



Huge Volume Of Mail At Local Office

Some idea of the large volume of mail being handled by the local Post Office can be gathered from the above picture in which postal clerk, "Larry" Rowe (left) and letter carrier Hooper Essery (foreground) are seen sorting the piles of parcels which are arriving daily. Additional help in all departments is needed each year to look after the Christmas rush. This year there are 48 men employed in this capacity. Two extra letter carriers on each walk are keeping a continual flow of mail to the householders and it is hoped that Charlottetown Post Office, as in former years, will be able to say that they had all the mail cleared to City homes on Christmas Eve.

Cheery Christmas For Men In Canada's Northland

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OTTAWA (CP)—In the bitter cold of the Arctic's 24-hour darkness, brightened only by a pale blue moon and an endless blanket of white snow, small knots of men will huddle around their stoves to celebrate Christmas; Canada's remote weather and government outposts.

They are closer than anyone to Santa's North Pole workshop, but this only adds to the loneliness of the occasion and magnifies the difficulties for its preparation. Despite the barrier of distance—some are separated by up to 2,500 miles from dear ones—they already have been assured a cheery Christmas.

DEEP FOOD MAIL
The RCAF's annual Operation Santa Claus has been successfully executed. Some 11,000 pounds of Christmas mail, parcels, fresh fruit and meat and turkey were parachuted to 19 remote detachments by Dec. 13.

The most northerly Christmas will be celebrated at the joint Canadian-United States weather station at Alert, on the far tip of Ellesmere island 450 miles south of the pole. At this most northerly permanent habitation in the world are four Canadians—W. P. Gavin of Halifax, R. C. Benner of Alliance, Alta., F. W. Adams of Dauphin, Man.,

and R. J. Ferguson of Toronto—and four Americans. **GET TREE TOO**
Many of these outposts are hundreds of miles from the tree line, but all will have Christmas trees Dec. 25. A tightly-bound tree complete with unbreakable decorations was included in each drop, the gift of personnel of air transport command headquarters at Lachine, Que. Drops of hampers of toys, hams, candy and other Christmas cheer also were made to isolated missions along the barren Labrador coast. At the post of Main, air-men were greeted by a giant "Merry Xmas" printed in 15-foot letters in the snow with red and green materials. Unlike Alert, where only the weathermen live, the two-men detachments at the RCMP's farthest north stations, Alexandria Fjord and Craig Harbor on Ellesmere island, have Eskimo company at Christmas.

EXCHANGE WITH ESKIMOS
At Alexandria Fjord are Cpl. Edward Jones of Bangor, Sask., and Const. Fred Stiles of Upper Coverdale, N. B., while Craig Harbor is staffed by Cpl. Glen Sargent of Bird's Hill, Man., and Const. Bill Gallagher of Port Dufferin, Halifax county, N. S. Each detachment has two Eskimo servant families and another 11 native families live in the Craig Harbor region. They will exchange gifts with the Mounties. Among the most northerly women are registered nurses at outpost nursing stations, including Mrs. Mary Stafford of Middleton, N. S., at Lake Harbour on Baffin island and Mrs. Shirley Green of North Battleford, Sask., at Fort Chimo, Que., on Ungava bay. Mrs. Stafford received her Christmas supplies by RCAF air drop, Mrs. Green by supply boat in the fall.

COOK CHRISTMAS DINNER
At the most isolated army signal station, Fort Reliance on the east shore of Great Slave lake, cook Peter Kuypers of Yellowknife will have a turkey, ham, cranberry sauce, plum pudding and fruits for WO2 G. A. Frankum of Montreal, Sigm. G. M. Otterson of High River, Alta., Sigm. W. Cawson of Winnipeg and Sigm. C. T. Owens of Moncton, N. B. A 25-man air force detachment at Resolute Bay on Cornwallis island, the RCAF's most northern band, will share Christmas with meteorologists stationed there.

A highlight of northern celebrations will come a few days before Christmas when messages collected from relatives and friends will be carried to the outposts by wireless.

MURRAY RIVER

Mr. Gus Keenan, Deep Brook, N. S. is spending Christmas at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Keenan, Murray River. Mrs. M. M. MacLeod, Murray River, was a recent visitor to Bradalbane, guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reagh MacLeod. Mr. Arnett White, who has been employed in Quebec, arrived home to spend Christmas with his wife and young son, who have taken up residence in the home of Mr. William Giddings, Murray River. Mr. Chester MacLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard MacLean, Murray River, left recently for Charlottetown, where he will be stationed for a short period, with the R. C. N. before leaving for H. M. C. S. Cornwallis, N. S. Mr. William Stewart, who has been employed in New London, is home for the winter months in Murray River. The many young friends of Mr. Everett White are pleased to see him out around again after being confined to the house with a badly sprained ankle. The Motor Vessel C. A. Roland is again in port at Murray River for the winter months, where Captain Royal White and Engineer Daniel Horton will spend the winter at their respective homes, also Mr. Elmer Glover and Mr. Edson Horton, who are also employed on this vessel. Mr. and Mrs. John W. MacLean and sons, and Miss Sally Stewart, High Bank, were recent visitors to York, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Welton and family. Mr. Cyril MacLean, Charlottetown, spent the week-end in Murray River, guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacLean. Mrs. Percy Sharam and family, Charlottetown, spent the December 18 week-end in Murray River and Gidatone. Miss Anne Ferguson, student of P. W. C. spent December 18 week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferguson, Murray River. The many friends of Mr. Robert Munn, are pleased to hear he is recovering after his recent operation in the Sanatorium. His many friends in Murray River wish him a speedy recovery. —C D.

Rita Hayworth Considers Picture

NEW YORK, (AP)—Screen star Rita Hayworth is reported on the verge of signing a new \$1,000,000 picture contract which would end her money troubles and provide her husband, crooner Dick Haymes, with a job. Under the projected contract with Columbia pictures, she would start work on a big-spectacle film early next year. New York Post columnist Earl Wilson reports. In addition, it was understood, Haymes would appear in or help produce three or four pictures for Columbia with a handsome salary of his own.

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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Cabinet Ministers Escape From Ottawa For Holiday

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's seat of government is going to be almost bare of cabinet ministers during the Christmas holiday. From Prime Minister St. Laurent down the line at least 13 members of the 20-member cabinet will be out of the capital. But most could return within a few hours to meet any emergency. Many plan to be away for New Year's Day as well, but most will return for the cabinet's last pre-season meeting, expected Jan. 4. All ministers are expected to attend the opening of the new parliamentary session Friday, Jan. 7. Mr. St. Laurent will take his usual Christmas break to spend the festive weekend with his family at his home in Quebec City. If there are no pressing problems to call him back beforehand, he will stay away until about Jan. 3. Trade Minister Howe will spend Christmas aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth on the Atlantic. He has attended the meeting of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at Geneva and taken part in defence-trade talks in London. **STAY IN CAPITAL**
Ministers with no plans to leave the capital for Christmas include Agriculture Minister Gardiner, Justice Minister Garson, Works Minister Winters, Health Minister Martin, Veterans Minister Lapointe, Fisheries Minister Sinclair and Citizenship Minister Pickersgill. Mr. Gardiner, by reason of his cabinet seniority, will be acting prime minister. Leaders of the opposition parties all plan an Ottawa Christmas. Hon. George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, recovering from a bout with meningitis which put him in hospital for almost a month, will be with his family here. CCF leader Coldwell will spend Christmas in the capital. Social Credit leader Low will remain in Ottawa for Christmas and the New Year holiday. Among the travelling ministers, Resources Minister Lesage is going to Quebec City; State Secretary Pinard to Montreal and Postmaster-General Cote to St. Johns, Que. Mines Minister Prudham already has left for Edmonton and Defence Minister Campney plans a trip to his Vancouver home. Labor Minister Gregg is going to Quebec City for a Christmas visit and Transport Minister Marler plans a Christmas holiday in Florida with his wife.

Barter's Film Lab.

LORNE VALLEY

Mr. Heath MacGrath was a visitor to Montague on December 13. Mr. Lauren MacLeod and Mr. Stanley Ferguson were business visitors to Georgetown on Saturday. Mrs. D. H. MacKensie, Charlottetown, was a visitor to Lorne Valley on Sunday. While here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crane and son, Lea, Bangor, motored to Lorne Valley on December 12 where they were guests of Mrs. Crane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Munro MacGrath. Mr. and Mrs. Grover MacKay and family, Strathcona, motored to Lorne Valley on Saturday. They were guests of Mr. MacKay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James MacNeill. Mrs. George McCannell and children, Margaret, Anne, Bobby and David, of Montague, spent a few days in Lorne Valley during the week. While here they were guests of the children's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell. Mr. and Mrs. Neil McCannell and daughter, Lynn, Charlottetown, were visitors here on December 12. They were guests of Neil's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben McCannell. Mrs. Stanley Ferguson and daughter, Sandra, were visitors to Charlottetown on Friday evening, where they were guests of Mrs. Ferguson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George McAulay. Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacLeod and daughter, Judy, were recent visitors to Charlottetown. They were guests of Mrs. MacLeod's mother, Mrs.

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***CHRISTMAS DANCE**, Beaver Hall, Montague, Thursday, December 23rd.
***HAND SLEIGHS**, steering type, each \$3.59 at Dunn's, Gaspeaux, Christmas Sale.
***CHRISTMAS** program at the Baptist Church, Montague, Wednesday, Dec. 22, Time 7:30 p.m. Hear Vicky French, sing.
***CORRECTION**—The donation of \$20.00 in yesterday's Guardian to the Crippled Children's Fund from the Montague Electric should have read from the Maritime Electric.
***WE STILL HAVE** a reasonably good stock of fine Cameras, but they are going quickly. We urge you to lay yours away before the last minute rush reduces your choice. V. R. Pepler, your quality Photo Dealer, Montague.

LUCKY TICKET

For Stocking at LARTER'S PHARMACY drawn by His Worship J. Arthur Peters, if not called for by 6 o'clock Christmas Eve the next number will be drawn. The winning number is 26731-A; 3434-A; 26943-A; 26776-A; 30162.

PROCLAMATION

MONDAY THE 27th DAY OF DEC. 1954
Is hereby declared
A PUBLIC HOLIDAY
In the Town of Montague
By order of
Mayor and Town Council.

DANCE

At Murray River Potato Warehouse, Thursday night, in aid of Rink. Modern and old time dancing. Music by Jackie Doyle's Jamboree Band.

MAYFAIR THEATRE
MURRAY RIVER, DEC. 22nd
WEDNESDAY ONLY

MARLON BRANDO
On The Waterfront

Plus — SHORTS
SHOW TIME — 8 P.M.

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ALL STAR MUSICAL CAST
EXTRA! FRIDAY MORNING—10 O'CLOCK
SANTA'S BIG CARTOON SHOW!

FOR YOUR "Fresh up" HOLIDAY

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE

I BROUGHT THIS LITTLE GIRL HERE! MOTHER WORKS EVERY DAY!

MOM SAYS WE'RE SO POOR YOU'LL NEVER FIND US SANTA! MY BROTHER WANTS MITTENS AND A ROCKING HORSE AND IF YOU'VE GOT ANY OTHER PRESENTS LEFT OVER, CAN YOU BRING ME ONE?

UM-KAFF-KAFF! MY WORD! SPUFF-TT! MY DEAR CHILD! JUST LET ME JOT DOWN YOUR ADDRESS!

I'M GONNA STAY UP CHRISTMAS EVE AN' LASSO SANY AN' TIE HIM UP BY THE CHRISTMAS TREE! YOUR LASSO ISN'T LONG ENOUGH—THAT SANY'S TOO FAT!

ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER PROBLEM