OFFICERS OF THE Montague Branch of the Canadian Legion for 1957-58: John Clarey, 1st. vice-president; R. M. Martin, Secretary-treasurer; M. J. Knox, 2nd vice president; G. G. Jardine, president for third term.

Murray River Man Re-elected Head Of Montague Legion

Mr. G. G. Jardine, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Murray River, was elected president of the Montague Branch of the Canadian Legion for the third consecutive year at the annual meeting of the branch Friday night. Other officers of the branch are: 1st. vice president, John Clarey; Second vice president, William J. Knox; Secretary R. M. Martin; Assistant secy, Athol Robertson.

At a well attended meeting the branch business for the year was reviewed in detail by the secretary treasure. The financial report showed the branch to be in a splendid financial position, and the membership has been greatly increased over the past year.

During the meeting George W. MacDonald was presented with a 25-year pin by the president, Mr. MacDonald having been unavoidably absent at the special presentation some time ago.

Arrangements were made to donate Christmas parcels to needy families, and names were to be left with Cyril Johnston by the members of the branch only who knew of anyone in distress.

Appointment of committees was finalized by the nominating committee which consisted of Judge J. S. DesRoche, A. F. Campbell and Homer Moar. The slate of Committees as brought in by them was adopted in its entirely by the Branch.

Following adjournment, a delicious lunch was served by the lunch committee and a social hour was enjoyed.

The Militia And Civil Defence

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Pearkes says the first duty of the armed forces in event of nuclear attack on Canada would be to aid the civil defence organization if the latter were unable to cope with the situation.

The statement is included in a letter from Mr. Pearkes to Health Minister Monteith, minister responsible for civil defence.

Mr. Monteith said Wednesday in a statement he was making public parts of Mr. Pearkes' letter to clear up "reported public misunderstanding of the role of the militia in civil defence."

The defence minister said: "Civil defence is organized on a local basis of self-help with few, if any, mobile reserves capable of being moved from one area to another.

"The two main tasks of the armed services in supporting civil defence would be to provide mobile support groups and assist local civilian organizations with technical units and equipment, both during an evacuation and in subsequent operations."

Mr. Pearkes announced Oct. 10 that militia training will be concentrated on civil defence.

FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT

The countryside lay white and still
Beneath the starlit sky,
As through the night the shepherds came
With eager, watchful eye.

From Judea's Hill to Bethlehem
They made their joyful way,
Searching for the manger low
Where the infant Jesus lay.

So to the lowly place they came
And found the Christ Child there
Mary and Joseph bending low
In ecstasy of prayer.

The wise-men brought their gifts of myrrh,
Frankincense and gold,
And laid them at the Christ child's feet
There in the midnight cold.

The shepherd's gifts were simple ones
But Mary's face was mild;
And rich and poor bowed on their knees
Before the Holy Child.

Daniel A. MacCormack,
Georgetown

SANTA MAKES BIG HIT

Gala Christmas Party Held For Children Of Officers

A gala Christmas party was held at the Armouries yesterday afternoon for children of officers in the Charlottetown Garrison. The Christmas tree and party, sponsored by the Garrison Officers Mess was instituted three years ago and has become a most popular event with the children and their parents.

Procedings got underway shortly after three o'clock with a program of films by Lieut. Al Bredon. Following greetings and words of welcome from the Garrison Commander, Colonel A. W. Rogers, E. D. Santa Claus arrived to entertain and distribute gifts.

Santa, in his usual jovial manner, greeted the children and their parents and before distributing gifts of candy and toys, entertained with selections on his accordion. A huge tree, gaily lighted and decorated, enhanced the stage setting.

Major Malcolm MacKenzie, C. D., president of the Charlottetown Garrison officers Mess, was master of ceremonies and Major O. R. Simons, E. D. was chairman of the committee in charge of general arrangements.

manager for co-ordination of such things as the future problems of space warfare and scientific study.

ASKED TO WAIT

But Thursday deputy defence secretary Donald Quarles was asked about the establishment of the air force astronautics directorate.

Quarles replied:

"We asked them to wait until we have the thing lined up."

What was he going to do about the matter, in view of the fact the directorate is an accomplished fact?

"I don't know that they have (established the directorate), so I have no comment." Quarles replied, then stepped into a plane and headed off for the NATO conference in Paris.

This new evidence of friction in the defence field is expected to be one of the subjects of investigation by the Senate preparedness subcommittee. This group reopens today its hearing on United States progress in missiles and other fields.

AIM AT MOON

There were other developments Thursday in the debate on missiles and their impact on the future:

1. Twenty-seven rocket experts proposed an all-out effort to pioneer in outer space, with a U.S. expedition to the moon as one objective. They urged that $10,000,000,000 be spent on research in the next 10 years.

2. Brig.-Gen. J. A. Barclay, deputy commander of the U.S. Army's ballistic missiles centre at Redstone arsenal in Alabama said larger earth satellites have "tremendous military significance" as intercontinental reconnaissance craft. He indicated their development can be speeded up if the money is available.

Electric Power Begins Flowing From Atomic Energy Plant

By BEN De FOREST

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Electricity produced by atomic energy began flowing Wednesday into commercial power lines serving homes, factories and shops in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Initial output from the Shippingport, Pa., plant of Duquesne Light Company was small—about 5,000 kilowatts — and was described officially as being on a test basis.

After the official start at 12.39 a.m. EST the power output gradually was stepped up. This will be continued until the plant's full 60,000 kilowatt capacity is reached. The Shippingport plant is the first full - scale nuclear power plant in the United States and the first major nuclear power station in the world devoted exclusively to production of electricity for peacetime purposes.

Standing by at the start were engineers and scientists of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission under whose supervision the plant was built; the Westinghouse Electric Corporation which designed, built and installed the atomic reactor; and Duquesne Light, which will operate the plant in conjunction with the AEC.

SEALED TENDERS

Sealed tenders, marked "tenders" will be received by the undersigned until Dec. 26th for transporting of nine pupils from Valley field East to Montague School, said service to be in keeping with provisions of laws of Province, the Highway Traffic Act, and the Public Vehicle Act.

William MacLeod,
Secretary.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

XMAS SPECIAL. To top off your holiday meals, serve piping hot mince pie from the Montague Bakery. Available at Kings County Grocers.

K. C. H. Ladies Hold Meeting

The December meeting of the Kings County Hospital Ladies Auxiliary was held at the nurses residence, Montague, Friday evening with the president Mrs. B. N. Stewart in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the financial report were read by Mrs. E. H. Stewart. Mrs. L. H. Poole reported that curtains had been purchased for the residence, also that bed spreads for the hospital had been brought.

On motion it was decided to buy Christmas treats for the patients and staff at the hospital and Mrs. R. G. MacDonald was appointed convener of this committee to attend to this matter.

The meeting closed with the benediction in unison.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. John Batchilder, engine room crew member of the ferry Charles A. Dunning, has arrived at his home in Georgetown, his ship having been laid up in Pictou, N. S., for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter MacLean motored to Charlottetown on Friday, Dec. 13th.

Mr. Spurgeon Walker, accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Lavers motored to the City on Saturday, Dec. 14th.

Mr. John Walsh, Mr. Allan MacPhee and Mr. J. W. Lavers motored to Charlottetown on Thursday evening, Dec. 12th, where Mr. Lavers attended a meeting of the board of directors of the Prince Edward Island Credit Union League Ltd.

L. A. C. William Murphy Jr., of the R. C. A. F., stationed at Chatham, N. B., motored to Georgetown last week and will spend a two week's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murphy Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker motored to Charlottetown on Friday, Dec. 13th., where they visited their son, Mr. Howard Walker and Mrs. Walker.

Constable Jack Lavers of the R. C. M. P., who is stationed at Saint John, N. B., motored to Georgetown, arriving on Saturday, Dec. 14th., where he will spend the next two weeks as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lavers.

On Saturday Mr. Stewart Hansen, Charles Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hansen motored to Charlottetown.

Mr. Wilfred McQuillan Jr., who is taking a course at the Vocational School in Charlottetown, spent the past weekend as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred McQuillan Sr.

BULB SNATCHERS

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Police said Friday a big Christmas tree in King's Square, erected and decorated by the city for the festive season, was torn down by vandals Thursday night and all but two of the colored light bulbs stolen.

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

Fur dressers and dyers in Montreal and Toronto were back to work last week following a settlement of their wage dispute. The new two-year contract provides for an overall wage increase of about 28 percent, and it was accepted by both management and representatives of the Fur Dressers and Dyers Union. It provides, in addition to an increase in wages, two extra holidays with pay, a 40-hour work week, with 42 hours pay, and a general wage increase up until October 1, 1958, and an additional five cents after that date. The minimum wage scale has also been raised to 90 cents per hour for women and $1.00 for men, with a three-months step-up period, while provisions will be made to build up a pension fund from management contributions equivalent to one percent of payrolls.

The above details of fur workers contract should be interesting to our fur farmers, who will be directly affected by it. Our first thought was that the strikers were probably not entitled to a raise, but on reading it over more carefully, we certainly think that with the high cost of living in Montreal and Toronto, their jobs are still not too enticing.

The first fur sale of the season was held at Stockholm, Sweden, on December 2, when a collection of almost 11,000 pastel minks was 94 percent sold, with prices reported "steady" compared to the previous sale last spring. There was keen interest and good attendance. Some types were down in price, notably Silberblue, that the auction company said were from 10 to 15 percent down compared to the spring sale.

A total of 4,318 pastel males, first quality, were 97 percent sold at an average price of 116 crowns and a high of 137 crowns. A crown is worth about 20 cents in Canadian money. In Silverblue, including Breath of Spring, 51 percent of the 15,208 pelts were sold; the high was 135 crowns (approximately $27.00). White mink and Black Cross were steady to somewhat higher, compared to spring levels, but Palominos and Topaz fell slightly.

H.B.C.

A total of 60,000 ranch mink skins will be offered at Hudson's Bay Company, London, on December 18. Approximately 25,000 standard mink and 35,000 mutation mink will be included.

The Norwegian fox sale, held at Oslo on December 4, drew a large attendance. Better quality goods were in good demand and all types drew higher prices. The collection of 9,000 skins was 94 percent sold, with an average price of $17.20 and a top price of $24.50.

The main buying power was from New York City. An offering of 1,300 silver fox was 65 percent sold, with an average price of $8.70 and a top price of $13.00.

Our ranchers in the Maritimes will wonder when they read the above prices for silver fox, just why the Norwegians keep on breeding them, or for that matter, blue foxes. The reason is that there are hundreds of small ranches in Norway, whose owners are part farmers and part fishermen, and part fox and mink farmers. Even the youngest members of the family help in the work, and the offal from the fish is an important part of fox and mink rations. They can actually produce a fox or mink from one-third to one-half the price that we can in this country, but the quality of the product is not as good and the prices realized are not so high.

STRONG DEMAND

High turnover and a strong demand for principal mink colors highlighted the opening sale of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company (Quebec) Ltd., last Friday. About 80 percent of the 80,000 skins changed hands, consigned by the Canadian Mink Breeders Association.

Clearances in Majestic darks, Autumn Haze, and Argenta ran between 80 and 96 percent. Another feature of the sale was the 5,000-skin offering of Jasmine and regular whites, which sold for a top of $53.50.

Ranchers in the sales room explained that this auction was a barometer and that they would ship their finest lots later in the month. Buying power was well distributed between Canada, Europe and the United States.

WHEAT EXPORTS SLOW

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat showed a small percentage decline in the first three months of the current crop year. The bureau of statistics said Friday Canadian exports in the August-October period totalled 72,500,000 bushels, down from 81,000,000 in the corresponding period a year ago.

ATTENTION

Milk Customers of Montague:—

Again this year we are making two milk deliveries on Tuesday, Dec. 24th. There will be no delivery on Christmas Day. Please put out your bottles for second delivery on Tuesday afternoon.

MONTAGUE DAIRY

WHOLESALE SALES DIP

OTTAWA (CP)—Sales of Canadian wholesalers in October totalled $656,837,000, roughly five per cent lower than last year's corresponding total of $693,946,000, the bureau of statistics reported Friday. January to October sales this year were $6,525,488,000, up two per cent from $6,414,197,000 a year earlier.

U. S. A. F. In Doghouse Over Weapons Research Office

By ELTON C. FAY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Air Force appeared to be in the doghouse Thursday night for proceeding to establish a special space weapons research office before the defence department could set up its own over-all agency.

Tuesday, Lt. - Gen. Donald L. Putt, chief of air force research and development, ordered establishment of a "directorate of astronautics" and named four men to put into operation.

The air force said the purpose is to "organize and manage" its own research into astronautics. It told reporters this did not conflict in any way with the defence department's plan to set up an overall "advance research projects agency" in the form of a single

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