



WITH P. E. I. REG'T IN CAMP

Members of the P.E.I. (17th Recce) Regiment who participated in the Senior and Junior qualifying course during summer training at Camp Utopia, N.B. are: BACK left to right—Capt. Bruce Rutherford; S.S.M. P.A. LeClair; Cpl. J. White; Sgt. Cleve-

34 Paratroopers Escape As Drop Zone Is Missed

Canadian Press Staff Writer
CAMP GAGETOWN, N.B. (CP) Thirty-four paratroopers Monday carried out without serious injury one of the most hazardous parachute jumps in the Canadian Army's peacetime history. It wasn't planned that way. The men were to jump into a clearing but the RCAF C-119 Flying Boxcar missed the dropping zone by about a mile and more than half the paratroopers — members of Quebec's 2nd Battalion's Royal 22nd Regiment—came down in a grove of dead pine trees. The branches of the dead pines were like bayonets and officers said it was fortunate no one was seriously injured. As it was one officer was bruised in the throat and one man was cut above the eye. There were other minor scratches and bruises. About half the jumpers got hung up in the trees, the white parachutes clinging to the tops of the pines like puffs of smoke. The men lowered themselves to the ground on their emergency ropes or swung to the tree trunks, struggled out of their harness and shined down. The parachute jump was part of an attack by the "enemy force." The 1st Canadian Army began training men for its three battalion mobile striking force 10 years ago. Maj.-Gen. E. C. Plow, exercise director, described the drop as

"terrible." There was no immediate explanation why the dropping zone was missed. However, a fairly stiff breeze sprang up just before the jump. The paratroopers came down on either side of the main Saint John-Frederick highway. In fact, three landed in the ditch only a few feet from passing cars. Several tourists got a closeup view of the jump. One paratrooper's chute and his emergency rope were snagged across the telephone line beside the highway and he was suspended in his harness for nearly 10 minutes. Other soldiers were on the scene almost immediately. Gen. Plow was among the first and he immediately gave orders to rescuers to help the men down from the trees. One soldier who was hung up in a tree lowered himself 20 feet to the ground but forgot his rifle which was attached to his harness and couldn't get back up to it before he was captured. One reporter counted 19 parachutes in the trees. The army has trained some 10,000 men as paratroopers and there have been five fatalities, none of them due to faulty equipment. All these accidents were caused by faulty exit from the plane. Elsewhere in the exercise Monday, several simulated atomic strikes were made, complete with mock mushroom cloud. But the front was fairly stable as the 1st Division prepared to mount a counterstroke across the Nepesic River in the southern part of this 427 square mile camp.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

Mink ranchers throughout the Maritimes, and in fact all through Canada, will be interested to learn that the reports which we carried in this column regarding the smaller mink production in United States this season are correct. A despatch from Milwaukee, Wisc., states that the total mink production in the United States in 1957 will be from 15 to 20 percent less than in 1956. This will make a difference of between half and three-quarters of a million less production. It is not a guessing affair, but is a survey conducted throughout the length and breadth of the United States by the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations, Inc. The survey was taken of more than 70 percent of the mink ranches, and it shows that kit production per female is down at least half a kit, and the conservatively estimated average production for this year is 3.1 kit per female, as compared with 3.6 per female in 1956. **KIT LOSSES** Kenneth M. Plaisted, executive secretary of the National Board of Fur Farmers, states the survey reveals kit losses in all geographical areas. He termed the situation serious, and said that, to date, authorities have been unable to reach any conclusion about the cause. The losses occur chiefly due to infertility, abortion and death during the first 72 hours of life. Although there has been some speculation about in-breeding and other factors, causing the losses, there is no statistical support yet for these beliefs. Mr. Plaisted said the survey was conducted to get an actual picture of production losses. Previous guesses of the amount of decrease ran from 15 to 20 percent. Mr. Plaisted is a member of a committee which met at the request of Mr. Moir, president of the Mink Farmers Research Foundation. The survey will be carried on this summer to discover the causes of abnormal losses. A field representative working with the Committee will interview ranchers during the next two months for a report to be completed by September. A questionnaire will be given them, and every attempt will be made to have the information contained therein accurate and reliable, and such that conclusions may be drawn from it, and steps taken to prevent such losses in the years to come. We have inquired from some of our mink ranchers in this province, and as far as we have gone, there has been nothing presented to us that would lead to the conclusion that the mink production here shows a difference in productivity from other years.

SOVIET SALES While we may differ from the Soviets in our ideas of government yet we notice that where trade is concerned, such differences in theories does not prevent association with them. Later this month, 15 fur men from the United States will head for Europe and are scheduled to attend the Russian Fur Sales in Leningrad. This attendance is larger than last year. The Fur Trade Journal of Canada has an excellent write-up of Percy Noble, a pioneer fox and mink rancher who was elected in Gray-North, Ontario, to the House of Commons in the recent election with the largest majority ever recorded in that riding over his Liberal and CCF opponents. Percy Noble's name was a familiar one to us almost 30 years ago, when he started fox farming on a small scale, but he had been producing quality, and very soon he was showing in fox exhibitions and winning ribbons. He saw that mink was a coming fur, and is now probably one of the largest mink ranchers in Canada. He was one of the first to develop white mink, and presented Sonja Henie with white mink pelts after her show at Madison Square Gardens. This was one of the best advertisements mink farming was ever given. Today the Noble ranch is producing, besides standard mink, Cameo Sable, Finnish Topaz, Swedish Buff, Aleutian, Blue Iris and other types. Mr. Noble has as his assistants four sons, three of whom work on the ranch, and each has his own unit of mink which he looks after himself, as well as co-operating in the general running of the ranch. There are also a number of grandchildren, who like to assist their dad's grandfather. **MAY BE BLESSING** Otto Grosse, Cary, Ill., who is well-known to mink ranchers throughout the Maritimes, has given a statement to the Black Fox and Modern Mink Breeder that he lost more kits in May than in the past 20 years, and that it looks like the average litter will be down about 35 percent. Aside from the heat wave during the first half of May, there is no explanation for the reported heavy losses. Some think that the extensive use of substitutes for higher-priced horsemeat may have been the cause. In the Maritimes, horsemeat is available to most ranchers, and in Newfoundland the large number of ranchers depend on whole-meat, which is also being used to some extent here. Commenting on the above losses, the Black Fox and Modern Mink Breeder Magazine has the following: "...Lower production might be a blessing in disguise for mink breeders. Certainly the old law of supply and demand augurs for a good demand for a smaller supply. The high percentage of sales at advanced prices during the last large April and May auctions indicate that there will be no carry-over into the next selling season. It's easy to be optimistic on the mink market for another year." The question of whether or not dressed mink is to be sold in Canada at auction sales has been deferred for decision until August. A joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Marketing Board of Canada Mink Breeders, with representatives of all selling agencies in Canada, has been set to take place at Port William, Ont., during the week of August 5.

Brigadier-General Recalls Early Days Of Dentistry

LETHBRIDGE Alta. (CP) — John Smith Stewart, a brigadier-general in the First World War and former member of Parliament and the Alberta legislature, at 80 years of age still practises dentistry here. As a dentist he was attending dental school in winter in 1899 at Edmonton, and working for a dentist in the summer for about \$10 a month. Presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree by the University of Alberta this year, he can recall his early days in practice when he went from district to district. He remembers pulling a youth's tooth on a railway station platform without any anaesthetic, and a three-day stovoper during which he pulled 111 teeth—"working until three in the morning." Brig.-Gen. Stewart says he was "apprehensive" about dental anaesthetics for 35 years, but his apprehensions have calmed since the introduction of new anaesthetics. **LONG SERVICE** Native of Brampton, Ont., he says he now has reached the age "when I don't ask an explanation for everything that happens." He came to Edmonton in 1896 and attended the first normal school in the area, before teaching school at Namao. He served with the original Strathcona Horse regiment in the South African War, and was decorated with the Queen's Medal and four bars. After that war he studied dentistry at Trinity College in Toronto. He was elected to the Alberta legislature in 1911. Then, holding the rank of major, he raised the 20th battery, 5th Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery for service in the First World War. In 1915, promoted lieutenant-colonel, he went overseas in command of the 7th Artillery Brigade. He was appointed commander of the 4th Field Brigade in 1917 and the same year was promoted brigadier-general in command of the 3rd Canadian Division artillery. Twice wounded, he was twice mentioned in dispatches and received the DSO and the French Croix de Guerre. He entered the Canadian Parliament in 1930 as Conservative member for Lethbridge, and served in the federal house until 1935.

Nobody Owns Ottawa Sirens

OTTAWA (CP)—The seven civil defence sirens in Ottawa seem to be orphans. At least, they became the topic of disputed ownership. Provided by federal civil defence authorities and worth about \$500 each, the sirens were installed by the Ottawa hydro-electric commission about five years ago. They're located in various areas of the city. One siren in an uptown building recently went off when packing cases fell against it. The wail not only startled shoppers, it touched off thoughts of ownership. "I don't know whose sirens they are. I don't think they belong to the city," said Mayor George Nelms. **LACK CD SETUP** The Hydro commission said it will no longer repair or service the sirens. A hydro official said the sirens aren't commission property. Federal civil defence officials say they supplied the sirens to Ottawa and other Canadian cities regarded as targets for any possible enemy attack. Federal CD makes funds available to municipal civil defence organizations which may be used for installation and maintenance of sirens. Ottawa didn't ask for any federal funds, the civil defence spokesman said. The capital doesn't have a municipal CD setup. And mayor Nelms said, "...until such time as we do, I can't see that we have any responsibility for the sirens."

H. K. MacDonald Died In Halifax

The death of Hugh Keith MacDonald, Cornwallis Manor, Summer Street, occurred Tuesday, July 23, in the Halifax Infirmary, after a short illness. He was 42 years old. He was the son of Mrs. MacDonald (nee Bessie Aitken of Georgetown P.E.I.), and the late Frank D. MacDonald of Sydney, Nova Scotia. Surviving besides his mother are one brother, Clarence, of Halifax, and two sisters, Evelyn, Mrs. W. T. Beazley, Montreal, and Doris, Mrs. L. A. O'Brien, Armadale. The funeral took place from the Halifax Funeral Home, Queenport Road, Friday, at 2 p.m. Interment followed at Saint John's Cemetery. Mr. Percy in Summerside a d friends and relatives in Spring Valley, Darnley, and Seaview.

Big Business Big Government

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor
Not "union" but "disunion" appears to hold the key to a future of manageable proportions, says Dr. Leopold Kohr in an article in the current issue of the Business Quarterly, published by the University of Western Ontario's school of business administration. The article is entitled The Danger of Size—Capitalism Turns into Socialism. It is documented with instances from the behavior of nations to the behavior of mankind, and—whether or not one agrees with it or with its deductions—it make interesting reading. Critical social size Dr. Kohr says, explains not only complexities of a social and political nature, but also many of the most outstanding economic complexities. The "widely-deplored trend towards socialism," for instance, seemed not due to the effectiveness of socialist teaching. If it were, it would be incomprehensible that the United States, while fighting communism in all corners of the world, should under both Democratic and Republican administrations have increased

the government sector of her economy to the extent that, next to the groups of the Soviet orbit and Great Britain, hers might be called the world's third most communized society. **NEED MORE RULE** "When a society outgrows certain limits," says Dr. Kohr, "its complexities multiply at such an accelerating rate that an increase government role becomes necessary. The reason for this lies not in the theory but in the physics of economics. As business units become both larger and fewer, competitive collisions assume such proportions that, far from releasing their own balancing forces, they threaten to ruin, along with their opposing forces, the very mechanism of the system of which they are a part. And this is the element forcing the government of even the freest society to assume at a given level of expansion an ever-increasing economic role—first as a balancing first force, and ultimately as a centralizing and actively socializing first force." Dr. Kohr says the division need not be pieced in the extreme sense of dismemberment of great powers, but in the form of decentralization. "Economically," he says, "this is illustrated in two ways. One is the restoration of the practice of the principle that business, like the medieval manor, can profitably be divided into a number of smaller estates without affecting the unity of ownership. **SMALL UNITS PAY** "The other is the renewed awareness that smaller business units are actually more capitalistic in character, individually more profitable, socially always more resistant, than large centralized enterprises. "Even Soviet Russia has abandoned her original idea of total centralization and is dismantling

her monolithic unity in the very field to which unification had promised the greatest rewards: the field of economic organization." Dr. Kohr, in the course of his argument, refers to "the plain unadulterated inability of man to cope with the problems of societies that have outgrown their limitations." Dr. Kohr is a graduate of the London School of Economics has also studied at the Universities of Innsbruck, Vienna, Paris and Toronto; is author of a recent book The Breakdown of Nations; and at present is associate professor of economics at the University of Puerto Rico.

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