Missionaries Wrecks On Release By Chinese Reds

By DAVID J. ROADS

HONG KONG (AP) — Dr. and Mrs. Homer V. Bradshaw, American medical missionaries in China for 23 years, hobbled across the border to freedom in Hong Kong Tuesday—ravaged by disease and shockingly aged by five years as prisoners of the Communists.

Mrs. Bradshaw clearly could not comprehend what was happening. She stared blankly at police and Red Cross and U. S. consular officials who met her and her husband. Her speech was incoherent. Her only apparent emotion was fear.

Bradshaw said they had been reunited only two days ago. His wife recognized him, he said, but "she doesn't realize even now that she is in free territory . . . if we can get this fear out of her, she will start to eat again and slowly get her physical strength back."

He told reporters that he had been subjected to slow starvation, but Red Cross food parcels he began receiving after a complete physical breakdown last May had started him toward recovery.

Bradshaw is 54 and his wife about the same age. They came to China in 1928. In March, 1951, they were arrested at their hospital home in Kwantung province and sent to separate prisc acused of spying.

WEIGHS 80 POUNDS

Later they were sent to prisons in Canton. Mrs. Bradshaw became ill in 1953 and was transferred to house arrest. She now weighs only about 80 pounds. Both she and Bradshaw, a preliminary physical examination showed, are suffering acute malnutrition and the effects of beri beri.

On Wednesday they will be flown to Manila aboard a U. S. Air Force hospital plane for more thorough examination before returning to the United States.

Even border police hardened by such sights were moved when Dr. and Mrs. Bradshaw came to the frontier post in the regular daily brain from Canton and painfully struggled across the line of freedom.

Neither the Chinese Red Cross people nor the Communist border guards gave them so much as a glance or offered to help them. But several employees of the Chinese travel agency took both Bradshaws by their arms to help them walk to the British border post.

Bradshaw smiled and reached for a policeman's hand, saying, "it's good to breathe free British air again."

WORE OLD COAT

He wore an old U. S. Army coat, a knitted cap, earmuffs and pink slacks. His wife wore a thin black coat, a faded blue Chinese dress and coarse brown cotton stockings.

Bradshaw said he was not told until last October that he and his wife were acused of espionage.

In 1952, he said, the Communists hintd h could b releasd if he admitted he was a spy posing as a missionary. He refused.

"I took quite a number of rolls of movie film during my 20 years in China," he said. "This was supposed to be espionage."

KENSINGTON

Mr. Ralph Craig, Malpeque, was a visitor to Charlottetown on Thursday, Dec. 15th.

On Thursday evening, December 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Denton Hogg, Hamilton, entertained a number of friends and neighbors at a card party for the Women's Institute. The ladies' high score was won by Mrs. Alton Ramsay and the gentleman's by Mr. Arthur Owen. Consolation prizes were given to Mrs. Everett Ramsay for the ladies and to Neil Gordon Craig for the gentlemen. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hickey, Mr. Junior Hickey, Darnley and Mrs. Horace Paynter, Kelvin Grove, were visitors to Charlottetown on Dec. 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson, and Mrs. Kenneth Owen, Malpeque, were visitors to Charlottetown on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crozier, Baltic, were visitors to Northam and Tyne Valley on Monday where they visited Mrs. Crozier's father, Mr. Dyment who is a patient in the Tyne Valley Memorial Hospital with pneumonia. His many friends in this vicinity will hope for his speedy recovery. Mr. Dyment is ninety-four years old.

Mr. Bruce Paynter, Kensington, is a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

Her many friends will regret to learn Miss MacDonald, Grade IX teacher of Kensington High School is ill. All hope for her speedy recovery.

C.V.

MISCOUCHE

Friends of Mrs. William DesRoches of Miscouche, will be sorry to learn that she has entered the Prince County Hospital where she underwent an operation. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

Miss Cathy Gilis of Miscouche, left on Thursday, December 15th, for California, where she will reside with her mother, Mrs. Urban Gillis, and sister, Margaret.

Sympathy is extended to D. H. Gallant of Miscouche, on the death of his brother, Vital. Mr. Gallant passed away at his home in Rustico on Saturday, December 10. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning, December 14, in St. Augustine Church where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Reverend Father Pitre.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. P. C. Martin of Miscouche on being the winner of a sum of money at a Bingo recently held at the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside.

Friends of Mrs. Emmanuel Duguay of Miscouche will be sorry to learn that she has entered the Prince County Hospital, Summerside, for treatment.

John DesRoches who is attending St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S., is spending the Christmas holidays in Miscouch at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DesRoches.

On Sunday evening, December 11, eighteen girls of Marian Academy were received into the Sodality of the Children of Mary. A very impressive candle-light procession took place in the church, in which all the members of the Sodality took part. A statue of the Blessed Virgin was carried by four girls, namely: Lorena DesRoches, Marguerite LeClair, Elaine Gallant and Bernadette Gaudet. Appropriate hymns were sung for the occasion. This was followed by Benediction of the Blessed Saerament.

Friends of Mrs. Frank D. Arsenault will be glad to know that she has improved, after having been confined to her home through illness.

On Wednesday evening, December 14, the monthly meeting of the Miscouche sub-division of the Catholic Women's League was held at the home of Mrs. Eddie G. DesRoches. Mrs. Phil H. DesRoches presided.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Arsenault and family recently left for the United States where they will spend the holidays.

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Anthony Arsenault of Miscouche on being the winner of a sum of money at a bingo held on Thursday evening, December 15, in the Summerside Legion Home.

Friends of Mrs. Emmanuel Arsenault of St. Nicholas will be sorry to learn that she recently had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. She is now in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Poirier of Miscouche, recently motored to Charlottetown.

Charlies Veno who is in the Royal Canadian Army and stationed in Kensington, Ontario, arrived at his home in Miscouche on Saturday, December 17, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Veno.

B.V.

FIRE HITS TOWN

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — A $2,000,000 business district fire burned out of control here for five hours Wednesday, injuring three firemen and a city electrician, before it was brought under control at midmorning. Seven stores were gutted, only their outside walls remaining standing. Two other stores had heavy water damage.

BEDEQUE

Mrs. Wright Leard, left on Saturday, Dec. 17th, for Toronto, where she will spend some time with relatives.

Mr. Stewart Affleck, Searletown, is spending the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson, this village.

Mrs. Calvin Leard, left on Saturday, Dec. 17th, to visit with her friend, Mrs. Alice Harrison, Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis and their sons, Edgar and Burton and daughter, Muriel, Tyne Valley, were guests of Mr. Ellis' mother, Mrs. Ernest Weeks and Mr. Weeks, on Sunday, Dec. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacFarlane, Lower Bedeque, left on the 17th. to spend some time with their daughter, in Toronto.

Mr. John Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Montgomery, and Mr. Ronald Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dawson, Central Bedeque, student at Mt. Allison, are spending their holidays at their respective homes. Mr. Robert Montgomery, also a son of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, is home from P.W.C., for the Christmas holidays.

On Saturday evening, December 17th, a "White Gift" service, sponsored by the Sunday School, was held in the Bedeque United Church. The Superintendent of the School, Mr. Ralph Callbeck presided. Mrs. Edna Jenkins was organist and several of the pupils assisted in the service. A large number of gifts were presented by the junior members of the school. These gifts go to the Port Worker at Halifax, and the offering by senior members of the school and the regular congregation go to Dr. W. S. Gilchrist, Angola, Africa to help in his work. Following the service the gathering repaired to the Church hall where a Christmas tree was set up, and a treat of candy and fruit was handed out to the children.

There was a large congregation at the United Church Bedeque on Sunday evening, Dec. 18th, when a Christmas pageant was presented by the Sunday School. The pageant was entitled, "The Message of Christmas.' The assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Arthur Murray presided. The Christmas story was dramatized in an interesting manner. Several of the young people read the Scripture portions based on the story and these were intermingled with Christmas carols sung by the church choir with Mrs. Walter Craig as organist.

B. Q.

Airman To Be Home For Holidays

GOOSE BAY, Lab., — Leading aircraftman M. J. (Crash) Green, 22, of Albany, P.E.I., a mobile equipment operator with the R. C. A. F., at Goose Bay, Labrador, will be home on leave over the Christmas holidays.

Posted to Goose Bay eight months ago from RCAF Station, Summerside, LAC Green had to leave his wife and child in Albany due to a temporary shortage of housing at Goose Bay.

While at home, Crash hopes to visit with many former friends although he states, "many of my closest buddies have also joined the RCAF and are scattered across Canada."

He manages to keep in contact with many of them, however, through his father, Mr. Arthur C. Green, postmaster at Albany who notices the changes of addresses from time to time.

Although his nickname of "Crash" may bring to mind a careless driver, he is quick to assure people that he acquired the name even before starting school. LAC Green attended the Albany Village School before joining the air force in January, 1951. Since then he has been stationed at Aylmer and Centralia, Ont., and Summerside, P.E.I., before coming north to Goose Bay.

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MONDAY, DEC. 26th

AND

TUESDAY, DEC. 27th

Shopping Is Hard On Feet

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A foot specialist will be listed in the directory under podiatrist or chiropodist.

One specialist explains that not only young girls but middle-aged women are prone to wear shoes that are a little too small. With the latter, it isn't so much vanity as it is added weight. He warns that an added seven to ten pounds necessitates a half size larger shoe. The difference between full size in shoe length is one-third inch; in width, one-fourth inch.

Pain at the end of the toes can be due to short stockings as well as short shoes. Stockings should be a half inch longer than the toes when you are standing.

For all shopping, wear a good pair of shoes that support your feet, shoes with a solid heel base. And do start home before you feel utterly weary. If you are a homemaker, come home well ahead of the rush hour. You'll be glad you did.

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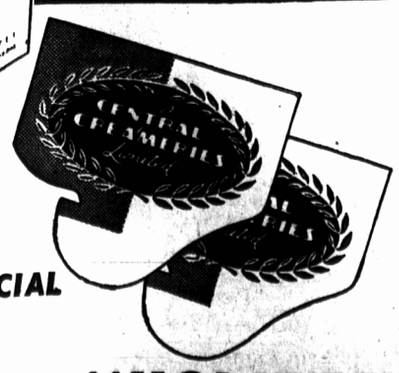

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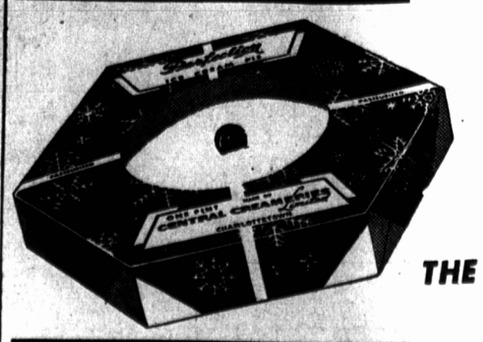

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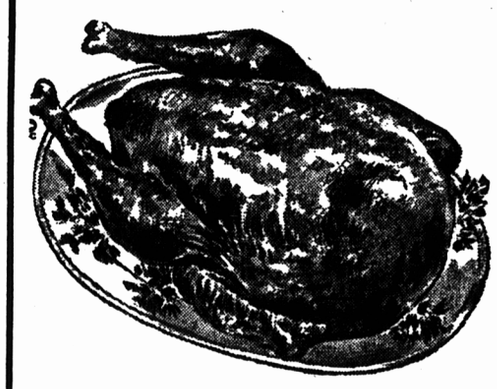

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