

Slackening In Unemployment Noted

For the first time in more than three weeks the rush of people to file unemployment insurance claims at the local National Office has slackened. In the busy three week period, more than a thousand claims were taken from points all over Queens and Kings Counties. This total combined with the number which had been on file before the real rush began, spiraled the overall figures to the vicinity of two thousand. About eight hundred of these are residents of the City of Charlottetown and the countryside surrounding the city. At the peak of seasonal unemployment last year the number of claimants on benefits was more than seventeen hundred, more than two hundred less than at the present time. The present figures represent a record high since the office was opened more than twelve years ago. The snowstorm provided a number of men with a day or two of work, most of whom were hired by the Canadian National Railways. Others were engaged by people in the residential sections to clear walks, or driveways leading to garages. Dozens of applications are being received daily from the many city unemployed, as well as from people who travel to the city from the country. Orders from employers, however, are few and far between, and the odd vacancy which does occur, is quickly filled from the ranks of city residents who are out of work. The Employment Office does not expect any improvement in the employment situation until April.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS — At the Prince County Hospital on Wednesday, January 13th, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mayne, a daughter. JENKINS — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, January 10th, 1954, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jenkins (nee Evelyn Mutch, R.N.) a daughter. COUGHLIN — At Toronto General Hospital, Tuesday, December 15th, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Bannie Coughlin (nee Freda Myers) a son, Ralph Charles Heber. DEATHS — WOODS — At Kelly's Cross, Jan. 14, 1954, Mrs. Charles Woods in her 73rd year. Funeral notice later. RAMSAY — At Hamilton Jan. 14, 1954, Mrs. Howard Ramsay in her 78th year. Funeral notice later. RAMSAY — At Soldiers Memorial Hospital, Campbellton, N. B., on Wednesday, January 13th, Mrs. Vernon Ramsay, funeral on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Campbellton, N. B. CROKEN — At Emerald on Wednesday, January 13, 1954, Ronald Edwin Croken, one month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pius Croken. Funeral was held yesterday from the home at 2 p.m. Interment was in church cemetery, Summerside. HYNES — At the Charlottetown Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 14th, 1954, Mrs. Martin Hynes formerly of Vernon River in her 87th year. Her remains were transferred yesterday afternoon from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to the residence of her son Martin Hynes, Summerside from where the funeral will take place Saturday morning to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River for Requiem High Mass at 9:30. Interment in the church cemetery. HUESTIS — At her home at 241 First Street, Summerside, on January 14, 1954, Marguerite C. Huestis, wife of Harold Huestis, in her 49th year. Transferred from the Compton Funeral Home to her late residence from where the funeral will be held Saturday morning to St. Paul's Church for Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in St. Paul's cemetery.

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POLICE COURT — There was a clear docket in City Police Court yesterday morning.

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QUEEN MARY Needlework Guild annual meeting Wednesday (next), Jan. 20, 3 p.m. Charlottetown Hotel.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND services January 17, Charlottetown (in the new church, Birchwood Street) 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday School 2 p.m. Rev. J. H. Bishop, Minister.

SORORITY MEETING — The Beta Phi Sorority held their weekly meeting yesterday with Kathy McLeod acting as chairman. Fifteen members and one guest were present. The evening began with several members of the club bowling, after which a business meeting was held.

WINDOW REPLACED — A large plate glass window in the F. A. Woolworth store which was broken during the holiday week was replaced yesterday. Onlookers were impressed with the efficient manner in which the workmen carried out the job.

ON BUSINESS TRIP — Mr. Arthur Irving, Saint John, accompanied by Mr. Harrison McCain, sales manager in the Maritime Provinces for the Irving Oil Company, is on a business trip to the Island. Mr. Irving is the son of the President of the Company Mr. K. C. Irving. They are registered at The Charlottetown.

LEAVING FOR SASKATOON — A. Walthen Gaudet, immediate past national president of the Association of Kinamen Clubs of Canada, leaves this morning by air for Saskatoon, Sask., to attend the midyear national council meeting of the Association being held there on January 16th and 17th. Mr. Gaudet will return by air on Monday night.

CAR ACCIDENTS — The heavy snow piled on either side of the streets made the going for cars difficult yesterday and resulted in five minor accidents. A truck backed into a car on Passmore Street yesterday morning and a car backed into another car on Fitzroy Street. A similar accident occurred on Grafton Street and a car turning north on Weymouth Street was in collision with a car going west on Grafton; the damage in this instance was quite extensive to both machines. A New Brunswick car parked on the south side of Kent Street was struck by an unknown driver at about 3:00 p.m. A damaged headlight resulted from this collision.

TRANSFERRED TO ST. JOHN — Mr. Ray Kennedy, manager of J. & M. Murphy Ltd., has received notification of his transfer to the Saint John branch and will leave to take up his duties on Monday, January 18th. Mr. Kennedy has represented the company in this City for nine years and his removal to New Brunswick constitutes a promotion where his territory will include the area from Saint John to Grand Falls. The Charlottetown branch will be continued under the management of Mr. Vernon Williams and Mr. Angus MacKinnon. Mr. Kennedy is at present, vice-president of the Maritime Commercial Travellers Association on Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Kennedy and their son Charles will remain in the city until the spring. A younger son, Ian is attending Mount Allison University.

FUNERAL AT ALEXANDRA — The funeral of the late Mrs. J. Bramford Wood was held yesterday afternoon from the MacLean Funeral Home to Alexandra Baptist Church. A short service at the funeral home was conducted by Rev. J. D. Davidson and Rev. T. R. Gouge. During the service Mr. W. S. McMurray sang a solo, "Good Night, Good Morning". Services at the church were conducted by Reverends J. D. Davidson and T. R. Gouge. During the service in the church Wendall H. Phillips sang a solo, "The Christian's Good-Night". Interment was in Pownall cemetery. The honorary pall bearers were: Senator J. Walter Jones, W. Chester S. McLure, Earl Jenkins, M. W. Wood, Roy Jones and H. J. Kennedy. The active pall bearers were: Wendall Jones, Heber Jones, Cyril Jones, Edward Wood, Benjamin Wood and George McLennan.

B. Y. P. U. MEETINGS RESUME — Last evening the Baptist Young Peoples group resumed their weekly meetings with the worship period led by Florence Oakes, assisted by pianist Thelma Brehaut. Secretary David Schurman recalled the past activities. In the plans for the future, Don Holden, Kitty MacFarlane, Eileen MacArthur, Keith Brehaut and Hartley Condon were appointed a programme committee. Plans were made for the historical pageant "These Hundred Years and More" to be presented early in February. The group also decided for a three-act play of later presentation. Rev. Mr. Dav-

A large number of Community Concert patrons were present last night for an outstanding recital by the brilliant young American pianist, Samuel Sorin, at Prince of Wales College Hall.

Mr. Sorin opened his program with two Bach compositions, "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring," and the "Little Fugue in G minor, Schubert's Impromptu in G flat major, opus 90, number 3, and the familiar Marche Militaire by the same composer, to which the soloist brought a wealth of colour and animation. The major work on the program was the Sonata in E flat major, opus 81a (Les Adieux) by Beethoven. This sonata is one of the few Beethoven compositions with a story—the first two movements, Adagio-Allegro and Andante espressivo, were written following the flight of a friend and pupil from Vienna, and the third, Vivacissimo, which completes the work, after his return. It is rich in its expression of human emotion, and Mr. Sorin gave it a rare interpretation, sensitive and warm. To end the first part of the program, the artist played a varied group of Chopin compositions, the Scherzo in B flat minor, opus 31 and three short, expressive preludes, concluding with a polished rendition of the Fantaisie in F minor, opus 49.

Mr. Sorin brought out all the clever imagery in Debussy's "Reflections in the Water," and delighted the audience with a humorous piece of descriptive writing, "The Cat and the Mouse," by the contemporary American composer, Aaron Copland. This group of modern compositions was completed by Scriabin's "Nocturne for the Left Hand Alone."

A performance of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody Number 12, comparable in fineness of interpretation to the Beethoven sonata, completed the scheduled portion of the program, but enthusiastic applause from the audience brought the soloist back for three delightful encores, the popular "Flight of the Bumblebee," de Falla's "Fire Dance," and waltzes from "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss. Mr. Sorin is well known in Canada and Central America, where he has toured extensively, as well as in the United States, where he has also appeared as soloist with a number of leading symphony orchestras—appearances which have frequently resulted in his being recalled for re-engagements, such has been his success.

ison conducted his Bible studies on Paul, beginning the second missionary journey. A lively session of games introduced by Windsor Brehaut closed the evening's program.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Harold Henderson of Charlottetown was held yesterday afternoon from the Outcliffe Funeral Home. Service at the home and grave was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Wilson. The pall bearers were: Elmer Brown, Ira Gay, Keith Bryenton, Wilfred Hardy, Stephen Holroyd, James Maund. Interment was in the People's Cemetery.

ALPHA Y'S MEN'S CLUB MEETING — Mr. Bramwell Chandler was guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of Alpha Y's Men's Club last evening using as his topic "Education". Mr. Chandler described some of the systems in vogue over one hundred years ago in which the general principle was the "Three R's" and apprenticeship and which has not varied very much since then on the Island. He said there is not enough money being spent on education and that more vocational guidance should be made available and a system of intelligence tests used so that those with the higher intellect might be helped to go on to higher things. He then gave a review of the tests as used in the army and large corporations and explained how they might be made use of in the schools. Following his address Mr. Chandler was called on again and gave some interesting anecdotes on his job with the occupational forces while in Germany recovering historic documents for the archives. President Dick Matheson thanked the speaker for his interesting and comprehensive talk. Y's Man Col. Fred Andrew acted as chairman of the meeting and also introduced the speaker. William Rix, Jr., was present as a guest.

Personals — Friends will regret to learn that Mrs. J. Elmer Dunning is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital.

Supreme Court — Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy, presiding at the January term of the Supreme Court, yesterday took under advisement the appeal of John Joseph Doyle, Mt. Stewart, from a conviction of driving a vehicle while his faculties were impaired by the use of alcohol.

No evidence was taken as the day was confined largely to argument by Mr. A. J. McDonald, C. C. counsel for the appellant. Mr. McDonald maintained that the doctrine of "reasonable doubt" must apply to this case as well as to other legal instances. In reply to a suggestion by the Court that it could not upset the findings of the magistrate unless an error on the part of the latter could be pointed out, Mr. McDonald said that this Court was both a court of appeal and equity and had equitable jurisdiction. Mr. J. P. Nicholson, appearing for the Crown, spoke only briefly in pointing out to Judge Tweedy that the magistrate in the lower court had believed the witnesses he had heard and based his conviction on their testimony.

On Stage In P.E.I.

This in the first of a series of monthly columns in regard to the progress of amateur theatricals in this Province, and is published in the interest of community enterprise.

Requests for assistance have poured in from all over the Island to Mr. H. Barry Bugden, West Royalty.

Many groups were getting a head start on the New Year, and wanted suggestions for plays which they might read, thus being able to have copies of the play they wished to do on hand for an early start in '54. Miss Grace Campbell, of the P. E. I. Public Libraries, has been very cooperative in this respect, and has forwarded many plays to groups which have written to Mr. Bugden.

It has been very gratifying to note that many organizations are attempting plays for the first time, and it is felt that with the help now available they should be able to accomplish worth-while entertainment in their community.

Many of these groups are Women's Institutes, and the first request for assistance came from the Mayfield Branch. Also in October, enquiries were received from Mrs. Wm. A. Jones of Albany; North Milton W. I.; Irishtown W. I.; O'Malley W. I.; Cape Traverse W. I.; Pownal W. I.; Father Gallant of Tignish; New Glasgow W. I.; East Baltic W. I.; Hunter River Glee Club; Bedouque Dramatic Club; Kelvin Grove W. I.; Central Royalty Glee Club and Harrington W. I. Mayfield W. I. then requested and received a number of one-act plays to read, and we hope they found something to their liking. Remember though, don't do a play just because it is recommended to you; your own group must be enthusiastic about your choice.

November

In November new enquiries were received from the Teena Club of the Charlottetown Community Centre; Emerald W. I.; Sherbrooke Farm Forum and the Hunter River C. W. L. A letter was received from the newly-formed Summerside Little Theatre, and we are all expecting and looking forward to fine productions by this group.

During this month plays were sent to O'Leary W. I.; East Baltic W. I.; Sherbrooke Farm Forum and Irishtown W. I.; and it will be most interesting to see the resulting productions.

Mr. Bugden gave his first on-the-spot assistance by attending rehearsals of the Central Royalty Glee Club's production of the musical play, "The Minister's Aunt". This show was presented three times with good crowds at each performance, and the committee was so pleased with the results of its efforts it is already looking for another play or next Fall.

December

The Trend Club of Charlottetown called on Mr. Bugden early in December to talk on "Putting on a Play" at one of their Friday night meetings. This group of nearly 50 teen-agers is a very interested and energetic organization, and frequently produces short plays as part of their meetings. This is an excellent way to "break the ice" for beginners, and bring forth talent which may be drawn on for bigger productions for the public.

Plays were sent out this month to New Glasgow W. I.; Pownal W. I.; Clyde River W. I.; and Hunter River C. W. L. Enquiries were also received from St. Peter's Bay; Springfield Hall Committee, and the Summerside Little Theatre who were producing an original play, Little York contacted as about material for a variety show, but up to the present we have not been able to do much work on this type of entertainment. It is hoped though, that as soon as a sufficient number of plays are catalogued, Mr. Bugden will be able to gather together numbers for variety shows which are so often presented in conjunction with one-act plays.

No doubt a number of the groups who are mentioned here will already have selected their plays, and have them in production. Readers of this column will be interested in knowing what you are doing in the way of entertainment in your community, and if you will drop a line to Mr. Bugden, mention will be made of your production in forth coming issues. It is hoped the column will be printed on the fifteenth of each month, so have your letters reach us no later than the tenth.

Before closing, may we remind you that now is the time to be working on entries for the Provincial and Dominion Drama Festivals. Miss Jessie Fraser is Secretary of the Provincial and Mr. Bugden is chairman for this region of the Dominion.

WINTER BLOOMS

LADYSMITH, B.C. (CP)—Clusters of yellow primroses appeared at the end of the year in the garden of Mrs. Catherine Wargo in this Vancouver island community.

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Annual Meeting Of Art Society

The Prince Edward Island Art Society re-elected president Vic Runz and officers and executive to office at its annual meeting on Tuesday night at the home of Miss Nora Longworth. This will be the third term of office for the group. Mr. Runz presented a report of the executive meeting of the Maritime Art Association of which the local Society is a member and which he attended last week in Amherst.

In an effort to draw up a programme for the Society a questionnaire which was prepared by the executive was distributed to each member. Interests will be learned and policy made accordingly. Results will be disclosed at the February meeting.

A suggestion received with much enthusiasm was made by Mrs. P. A. Creelman that members plan a small select all-P. E. I. travelling exhibition for a year or two hence.

The president in giving his report said that despite a slow beginning of the Fall season a fine local exhibition was held, surpassing all others to date in size, quality and public support. Miss Florence Simmons, secretary, gave a report of the society's activities and the treasurer, Mrs. L. T. Lowther, gave a detailed financial account, audited by Mr. A. L. Wright. Mrs. Creelman, on behalf of the nominating committee brought in a report which was unanimously accepted, and which will see the following people in office for another year. President Vic Runz; Vice-President, R. H. Rogers; Secretary, Miss Florence Simmons; Treasurer, Mrs. L. T. Lowther; and Directors, Mrs. P. A. Creelman, Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mrs. D. M. Gas, Messrs. A. L. Wright, John Taylor and J. E. Harris.

After the lengthy business period Mr. Wright gave a short interesting talk on suitable framing of paintings, with illustrations, following which refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Plans For Annual Red Cross Meeting

Plans for the annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Red Cross were made at the regular monthly meeting of the Executive held yesterday afternoon. It was decided to hold the annual dinner in "The Clover Club" on Friday evening, February 12th. Mr. H. H. Leathers of Hamilton, Ont., Chairman of the Central Council, Canadian Red Cross Society, will be the chief speaker at this meeting. Annual reports of the Standing Committees will be given at the afternoon session which will take place at Red Cross Headquarters. Mr. S. A. Bjarnason of Toronto, Assistant National Commissioner, will accompany Mr. Leathers in his tour of the Atlantic Province Divisions, will address the afternoon meeting.

It was reported that Brig. W. W. Reid, Provincial Campaign Chairman, has already written to some 350 prospective canvassers in King's and Queen's Counties in order that the canvass will get underway in every school district in the Province on March 1st.

Interim reports of activities were given by the following Chairmen of Standing Committees: Dr. I. W. Shaw, Junior Red Cross; Mrs. H. L. Palmer, Red Cross Corps; Miss Katherine Buchanan, Nursing Services; Mr. F. A. Large, Blood Donor and for Mrs. E. A. Foster, Women's Work; Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Handicapped Children, and Dr. A. J. Marchison, First Aid Services.

MOTORISTS PAY LEICESTER, England (CP) — Progress is due to hit motorists of this Leicestershire town. The council has ordered 50 parking

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Annual Meeting St. Peter's Cathedral Evening Branch

The annual meeting of St. Peter's Cathedral, Evening Branch of the W. A. was held on Monday evening, Jan. 11 at 8 o'clock in the guild room with an excellent attendance. The vice-president, Mrs. James Brady presided in the absence of the retiring president, Mrs. W. A. Smith due to her sad bereavement.

Meeting opened with the members prayer. Officers reported a very successful year. Among the many tasks accomplished was the sale sent to the Anglican Residential Indian School in Saskatchewan. This consisted of handmade clothing, quilts, blankets, knitting, etc.

Plans were made for a rummage sale to be held in the parish hall later this month. Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. H. F. MacPherson; vice-president, Mrs. J. Sutherland; secretary, Mrs. A. S. Dickson; treasurer, Mrs. S. Korrey; Dorcas committee, Mrs. Wm. Hogg, Sr., and Mrs. Walter Hyndman.

Delegates appointed to attend the annual W. A. meetings in March are Mrs. William Shama and Mrs. W. A. Smith. After the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the committee.

ADULT LEATHERCRAFT CLASSES at Y. M. C. A. Instructor Eleanor Higson beginning Monday, Jan. 25 at 8:00 p.m. To enroll phone 3425

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL HOME MANAGEMENT COURSE The commencement date for the Home Management Course, has been advanced from January 18th to January 25th at 9 a.m. Applications are still being received for this course.

EXTRA-SPECIALS AT Shama's Groceteria Sugar, 10 lbs. 87c Milk, any brand, 6 tins 89c Broken Pekoe Tea, lb. 67c Corn, cream style, 20 oz., 2 tins 25c Apple and Strawberry Jam, 4 lb. tin 95c Peanut Butter, 4 lb. pail \$1.39

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