



MISTLETOE IN FRANCE
Leading Airwoman Audrey E. Woodard of Victoria, B.C., gathers mistletoe to decorate the RCAF's 1st Air Division base in Metz, France. A group of airwomen managed to gather enough to decorate all the messes and

the married quarters. Mistletoe grows wild in nearby orchards. (CP Wirephoto from National Defence).

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force plane radiomed from the scene it had seen 100 persons

Major Shipping Disasters Of 20th Century Recalled

NEW YORK (AP) — Major peace-time ship disasters of the 20th century.

Aug. 17, 1963 — 198 persons drowned when a ferry boat was swamped in the east China Sea off Okinawa.

July 11, 1963 — 51 persons were killed when a boat caught fire and sank in the River Plate estuary, 30 miles east of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

April 10, 1963 — Nuclear submarine *Thresher* sank during a diving test 220 miles off Boston with a loss of 120 lives.

Jan. 18, 1962 — 113 persons drowned when a coastal ferry sank in stormy seas 200 miles south of Seoul, Korea.

July 25, 1958 — Italian liner *Andrea Doria* collided with Swedish liner *Stockholm* off Nantucket Island with loss of 51 lives. The *Andrea Doria* sank.

Sept. 28, 1954 — Japanese ferry *Toya Maru* sank off Tsugaru Straits, Japan, with 1,172 persons lost.

Cruise Liner Lakonia Was Former Troop Ship

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The stricken *Lakonia* sailed the seas for 33 years as the Dutch Johan van Oldenbrevell and in the Second World War was converted into a British troop transport.

The 20,314-ton liner was involved in a collision on her maiden voyage in 1950, but from then on her voyages were untroubled until fire struck in the eastern Atlantic Sunday night.

The ship spent nine years carrying Dutch colonialists to and from the Netherlands East Indies.

During the Second World War, she was chartered by the British ministry of shipping and served as a troop transport.

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Services of Worship Are Held At Alberton

ALBERTON — Christmas Sunday morning worship services were held in the Presbyterian and United Churches at Alberton, and in the evening there was worship in St. Peter's Anglican Church.

All churches were beautiful with seasonal decorations and Christmas music was sung.

Donald Ross conducted the Presbyterian service. The theme of his meditation was "What does Christmas mean to you?"

The choir selection was "Christians Sincerely United."

Rev. David MacDonald conducted the United Church service. The theme of his sermon was "Using it all up," the title being borrowed from the book "Magnificent Obsession."

The AYPA of St. Peter's parish conducted service in the Anglican church. The rector is Rev. M.R. Ness. The choir, wearing new robes, sang two selections, "Was in the Mood of Winter-Time" and "Unto Us a Boy Is Born."

At the United Church, Bibles presented by Mrs. John C. DeMille of Newton Centre, Mass., in memory of Miss Enid MacArthur were dedicated. The presentation was made by Miss Eleanor Johnston on behalf of Mrs. DeMille.

MIDNIGHT MASS
At the Sacred Heart Church there will be midnight mass the evening. There will be carol singing by the choir before midnight and during the mass there

Throughout the day, the rescue ships plowed through the disaster area hauling in survivors and tending them in hastily improvised sick bays. The largest group to be rescued was 500 people reported taken aboard the 5,600-ton Argentine *Salta*.

The Montserrat picked up 150 people and set sail for Casablanca, 500 miles to the southeast.

The Belgian vessel *Charleval*, Dec. 19 on an "away-from-the-winter" cruise scheduled to take in Madeira, and Tenerife and Las Palmas in the Canary Islands before returning home via La Havre on the north French coast.

Reports said that when the fire broke out, few of the passengers had gone to bed. Many were either dancing or strolling around the promenade deck.

What caused the fire was not immediately known.

The *Lakonia* had been insured for \$3,000,000 a spokesman for the company said.

The *Lakonia*, owned by the General Steamship Company of Greece, was a converted British troopship in the Second World War. As the Dutch ship Johan van Oldenbrevell, she landed allied soldiers in the strike at Sicily. She was refitted early this year by her new owners.



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Backing Case Is Dismissed

A charge of backing up a motor vehicle when such a move could not be made in safety was dismissed against Martin Jorgensen, Fredericton, by Magistrate James E. Johnston, QC in Queens County magistrate's court yesterday.

will be congregational singing of Christmas hymns.

Christmas Sunday in Alberton concluded with a community carol sing in the United Church hall. Six communions were presented in the large gathering.

The accompanists were Mrs. Kenneth Crockett, organist, and Mrs. E.E. Larier, pianist.

Mrs. Sandra Brennan rendered two vocal solos, "O Holy Night" and "Deck The Halls."

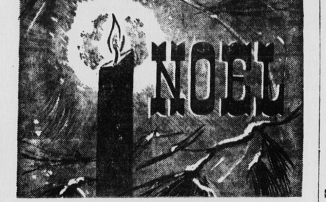
Cyril and Roy Leard and Alvin Ashley sang "Silent Night" and during the reading of the Christmas story from the gospel of St. Luke by Rev. David MacDonald the assembly hummed the tune of this well loved carol.

Incinerator Ready In Jan.

Expected to be completed by Jan. 15 the city's new "teepee" incinerator has reached approximately one-third of its height.

City Engineer Norman Stewart said yesterday that the incinerator in prefabricated ten-foot wide steel sheets.

With its completion, and



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inauguration of the new city compulsory garbage collection, will come the end of the old city dump, long an eyesore. It is expected the provincial government, which owns the site of the dump, will make an early start on filling it with clay.

Work on the teepee has stopped temporarily to permit the contract workers from Nova Scotia to spend the Christmas a holiday in their homes.

Geo'town School Holds Party

GEORGETOWN — The pupils of Georgetown High School held their Christmas party in the school Saturday morning. The storm of last week had forced re-scheduling of the event from Friday.

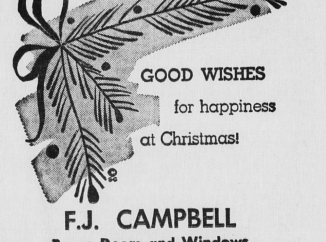
The school rooms were appropriately decorated and Christmas trees were in abundance and tastefully trimmed to add to the occasion.

Santa Claus was in attendance



Good Wishes to All!
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