New Year's Day In The Churches

Special New Year's services in the city churches yesterday were featured by the observance of the National Day of Prayer in keeping with the rest of the British Empire and the United States. Several churches held services on New Year's eve also.

ZION CHURCH

In compliance with the request of the Dominion Government that New Year's Day be observed as a National Day of Prayer, service was held in Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown at 10.30 yesterday morning. It was under the auspices of the Prince Edward Island Ministerial Association and attended by the congregations of the following city churches: Trinity United, St. Paul's, Baptist, Central Christian, Salvation Army, St. James and Zion.

The church was filled to capacity as worshippers joined with the rest of the British Empire and the United States in offering up prayers of intercession.

The service opened with the theme, "Adoration" conducted by Rev. I. Judson Levy with the prayer being offered by Rev. T.H. Bursell Somers. This was followed with "Confession," the theme which was conducted by Rev. D.C. Boothroyd. The prayer was by Rev. A. LeDrew Gardner. The third theme of the special service was conducted by Capt. W. Mercer while the prayer was offered by Rev. Hugh Miller. The final part of the service was conducted by Rev. Neil Herman who read the scripture lesson while the prayer of intercession was offered by Rev. G. C. Webster.

The choir of Zion Church was in attendance and provided the music. It was under the direction of Miss Rena Wood.

SALVATION ARMY

Capt. W. Mercer conducted a "Watch Night" service in the Salvation Army Citadel which started at 11 o'clock New Year's Eve.

A special sermon was preached by Rev. Neil Herman of Central Christian Church. He took as the subject for his talk, "Things That Never Grow Old."

Appropriate hymns were sung by the large congregation.

ST. PAUL'S

Rev. A. LeDrew Gardner conducted the "Watch Night" service at St. Paul's Church which began at 11.30 on New Year's Eve.

He divided the service into three meditations which included: An Act of Penitance, an Act of Thanksgiving and an Act of Consecration for the New Year.

The celebration of Holy Communion took place at yesterday morning's service. Special prayers in observance of the day of National Prayer, were offered. Again at 5 p. m. a special service of prayer and intercession was held.

ST. PETER'S

A new Year's special service was held in All Souls Chapel of St. Peter's Cathedral at 8.30 yesterday morning. There were a large number of worshipers present at this service during which prayers were offered for our country, the armed forces of the King and for a victory of righteousness and justice. Rev. Canon E. M. Malone conducted the service.

Immediately after the service, Canon Malone went to the Training Centre at Beach Grove where he held service for the troops.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BASILICA

Solemn High Mass was celebrated at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 11 o'clock yesterday by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. He was assisted by Rev. L. A. Dougan as deacon and Rev. L. J. Ayers as sub-deacon. Special prayers for the intention of the day were said.

The sermon was preached by Rev. P. D McMahon, rector, who delivered a special New Year's message to the large congregation present.

The Corpus Christi Choir was in attendance.

In the evening Vespers and Benediction was held by Father Dougan.

HOLY REDEEMER

Solemn High Mass at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer was celebrated yesterday morning by Rev. Richard Baines, C.SS.R., assisted by Rev. Thomas Green, C.SS. R. as deacon and Rev. George McKenna, C.SS.R., as sub-deacon.

The sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. Thomas Green which was appropriate to the occasion.

Special prayers in observance of the National Day of Prayer were said.

The Mass was followed by Benediction

The regular choir was in attendance.

BAPTIST CHURCH

A large congregation attended the "Watch Night" service which was held in the Baptist Church on New Year's Eve. The service was conducted by Rev. I. Judson Levy.

Rev. Mr. Levy divided his service into three different themes and dealt with the past, present, and future.

The regular choir was in attendance and provided appropriate music.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at 5 cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

CARDIGAN PRIEST ILL—Rev. Joseph Rooney, Cardigan, is seriously ill in the King's County Hospital. He underwent an operation Wednesday night. Father Rooney was transferred to Cardigan from Morell, P.E.I., about a year ago. He had been at Morell for a number of years. Yesterday Rev. Thomas Hynes, a Jesuit Father and a native of the province conducted services at the Catholic church at Cardigan.

MANY VISITORS—More persons signed the visitors book at the Confederation Chamber in the Province House here during 1941 than any year on record, Assistant Archivist William Bradley said last night. There had been 5,241 signatures, he said, and that probably represented only 50 per cent of the number of persons who visited the historic chamber where the first meeting of the Fathers of Confederation was held. When parties called to see the "Cradle of Confederation" frequently only a few of the whole number would sign the book, Mr. Bradley said. He pointed to a coincidence in the first and last signatures for 1941. The first, on New Year's Day, was Dr. W. A. MacDonald of the University of Toronto Staff. The last, on the last day of the year, was Miss Wilma Sanlalsingh of Claxton Bay, Trinidad, a student at the University of Toronto.

New Year is Greeted in Traditional way

Fine weather with a sprinkle of sunshine greeted the thousands of citizens who turned out for church services, receptions and other functions which marked the advent of the New Year. Special holiday attractions were featured by large attendances both yesterday and New Year's Eve.

Hundreds of men in uniform, home on leave for the holidays, mingled with other citizens who watched with interest for the little fellow with the big ribbon. Promptly at midnight he came bouncing in over the threshold amidst loud cheers of welcome.

Receptions were held at historic Old Government House by His Honour, Lieutenant Governor B.W. LePage; at the residence of His Worship, Mayor B. Roy Holman and at the residence of His Excellency, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan, Bishop of Charlottetown. Due to the present conflict, these receptions were again informal this year.

At Government House, Lieutenant Governor LePage and Mrs. LePage received about 500 callers who paid their respects to His Majesty's representative. Citizens commenced to arrive at three o'clock and kept coming in increasing numbers until 5.30 yesterday evening.

His Honour was attended by his Aides-de-Camp: Lt.-Col. J.P. Hooper, M.C., V.D.; Lt.-Col. Cecil J. Stewart, M.C.; Major O. W. Campbell and Lieut. K. Birtwhistle, R. C.N.V.R. and by his Private Secretary, Mr. W. G. Spencer.

During the reception, the following ladies poured coffee: Mrs. Pearle McKinnon and Mrs. D. J. Riley. Those who served were: Mrs. E. A. Blake, Mrs. Hemming, Mrs. Fred Andrew, Mrs. Parker Hooper, Mrs. A. Cosh, Mrs. J. W. MacKenzie, Mrs. J. D. McGuigan, Mrs. Cecil J. Stewart, Mrs. W. R. LePage, Mrs. W. G. Spencer, Mrs. Portlock, Mrs. I. E. Croken, Mrs. Paul Murray, Mrs. J. J. Morris, Mrs. G. E. Full, Mrs. Robert Nicholson, Mrs. Charles McArthur, Mrs. Arthur Cudmore, Mrs. Reuben MacDonald, Miss Laura Hodgson, Mrs. Lloyd Wonnacott and Miss Georgie Burns.

One of those who called to pay his respects to His Majesty's representative was Master Gavan Doyle of the North Rustico Bay Boy Scout troop. His Honour was especially pleased to see him and chatted to him for a few minutes.

At the residence of His Worship, Mayor Holman and Mrs. Holman received over 400 callers between 3.30 and 6 o'clock. Among the prominent citizens to pay their respects to the City's Chief Magistrate were members of the City Council.

Assisting at the reception on Brighton Road were the following wives of City Councillors: Mrs. J. E. Blanchard, Mrs. J. E. Sterns, Mrs. B. Earle MacDonald, Mrs. F. C. Dougan, Mrs. R. C. Chandler, also Mrs. K. M. Martin, wife of City Recorder K. M. Martin, and His Worship's two daughters, Mrs. B. C. Howard, Sherbrooke, Quebec and Mrs. J. A. Lewis, Charlottetown.

His Worship was attended by Mr. J. A. Fullerton, city clerk.

At the Bishop's Palace, a reception was held from 3.30 until 5 o'clock. Several hundred callers attended and were presented to His Excellency, Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan by Rev. P. D. McMahon, rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica. Assisting at the reception were: Rev. Louis A. Dougan, Rev. L. J. Ayers and Capt., the Rev. J.W. McCardle.

Ushers for the occasion were: Messrs. John and Louis Butler.

Festivities

Among the many social functions which marked the advent of 1942, was the customary supper and dance at The Charlottetown which was attended by about 300 people. The supper was served about 10 o'clock and was followed by dancing which saw the Old Year out and the New Year in with the traditional ceremony. The dance was formal and besides the many citizens present, the Navy, Army and Air Forces were well represented. The Royal Air Force orchestra supplied the music.

Special New Year's dinners were served at the Hotel yesterday afternoon and evening when many friendships were renewed. Music for the occasion was played by Miss Kathleen Hornby and Mr. Clarence Pineau, with the violin, and Prof. John Inch, on the piano.

A large crowd attended the dance at the Armouries which was sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion. Music was supplies by "Ding" Connolly's orchestra and the hall was especially decorated for the event.

New Year's was ushered in at the Prince Edward with a special program which started at 11.30. At the Forum a special skate was held.

Numerous other celebrations in the city were held to observe the transition from 1941 to 1942. However, both City Police and Royal Canadian Mounted Police announced last night that the festivities were all of a quiet nature. Once again New Year's was ushered into the city in a law-abiding manner.

MANY DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 1—(AP)— It was a new year, but with the same old carnage from accidents, in the United States today.

Violent death ended at least 170 lives in another heavy toll of accidents marring another holiday. Nearly two-thirds of the fatalities were due to mishaps suffered by motorists and pedestrians.

BIG WAGE-PAYERS

The pulp and paper industry pays out more money in wages and salaries than any other Canadian industry.

NAZIS TO JAPS

The Caroline, Mariana and Marshall Islands were transferred by the Treaty of Versailles from Germany to Japanese mandate.

UNCLE SAM'S FIGS

Fig growing in the U. S. is confined to California, Texas and Arizona.

Reporter visits Famous Island Lady in Florida

"Tell everyone Merry Christmas for me," says Grandma Inman, who will observe her 93rd Yuletide season this month. Mrs. Inman, who is probably the oldest person living in Lake Wales, Florida, has been a resident of this city for the past 16 years, making her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Backus.

She has knitted 27 pairs of socks for the Red Cross to send to soldiers and sailors. She began the practice last summer of knitting a sock a day for this purpose and continued until forced to stop by arm ailment. However, as soon as the ailment improves she plans to begin her work again. Into each of the 27 pairs she placed a verse of Scripture, undoubtedly serving as an inspiration to the boys who received the gifts.

Well known throughout the city, "Grandma" Inman continues to be very active despite her years, walking from her home on Tillman Avenue to the Baptist Church twice each Sunday and visiting her neighbors throughout the week.

A large box of birthday greetings received on October 22, bears witness of the love and respect in which her scores of friends hold her and already she has begun receiving Christmas greetings for this year. In return, the News reporter found her busy this week addressing envelopes and preparing cards which will soon be sent out with the sincere wish, "Merry Christmas "—(From a Lake Wales paper.)

This remarkable woman was a Miss McQuarrie, of a family of five, born at Hampton, P. E. I. She is the oldest and her brother W. A. MacQuarrie, 80, still hale and hearty, is the youngest. They are the only living members of the family.

Mrs. Inman was the wife of James Inman of Victoria, P. E. I., who died some thirty years ago. As the item states, she is quite vigorous and each year up to last year she has visited her brother, coming and going alone.

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S. A. McDONALD

Petain hopes Germany to Relax terms

VICHY, Jan. 1—(OP)—Premier Petain said today he hoped Germany would relax the armistice terms imposed on France following her defeat in 1940.

The aged Marshal in a New Year's broadcast pointed to the predicament of Vichy's empire which he said is "now exposed to many dangers" and went on:—

"This particular situation of France cannot escape Germany's notice. It will suggest to her that we hope for modification of the statute imposed on us after her victory."

From such an easing of armistice terms, Petain said, would come the "sincere rapprochement between the two nations that is hoped for by their governments and peoples."

Petain asked Germany to bear in mind that Vichy is the only great power remaining outside a conflict which has put "the planet in flames," but added that Vichy "recognizes her duty toward Europe."

The Marshal described his own status as "partial exile"—presumably a reference to the divided status of France, occupied and unoccupied.

Petain said that he is allowed only "half-liberty" but that under the circumstances he is trying to do his best. He admitted to the French people that "the government which picked up the heritage of defeat cannot claim to be always getting your support."

He expressed hope for relaxation of Germany's armistice terms "so that France's dignity can be restored."

He said that the new French constitution soon would be ready but that it could only be promulgated from Paris "after liberation of the occupied territory."

"Frenchmen!....We must do our best to regain our dignity," Petain said. "United, we shall recover our country."

Speaking of the French empire he specially mentioned Indo-China (now the base of much of Japan's military power in the Far East) and said that the colony was "so proud in her hour of trial."

50 Canadian Naval Officers Are promoted

OTTAWA, Jan. 1 —(CP) —Fifty Canadian naval officers received new rank and 11 others were confirmed in acting-rank positions in the traditional New Year's day promotions made public tonight by naval service headquarters.

Among the most noteworthy promotions, the announcement said, was the rank of acting surgeon captain in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve given to Archie McCallum of Toronto, chief navy medical officer.

"This follows the recent setting-up of a purely naval nursing branch and the earlier creation of an independent naval medical service," it added.

Cmdr. Godfrey M. Hibbard, former commanding officer of Canada's only sail-training vessel, H. M. C. S. Venture, and now director of the technical division of naval service headquarters, received promotion to rank of captain.

Cmdr. John C. I. Edwards, recently captain of H.M.C.S. Stadacona, east coast naval establishment, was promoted to acting captain, while Lt.-Cmdr. J. S. Hibbard was given rank of acting commander.

Cmdr. Hibbard, who recently commanded the Canadian destroyer Skeena, takes over new duties, described by the navy as "assistant to Captain (D) in charge of working up newly-commissioned Corvettes for the battle of the Atlantic."

Other promotions follow:—

To Lieutenant, commissioned gunner (temporary) P. D. Budge; to commissioned gunner, H. H. McDonald; to acting commissioned writer; B. W. Fairweather; to commissioned engineer, T. B. Robinson; to acting commissioned warrant master, P.A.R. Gleave.

Royal Canadian Navy temporary—to acting commander, C. M. Cree; to acting commander (engineer), Ninian Bannatyne; to paymaster Captain, G. A. Youle.

Royal Canadian Naval Reserve—To acting Lieutenant-Commander, B. D. L. Johnson, R.A.S. McNeil, W. E. S. Briggs, Thomas Gilmour, A. M. McClarnon, William Woods; to acting Lieutenant-Commander (engineer), A. J. Orr, A.B. Arnison, J. B.R. Neilson, H.L. Elliot, R.R Teasdale, J Bulmer, G.P. Fowlie, E.W.T. Surtees, S. Seymour, J. R. McClelland; to acting paymaster Lieutenant, W. E. Adamson; to skipper lieutenant, L. J. E. G. Houde, J. M. Houde, J. M. Richardson, W. Bonner; to lieutenants (engineer), R. B. Bowman, A. Newland; to chief skipper, W. E. Hannaford; to commissioned engineers, J. A. M. Hamelin, N. MacKenzie, R. J. Lecouvee.

R.C.N.V.R. —To Captain, E. R. Brock; to Commander, F. A. Price; to Acting Lieutenant-Commander, R. M. Powell, J. F. Stairs, F. H. Sherwood, J. H. Marshall, P. J. B. Watts; to acting lieutenant-commander (engineer), J. Green; to acting surgeon lieutenant-commander, C. M. Oake, J. W. McLeod, D. S. Mitchell, W.M. Paton.

Confirmed in acting ranks they now hold:—

R.C.N.—Cmdr. A. C. Wurtele, C. D. Donald, P. B. Germain, G. A. Worth, J. D. Prentice; paymaster cmdr. R. A. Wright; Lt.-Cmdr. (engineer), S. McMaster.

R. C. N. V. R.—Cmdr. A. H. Reed, R. B. Mitchell, L. F. Banyard.

R. C. N. V. R.—Surgeon Cmdr. A. G. Laroche.

(Hometowns of men were not available.)

'Hams' prove Valuable asset In wartime

NEW YORK, Jan. 1—(CP)—The United States is cashing in on its past generosity to radio amateurs.

As direct result of having allowed the "hams" to build and operate radio stations, the government has saved tremendous cash outlays and precious time to train radio men for military and civilian defence activities.

During peace-time amateurs have instructed themselves in building, maintaining and operating radio apparatus. Mostly under the auspices of the American Radio Relay League whose membership comprises almost all of the 60,000 hams in the country, amateurs subdivided themselves into various newtorks—army, naval, traffic (handling of messages), etc. This saves the government many school-hours in "polishing-off" instruction to radiomen in the army, navy and defence fields.

The A.R.R.L. estimates roughly that approximately 10,000 amateurs are enlisted in the United States armed services, almost double the number of hams operating for the United States in the First Great War. Twenty four years ago the amateurs were asked by the War Department to supply all men available, and manned almost all radio posts, schools and technical positions.

Broader field of military activity in this war requires vast civilian defence organization, and the A.R.R.L. sees a definite position for its hams in communications. The league has advocated building of special standard high-frequency equipment for purely local communications, and is compiling files of stations and operators available. Units of the equipment are interchangeable to simplify and speed up servicing.

The office of civilian defence is expected to lean heavily on amateurs for communications when telephone and telegraph lines are down both locally and nationally. The hams have been off the air since Dec. 7 but are being "relicensed" as contingencies arise, and various branches of defence are organized.

N. Y. press reaction To Churchill speech

NEW YORK, Jan. 1—(CP)—The New York Herald Tribune termed Prime Minister Churchill's Ottawa speech greater than his speech to the Congress of the United States and said nothing need be said editorially about the speech itself, "except that all should read it."

Of Mr Churchill's references to the Free French, however, the Herald Tribune said he has "certainly blown all question of St. Pierre-Miquelon and Washington's 'so-called Free French' through the dusty windows of the state department."

The Times said the address "magnificently proved that nearly 20 months in the forefront of battle have not weakened his lion's heart."

ISLAND SAILOR

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of Edmonton, Acting Wing Commander N. W. Timmerman of Kingston, Ont., Flt.-Lt. J. M. Bodman of Edmonton, Flt.-Lt. K. B. Corbould of New Westminster, B. C.; and Acting Squadron Leader H. R. Beall whose Canadian home town was not given.

Blatchford and Corbould had previously won the D. F. C. for gallantry in action and Timmerman was awarded the Distinguished Service Order last Sept. 19. All of them have seen the heaviest action and Bodman was reported wounded in action on Aug. 26, 1941.

Flight Sergeant J. F. Bishop of Calgary was awarded the Air Force Medal.

Warrant Officer J. L. McKenzie, a member of the R. A. F. since 1919 and whose birthplace was given merely as "Colchester, Canada," was made a member of the Order of the British Empire.

The following members of the Royal Canadian Air Force were listed as mentioned in dispatches:—

Group Capt. A. P. Campbell of Hamilton, Ont., Squadron Leader N. R. Johnstone of Regina and Winnipeg, Flying Officer J. A. Ross of Moncton, N. B. (Wife lives 41 Cornell St., Moncton); Squadron Leader P. B. Pitcher of Montreal, Commander of the first R. C. A. F. squadron in Britain; Sergeant Pilot H. S. McNeil of Welland, Ont., Sergeant Gunner R. J. Ward of Lachine, Que.

LONDON, Jan. 1—(CP Cable)—A number of Canadians additional to those whose names were mentioned in connection with the Kings honors list last night have been mentioned in dispatches, it was shown today.

They are: Flt.-Lt. C. Drew Richardson of London, Ont.; Flt.-Lt. D. W. M. Smith of Sackville, N. B.; Acting Flt. Lt. J. D Smith of Winnipeg; FQ. P. J. Valachos of Brantford, Ont.; Sgt. L. W. C. Lackey of Brandon, Man.; Cpl. K. F. Thomas of Saint John, N. B.; Lac. D. F. Cooper of Nather, Mann

J. D. Smith was listed as deceased and Valachos as a prisoner of war.

WERE ALMOST

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ing front in Russia.

Under Lt.-Col. S. S. Marrison, the Norwegian troops and commandos landed at four different places in the islands, captured a number of German prisoners who gave themselves up without fighting and rounded up several Norwegian traitors, or "quislings."

The naval force itself, described as light, was manned by British, Norwegian and Polish sailors under Rear Admiral L. H. K. Hamilton.

The Admiralty account of the operations mentioned no resistance whatsoever, bearing out stories of participants in the Vaagso raid to the effect that the morale of German soldiers in Norway is so low that they flee without trying to stop these attacks.

Conversely, one Norwegian sailor, just back from Vaagso, said today: 'All along the coast, Norwegians are praying for British landings."

As they have done before, the British troops today brought back numerous Norwegians and the families who wanted to get out of their conquered homeland.

The first raid on the Lofotens was carried out last March by a naval landing force, with commandos. Eleven German ships were sunk, many prisoners seized and many resources available to the Nazis destroyed.

Then, last Saturday, another force swept down on German garrisons on Vaagso, 100 miles north of Bergen, destroying eight enemy merchant ships totalling 15,650 tons, taking more prisoners and destroying oil tanks, ammunition and a quisling-owned industrial plant.

BIRTHS

JAY—At Pisquid, Nov. 25, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Jay, a son, Leslie Arnold.

KILHAM— At Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. William Kilham, a son, D'Arcy William MacDonald. Mrs. Kilham was formerly Miss Margaret MacDonald of Shamrock, P.E.I.

MARRIAGES

CROSSMAN-MacWILLIAMS — At Charlottetown, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1941, by Rev. J. H. Bishop, Reta MacWilliams of Cape Traverse to Douglas Crossman of the same place.

DEATHS

LYNSKY—In Dorchester Dec. 26, 1941, William M., beloved husband of M. Annabelle Lynsky (nee MacDonald).

MacBRIDE — At Cape Traverse, Jan. 1, 1942, Mrs. Thomas MacBride, age 85 years. Funeral from the home of her son, Joseph MacBride, Saturday morning, leaving the house at 9 o'clock to Seven Mile Bay Church.

GILLIS—At Summerside, Jan 1, 1942, Mrs. John Gillis, aged 74 years. Funeral Saturday at 9 o'clock from her late residence on Belmont Street to St. Paul's Church, Summerside.

HUGHES—At Newton, Tuesday morning, Dec. 30, 1941, at the home of her son, Joseph Griffin, Mrs. Frank Hughes. The funeral was held from the home of her son, Joseph Griffin, Newton Cross Thursday morning, January 1st.

LORD—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Wright, Souris, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1941, Mrs. Artemas Lord, in her 97th year. Remains will arrive in Charlottetown Friday morning and will be taken to the MacLean Funeral Home. Funeral from St. James' Church, Charlottetown, Friday, January 2nd, service starting at 1.45 p. m., funeral leaving at 2.15. Interment will be in the People's Cemetery.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of

1938—DAWSON STEVENSON—1941

Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Silent tears we often shed,
And in thought we linger daily
Near your cold and gloomy bed.

Lonely Widow and Son Orland.

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In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mary Adele Ferguson who passed away January 2nd, 1941.

Away in the beautiful hills of God
By the valley of Rest so fair
Some time, some day, we know not when
We shall meet our loved one there.

Ever Fondly Remembered by Her Father and Mother.

Card of Thanks

The Catholic Women's League, Charlottetown Sub-division, hereby extends to the firms listed below sincere appreciation and grateful thanks for the donations so generously given toward its Christmas gifts to the Institutions:

Carvell Bros., DeBlois Bros., Sydney T. Green, Pope Clarke, D. J. Riley, Hickey & Nicholson, Economy Store, Canadian Stores.

L-334.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mrs. John MacSwain, Roseneath, who passed away Dec. 28, 1939.

The blow was great, the shock severe
We little thought the end was near,
And only those who have lost can tell
The pain of parting, without farewell.
More each day we miss you mother dear,
Friends may think the wound is healed
But they little know the sorrow that lies within our hearts concealed.

Inserted by her daughters, Ella, Florence and Margaret.

L-335.

N. D. MacLean

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Regular meeting tonight instead of last night.

Destroyer Skeena Beat off 66-hour sub attack

OTTAWA, Jan. 1 —(CP) — The Royal Canadian Navy in one terse sentence today disclosed that the destroyer Skeena beat off a 66 hour attack by German submarines in the North Atlantic.

The brief report was contained in a statement making public the navy's traditional new year's promotions. One promotion was to Lt.-Cmdr. J. C. Hibbard, given rank of acting commander.

"Cmdr. Hibbard recently commanded H.M.C.S. Skeena, one of whose notable actions involved the beating-off of an attack by German submarines lasting 66 hours in the North Atlantic," the statement said.

That was all. There was no indication whether anay Nazi U-boats were sunk during the engagement, which presumably occurred while the Skeena was on convoy duty.

It was recalled here that last November in the House of Commons Navy Minister Macdonald said Canadian sailors had taken their toll of the enemy.

"Even submarines have been frequently attacked by our ships, mainly by depth charges," he said, "and while it is not possible to give details of these actions, it may be said with certainty that some of the attacks have had highly successful resuls and that more than one German U-boat now lies at the bottom of the sea because of the vigilance and skill of men of the Canadian Navy."

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Criticism of Fascist Regime Is outspoken

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Jan. 1—(CP)—Life in Italy is completely demoralized, criticism of Mussolini, Ciano and the Fascist regime is "surprisingly outspoken", and the majority of people think only of peace, according to travelers reaching here from Italy.

A businessman who spent a week at Milan said the atmosphere was so depressing he was glad to leave the country and added that he had met few people who did not "hate" the Germans. Some admired their efficiency and only boys under 20 argued in Germany's favor.

"The majority of people have only one thought—peace must come soon to put an end to their misery and disorganization," he said. "They have no idea how it will come but they cannot imagine the war lasting into another year and through another winter.

"Their conversation was mostly about food—what they could not get, where things could be obtained in the black market—and they seemed incapable of grasping the war in its wider aspects."

A well-known publisher, echoing similar views, said there was "bad blood" between Italian and German servicemen. German and Italian officers did not exchange salutes, but passed as if they had not seen each other. Civilian Germans bought up everything they could lay hands on before returning to the Reich.

In Rome, he continued, there was a German commission attached to every Italian commission in the Fascist administration, and the Italian people generally "resented" dispatch of Italians to the Russian front.

"Fathers and wives could not understand why their sons and husbands should have to fight in Russia," he declared. "It was something completely incomprehensible to them, bearing no relation to any views they had ever held. The anti-Bolshevik "crusade" idea was simply laughed at.

"Although the atmosphere in Italy was highly charged there were no signs of any organized opposition. Most people were afraid that any move would mean a consolidation of the German occupation."

Another traveller said there was "surprisingly outspoken" criticism of Mussolini and added that Mussolini's daughter, wife of Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, was very unpopular.

"Perhaps the mildest term of abuse I heard applied to the Duce," he said, "was 'quel pagliacco!' (that buffoon).

"A friend of mine in the military service was engaged for several nights in obliterating signs on the walls such as "abbasso Mussolini!" (down with Mussolini) and "morte a Musso'ini!" (death to Mussolini.)

He said the following was being told about Edda Ciano:—

At the Venice Lido most of the ladies had dressed very simply this summer in view of the war. Edda, however, was smartly dressed and wore many jewels.

When asked why, she replied: "Well, when this is over we shall all have our throats cut. I want to enjoy myself."

Use Minard's for dandruff.

Increased marriage Rate described As 'war disease'

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 —(CP) — Marriage is a "war disease," said Dr. S. H. Prince, professor of sociology at University of King's College, Halifax, in a paper on "the Canadian family in wartime." He read the paper at the national conference of family relations, in session here.

Phenomenal increase of the marriage rate in Canada, where 34,880 more marriages occurred in 1940 than in the last pre-war year, was due in his opinion less to prevailing war spirit than to economic ease with which unions could be effected when relieved of the obligation to establish a home. However, in the first two years after the last war divorces increased 600 per cent over the two years preceding it.

Another effect of war conditions was "the arrest of the normal expansion of families as thousands of potential fathers are taken out of circulation due to enlistment while the ranks of war industries are manned by an almost equal number of Canadian women."

Dr. Prince cited the "enhanced status of woman" as perhaps the greatest single gain the Canadian family would receive from the war.

"Still inferior by comparison with her sisters in Great Britain and the United States, her present status is greater than at any time since the last war, and as a result of her magnificent contribution to the war effort, the whole level of the sex in Canadian society will be lifted and stabilized on a higher plane."

War Effects

Among war effects on family life he listed as most serious "the dysgenic effects due to lethal selection of men of category A, the disturbance of the balance of the sexes and the decimation of the middle class which is the mainstay of civilization.

"Other family pathologies due to war conditions are the increase of infantile mortality, the depression of living standards and the growth of adolescent delinquency —the latter attributed in large measure to the failure of home discipline and the wave of unsettlement in youth."

Canada had marshalled many services calculated to reduce family demoralization to a minimum and to safeguard the health and welfare of Canadian homes.

"The vast majority of Canadian homes, saddened by war and absence, are sound to the core and are facing the terrible ordeal of our day in a spirit of fidelity and self-sacrifice which cannot fail to enrich the traditions of family life for all time to come."