

"Sincere Thanks" From Sir Winston

In reply to a message of congratulations sent by His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart to Sir Winston Churchill on the occasion of his birthday, the Mayor has received, through Sir Archibald Nye, High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, the following reply: "Ottawa, Dec. 16, 1954. "Sir Winston Churchill has asked me to pass to you the following message: 'Please convey my sincere thanks to the citizens of Charlotteville for their good wishes on my birthday—Winston S. Churchill.'"

Entertain Guests At Beach Grove

A group of members from the Basilio Youth Club last night entertained the guests and staff of Beach Grove with an informal Christmas concert. Highlights of the entertainment, directed by Abe Zakem were the fiddle playing of Gerry Chipman and the piano-accompanied playing of Phillip Doyle. The entertainers moved from floor to floor singing and playing in an hour long show. Individual gifts for each of the guests from the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau were brought to Beach Grove by the entertainers.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of ARCHIBALD THACKER who passed away December 21, 1950. Ever remembered. Ever loved. From his Wife and Family

In loving memory of Mrs. John Moase, who passed away December 21, 1940. Always so true, unselfish and kind. Few in the world her equal you'll find. Beautiful life that came to an end. She died as she lived, everyone's friend. Mrs. Lewis Moase, New Annan.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS

STEVENSON—At the Prince Edward Hospital on December 16, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stevenson, South Rustico, a son, Donald Alton.

FRASER—At the King's County Hospital on Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fraser, a son, Kevin Alva, weight 8 lbs, 8 ozs.

DEATHS

FOIRIER—At her home at Mont Carmel, December 20, 1954, Madeleine Poirier, wife of the late Frank Poirier in her 80th year. Transferred yesterday from the Compton Funeral Home to her late residence in Mont Carmel where the funeral will be held Wednesday morning for Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. at Mont Carmel Church. Interment Mont Carmel Church cemetery.

GIBSON—At Prince County Hospital on December 19, 1954, infant son of Cpl. and Mrs. Herbert Earl Gibson, Slemom Park, Summerside. Transferred yesterday from the Compton Funeral Home to Parrsboro, N.S., for burial.

REEVES—At his home, at 179 Beaver St., Summerside, on Sunday, December 19, 1954, Preston P. Reeves, in his 71st year. Resting at the Bowness Funeral Home until noon on Wednesday, December 22nd, then to Trinity United Church for service at 2 p.m. Interment in People's Cemetery, Summerside. Visiting hours 10-12 a.m., 2-5 p.m., and 7-10 p.m.

MacDONALD—At the Charlotteville Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 19, 1954, Capt. Leo J. MacDonald of Mermaid in his 64th year. His remains were transferred from the Hennessey Funeral Home to his late residence, 9 Rochford St., yesterday afternoon from where the funeral will be held on Wednesday morning at 9:15 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Solemn Requiem High Mass at 9:30. Interment will be in the Catholic Cemetery.

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TOWN TAXI — Dial 5570. SPORTING GOODS for Christmas. The Bike Shop. BAKES TROUSERS imported from England \$25.00. Henderson & Cudmore.

TREATS RECEIVED — The Guardian staff greatly enjoyed treats received yesterday from Central Creameries and Pierce's.

BADMINTON SPECIAL. Racquet, steel shaft, nylon string. \$7.95. The Bike Shop.

IN DOUBT? Give him a Henderson & Cudmore gift certificate for any amount.

JUST ARRIVED at the Windmill, fresh lobsters from St. Andrew's By-The-Sea, serving a lobster plate for \$1.50.

NYLON SHIRTS by Arrow, formerly 12.95, now 9.95. Henderson & Cudmore.

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ALPHA REBEKAH Lodge No. 10 I.O.O.F., Christmas party and program tonight, 9 p.m. Oddfellows invited.

GOLF BALL in gift packages. At the Bike Shop.

MEN'S SHAMROCK Irish linen handkerchiefs, imported, boxed, 3 for 1.00. Henderson & Cudmore.

WHEN YOU mail that Christmas gift to that friend living elsewhere, include a View Master reel of Island scenes. Appreciated by all islanders living away from the casual visitor. Miller and the casual visitor.

HUNTER RIVER Presbyterian Church. There will be a Candlelight Service in the Church Wednesday evening, Dec. 22nd at 8 p.m. Special music by the choir. A cordial welcome to all.

BROOKFIELD Presbyterian Church. There will be a Candlelight Service in the Church Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd at 8 p.m. Special music by the choir. A cordial welcome to all.

POLICE COURT — In City Police Court yesterday morning before Magistrate Martin, a drunk and incapable was fined \$10 and costs or 5 days in jail. A soldier charged with being A.W.O.L. was ordered held for military escort.

YOUTH CLUB PLAY — In the presentation of the two one-act plays by the Liguorian Youth Club in the Community Centre on Sunday evening, Sandra Claybourne, Mary MacCormack, Wilfrid McKenna and Irma Dornan played their parts in an efficient manner, in addition to those previously referred to.

FUNERAL SERVICE — The funeral of the late Mrs. J. Russell Pickard was held from the MacLean Funeral Home yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. A. Frank MacLean. Interment was in the People's Cemetery.

APPEAL ALLOWED — Mr. Justice G. J. Tweedy, presiding at the Court of Appeals yesterday, allowed the appeal of Cornelius Cumiskey from a conviction under the Excise Act, in which the appellant last summer was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS PARTY — The ladies of the R.C.A.F. Association had as their guests at a Christmas party on Sunday afternoon in the Association rooms, 100 children of the members, who were entertained by the showing of two moving picture reels "Hazel and Gretchen" and "Andy's Animal Alphabet." Following the picture show, Santa Claus made his appearance and presented each of the children with a gift.

FUNERAL MONDAY — The funeral of Mrs. Angus McCormick was held yesterday morning from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ephraim Stanley, 13 Alley Street. The Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Edward Doyle, C.S.R., who also officiated at the grave. Pall bearers were: Daniel Chipman, Patrick Dennis, James Hughes, Sandy Chandler, Stanley Steele and Wendell Munn. Interment was in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery.

BRILLIANT EFFECT — The overhead lighting of Queen Street from the City Hall to Richmond Street and part of Grafton Street presents a very attractive appearance. The multicoloured lights form a festive canopy which reflects credit on the merchants who have co-operated in this effort. In observance of Charlotteville's Centennial, businessmen of the City have been asked to allow these decorations to remain throughout the year. Favorable comment has been heard regarding the three large Christmas trees which are brightly lit and stand on the north balcony of the Provincial Building. Stores all over the City have excelled themselves in presenting an attractive appearance to the public.

Cpl. Stirling Moreside of the R.C.A.F. arrived in the city last night for his Christmas holidays. He is at present taking a radar course in Mississippi, U.S.A.

Annual Concert At Orphanage

There was a large attendance in the auditorium of the P. E. Island Protestant Orphanage at Mt. Herbert last night when the children presented their annual Christmas Concert, under the chairmanship of Major T. E. MacNutt, trustee, who in his closing remarks expressed appreciation for the work being done by Mrs. Amelia Wright, Matron and Staff.

Thanks was also extended to William Murchison for his interest in training the young singers and the progress made since Elliott Brock, who was accompanist, took over the teaching.

Children were treated to ice cream by Dalry Murchison following the concert.

The program which concluded with the Queen, was as follows: Opening chorus: Children's Prayer; recitation: Welcome by Christ; chorus: The Sleigh; solo: Away In The Manger by Roberts; recitation: Christmas Thrift by Gail; song: The Shoemaker by Janet; recitation: When Pa puts up the Tree by Tony; chorus: Little David; dialogue: Heck Says by Judy; solo: My Teddy Bear by Judy; recitation: My Wish by Ernest; song: Rudolph, The Red Nose Reindeer by three boys; piano duet by Shirley and Sylvia; 1. "On The Merry-go-Round"; 2. "Jolly Dances"; recitation: My Wish by Barbara; solo: Dreaming Of A White Christmas by Sylvia; recitation: When Santa was a Boy by Brian; piano solo: May Days by Barbara; song: Frosty, The Snow Man by three girls; chorus: Alouette; recitation: Program's Over by Donnie; carols.

Hillsborough Chapter I.O.D.E. Monthly Meeting

The regular business meeting of the Hillsborough Chapter I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Miss Dorothea Stewart, the regent, Mrs. G. B. Rayner presiding.

Mrs. S. Jeffrey, treasurer, reported on a most satisfactory bank balance. Proceeds of the recent cake sale were excellent and this money has been forwarded to the Hurricane Relief Fund, as advertised.

Mrs. W. McMurtry, services at home and abroad, reported that a consignment of warm winter clothing has been forwarded to Greece.

Mrs. A. Roper gave the members a most interesting account of the visit of Canadian immigration officials to Charlottetown and gave the official figures as to the number of immigrants to Canada and to P.E.I.

Twenty-seven books were brought to the meeting and these will be forwarded to Halifax for the amusement of the children of immigrants awaiting entry into Canada. The books are made from old Christmas cards and are most attractive.

Sums of money were voted to the T. B. League, Free Dispensary and Gaelyne Craig Fund.

The next meeting is to be held Jan. 10, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Reid.

Refreshments were served by the hostess and Miss M. MacMillan.

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Claim Agreed

he said a proposed railway formula to make this possible goes too far.

SUGGEST 30-DAY PERIOD

The railways have suggested that contracts automatically should become effective 15 days after they are filed with the board of transport commissioners. Mr. Smith proposed that contracts should become effective 30 days after filing providing no objections have been raised by shippers, competing carriers, provincial governments or public bodies affected by an agreement.

Mr. Canada Packers Limited accused the railways of using a form of compulsion to force shippers to sign agreed charge contracts.

The accusation was made by H. L. Rowntree of Toronto, counsel for the packing company.

PRACTICE UNFAIR

He said the general practice of the railways is to withdraw a competitive rate following the signing of an agreed charge contract. This meant that shippers under the contract were required to pay a normal rate which was higher than the competitive or agreed-charge rate.

"This withdrawal of the competitive rate can only be described as compulsion on the part of the railways—a threat that if shippers do not sign the agreed charge the existing competitive rate would be taken from them and they would have to use a higher commodity rate," Mr. Rowntree said. "The practice also is unfair, punitive and undesirable."

Canada Life Bldg. In Ottawa Sold

OTTAWA (CP) — The seven-story Canada Life Building in mid-town Ottawa, has been sold by the Canadian Legion for \$306,000 to Joe Saxe, proprietor of the Gatineau Golf and Country Club near Aymer, Que. It was reported to be the largest Ottawa commercial property transaction of the year.

Dining Room Redecorated

Considerable experience and careful consideration on the part of the management in determining an appropriate colour scheme and a strict adherence to plan on the part of the contractor, has resulted in a redecoration job of rare beauty on the Charlottetown hotel dining room.

The dominating colours throughout are dark and light gray which are stressed on the side-walls. The ceiling, which is of light moonmist with an oval centre of skylite blue is trimmed with doulp and edged in gold. The effect of this treatment is particularly pleasing.

The fancy trim throughout is in medium blue, edged in gold. The pillars have been paneled and are also trimmed in gold. Medium blue has been stressed in the alcoves with a stipple effect.

In addition to a thorough redecoration job on the room, all the equipment has been done over. The chairs have been reupholstered with maroon leather and the service buffets restored to a high varnish finish.

Blythe Beattie, supervisor of furnishings for the Canadian National hotels system, spent considerable time with Manager H. L. Morgan during the summer in working out in detail an effective colour scheme to replace the last redecoration in December, 1946.

Contractor Joseph Larkin of Charlottetown is credited with a splendid job by the hotel management.

Funeral Monday of FO. Adam

The funeral of Flying Officer A. G. Adam, who lost his life in a plane crash at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on December 8th, was held Monday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to Saint Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Flt./Lt. Claude Shea, chaplain at the RCAF Station at Summerside.

The bearer-party included LAC's Cliff, Sampson, MacDonald, James, Pike, and Mahar. The firing-party was under command of Sgt. Ward from the RCAF Station at Summerside.

The active pall bearers were Phil McQuaid, Roy MacGillivray, John MacFarlane, Herb MacKinnon, Leob Doyle, and Rod MacDonald.

As the casket left the Basilica, two young pipers, Frank and Shirley Burke played the lament "The Mist Covered Mountains."

Flying Officer E. J. Hanusiak represented the Summerside Station, and Flying Officer D'Entremont, the Escort Officer, represented the Winnipeg Station. Representatives of the Canadian Legion and the Charlottetown Wing of the RCAF Association also attended the funeral. The Last Post was sounded at the grave by Sgt. Ford of the Summerside Station.

Service at the grave was conducted by Flt./Lt. Claude Shea, assisted by Sgt. Wight and Rev. P. F. MacDonald.

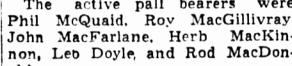
Interment was in the family plot in the Catholic Cemetery.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

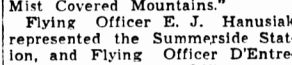
LONDON (Reuters)—A 34-year-old Romanian alleged to have spied for Britain has been executed for high treason after trial by a Bucharest military court, the Romanian news agency reported Saturday.

He was named as Ion Bodea. Three other Romanians were sentenced to hard labor—the agency did not say for how long.

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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY NIGHTS UNTIL 9:30

New Technique For Fast Airstrips In The Far North

By DAVE McINTOSH Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada has developed a snow-compaction machine which can build an airstrip in northern snows in a matter of hours.

The project has been one of the defence department's most secret undertakings since it was started in 1947. Work on it was completed last winter but only now have been the sketchiest details been given by defence officials.

The obvious advantage of the machine is that it can turn out an airstrip without the land being cleared and in almost any level location—as long as there's snow and the weather is cold. A fighter or medium bomber airfield could be laid down almost anywhere in the North during winter months.

A 3,000-foot runway which can bear the weight of a four-engine Lancaster bomber has been built by three of the machines in 45 hours.

The United States participated in development of snow-compaction. The U.S. armed forces were particularly interested in acquiring a technique for building quickly far-North bomber fields.

Though snow-compaction has been found unsuitable for new intercontinental bombers—they are too heavy—snow-strips could still be built for lighter aircraft.

The simple principle of the snow-compaction machine is that snow will bear a good deal of weight if it is made more dense—that is, compressed. The Russians started development of such a machine as long ago as 1942.

The machine chews up snow, which comes out like grain sugar. The machine also chews up small trees—up to six inches in diameter at the butt—which may be in the way so that the airstrip may be a mixture of snow and chips.

50-TON ROLLERS It is not essential, the informant said, that the snow be rolled after being put through the machine but this is usually done, using 50-ton rollers.

The experimental work was done at Kapuskasing, Ont.; Goose Bay, Labrador; Fort Nelson, B.C.; and Thule, Greenland.

Maintenance of snow-strips also presents a problem. With each new fall of snow, the strip must be dragged and rolled. Loose snow destroys the strip. Temperatures also must remain below 15 degrees.

Christmas Music At Rotary

Rotarians were given a full Christmas musical program at their luncheon meeting yesterday in the Charlottetown Hotel with Randy Manning as chairman.

The Queen Charlotte High School Glee Club, with a membership of 35, under the direction of Miss Ruth Boswell made a splendid impression as they sang four numbers on Christmas themes. Mrs. Pauline Fear was heard appreciatively in "The Little Road to Bethlehem" (Michael Head) and "O Holy Night" (Adolph Adams). Geo. A. Thompson, F.R.C.O., was accompanist.

Mrs. Edwin C. Johnstone accompanied two young boys, Don Johnstone and Blair Wood as they sang three carols in duet and later with Glen MacEachern, Barry Diamond and Lowell Jenkins they played several carols on the Recorder. This type of wind instrument was in vogue more than a thousand years ago and is now being popularized.

34. B's 30. Chicken-capons A over 6 lbs. 31; chicken A over 6 lbs. 29; 5-6 lbs. 27; chicken B's over 6 lbs. 22; 5-6 lbs. 20; fowl A over 5 lbs. 20, B over 5 lbs. 17, live fowl over 5 1-2 lbs. 15.

New York Burglars Get Huge Haul

NEW YORK (AP)—Safecrackers who emptied a bottle scotch while they worked, stole more than \$150,000 worth of industrial diamonds from a Broadway firm, police reported Monday.

The robbery occurred during the weekend in the 14th-floor offices of Leo Meyerowitz, Inc., diamond merchants. Harry Casewitz, office manager, found the safe pried open when he went to work Monday.

FAST SWIMMER

The otter, a member of the seal family, can swim fast enough to catch any fish.

as an easy and effective way to encourage the musical training of the young.

Co-chairman Dr. Giddings thanked the principals for the delightful entertainment provided.

Santa Claus made his appearance and presented a dozen members with gifts dealing chiefly with their occupation, which provoked considerable mirth. Albert Blanchard was officially thanked for his work as pianist since taking over the position some months ago and Manager Harold Morgan of the hotel was thanked for his efforts to make the Rotary luncheon pleasing.

Christmas Week Shopping Hours

Tuesday, open till 9:30 P.M.
Wednesday, open till 9:30 P.M.
Thursday, open till 9:30 P.M.
Friday, Christmas Eve, close at 6:00 P.M. and remain closed till Tuesday morning, Dec. 28th.

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