. When further information becomes available it will be forwarded as soon as received. Records." 12-21-44

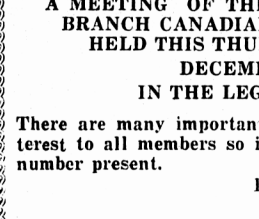
CHRISTMAS SERVICE - Mr. Raymond Brodeur of Acadia University, while in Montague, he preached the Christmas sermon in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The congregation listened with great interest to the young student taking as his text Luke 2:7. "And She Brought Forth Her First Born Son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn." He stated clearly the birth and life of the Saviour Jesus Christ, he also stated that if we give our hearts to Him, we should also give our minds to Him. He then stated that to live the Christian fellowship was the most precious of all gifts, quoting that in living a Christian life, we show to others the "True Way of Life". In closing he quoted a story of an only child of a

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Canadian Legion Monthly Meeting A MEETING OF THE CHARLOTTETOWN BRANCH CANADIAN LEGION WILL BE HELD THIS THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 28th IN THE LEGION ROOMS There are many important matters to discuss of interest to all members so it is hoped to have a large number present. IRA M. BROWN, Branch Secretary

QUICKIES By Ken Reynolds



"Shall we wait until he offers a reward for it in the Guardian Want Ads. Doctor?"

Lost at Sea



WILLIAM C. MACEACHERN 19 year old sailor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacEachern, 19 Bishop Street, City, who was lost recently in the North Atlantic on H.M.C.S. Shawinigan.

mother on its death bed uttering the following words: "Mother what are those mountains yonder? I see a beautiful land away in the distance mother. That dear in the land where Jesus lives. Carry me over to that land mother. I can not bear to carry you over. When will Jesus come Mother? When Jesus is ready for you dear, He will send His angels to carry you over to that beautiful land where Christ lives and as she laid it little head on the pillow, she watched it's eyes closing in death. The service closed by the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the benediction.

PERSONALS Mr. and Mrs. D. Peter MacDonald, Moncton, N.B., spent the Christmas week-end with relatives in Charlottetown and North Tron.

Mrs. Joseph McIntyre, Postmistress at Bedford Station, has entered the Charlottetown Hospital for an operation. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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McNaughton Statements Discussed By Members In House of Commons

Excerpts from the examination of General A. G. L. McNaughton, Minister of National Defence, on the subject of overseas reinforcements, from the Hansard report of the House of Commons debates, Nov. 24. Continued from yesterday's Guardian.

Mr. Coldwell: Are these men to be volunteers or are they men who will be taken out of N. R. M. A? As from yesterday when this order in council went into effect, will the voluntary system be continued or will there still be N. R. M. S. men shifted to the concentration point ready for overseas? If we are sending over 16,000 partly trained at the present time, and who will be fully trained in due course, is it a fairly good bet that they will all volunteer before they go over? In other words, what you are doing is forcing the voluntary system upon men who are actually called for compulsory service. That means it seems to me, some coercion - the coercion being that they will proceed overseas either as conscripts or as volunteers, and they have the choice right up to the moment they leave as to which they will be. This is a strange way of going about the obtaining of the 16,000 men. I do not know where this landing the House or the Government strikes me as quite evident in the sending of any conscripts overseas. I cannot understand why the government does not go the whole way. Where you have 16,000 who know they are going overseas and who are told that they may still become volunteers, you coerce them into being volunteers. I am not yet clear as to whether the 16,000 who are going are to be men from general service, I am not clear from that point, and I believe some other members are in the same position. With regard to the other point, it strikes me as quite evident that men are going to be coerced into volunteering, and that is wrong. Let me be clear about what we are doing.

Mr. McNaughton: May I answer first the hon. gentleman's second question in which he asks whether the 16,000 are included in those now going over, or are additional? This is done after noon. I am not in the attention of the House is directed to the previous planned movements which include the general service personnel. I never saw a movement, on top of all other movements, which was initiated by the Minister of National Defence. The other point I can answer only by saying that under the authority of the order in council, and in order to provide the army in the field with the additional trained infantry reinforcements which are required for support of their operations, we are taking the 16,000 from trained infantry in this country and dispatching them. That personnel, if they wish, convert to general service, that is, volunteer before they go.

Mr. Hanson's Question Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): Are they not told that if they do not volunteer they will get no rehabilitation grant, and is not each commanding officer instructed to tell them that individually? Mr. McNaughton: No, sir. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): That is the information I have, that orders went out of your department to the D.O.C. of every district, that the commanding officer of every unit shall interview each individual personally, not through N.C.O.'s or otherwise and tell them among other things that if they do not volunteer there will be no rehabilitation grant. That is the information I have from my part of the country.

Mr. MacKenzie (Vancouver Centre): Mr. Speaker - (York-Sunbury): I do not want an answer from the hon. member for Vancouver Centre, but from General McNaughton. Mr. MacKenzie (Vancouver Centre): That story is a complete untruth. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): Call it what you like, but I asked General McNaughton a question and I do not want an answer from a flannel-mouth like the hon. member for Vancouver Centre. Mr. Ross (Moose Jaw): On a point of order, the hon. gentleman has no right to call any minister a flannel-mouth. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): I will substitute another designation. I will substitute the word "bullshit". Mr. MacKenzie (Vancouver Centre): I am going to ignore the observations of the hon. member, but

I would say - Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): I rise to a point of order. We are questioning General McNaughton here and my question is directed to him. I want an answer from him. Mr. MacKenzie (Vancouver Centre): I have been responsible for the preparation of the rehabilitation legislation for the last five years. I am conversant with it and I should have the right to answer any question directed to the subject of rehabilitation. Presses Question Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): I stand by my point of order. I asked General McNaughton a question with respect to direct conscripts given through the Department of National Defence to officers commanding, and irrespective of what the legislation is, or of any minister in charge of it, I want to know whether the information I have is correct. Mr. MacKenzie (Vancouver Centre): It is not correct. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): It is being stated in the province of New Brunswick that these men are to be interviewed by the officer commanding in every unit and he is to tell them that they do not volunteer they will not get any rehabilitation. It will not be allowed down by any flannel-mouths or by anybody else. Mr. Speaker: On point of order, the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Hanson) asked a question of General McNaughton and the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacKenzie) proposes to answer. In the course of this whole discussion yesterday and today there have been questions asked of General McNaughton with which naturally he was not conversant and they have been answered by the Prime Minister and others. I see no objection to an answer being given to satisfy the questioner with the true facts of the case if they lie within the office of the department of the minister who now proposes to answer. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): With great respect, Mr. Speaker, General McNaughton has not said that he is not in a position to answer. If he says he is not in a position to answer, or if he says that the instructions were given to that part of the question with respect to the proposal that I suggest is correct, I never asserted that that was the law or that they were within their rights in doing it. What I am asserting is that the information which reaches me is that those commanding officers have been instructed by national defence to interview these men and tell them this. Whether it is true or not is another matter. I will emphasize the fact that this is a form of cruel duress to make these men volunteer. Mr. McNaughton: I would say to the hon. member he can be quite certain that no instructions of that sort would ever have been issued. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): "Would ever have been issued." Mr. McNaughton or has ever been issued. If he is aware of such an order being issued, I should like it brought to my attention. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): I will tell the minister that a high ranking officer, and I am not going to name him. An hon. Member: No? Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): No, I am not going to name him because he would be crucified by this government; make no mistake about that. I want the minister to understand this, that any man who talks to me talks at great peril to his personal position. Make no mistake about that. They are afraid to talk to me, General McNaughton, to give me factual information because they do not know what the gestapo might retaliate upon them. That is the situation in this country today. Private members of the forces are afraid to give me information. I hold in my hand information from an airman. He is in the gallery this afternoon. I do not know whether to produce it here or not, or to ask the question. I know that if I gave the name of the officer who gave me this information and told me that he had it from headquarters, he would be crucified by this government. He would be driven out of the service. That is the type of government we have in national defence under present conditions. Mr. MacKinnon (Edmonton West): It has been denied. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): It has not been denied. He said it had not been authorized and I accept his word. (To Be Continued)



Eric R. Buckley of Saint John, N.B., the first Canadian appointed to do Y.M.C.A. work in China under the International Y.M.C.A. Now serving as a Y.M.C.A. War Services supervisor with the Navy at Sheburne, N.S., he will leave for China as soon as transportation can be arranged. He graduated from St. John High school in 1932 and from Springfield College with a B.S. degree in 1933. From 1933 to 1939 he was on the staff of Saint John Y.M.C.A. as membership secretary, and before joining the War Services staff was young men's secretary at Springfield Y.M.C.A.

member for York-Sunbury has just said. The first question is one which pertains directly to the Department of National Defence and as he said, the Minister of National Defence (Mr. McNaughton) should and will, I believe answer in the name of the department. But to say "yes" or "no" to a statement as to what is correct or not does not meet the other question which will be in the minds of hon. members of the House and others as to whether the existing legislation would make possible any such instructions by an officer. The Minister of Veterans Affairs is more familiar with that legislation, I should think, than anyone else, and he should be permitted to make a supplementary statement.

"Cruel Duress" Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): With your permission, sir, I would like to clarify the position with respect to the first portion of the question. Certainly only the Minister of National Defence could answer that part of the question with respect to the proposal that I suggest is correct. I never asserted that that was the law or that they were within their rights in doing it. What I am asserting is that the information which reaches me is that those commanding officers have been instructed by national defence to interview these men and tell them this. Whether it is true or not is another matter. I will emphasize the fact that this is a form of cruel duress to make these men volunteer. Mr. McNaughton: I would say to the hon. member he can be quite certain that no instructions of that sort would ever have been issued. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): "Would ever have been issued."

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has raised a question with regard to the rehabilitation legislation in this House to answer questions. Yesterday questions were asked which the former Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston) undertook to reply to because he was conversant with them. I could not deny the right of any hon. member of the House to reply to any question. If General McNaughton wishes to reply he may do so; but if any other hon. member who has an answer to the question wishes to give the answer he may do so. Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): How could any minister other than the Minister of National Defence answer with respect to the rehabilitation legislation? Mr. Hanson (York-Sunbury): How can he answer a question when the officers are not in his department? It is not suggested that any instructions have been given by him. According to the information I have they were given by the Department of National Defence. What knowledge could the Minister of Veterans Affairs have of those instructions? Mr. Speaker: Order. If the Minister of Veterans Affairs proposes to answer the question that the hon. member has asked, and does not satisfactorily answer it, the hon. member for York-Sunbury would then have the right to ask for an answer to his question; meanwhile I cannot deprive anyone of the right to answer.

Mr. MacKenzie King: May I suggest that there are really two questions involved in what the hon.



7th Army infantryman stealthily unlashes the door of a house in Niederbronn, France, which is beset with snipers, while two buddies (foreground) cover him and wait to shoot it out with the unseen foe.



During the Canadian battle for the Italian town of Russi, the Canucks established a bridge-head north of the town and occupied a 500-year-old Italian castle as an observation post. Picture shows one of the caretakers pouring a glass of wine for Cpl. Barry Drost, Whicklow, N.B., and Lt.-Cpl. Ross Rackley, Saint John, N.B., before they take up their tour of lookout on one of the upper floors. (Canadian Army Overseas Photo).