The CITY and PROVINCE During 1944

January

1: New Year's Day receptions at Government House and Bishop's residence.—Lieut. C. P. MacKenzie, officer commanding H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte, appointed acting Lieutenant Commander.

2: Week of Prayer services open in Salvation Army citadel.

6: Supervised playgrounds discussed at joint meeting of service clubs and City Council.

10: Need of preparing for post-war rehabilitation emphasized by Court and Grand Jury at opening of January term of Supreme Court.

12: New car ferry contract let to Marine Industries, Ltd., Sorel Quebec.—Associated Service Clubs of Charlottetown formed under chairmanship of Lt. Col. K. S. Rogers.

19: Farewell concert ("The Gondoliers") given by Royal Air Force with assistance of local talent.

21: School improvements discussed at joint meeting of School Board and City Council.

23: Death of Lester B. Mellish, former Mayor of Montague.—Visit of Norman T. Avard, Amherst, District Rotary governor.

24: Surplus of $4,5.9 for current year reported at annual meeting of Summerside Town Council.

25: Debt reduction of $225,401 reported at annual meeting of City Council. Portrait of retiring Mayor B. Roy Holman presented to Council by Mrs. Louise Holman Fisk, Brookline, Mass., and hung in Council Chamber.—Mayor W.D. Lidstone and Couns. T. D. Morrison and Lloyd Gorrie re-elected by acclamation to Summerside Town Council.—Morton Dew elected president of Charlottetown Board of Trade.—P.W.C. Auditorium filled for Burns anniversary concert.

26: Reconstruction committee of House of Commons recommends "improvements designed to make communications between Prince Edward Island and the mainland constant, reliable and adequate."

27: Mrs. H. H. Horne re-elected president at annual meeting of Women's Progressive Conservative Association.

28: Co-operative Union of Prince Edward Island formed at joint meeting of Fishermen's Union, Associated Co-operatives and Credit Union League.

31: Wood Islands-Caribou telephone cable damaged by drift ice.—Wild red foxes reported numerous throughout the Province.

February

2: Dr. J. E. Blanchard elected Mayor of Charlottetown by acclamation; Couns. F. C. Dougan, J.T. McKee, B. Earle MacDonald, A.T. MacKinnon and Percy G. Gay elected by acclamation.

2: Car ferry tied up for repairs at Tormentine.—R.C.A.F. winter rescue boats established at Tignish Run and North Rustico.

9: Civic contest results in election of T. A. Butler, T. B. Rogers and W. R. LePage as Councillors, and J. A. Webster, G. D. Wright and W.D. Gillis as Water Commissioners.—Provincial Bonspell opens with teams from Alberton, Summerside, Montague and Charlottetown.

11: Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, O.B.E., re-elected president at annual meeting of Provincial Red Cross.

15: Opening of Legislature (first session of 45th General Assembly) by Lieut. Governor LePage.

16: Two deaths and two near fatalities caused by drinking glycol mixture stolen from local airport.

19: Farm residence of James McDougald, Bedford, destroyed by fire.

22: Farmers' Week opens with annual meeting of Dairy Association.

23: J. J. Trainor, Bedford, re-elected president at annual meeting of P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture.

24: Public accounts tabled in Legislature, showing overall deficit of $156,328.

26: Citizens' Rehabilitation Committee, headed by Mayor Blanchard, organized at public meeting in City Hall.—Mr. Murdock Ross honored by I.O.O.F. on eve of departure for Toronto.

26: Post Office and residence of James J. Campbell, Dundas, destroyed by fire.—Death of Dr. James W. Keir, Malpeque.

27: South African war veterans observe Paardeberg Day.

28: Hon. William Hughes presents budget in Legislature, showing total liabilities of $9,092,82.—Mrs. J. A. Matheson re-elected Regent of Royal Edward Chapter, I.O.D.E.

March

2: Death of Dr. Alex. S. Palmer, O'Leary.

3: Most Rev. J. A. O'Sullivan Bishop of Charlottetown, elevated to the archiepiscopal see of Kingston, Ont.

4: Car ferry laid up over week-end with damaged steering gear.

5: Large herd of seals sighted off North Shore.—Death of Mr. Donald Fraser, Charlottetown.

10: City Council budgets for $2,206 deficit out of estimated revenue of $341,113.

11: Brief presented to Legislature by P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture.

12: Car ferry held up for emergency boiler repairs.

15: Province more than doubles its $50,000 objective in Red Cross campaign.

17: Rev. James Boyle, parish priest of Holy Redeemer Church, Sydney, appointed Bishop of Charlottetown.—Prorogation of the Legislature.

21: Death of Mr. H. J. Phillips, Charlottetown contractor.

22: First official visit of Mr. J. P. Johnson, C.N.R. regional general manager.—E. B. McLaren, Georgetown, re-elected president of P.E.I. Potato Growers Association.—L.W. Hancock elected president of newly organized Summerside Youth Centre, Inc.

23: Death of Mr. H.G. Muttart, president of Sinclair and Stewart Ltd., Summerside.

24: James B. Rattenbury, C.N.R. brakeman, Charlottetown, killed in accident at Borden.

30: L. P. Kelly elected president at annual meeting of Benevolent Irish Society.

31: Death of Mr. James A. Morrison, former Mayor of Summerside.

April

2: Details of new Borden-Tormentine car ferry given in House of Commons by Transport Minister Michaud.

5: Visit of T. C. McNabb, Saint John, president of the Maritime Board of Trade.

10: Proposed survey of tunnel possibilities between Island and mainland announced at Ottawa.

13: Sqd. Ldr. G. C. Keefer, R.C.A.F., Charlottetown, awarded bar to his D.F.C.—Brief on salary increases presented to Provincial Government by Teachers' Federation.—Credit Union organized at Kelly's Cross.

18: Visit of Air Commodore Adelard Raymond, A.O.C., No. 3 Training Command.

19: Jury fails for second time to reach verdict in trial of John Gallant, Summerside, charged with conspiracy.—Visit of George V. Haythorne, associate director of National Selective Service, who held conference on farm labor program.

24: Departure of Archbishop O'Sullivan for Kingston.—Launching of 6th Victory Loan campaign at ceremony addressed by Brigadier Milton F. Gregg, V.C.—Death of Mrs. Blanchard, wife of Mayor J. E. Blanchard.

30: Death of Mrs. P. S. Brown.—Farm dwelling of John Newell, Charlottetown Royalty, destroyed by fire.

May

1: Death in Charlottetown of Rev. William F. Bowlen, Alberta.

2: Official visit of Mrs. Marie Richards, president of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces.

3: Visit of Dr. Charlotte E. Whitton, C.B.E., executive director of the Canadian Welfare Council.—Frigate "Charlottetown" christened at Quebec by Mrs. E. G. Saunders, the City being represented by Coun. W. R. LePage.—Farm dwelling of Ivan Darrach, West River, destroyed by fire.

4: P.E.I. division of the Navy League reorganized under presidency of Chief Justice Campbell at banquet attended by D.H. Gibson, C.B.E., president of the Navy League of Canada, and H.R. Gillers, managing secretary.—Hon. M. R. McGuigan appointed to Supreme Court in succession of the late Justice A.C. Saunders.

5: Death of Dr. H.C. Hudson in Charlottetown.

8: Lt. Cmdr. Frederic A. Large, R.C.N.V.R., appointed Attorney General; Hon. W.F.A. Stewart appointed Minister of Agriculture.—Summerside Town Council budgets for deficit of $2,498 for current year.

9: D. J. Bonnell elected president at annual meeting of Y.M.C.A.

11: Fourteen nurses graduate from P.E.I. Hospital.—Rural ministers of United Church convene in Charlottetown.

13: Death of Mr. E.H. Beer, former Provincial Fire Marshal.

14: Island's three million dollar objective in Sixth Victory Loan exceeded by $194,000.—Three training planes with nine airmen from Charlottetown Navigation School lost in Gulf of St. Lawrence.—Souris Hospital contract awarded to Summerside firm.

15: Rev. E. J. Barass, Truro, inducted into charge of United Baptist Church, Summerside.

17: Visit of J. Hartley Fowler, world service secretary, Y.M.C.A.—Canadian Legion Home, Summerside, officially opened.—Grand Orange Lodge and Provincial L.O.B.A. convene at Crapaud.

18: Retirement of Mr. F.J. Casey, inspector of Customs and Excise. Visit of Commissioner B. Orames, Salvation Army territorial commander.

20: Big welcome afforded H.M.C.S. "Charlottetown" on first visit to home port.—J. P. Gallant, Pluisville, killed by train near McNeill's Mills station.

21: United Church building at Montrose destroyed by fire.

22: Thirteen graduates receive degrees at St. Dunstan's University.

23: Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Schurman, Summerside, celebrate golden wedding anniversary.

26: Prince of Wales College convocation.

28: Lighting plant at Summerside damaged in severe electrical storm.—Rev. A. LeDrew Gardner, rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, accepts call to St. John.

29: Visit of Miss Marjorie Maxse, C.B.E., director of the Children's Overseas Reception Board.—Four airmen of No. 1 General Reconnaissance School, Summerside, rescued in Gulf of St. Lawrence after forced landing due to engine trouble.

30: $1,000 fire at Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Club, Summerside.—Ten graduates receive nursing diplomas at Charlottetown Hospital.—Reorganization meeting of Provincial Progressive Conservative Association; Maj. T. B. Rogers elected president.

June

3: Death of Col. H. D. Johnson, M.D., while attending Canadian Legion meeting in Vancouver.

5: Y.M.C.A. youth centre campaign launched during "Y" centennial celebrations.—New plant for filleting gaspereaux opened at Summerside.

6: Consecration and enthronement of Most Rev. James Boyle as Bishop of Charlottetown in St. Dunstan's Basilica.—Seven nurses graduate from Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary.

9: Three airmen from No. 10 Bombing and Gunnery School, Mt. Pleasant, killed in crash near West Devon railway station.

11: Prosper Bernard, Tignish, fatally injured in railway accident at Borden.—Thousands participate in annual Corpus Christi procession.

12: Death of Mr. Louis Taylor, former proprietor of the Pioneer Publishing Company, Summerside.—Body of Basil Gallant, Rustico, found floating in Rustico harbour.—Joseph Purcell, City, killed in accident at Bruce Stewart & Co. wharf.

13: Visit of Hon. Ray Atherton, U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

16: Visiting Australian newsmen entertained at Government dinner.

19: Mr. Heath Strong, K.C., elected president at annual meeting of Law Society.

20: Need of a staff residence to relieve overcrowding at Falconwood Hospital urged by Grand Jury at opening of Supreme Court.

21: 21st. annual convention of P.E.I. Women's Institutes.

25: P.E.I. Baptist Association convention at O'Leary.

27: Death at ninety of Mr. Allan Shaw, Cardigan Bridge.

28: 75th anniversary of St. Peters Cathedral commemorated at special services attended by the Bishop of the diocese, the Lieutenant Governor, the Premier and other dignitaries.—Dwelling of Lloyd McPherson, Culloden, destroyed by fire.

29: Col. D.A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., re-elected president at annual meeting of Fox Breeders and Exhibitors' Association.—Charles W. Ashley, Moncton, acquitted in Supreme Court on charge of rape.

30: Eugene Cullen, Sherwood, nominated as Liberal candidate for Third Queen's.

July

2: Ordination of Rev. Emmet McInnis by Bishop Boyle at St. Peter's Bay.—Extensive damage caused by electrical storm at Lennox Island and Grand River.

4: 57th annual meeting at St. James Church of Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Division) of the Presbyterian Church.

5: Visit of Mr. Peter D. McArthur, president of the Dominion Progressive Conservative Association, and, coincidentally, of Senator Wishart McL. Robertson, president of the Liberal Federation of Canada.—William McKendrick re-elected president of West Prince Liberal Association; G. W. Phillips elected president of East Prince Liberal Association.

6: Dominion Dental Council convenes in Charlottetown.—Justice M.R. McGuigan sworn in at special sitting of Supreme Court.

7: Dr. J. E. Lattimer, Macdonald College, Quebec, arrives to conduct agricultural economic survey of the Province.

8: Mrs. John Miller, Primrose, and two children fatally burned and others injured in fire which destroyed their home.—Cyril McCarron, St. Mary's Road, drowned in Greek River.—Medical Association at annual meeting goes on record as being "opposed to the principal that the members of the P.E.I. medical profession be used as the agents of the Provincial Government in the enforcement of King's.—Centennial of Co-operative Prohibition Act as it now stands on the statute books."—C.B. Clay, Bridgetown, elected president of King's County Liberal Association.

9: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnston, Charlottetown, celebrate golden wedding anniversary.—Mr. and Mrs. John Wedge, Mt. Carmel, celebrate 65th wedding anniversary in presence of four generations.

10: Campaign opens for new King's County Hospital at Souris.

11: Dr. T. V. Grant, M.P., renominated as Liberal candidate for King's.—Visit of Dr. Norman A. MacKenzie, chairman, Wartime Information Board.

14: Provincial Government announces bonus policy for cattle exhibitors.—Lt. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., re-elected president of Driving Park and Exhibition Association.

15: Body of Martin Plourde, Shippegan, N.B., missing since June 13, recovered off Cape Wolfe.

16: Martin White, Johnston's River, drowned at Ing's pond, Mt. Herbert.—Visit of Harry D. Grimes, secretary of International Y's Men's Association.

17: Maritime Fire Chiefs convene in Charlottetown.—Air passenger service inaugurated between Charlottetown and New Glasgow.—Eugene Cullen elected by acclamation to seat in Legislature vacated by Hon. M.R. McGuigan, Third King's.—Centennial of co-operative movement celebrated at Morell.

18: Lewis F. Carrol, Newport, elected president at annual meeting of Credit Union League.

19: H. L. Bethune, Charlottetown, elected president of Pharmaceutical Association.

20: Austin MacDonald, Tignish, killed in railway yard accident at Borden.

23: Sgt. J.F. Burgess, R.C.A.F., Amherst, killed in plane crash at Mt. Pleasant.—Basil Griffin, St. Peter's Bay, drowned in lake near his home.

25: Body of Simon Allain, Richibucto, one of nine N.B. fishermen lost in storm five weeks ago, recovered on beach at Minimigash.

27: Maritime Gyro convention in Charlottetown.—W. R. Jenkins elected president of Fifth Queen's Liberal Association.—Acadian convention at Rustico attended by delegates from the Maritimes, Quebec and New England States.

28: Joseph Gallant, Mt. Carmel, killed in fall from grading machine at Cape Egmont.

29: Visit of Major Ian Eisenhardt, Ottawa, director of the National Council for Physical Fitness.

August

1: Rev. J.T. Ibbott, Halifax, accepts call to St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown.

2: $1,250,000 of P.E.I. 12-year three per cent bonds purchased by Toronto syndicate.—B. W. Clark, Summerside, elected president at annual meeting of provincial command, Canadian Legion. Resolutions included appeals for abolition of the Prohibition Act and for compulsory conscription of manpower for service overseas.

3: Sanatorium annex cornerstone laid by Premier Jones.

10: Lt.-Col. R.C. Chandler elected president at reorganization meeting of Queen's County Liberal Association.

11: H. F. McPhee, M.L.A., nominated as federal Progressive Conservative candidate for Kings.

13: Temperature soars to 93 in week-end heat wave, the worst since August, 1935.

14: Reserve Army units from P.E.I. and Nova Scotia, encamped at Beach Grove, inspected by Maj. General F.R. Phelan, D.S.O.

15: Opening of Old Home Week and Provincial Exhibition.—Visit of No. 6 District Depot Band, Halifax.

16: Harold E. MacLean, Charlottetown, elected Grand Chancellor, Maritime Domain, Knights of Pythias.

17: Barn and crop of Thos. E. Horne, Rosebank, destroyed by lightning.

21: Bad brush fires at Wood Islands North.

22: Produce transport service established with Newfoundland by Montreal Shipping Company.—Donald Ross, C.N.R. sectionman, fatally injured at Dickie's Crossing.

23: Michael Peters, Augustine Cove, killed in crossing accident at Richmond Station.

25: Utilities Commission announces reduction in urban electric rates for domestic purposes.

27: Wing Cmdr. D.G. Price, R.C.A.F., takes command of No. 2 Air Navigation School, Charlottetown, succeeding Group Capt. H.N. Hampton, R.A.F.

29: 23rd annual Catholic Women's League diocesan convention at Charlottetown; Mrs. J. Austin Murphy, Emerald, elected president.

30: Farm buildings of Lloyd Ballem, Birch Hill, destroyed by lightning.—Auxiliary Fire Services convention at Beach Grove.

September

4: C.W.L. subdivision organized at Richmond.

7: Rev. William Bilson, Central Christian Church, Summerside, resigns to accept call to St. Thomas, Ont.—Miss Edith Sterns, Charlottetown, elected president of Women's Christian Temperance Union.

10: 120th anniversary services at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Belfast; a bronze plaque, memorializing the Selkirk settlers, presented by Geo. Sinclair, Hopewell, N.S., son of the late Rev. A. MacLean Sinclair, the church's pastor from 1888 to 1906.

11: Utilities Commission announces reduction in rural electric rates.—Joseph G. Campbell, Poplar Point, nominated as Liberal candidate for Third King's.

12: International Fox and Animal Foods, Inc., building, Summerside, destroyed by fire.

13: Visit of Miss Jean E. Brown, national director, Junior Red Cross.—Alberton and Souris exhibitions held.

14: Chas. E. McQuaid, Charlottetown, admitted to the Bar.

15: Island escapes with slight damage from coastal hurricane.

17: Sterns Laundry taken over by Picton R. McCormac.

18: Barn, crop and livestock of Mrs. J. B. MacInnis, St. Peters, destroyed by fire.

20: Large turnout at plowing match and livestock show at Dundas.—Fire Chief denounces City dump as "a disgrace to any civilized community."

21: Complimentary banquet tendered Mr. D. J. Bonnell on eve of his departure for Vancouver.

22: Rev. W. B. MacPhail, North River, inducted into charge of United Church at Bideford.

23: Sgt. Garfield Ramsay, O'Leary, and Tprs. Wallace Dennis, O'Leary, and Claude Brooks, Union Corner, members of 17th Reserve Armored Regiment, drowned at Coleman Corner during military manoeuvres.

28: Education department announces introduction of correspondence courses to offset teacher shortage in rural schools.

29: Car ferry resumes service at Borden after lengthy spell in Quebec drydock.—Miss Ann Duffy, Charlottetown, awarded one of first J. W. McConnell memorial scholarships at McGill.

October

1: Canadian Legion protests proposed closing down of naval repair work in Charlottetown.

3: J. H. McFarlane, Bedeque, re-elected president at annual meeting of Temperance Federation.

5: William McDonald, Kensington Road, killed in car accident at Orwell Corner.—Death of C.N.R. conductor Peter M. Hughes, Charlottetown.

6: Death of Mrs. Walter G. MacKenzie, Springfield.

9: Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wells, Summerside, celebrate golden wedding anniversary.

11: P.E.I. Poultry Industries organized with D.A. MacDonald, Glenfinnan, as president.—Lt. Col. J.P. Hooper, M.C., re-elected president of Harness Racing Club.

12: Death of Hon. Murdock MacKinnon, former Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island.

13: Miss Reta Coady, Hazelbrook, and Sr. Mary Irene McKinnon, Charlottetown, awarded Dominion Government nursing scholarships.—Training boats arrive for the Sea Cadets.

15: Death of Mr. Pacific Sonier, 93, Summerside's oldest citizen.

17: 25th. annual convention of Maritime Religious Education Council opens in Charlottetown.—Official visit of Mrs. Jennie Baxter, Antigonish, vice president, Rebekah Assembly for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland.

19: Mrs. Horatio Campbell, Mt. Pleasant, fatally injured in car accident near her home.

20: Purchase of $20,000 mobile X-ray unit planned at annual meeting of Tuberculosis League; Mr. H. W. Pletch, Charlottetown, elected president in succession to Dr. Waye.

20: Visit of H. R. Gillard, managing secretary, Navy League of Canada.

23: Seventh Victory Loan campaign launched with speeches and ceremony at war monument.

24: Mr. and Mrs. John B. Andrew, East Royalty, celebrate golden weddin anniversary.—Seven-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peardon, Mt. Edward Road, killed in car accident.

25: Ottawa releases official figures showing Prince Edward Island leading all Canada in percentage of enlistments in armed forces.

27: Children's Aid Society for King's County organized with Mr. S.S. Hessian, K.C., as president.

28: PO. L.B. Armstrong, Toronto, and LAC. J.E. Girard, Joliet, Que., R.C.A.F., killed in plane crash at Mt. Pleasant.

30: Dwelling of Harold A. Jelly, O'Leary, destroyed by fire.—R. R. Bell, M.L.A., elected president of Charlottetown Curling Club.

31: Alfred Pyke and Leigh Moore, Milburn, killed in car accident at Tracadie Cross.—Cold wave brings first snow squall.

November

1: Resignation of Hon. J.L. Ralston, M.P. for Prince, as Minister of National Defence.—Death of Leith Brecken, former deputy prothonotary and Court of Chancery registrar.—Rev. G. H. Hartmen inducted as rector of Anglican Parish of Georgetown and Cherry Valley.

2: Induction of Rev. J.T. Ibbott as rector of St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown.—Provincial committee of Canadian Youth Commission organized with Ralph MacLeod, P.W.C., as chairman and H.L. Johnson, St. Dunstan's University, as vice chairman.

3: C.A. MacVey, New Brunswick Government engineer, makes preliminary survey of Brighton bridge prospect.—Anglican Young People's Association meets at Summerside.—First public wings parade of No. 2 Air Navigation School held on Market Square.—Mrs. E. M. Bagnall elected president of Ladies' Golf Club.

6: Rev. T.H.B. Somers elected president at annual meeting of Ministerial Association.—Home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ramsay, Northam, destroyed by fire.—Death of George W. Gardiner, retired printer and publisher, Charlottetown.

7: Body of Joseph Carr, Charlottetown, found on waterfront.—Potato shippers voice strong protest over shortage of reefer cars.

8: Mrs. Robert Sutherland elected president of local Women's Progressive Conservative Association.—New branches of Women's Institutes organized at Forest View and Upper Montague.

9: Col. Ralston's attitude on conscription issue commended in resolution passed by Prince County Liberal Associations.—Visit of Hon. David Wilson, High Commissioner for New Zealand.—Rev. D.E. Noel inducted as rector of New London Anglican Church.

10: Flying Officer J.C. Cummings, North Carolina, killed in plane crash at Richmond.

11: Large turnout at Remembrance Day ceremonies.—Province tops four million mark in 7th Victory Loan drive.—Regional Employment Advisory Committee of Selective Service protests winter closing of war work at Bruce Stewart and Co.

12: Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, observes 80th anniversary.

13: City Council receives protest from Brighton Road residents re proposed erection of new naval barracks in that area.—Concert by Lorenzo Alvary, of the Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera Companies.

14: William (Ryan) McNeill, Charlottetown, dies of knife wound and wife held on murder charge.

15: Four airmen and plane missing from local station.

16: Maritime Electric Co. announces purchase of Ives electric plant, North Tryon, and intention of running line to Borden via North Shore.

17: Annual meeting of Queen's County Progressive Conservative Association; Maj. T.B. Rogers re-elected president.

18: Navy Week opens with combined parade of "Queen Charlotte" ratings and Sea Cadets.

19: Body of Sgt. W.D. MacKenzie, R.C.A.F., Boughton Island, missing from Mt. Pleasant air training station, recovered in Summerside harbour.—Neil MacKinnon, Forest Hill, and Daniel MacKinnon, Thorburn, N.S., twins, natives of Dundas, celebrate their hundredth birthday.

20: Visit of Commodore E.R. Brock, C.B.E., commanding officer of Naval Divisions.—W. A. Gaudet re-elected president of Charlottetown Golf Club.

23: Death in Winnipeg of Lt. Col. A.E. Ings, officer commanding 105th (P.E.I.) Battalion in First World War.—Visit of Dr. L. R. Pett, director of nutrition, Ottawa.

24: Canadian Legion Branch formed at Murray River under M. F. Ferguson.—Visit of band of H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, Halifax.

27: Visit of General Cornell, officer commanding American forces in Newfoundland, and R.P. Bower, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Newfoundland.—Golden wedding anniversaries celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. David W. Reid, Murray Harbour North, and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Doiron, Mayfield.

28: St. Peter's Cathedral receives $35,000 endowment with other funds under will of late Leith Brecken.—Four criminal indictments presented at opening of Supreme Court in Summerside.

29: Farm buildings of Ted Newson, Union Road, destroyed by fire.

30: Annual meeting of Girl Guides Council at Summerside; Mrs. John Reah re-elected Provincial Commissioner.—Rev. R. McDonald, C.SS.R., chief speaker at St. Andrew's Day banquet.

December

1: Harold Stead, Brackley, elected president of P.E.I Jersey Breeders Association.

3: Sqdn.-Ldr. H.C. Trainor, D.F.C. and Bar, Bedford, awarded the D.S.O.

4: Dr. J.T. Croteau awarded bursary from Canadian Social Science Research Council.

5: Local Junior Chamber of Commerce organized under Mr. H. C. Bohaker.

6: Brigadier E.G. Weeks, Charlottetown, appointed acting Major General in charge of Canadian Military Headquarters in London.

7: Death of Mr. F.J. Casey, retired Customs Inspector.

8: Lt. Col. J.D. Stewart, Charlottetown, awarded the D.S.O. overseas.—Roy Rose, Red Point, fatally injured on highway near his home.

11: Unidentified plane crashes off Sea Cow Head.—City Council protests layoff of 130 men at Bruce Stewart and Co. plant.

12: First annual meeting of P.E.I. Fishermen's Co-operative Association; Napoleon Arsenault, Wellington, elected president.—Picton McCormack elected president of Charlottetown and Queen's County District Boy Scouts Association.—Death of Mrs. W.L. Cotton in her 94th year.

13: Co-operative Union organized under Jerome O'Brien, Morell.—Sons of Temperance in annual meeting pass resolution condemning "any move as was made at the last session of the Legislature to change the Prohibition Act for one of Government Control."—Ordination at Cross Roads Christian Church of Rev. Sterling B. Stackhouse, Saint John.

14: Sudden death of C.N.R. Conductor A.C. Cox, Souris.

17: Visit of Dr. G.F. Buchan, British Health authority.—Ralph Burns, Freetown, charged with manslaughter in connection with death of Roy Rose.

18: Death of Mr. Daniel V. Darrach, Charlottetown contractor.

19: Visit of District Rotary Governor John C. McMillan, North Sydney.—Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jay, Charlottetown, celebrate golden wedding anniversary.

20: Record-breaking pre-Christmas mail and stamp sales reported at Post Office.

23: Fire Department holds reception for Column Officer Louis A. Stewart, returned from overseas.—Death of Mr. D. B. MacDonald, North Bedeque.

27: Annual Masonic installations at Charlottetown and Summerside.

28: First severe snowstorm, accompanied by fifty mile gale.—Warehouse and plant of Frank B. Clarke, lower Prince St., destroyed by fire.

War Situation On Belgian Front

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

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

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

Von Rundstedt Loses Initiative

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

After touring the rim of the Germans' salient, Kenneth Dixon of the AP reported: "The Allied positions seem the most cheerful since Von Rundstedt recorked his counter-stab."

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

Nazis Short of Fuel

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

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

Held Out Heroically

Several thousand surrounded Americans held out heroically for the eighth straight day in Bastogne on the southern flank of the fighting, throwing back repeated German tank attacks as they awaited the arrival of powerful relief columns last reported only 4 1-2 miles south of the city.

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

Later a force of American fighter-bombers, summoned by the transports, attacked a battery of German 88-mm. guns which were shelling Bastogne. They reported knocking out nine guns, blowing up an ammunition dump with bombs and killing at least 35 Nazi gun crewmen by strafing.

(A BBC broadcast from London said American relief columns were within 1½ miles of Bastogne, and a United States 1st Army Headquarters report said a single vehicle had reached Bastogne.

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

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

German Strategy

The first German attack was clearly aimed at gaining control over two key positions — Liege in the north and Luxembourg in the south. The first available Allied troops to be moved into these threatened sectors.

Even when this was done and the front comparatively stabilized in the Liege and Luxembourg perimeters, it was not certain that Von Runstedt would not increase his assaults here with his as yet uncommitted troops.

It remains therefore to be seen whether Gen. Eisenhower had time, under the prevailing weather conditions and the confusion of retreat on this sector, to regroup and concentrate enough forces to meet the German assault east of the Meuse.

On Sunday some Allied armored units had arrived and were contesting the German advance: but they were not stopping it.

What will happen next will probably be decided or has already been decided by this battle for the Meuse crossing. If Von Runstedt manages to get across the river, then he will certainly do all he can to exploit the situation. He will use his uncommitted reserve, and probably also denude other fronts to make the most of his opportunity — for that is now his only hope of averting "the disaster that faces him once he loses the benefits of his momentum.

We must assume that the present offensive does not stand alone in the plan of Hitlerian rehabilitation. Von Runstedt and the German High command have in this war found that nothing paid so well against the Allies as what is called "the baited offensive." The 1940 plan was entirely based on drawing Allied attention away from the decisive theatre of war.

Is Von Runstedt doing the same again? His excellent reconnaissance informed him of the weakly held Ardennes. A penetration here, even with small forces, he must have argued, will immediately bring back memories of 1914 and 1940 to the Allied commander. They will hasten to rush troops to this danger spot and denude other fronts. Is that what Von Rundstedt is waiting for?

However, Von Runstedt has no reserves for moves of this kind, he can make them only at the expense of existing fronts. It is clear that some sectors must have been dangerously thinned out to make up the offensive concentrations which have gone into action and await the signal for the next phase of the plan. Like a desperate chess player who realizes that his opponent's next move will mate him, Von Rundstedt has assumed the initiative.

Like the chessplayer he can only retain his priceless initiative by continuously and with every one of his moves placing his opponent's king in check. The moment he stops he is beaten. The moment Runstedt relapses into a defensive his exposed positions become a fitting target for a concentrated Allied counter-attack.

Not Superhuman

To escape this we must be prepared that the allegedly cautious Von Rundstedt will resort to measures that will make the correct professional military hair stand on end. He may follow up his attack in the Ardennes with one in the north and another in the south, aiming all the time to throw Gen. Eisenhower off his balance before the Allies move to retaliate. I am certain that Von Runstedt and the German High Command aim also at repeating the tactic against the Russians in the east.

What we must not do now is to attribute superhuman strength to the Germans because they have seen fit to extract profit from the errors of the Allies.

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DRUG CASE ADJOURNED

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 — (CP) — Judge Maurice Tetreau today ordered Marcel Aveline, 38, for trial Jan. 4 on charges of possessing 2,000 morphine pills which police said may be part of a loot of $15,000 in drugs reported stolen recently at Montreal, Ottawa and in New Brunswick.

Aveline, who was arrested after a joint investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Montreal and the Provincial Police, was held without bail and sent to R.C.M.P. for further questioning.