

# Gov't Negotiating Seed Potato Deal

Recent negotiations with South American countries with regards to new markets for P.E.I. potatoes have apparently paid off. Hon. Andrew B. MacRae, minister of agriculture said yesterday that arrangements are now being made with a South American country that could result in higher seed potato prices. Mr. MacRae would not name the country as negotiations will not be completed until the end of the month. The trade agreement will affect potato growers in all the Maritime provinces. Mr. MacRae said that if it is a deal goes through, growers should get as high as \$2 per 110 pounds of seed potatoes. This is much higher, he pointed out, than the \$1.40 per 110 pounds received by growers who filled part of the 9,000-ton seed potato order for the Greek Government. Mr. MacRae also indicated that the South American order will be larger than the Greek order.

"Good prices are expected," he said, "because small sized seed potatoes are scarce this year."

Mr. MacRae said prospects for a successful year in the potato industry are brightening. "The table stock market is strengthening and there were reports yesterday that growers were receiving between 90 cents and \$1 per 75-pound bag for their potatoes. I believe that within the next few days the price will actually be a dollar or more for 75 pounds."

# One Injured In Collision

A highway accident last evening near Fredericton sent one person to hospital with undetermined injuries and badly damaged the two vehicles involved.

Arthur Murray, 49, Reserve Street, Charlottetown, was admitted unconscious to the P.E.I. Hospital last evening following the accident which occurred about 7 p.m. a mile west of Fredericton.

The driver of the other vehicle was Paul Raymond Cash of Emerald.

No further details were available early this morning. RCMP are investigating.

# Beef Prices Reviewed

The following market prices for beef cattle was released yesterday by the P.E.I. Beef Producers Association.

At Toronto: choice, \$24 to \$25; good, \$23 to \$24; medium, \$20 to \$22.50.

At Winnipeg: choice, \$23 to \$25; good, \$21.50 to \$22.50; medium, \$19 to \$20.

At Montreal: choice, \$24 to \$24.50; good, \$22.75 to \$23.75; medium, \$21 to \$22.75.

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# Airline Company Takes 'Over Mercy' Flights

By NANCY WHITE

Mersey flights previously conducted by the RCAF at no cost to the patient, have now been turned over to a commercial company and will cost the recipient \$50 per hour.

The flights will now be carried out mainly by Atlantic Central Airways, which operates out of the Moncton Club, five miles west of Moncton.

The airline uses a twin-engine Piper Apache equipped with survival and emergency equipment for the flights. The plane is capable of holding a pilot, co-pilot, nurse, and stretcher-case.

Don McClure, manager and part-owner of the airline, said that the firm hopes to get larger machines in future.

He said his company had not taken over the mercy flights until just over a month ago, although the Air Force had first approached them over a year ago.

# Chief Telephone Operator At S'ide Retires; Is Honored

M. Wallace, general commercial manager and general traffic manager W.S. Dickie, travel agent, said yesterday that it had always been the policy of the RCAF to conduct mercy flights only in areas where there was no commercial company equipped to do the job.

Until recently, the Atlantic region had had no such company, he said, adding that ACA is now equipped to do the work.

He said, however, that the RCAF is not putting a complete stop to its mercy flights. At times when ACA is busy at one other task and not available for the flights, "our aircraft will immediately take on the work," he said.

# WILL INVESTIGATE

A P.E.I. Department of Health official said yesterday that his department will investigate the situation and attempt to come up with some alternative method of getting Island patients to maintained hospitals in special emergencies.

It is rumored that at least 150 patient-financed mercy flights have taken place recently at a cost of about \$150 each.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred C. Wright, Souris, he will take over his new appointment in January.

Mr. Wright is married to the former Caroline Sinclair of Charlottetown. They have two sons, Peter, 7, and Alan 4.

A veteran of the Second World War, Mr. Wright served in the Canadian Army from 1939 to 1946. He was educated at West Kent School, Charlottetown, Souris High School, and Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N.B.

Mr. Wright is a past president of the Canadian Postmasters Association (Maritime Branch) and is present serving as chairman of the Souris Regional High School Board.

# Concert Is Planned At Alberton

ALBERTON — A pre-Christmas concert which will include the presentation of Diskette "Christmas Carol" is to be presented under sponsorship of Alberton Branch of the Association for Retarded Children. Plans were formulated at the November meeting which was held Thursday evening.

John H. Barrett has consented to direct the play and rehearsals are to begin within the next few days. Mrs. E.E. Larter has accepted the responsibility for the concert part of the program.

Necessary committees will be appointed and it was made known that Irving Broderick has volunteered to make the posters. It was reported that the Junior Red Cross members are selling Christmas cards for the association.

There were expressions of appreciation for Herbert Leavitt who made a blackboard for the classroom, for Mrs. Larter who placed it on the wall and for the local branch of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The guest speaker at the evening service was Rev. W. MacPhail, who served the pastorate for nine years. The service of praise was led by the RCAF choir from Summerside under the direction of P.H. Lee. The closing hymn was "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended", which also closed the first service in the church.

Members of the United Church Women service included the visiting choir and guests after the service.

# Memorial Gifts Dedicated At Breadalbane Anniversary

The Breadalbane United Church recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of its opening with capacity crowds at each service.

The morning service was conducted by Rev. Thomas Evans, the pastor, with James A. McSweeney, the organist. The choir included members from other congregations of the charge. The soloists were Archie Hutchinson and Oliver MacLeod. Mrs. Stephen MacLeod sang two numbers.

Several dedications of memorial gifts took place. They were an electric organ presented by Mrs. Hedley Woodside and Mrs. Angus Gillis in memory of their husbands; a wall plaque for the choir loft was also presented by Mrs. Woodside whose husband

# HOLMAN'S GOODWILL SALE WINNERS

Pictured above from left to right are the Happy winners of Holman's Annual Goodwill Sale . . . They are Mr. Philip Arsenault who acted for Mr. Hubert Arsenault, Mr. Hubert Arsenault won \$50 cash, Mr. John Bernard who won \$50 cash, Mrs. Irene Cameron who won \$100 paid up charge account, Miss Clara Gosselin who won \$50 cash, Mr. Carl MacDougall who won \$100 paid up charge account, Mrs. Stanley MacKenney won \$250, paid up charge account, Mrs. Ray Noonan won \$100, charge account, Mr. Ted Thompson won \$50 cash, Mr. Fred Weston (behind Mr. Poole) won the Grand Prize of a \$500, paid up charge account at Holman's Stores. Also in the picture are Mr. Loman MacAuley and Mrs. Gordon Coles.

# UC Moderator Expresses Views On Many Subjects

By NANCY WHITE

Dr. Rev. James R. Mutchmor, DD, moderator of the United Church of Canada, arrived in Charlottetown on yesterday for a four-day visit. Shown by Dr. Mutchmor at the airport are Rev. John G.E. Ball, (left) of Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, and Rev. C.R. Webber, Trinity United Church, Summerside, president of the Maritime Conference. Dr. Mutchmor will be guest preacher tomorrow at Trinity United at its centennial services, and on Monday will attend the 100th anniversary dinner and will address the weekly meeting of the Charlottetown Rotary Club.

# WESTERN BREEZES

IN SYDNEY, N.S. Mrs. E.J. Flanders, Kensington, is spending a few days at Sydney, N.S.

ATTENDED FAIR Mrs. and Mrs. Patrick Curley, Norborne, have returned to their home after attending the Atlantic Winter Fair at Halifax.

IN KENSINGTON Bethany Profit, Summerside, spent the long weekend at Kensington, guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Proulx.

O'CONNOR FUNERAL — The funeral for Patrick O'Connor was held last Friday from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Peter Dalton, Burton, to St. Mark's Church. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. David McTague. Pallbearers were William Fish, Fern Blanchard, Thomas Griffin, Edmenton Griffin and Edward A. Griffin. Flower bearers were Roger Dunn and Shaune Connor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

POIRIER FUNERAL — The funeral for Solomon Poirier, whose death occurred in the O'Leary Community Hospital, was held Monday at Palmer Road church, Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Nazaire Gallant. Pallbearers were Raymond Poirier, Leonard Poirier, Joseph Poirier, Fred Perry, Raymond Perry, and Ed Emmentann. All interment was in the church cemetery.

ROBERTS FUNERAL — The funeral for Thomas Roberts was held Sunday at the United River Funeral Home to the United Church, Murray Harbor where services were conducted by Rev. David Barwise. Hymns were "When the Roll Call is Called Up Yonder," and "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me." Pallbearers were: Laurie Gordon, Nathan Irving, Wallace Hume, Garnett Irving, Gerald Prowse and Wilfred MacNeill. Interment took place in the Murray Harbor cemetery.

MACWILLIAMS FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. Annie E. MacWilliams was held Thursday afternoon at the United Church, Springfield West, where service was conducted by Rev. James R. Mutchmor, assisted by Rev. T.J. Seelgrove. Hymns were "O Holy Spirit," and "Rock of Ages." Organist was Mrs. Edward MacDougall. Pallbearers were: George Cannon, Buddy Morrison, Horatio MacWilliams, Ed Phillips, Arthur MacNeil, non, Ralph Cain. Interment was in the church cemetery.

MACLEAN FUNERAL — The funeral for Miss Annie Marie Lean took place yesterday afternoon from the United Baptist Church, Montserrat. The service was conducted by Rev. A.G.J. Seelgrove, assisted by Rev. M. C. Currie. Hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd," and "Peace, Perfect Peace." Brooklyn trio sang "Beautiful Land." The organist was Mrs. J. Seelgrove. Pallbearers were: Preston MacLare, A.F. Campbell, Garnet MacIntyre, H.L. MacGregor, Gavin Reid, T.M. Lewellyn. Flower bearers were: Leigh Wright, William Annar, Charles Lewellyn, Leslie Campbell, George Mellish, Ellen Gray, Sharyn Robb. Lodge attended in a body. Interment was in the community cemetery.

20.3 per cent of the population of Canada as associated with the United Church. However, our church studies show us with 1,000,000 fewer people than the census registered.

"We call this million the 'lost legion,'" he said, "is an evangelistic challenge."

On church contributions today. "After the First World War we often had assessment churches. Today I couldn't tell you of a basement church. Today's young marrieds give more generously than my generation did."

DEFENCE POLICY On Canada's defence policy: "We have the larger half of the North America continent. There should be a close link between Ottawa and Washington. We should establish Bomarc sites and take a full share in NATO for defensive purposes."

On the United Church's new Sunday school curriculum: "It will be expensive to have the new curriculum in use. It can't be financed by the nickels and dimes collected in the Sunday school; it will have to be included in the church budget."

On progress in the church: "It has been said that, whereas business, established organized labor, and science are all moving ahead, two major groupings are stuck in the mud—government and churches."