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ONE WOMAN DEAD IN SPORTING CLUB FIRE LAST NIGHT

Continuation of Present Wood Islands Service Favored

Commission Impressed By Company's Operation

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 — (Special) — Not only is government policy respecting the Wood Islands-Caribou ferry service under review but is currently at the forefront of problems being discussed by the Canadian Maritime Commission. The Guardian learned here today.

While in theory the Maritime Commission has power only to recommend, its recommendations are almost invariably accepted by the Minister of Transport and the Government.

The subsidy contract between Northumberland Ferries and the Government expired on December 31 and terms of a new contract have not as yet been decided. Contractual subsidy for the ferries has been \$100,000 a year for the past three years. This has been increased by supplementary votes, that for 1949 being \$61,000.

The Maritime Commission, this correspondent learned, is greatly impressed with the need of the service given by the ferry and by the performance in recent years. Because of the type of the service, the Commission is prepared to look with favor on fair and generous treatment of the Northumberland Ferries Ltd.

Present Service Favored

In view of the scarcity of suitable shipping, cost of a new boat on the Wood Islands-Caribou service would be between \$800,000

Coming Events

- Mail your Films to Garnhur Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- Closing Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, February 21st.
- Corran Bank Hall, Monday, February 20th. Finest Care party and dance. Melody Boys Orchestra.
- Bean Supper, Cornwall Hall, Thursday, February 16th. Tickets 4c and 5c.
- Don't miss the Fancy Dress Ice Carnival in O'Leary Rink on Tuesday, February 21st. Admission 35 cents.
- Bean Supper, Heartz Community Hall, East Royalty, Friday, February 17th. 50c and 25c. Proceeds for Scouts and Guides.
- Second game of finals for D. and D. Trophy at New Glasgow Rink tonight, Hope River vs. Glasgow Road. Game starts at 8:30.
- Hockey match in Sea View rink tonight, Spring Valley vs. Sea View. First game of the finals.
- Hockey match in Long River rink Thursday, Feb. 16, French Stanley. If not fine following night.
- Wiltshire Rink tonight East Royalty Royals vs. Hampshire Buildings. Game time 8 o'clock. Canteen service.
- Unloading bulk wheat today 8:35 per cwt. Please take delivery of car. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow.
- Federation of Agriculture Meetings, Cornwall Hall, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Representation from all surrounding districts expected.
- Share the Wealth Auction Sale of fancy work and social evening in Kingston Hall, Thursday, February 16th. In aid of Kingston W. I. Admission 35 cents. Free lunch.
- Covehead sports centre, Thursday, February 16th. Hockey match and bean supper, served by Women's Institute. If not fine following evening.
- Doubleheader in Long Creek rink tonight, Long Creek girls vs. Nine Mile Creek girls; Cornwall School vs. Long Creek School. Girls game starts at 7 o'clock.
- Hockey tonight at Hunter River Rink. North Rustico Legionnaires vs. Hunter River Shurgains. Game starts 8:30. Skate after.
- Appearing in Theatre, at Mt. Stewart, Feb. 16th, The Western Ranger, Singing Cowboy and The Four Star Westerners. Doors open 7:45. Admission 50c-35c.
- Show, More or Less Friday only, 8 o'clock. All aboard for tropic nights of romance and rivalry. M. G. M. presents their gayest Technicolor Musical "Luxury Liner". Starring George Brent, Jane Powell and others.

Prices Board On Way Out

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 — (CP) — The Prices Board, established by the Government during the war to handle the complex price, rent and other controls, is gradually passing out of existence.

The Board's peak wartime staff of 6,000 now has dropped to about 750. Another drop may result from the removal yesterday of price controls on steel scrap.

Main function of the Board now is administration of domestic rent controls. The Government recently asked the Supreme Court of Canada to rule on the validity of the controls and decision is expected before the end of this month.

Should the court rule that the controls are not within the jurisdiction of Parliament, about 500 employees of the Board will have to be transferred to other Government departments or released.

Committee chairman elected in Parliament, then they will be extended to March 31, 1951.

Many Problems Facing Canada's Parliament; Session Opens Today

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 — (CP) — Canada's parliamentarians, faced with many new domestic and international problems, meet tomorrow for the opening of the second session of the 21st Parliament.

The formal opening will come shortly after 4 p.m. AST when the Governor-General, Viscount Alexander, reads the Speech from the Throne from the Speaker's dais in the stately Senate chamber.

The speech, drafted by Prime Minister St. Laurent and members of his Cabinet, will outline some of the legislative work the members of the Senate and the Commons will be asked to consider this year. It likely will refer to conditions at home and abroad.

Some reference may be made to current trade and currency problems, to the unemployment situation, to Canada's commitments under the North Atlantic treaty and to other phases of Canada's international relations.

The Senate will meet briefly before the formal opening. At 12:30 p.m. the Senators will be called together to witness the swearing in of Vincent P. Burke of St. John's, Nfld., appointed to the Senate Jan. 26.

Senate reading: Liberals 76; Progressive Conservatives 15; vacant 11; total 102.

Standing in the Commons: Liberals 189; Progressive Conservatives 40; C.C.F. 13; Social Credit 10; Independent five; Independent Liberal three; vacant two; total 262.

The Government has given no indication of what it plans to include in the Speech from the Throne, always a secret document until read by the Governor-General.

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Horticultural Council Officers

OTTAWA, Feb. 15 — (CP) — Roswell Thomson, prominent Abbotford, Que., apple grower, today was elected president of the Canadian Horticultural Council. Mr. Thomson succeeds R. J. Leslie of Kentville, N.S.

Others elected as the council wound up a three-day annual convention include: H. B. Crandlemeier of Hartland, N.B., second vice-president and Mr. Leslie as past-president.

Directors elected include: H. L. Craze, St. Catharines, Ont.; H. D. Sutton, Port William, N.S.

Committee chairman elected include: potatoes, W. R. Shaw, Charlottetown.

Coal Peace Talks Get Underway

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 — (AP) — Coal peace talks finally got down to business late today after being snagged on a new quarrel at the start of court-ordered bargaining.

A walkout of Southern operators interrupted the talks for 2½ hours while the contract strike tightened its grip on the country's economy and a presidential adviser warned that the walkout will bring "terrible" demoralization to the United States if it continues.

Then the Southerners returned to the conference room after failing to get court approval of their demand that they be permitted to deal separately with John L. Lewis.

When the conference recessed for the night David L. Cole, chairman of President Truman's strike fact-finding board, reported there had been discussion of the "general economics of the coal industry."

That is close to the nub of the dispute. The operators have held out for eight months against anything that would raise the price of coal and worsen their already-precarious competitive position.

Cole, sitting in at the final session as an observer for the White House, said it is too early to form an opinion on progress.

An estimated 372,000 U.M.W. members still stayed home today in the face of a court order made Saturday against the strike and instructions from Lewis to end it. There was a flare-up of violence in Harlan County, Ky.

Dr. John D. Clark, a member of President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers, told a luncheon audience here that if the stoppage goes on two or three more months there will be "serious unemployment" in industry generally and "terrible" demoralization.

Fight curbs on the sale and use of coal were being prepared for probable application Friday over New York State.

13 Persons Sent To Hospital With Burns

One person was burned to death and thirteen were taken to hospital last night as the result of a disastrous fire which levelled the Sporting Club Building on Grafton Street. Several others were injured and were treated in their homes for superficial burns.

Dead is Mrs. Thomas Keoughan, 52 Weymouth St. Treated at the Charlottetown Hospital were: Mrs. Joseph MacDonald, 68 King Street. Mrs. W. V. Hogan, 273 Sydney Street. Miss Teresa Doyle, 209 Water Street. Mr. Frederick MacDonald, 54 King Street. Mr. Gilbert Arsenault, 253 Fitzroy Street. Mrs. Patrick Kelly, 27 Passmore Street. Mrs. William Gormley, 41 Pownall Street. Mr. Daniel Brown, 21 Douglas Street. Mr. D. Gillis. Mr. Leonard Connolly, 50 Grafton Street, fireman. Treated at the Prince Edward Island Hospital were: Mr. Joseph MacDonald, Sporting Club proprietor, 68 King Street. Mr. Joseph "Dudley" MacDonald, 55 Ambrose Street. Mrs. Angus MacEachern, 43 Richmond Street. Mr. Harold Hennessey, Hillsboro Street.

It is believed that all who were treated at Hospital suffered from facial and hand burns. Several including Mr. MacDonald, the owner, were reported to have received fairly extensive burns while a couple of the more fortunate were released from hospital after receiving treatment.

Canadian Ship Rushes Aid To Downed Airmen

By George Finlay

VANCOUVER, Feb. 15 — (CP) — A Canadian destroyer tonight sped medical aid to the cold, rocky Queen Charlotte Islands where 11 of 17 United States airmen who parachuted from a blazing bomber were rescued by a fishing boat. Search for the six men still missing was intensified in the lonely area 400 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Seven were rescued from the beach of an isolated island; three were taken from a life raft some distance from shore and the 11th is on the face of a 3,000-foot cliff. He is reported severely injured. He hung suspended by one foot for 10 hours.

The mission of the destroyer Cayuga as it sped tonight to Ashdowen Island was to aid the victim, the only one of the 11 rescued who could not be brought off the islands. The other 10, all in good condition, are aboard a fishboat bound for Port Hardy, 120 miles south of the rescue scene at the northern tip of Vancouver Island.

Bank Announces Staff Promotions

Mr. Colin A. Binmore has been appointed accountant of the Charlottetown branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, in succession to the late Mr. T. A. Watson, it was announced yesterday by the Bank management.

Mr. James K. Cousins succeeds Mr. Binmore as assistant accountant. Both promotions went into effect yesterday.

A native of Plymouth, England, Mr. Binmore started his career with the Bank of Nova Scotia at Kentville, N.S. in 1934. He was transferred to Charlottetown in 1937.

During the years 1940 to 1943 he served in the Atlantic and Mediterranean areas with the Royal Canadian Navy, retiring at the end of the war with the rank of Lieutenant. He is now on the Reserve Division, attached to the "Queen Charlotte" as First Lieutenant. In February, 1949, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He is a member of the Naval Officers' Association, and served as vice-president of that organization last year.

Mr. Binmore's wife, whom he married in England in 1943, was formerly Miss Betty Aitler, of Vancouver.

Mr. Cousins, newly appointed assistant accountant, is a native of Kensington, P.E.I. He entered the Bank at Albany in April, 1933, and was transferred to Charlottetown in the following November. During the war he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force, attaining the rank of Flight Sergeant.

Mrs. Cousins is a native of Dartmouth. They have a family of two children.

Three Engines Afire

Three engines were afire when the six-engine, 143-ton B-36, having severe icing conditions and losing altitude at the rate of 300 feet a minute, was "ditched" in the icy waters off the northern coast of British Columbia Tuesday. An intensive sea and air search by the United States and Canada had been under way for the big bomber.

The plane, en route from Alaska to its home base in Texas, carried a crew of 16 and a passenger, a lieutenant-colonel of the United States Air Force. The plane was "ditched" at 7 a.m. PST Tuesday as rain storms buffeted the aircraft and fire blazed in three of its six engines.

Shortly after the R.C.A.F. announced the rescue of survivors at 1 p.m. PST today, Capt. H. L. Barry of Hillsboro, Ill., captain of the bomber, told the Canadian Press in a radio-telephone interview from the fishing boat Cape Perry.

"We are all in good shape, but very tired. It was the roughest country I have ever seen."

Pact May Make China Independent Of The West

(The writers of the following story on the Soviet-Chinese pact bring together long experience in reporting diplomatic and Far East affairs. John Roderick has been stationed in China and the Far East, and knows Mao Tse-tung and other Communist leaders from personal contacts. Arthur Gavshon has long covered the important diplomatic beat in London and Paris.)

Delegations from these countries have been in Moscow during the lengthy Chinese-Russian talks which culminated yesterday with the signing of a new Sino-Soviet treaty.

The effect of such an agreement, which would be on an interlocking basis, would be to weld European and Asiatic Communism even more closely together.

Figures have not been mentioned by Eastern diplomats here, who revealed the treaty moves, but the amount is expected to be large. Evidently this would supplement the \$300,000,000 Sino-Soviet agreement just negotiated in Moscow.

The pact would serve as a stimulant to China's program for reconstruction and eventual industrialization. Through it, Mao Tse-tung would get some of the machines, steel and tools he needs to convert China's raw preponderantly agricultural economy into an industrial one.

The Eastern European countries to which the pact would be fully apparent are the future development of China.

It could put China's Communist leaders in a position to thumb their noses economically at both Britain and the United States. Diplomatically, this could result in an even greater coolness in Peiping toward the West.

The Communists themselves were embarrassed when foreigners asked them to explain Russia's imperialist moves in Manchuria. It is now fully apparent that though they refrained from public criticism, they were determined to force Russia to withdraw from the rich, northeast region.

No Oriental Tito

The new treaty answers, also, these persons say, the often repeated question: Will Mao Tse-tung become an Oriental Tito?

The answer to this can, at this point, safely be: "Absolutely not." Mao cannot but be eminently satisfied with his Moscow handiwork. Buried in the text of the treaty is a clause in which China and Russia promise to co-operate with each other "in all important international questions touching on the mutual interests of the Soviet Union and China."

This can only mean that Russia has agreed to keep hands off China's internal policies in exchange for international solidarity—a cheap gift from China since it already was giving it, wholeheartedly.

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Big Angus MacPhail Dies

HALIFAX, Feb. 15 — (CP) — Big Angus MacPhail, the man the army couldn't stop putting on weight, died in his sleep today, ending a career which several times saw his name in the headlines of Canadian newspapers.

Angus MacPhail, a native of the Cape Breton settlement of Lake Ainslie, stood six and a half feet when he served in the army during the Second World War as the heaviest service man enlisted.

Big Angus first made news in 1942. He had developed heart trouble and pleural pneumonia and was put in hospital, under special care, to out down his weight. He cut about 12 pounds off his 371-pound frame before going back on active service. A few months later he was up to 390 pounds.

He first joined the army in 1932 after working with a Massachusetts cordage firm. He weighed 292 pounds when he first donned his artilleryman's uniform.

When the war ended Angus lived in a veteran's home here. Since the first of the year his health had been failing steadily until today when he died in his sleep. He had been working recently on plans to move to Saskatoon where he hoped a change in climate would improve his health. Last year he visited Prince Edward Island, making his first trip by air.

A brother, Malcolm, now living at Lake Ainslie and who served with the "Fighting 25th" during the First World War, was also one of the army's heavies. He stood six feet, two inches and weighed 235 pounds.

Over Island

"We were over the island when we bailed out. I was the only one to land in the water."

Capt. Barry landed in the middle of a lake on Ashdowen Island, near the Princess Royal Islands in the Queen Charlotte group, made his way to shore and then rounded up other members of his crew.

"I was the only one to land in the water," said Capt. Barry. "I was the only one to land in the water."

A landing party was sent from the fishing boat to care for him. The Cayuga also has a special landing party, which includes a doctor, ready to go ashore to take Tripode to safety.

"He must be brought out tonight if he is to live," said Capt. Varcoe King, skipper of the rescue boat Cape Perry.

Rain showers continually sweep the Queen Charlottes and the men were drenched during the long hours they awaited rescue.

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Scout Ceremony At Saint John Saturday

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Feb. 15 — (CP) — In the first ceremony of its kind in New Brunswick, 57 Boy Scouts from various Provincial centres will be invested as King's Scouts here Saturday afternoon with Lieutenant-Governor D. L. MacLaren presenting the certificates. The Silver Acorn Brides will be presented to Rev. Canon W. J. Clarke, Fredericton, for his work as a Scouter.

Would Quit Yugoslavia To End Days In Canada

MONTREAL, Feb. 15 — (CP) — Nancy Bozich, pretty 21-year-old Canadian, wants to come back home from Yugoslavia to die. Her plight was made known today in a letter received by a brother living in Montreal. It was written by Nancy's mother.

Nancy was one of several thousand and Canadian of Yugoslav extraction who set out for the old folks' homeland in 1948. All had high hopes for the future. The mother's letter filled in the story.

Last year Nancy was thrown in jail after delivering a petition to Canadian authorities signed by hundreds who want to return to this country.

She remained in jail three months before her case was brought to the attention of Canadian officials in Belgrade. She finally was tried and sentenced to three months in prison.

Not long ago she was released, broken in spirit and seriously ill. Doctors have given up hope for her. Now she wants relatives here to appeal to the Government and bring her return.

But the Canadian passports she arranged to receive his mother's letter, not one, but two, photographs fall from the envelope.

OLD VIKING PORT

Jarvisbay, in the Shelburne Islands, was an important port of call for ships travelling from Norway to Iceland and Greenland about 1,000 years ago.



CHILDREN FLEE FIRE

TORONTO, Feb. 15 — (CP) — Twelve inmates of the Toronto Children's detention home fled from fire today that broke out in the 85-year-old building. District Chief William Culling said the blaze started from a cigarette butt tossed into a waste paper basket beneath a wooden staircase. "The windows are barred and the building is a fire trap," he said. "The fire escape of that building is kept locked. I'd hate to think what would have happened if this fire had broken out at night."

Many Trampled

Many who were taken to hospital reported of being trampled over and shoved desperately as they forged towards the open doors. Included with the bingo players were patrons of the bowling alleys in the front end of the building.

Several who almost gained the exit had to be taken from the building by hard working firemen and policemen. Three were ground within two or three steps of the exit and sat down and screamed. Their cries were answered by Sgt. Neil MacNevin who took one to safety and passed out as he went in for the second. Others took out the big policeman and two girls.

Firemen were quickly on the scene to help the people escape and fight the raging blaze. They fought valiantly to overcome the outbreak and succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to surrounding buildings.

Houses Threatened

Hundreds of people gathered to the scene. Many pitched in to remove furniture from nearby homes threatened by the fire. About three yards from the west side of the building is the home of Mr. A. MacNeill which was saved by the firemen. Other nearby homes threatened were those belonging to Elmer Larter, Hugh MacKay and Albert MacDougall. All cars in the Reliance Garage nearby were also removed.

Damage was figured to reach about \$60,000, probably more.

The building formerly known as the Sporting Club housed ten bowling alleys each valued at \$2,500. All canteen supplies, and a sum of money believed to be several hundred dollars were lost. Many coats checked in the cloak room upstairs were also lost. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The South part of the building where the fire broke out was the first to collapse. Volumes of smoke rose from the building until the roof and sides were destroyed leaving only a mass of smouldering shambles. The front

High tide today at 11:08 A.M. and 10:28 P.M.

BORDEN-TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS
Lv. Borden Lv. Cape Tormentine
9:10 A.M. 2:40 P.M.