

OUR NEWS BUDGET FOR OUR SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

MONDAY

27 RECRUITS JOIN NAVY - Twenty-seven new recruits have joined the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps...

A Covehead carpenter, James Birt, 73, who was working in Charlottetown...

Mr. Birt, who was employed on the construction of a new rink in Parkdale was returning to the home of his daughter when he collapsed...

He had been working in Charlottetown for some time and was boarding with his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Doucette, Parkdale.

He is survived by four sons and four daughters. The sons are Utley Birt, Parkdale; Seymour, Harry and Art Birt, Covehead.

The daughters include Avis, Mrs. Thomas Barron, Charlottetown; Stella, Mrs. Raymond Doucette, Parkdale; Ruth, Mrs. Brinsley Smith, East Royal and Grace, Mrs. Leonard Ford, Oyster Bed Ridge.

Gary Neelsen, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Neelsen, Charlottetown is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital suffering from a broken leg and other injuries he received when struck by a car on Saturday afternoon.

The accident was one of eight which occurred in the City on Saturday. The other seven accidents were of minor nature.

Gary was hit by a car driven by a Souris man as the young lad along with two companions were crossing the St. Peter's Road, near the jail. In addition to receiving a broken leg he suffered multiple bruises about the face and head.

Poor Driving Conditions - The majority of Saturday's accidents were blamed on poor driving conditions. Five occurred at intersections while the remaining two involved parked cars.

The first took place at the Royal Bank Corner when a car backing out of a parking space struck a car travelling north on Queen. Time of accident was 10:40 Saturday morning.

Shortly after noon two cars collided at the corner of Hillsboro and Kent. About an hour later two more cars collided at the corners of Queen and Euston Streets. At 1:40 in the evening a car travelling west on Passmore Street was in a collision with an auto proceeding south on Queen. Slight damage was incurred in all accidents.

Another accident involving two cars took place at the corner of Kent and Pownall Streets. One car proceeding north on Pownall received slight damage to the front left fender and running board. Time of the accident was 8:10 P. M.

A little over two hours later two more cars collided at the intersection of Prince and Grafton Streets. The car travelling east on Grafton suffered a broken front fender, running board, and bent axle. The driver of the other car, an out of town resident, was taken into custody on a charge of drunk driving.

The eighth accident of the day occurred at 8:16 Saturday night when a car proceeding north on Elm Avenue collided with a parked auto. The right hand side of the parked car was slightly damaged.

TUESDAY

Marked increase in offerings, membership and congregational interest was noted at the annual meeting of St. James Church which was held in the Kirk Hall last evening.

The meeting opened with a short devotional service conducted by the minister the Rev. T. H. B. Somers, M.A., S.T.M., after which Dr. Harold Shaw was appointed chairman and Mr. Reginald MacLean, Secretary.

Satisfaction was expressed at the complete renovation of the Kirk Hall, and warmest thanks tendered to the committee on renovation which had put the building in such magnificent condition. This had been done without encroachment upon the regular funds of the church which in fact had shown a marked increase in both local management and missionary offerings.

PARTIAL BLACK-OUT - A considerable area of the City was in total darkness for about two hours last evening due to an unavoidable disruption of power lines near the Irwin Printing Co. on Richmond Street about 7:35. Wind-blown trees in that area interfered with the main and street light circuits causing a "short" which burned off the wires and cut off light and power supplying private residences and the City street lights on what is known as the Queen Street circuit. Emergency crews of the Maritime Electric Co., however, had the damage repaired and the circuits back on.

A unanimous call was extended last night to Rev. John Irwin to be associate minister of Trinity United Church here. The call was extended at a special meeting of the Official Board of Trinity

WEDNESDAY

Twelve new branches of the Women's Institutes were organized in Prince Edward Island during the past year; three have been reorganized and none have been discontinued, reported Miss Mary H. Robin, W.I. supervisor, at the Agricultural Conference yesterday.

She reported a year "of broadening activity in many fields of our work." At home many Institutes have helped to improve their schools until now only sixty-six of the 550 rural schools remain without new or renovated buildings.

The Institutes have cooperated with sixteen service or welfare organizations at the Provincial level and have made monetary contributions to eleven Health and Welfare organizations and two cultural organizations. In all twenty-two organizations have received cooperation. "Many welfare organizations have come to look upon the Women's Institutes as a Community Chest."

A detailed report of activities outside the Province was also given.

Excellent reports of progress in Girl Guiding were given at the Provincial Executive meeting of the Canadian Girl Guides which was held at the home of Mrs. G. E. Hartlen on Saturday afternoon with the Provincial Commissioning, Mrs. Gordon Hutchison presiding.

The reports were read by Mrs. Whiteside, Secretary, after which a financial report was given by Mrs. Fred Pickard, Treasurer.

Girl Guide cookies having been received from Marvin's, Mrs. D. MacGuire, chairman of the Finance Committee, told those present of the price quoted for the cookies and also outlined the results of the provincial Cookie Day.

After considerable discussion it was decided that this year the Provincial Executive will again sponsor a Raisin Day rather than a Cookie Day.

Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, Provincial Camp Adviser, reported that the Girl Scouts of America are again requesting two Canadian Camp Counsellors to go to the United States for six weeks next summer where they will assist at Girl Scout Camps. The name of a qualified P. E. I. Guide and Campers is to be submitted for consideration.

Professor George Rathby of the Ontario Agricultural College was selected yesterday as judge of the Jersey cattle competitions at the Provincial exhibition next August. His selection was made at the annual meeting of the P. E. I. Jersey Breeders Association held in the Department of Agriculture offices.

Two American men were named as alternate judges. They are Messrs. Dale Dean of Meadow Ridge, Michigan and Wallace MacMonnies of New Jersey.

The Jersey breeders will also ask Professor Rathby to classify their cattle. Professor Rathby judged the Holsteins and Jerseys at the Provincial Exhibition last year.

The Island Association will forward an invitation to the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club to hold one of their annual meetings here in the next year or two.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Jersey Breeders has never been held east of Montreal, it was stated. Their annual meeting is usually held during the latter part of February.

Mr. George MacMillan of Cornwall was re-elected president of the Association. Vice president is Mr. Fred Coles, Milton and Dr. J. P. Lantz is secretary treasurer.

County directors are: Messrs. Miller Henderson and William Clarke, Wiltshire, for Queens; Ernest Underhay, Bay Fortune for Kings; and Edwin Lord, Bedoune, for Prince.

A statement, signed by the prisoner, and made on the day of his arrest, December 5, was introduced in evidence at the trial of William Weeks yesterday. The prisoner is facing a charge of murder as a result of the death of James Mullins on December 4.

The following is a copy of the statement as read yesterday before Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy and the jury:

"Charlottetown, P. E. I., December 5, 1950. "Statement of William Weeks, "I live at 82 Gerald Street. I am married and have two children. I am a labouring man; am 41 years old.

"Before making the following statement, I have been warned by the Chief of Police and I understand the warning.

"Yesterday me and the wife left home. I was supposed to report to the unemployment office at 9:30 in the morning. I got there at ten past ten. We left there. She went over to the vendors and got a bottle of wine. We went home and drank it. I told her I had to go to work in the afternoon; right back in there at Bevans, back of Bevans. I went in town and was with fellows here and there. I did not go to work. I was drinking.

"After dark I met a French fellow with a blue suit and a blue felt hat, between the Colonial building and the Post Office. He gave me some drink. This was after dark. We came right up Queen Street. We went north on Douglas Street; turned up Douglas Street towards Elm Avenue. He dropped me at a sudden and said, 'I'm going in here.' I said, in my own mind, 'That is Mr. Mullins' place. I stood in the gangway between Dan Malone's and Mr. Mullins'; right by the fence. This fellow must have gone in Mr. Mullins' back door. I never heard no breaking or anything. He came out on about five or ten minutes, and he came up the street like I fixed him or something like that. I left him on Elm Avenue and went home and told my wife 'I think something happened to Jim Mullins'.

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THURSDAY

The fiscal year of the Prince Edward Hospital was changed from March 31 to December 31 by passing an amendment to the Hospital by-laws at a special general meeting of the Hospital Corporation held in the Library of the Nursing School last night.

The annual meeting was advanced from the month of May to February and the date of the retirement of the retiring trustees was advanced to February meetings. The annual meeting this year will be held on February 22 in a classroom of the Nursing School.

At the January meeting of the Trustee Board of the Protestant Orphanage held on Tuesday, the 16th, Mrs. H. S. Henderson presented the Financial Report for the Year 1950.

This was her 24th consecutive report and it was a very comprehensive one, covering all phases of Orphanage Finances.

Total Maintenance Receipts reached an all-time high of \$20,000.48, while \$7,569.89 was received from Estates and placed in the Endowment Fund.

Before presenting her report, Mrs. Henderson expressed gratitude for the way the Orphanage work had been blessed; gratitude too, to the ever-generous people of our Island Province and the many outstanding workers who give freely of their time and energy.

Mr. W. A. Stewart, owing to illness, was unable to be present as Chairman, and Mrs. Henderson, Vice-Chairman, presided.

A fitting tribute was paid to the late Mr. Heath Strong, K. C., of Summerside, who had passed away since the last meeting of the board, by all standing and observing a prayerful silence in his memory. He had for many years been a faithful and valued member of the trustee board.

Mrs. Claire Weeks, 31-year-old wife of William Weeks, on trial in the Supreme Court in Charlottetown on a charge of murder in connection with the death of James Mullins, testified on her husband's behalf yesterday afternoon.

The Court was adjourned by Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy until 10 o'clock this morning, and it is thought the trial which has continued some time this afternoon.

Mr. R. R. Bell, K.C., counsel for the defence, has at least one more witness to present this morning, and if he should bring in a second, it is expected it will be the prisoner who has not been heard to date.

Mrs. Weeks in her evidence testified that she had been married fifteen years and had two daughters, Eileen, 14, and Wilma, 11. After telling of the work her husband had done during the first years of their marriage, she said they had bought a home on Douglas Street for \$800, and after living in it for some years had sold it for \$2,800 in August 1950. It was mortgaged at that time. They then bought a house on Gerald Street for \$1,650 cash.

Just previous to December 4 her husband had been unemployed and had been working around their new house.

The urgent need of a portable generating lighting plant, a new fire alarm system and a life net was strongly emphasized last night at a largely attended annual meeting of the City Fire Department. The meeting was held in the City Hall with Fire Chief H. H. Jewell presiding.

Fire Chief Jewell called attention to the fact that the doors of the fire station should be wider and should open upwards. Other necessary requirements suggested were racks on the Bickle to carry rubber boots and a new pump to replace the LaFrance pumper which is now over 20 years old.

The firemen were unanimous in urging that a portable generating plant with a large spotlight be provided so that they could safely place their ladders at night fires.

Captain W. R. Connolly of the Hook and Ladder Company stated that firemen were in danger of losing their lives at night fires under conditions where no lighting facilities were available and where they had to deal with overhead wires carrying high voltage.

The need for a new alarm system was stressed by Captain G. W. Stewart, who suggested that the present fire bell should be replaced with an air horn. "Too much confusion is caused by ringing the fire bell for purposes other than fires such as the nine o'clock curfew and funerals," he said.

Captains Connolly and Stewart both requested that a life net be provided. "If a life net costs \$800 and saves only one life it will have paid for itself many times over," stated Captain Connolly.

ADVISE

The second in the current series of Prince of Wales College concerts was given in the College auditorium last night, the recitalist being Miss Margaret Ann Ireland, brilliant young Canadian pianist, who is a native of Winnipeg.

Only twenty-three years of age, Miss Ireland plays with ripe maturity and with a grace and spontaneity which made her extremely difficult programme seem easy of accomplishment. Certainly it was a most enjoyable and refreshing performance, judged from every standpoint.

SHIP IN FORT - A Panamanian ship the Oddvill II arrived at the Railway Wharf yesterday morning with 2,800 tons of fertilizer in her hold for the Island Fertilizer Company. She called at Halifax on her way here from Baltimore to unload 200 tons of fertilizer after springing a slight deck leak. Her arrival in port yesterday marks a late date in the season for a cargo vessel to enter the harbour with nearly a full cargo to be unloaded. Oil tankers usually run late in the season and an Irving Oil Company tanker is expected in here on Saturday.

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In making the survey the fieldmen went throughout the Province and selected from the seeders in the field samples of grain. An accurate record was made and these samples were subsequently tested.

In the 93 mixed grain samples there seemed to be a very much better quality of grain, which would perhaps indicate that the man who sows mixed feed is taking greater care of his grains for livestock feeding.

A former Prince Edward Island man, Mr. Lawrence J. MacDonald of Montreal was found dead in his bed at the Admiral Beatty Hotel, Saint John, New Brunswick, yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald was a native of Little Pond but had lived in Montreal for the past eighteen or twenty years. Prior to living in Montreal he had resided for a time at Moncton.

He represented the Perrin Glove Company in the Maritime Provinces and was well and favourably known here, especially by the retail merchants. He was in Charlottetown on business about the middle of November last year.

He is survived by a son, Lawrence J. MacDonald Jr., who represents some commercial lines in the Maritime. A daughter, Louise, predeceased him about a year ago.

The potato market in United States points is still picking up although the improvement in prices has only been moderate, reports Mr. W. K. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Seed demand has improved. Over 41 million bushels of potatoes have been shipped under price support in the United States as compared with 15 million bushels at the same date last year.

Some attempts have been made to establish alcohol plants for the disposal of surpluses in the United States and possibly some success may be achieved in this respect. The chief outlet for Maine potatoes is still the dump pile although there is some little improvement at Support or even less.

The support price for Maine for January is \$1.70 sacked and loaded. Seed demand in Maine, particularly for Cobblers which are not plentiful, is fairly active. In Long Island, Pennsylvania, and New York the market has strengthened. Supplies, however, from adjacent territory, still continue to dominate southern markets.

The death occurred in this City last evening of Mrs. Henrietta Seaman Ryan, wife of George S. Ryan, retired C.N.R. conductor. She had been in poor health for the past two years, but it was felt that perhaps there was a chance for recovery, but such was not the case. She bore her long illness with patience and the end came suddenly and without pain.

Born at Ellerslie, P. E. Island she came to Charlottetown in 1906 to train for a nurse in the P. E. Island Hospital where she graduated in 1909, and for short periods had been relieving matron. After this she did professional nursing for some years until 1917

BIRTHS

LIDSTONE - At Hamilton, Ont. January 15th, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lidstone, (nee Mary Wood) a daughter.

MURPHY - At the Prince County Hospital on January 14th to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Summerside, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, 9 lbs, 2 ozs.

MANN - At the Prince County Hospital on January 14th, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Mann, Irish-town, a son.

BOSWELL - At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on January 12, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boswell, (nee Laura Johnston), French Fort, a son.

GALLANT - At the Charlottetown Hospital on Jan. 16, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gallant, a daughter, weight 6 lbs.

MACDONALD - At the Prince County Hospital, January 5th, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Keir MacDonald, a daughter.

MATTHEWS - At the Prince County Hospital, on January 12th, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Matthews, Baltic, a son, Garth Edgar.

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ARMSTRONG - At the P. E. I. Hospital on January 15, 1951, to the Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Armstrong of Crapaud, (nee Carol Fraser, Wolfville, N. S.), a son, Paul Fraser.

DARRACH - At the P. E. I. Island Hospital, Jan. 13, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Darrach, East Royalty, a son, Malcolm Stewart.

CARROLL - At the City Hospital, January 17, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carroll, St. Peter's Road, a son, Timothy, weight 7 lbs, 6 oz.

HORNE - At the P. E. I. Hospital, January 10th, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Horne, Sherwood, a son, 7 lbs. 4 ozs.

SMITH - At the P. E. I. Hospital on January 13th, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith Jr., Hunter River, P. E. I., a son, weight 8 lbs. 1 oz.

MARRIAGES

STYMEIST-LECCO - At 10 Laphorn Ave., Charlottetown, on Monday, January 15th, 1951, by Rev. J. H. Bishop, Maimie Helen Lecco of Glen William to Cecil Thomas Szymeist of Murray River.

BOURKE - MACGREGOR - In Wychwood Presbyterian Church, Toronto, by the Rev. A. A. Lowther, January 6th, 1951, Eleanor

DEATHS

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STARTS TO WORK IN 2 SECONDS

ASPIRIN RELIEVES COLDS FEEL BETTER FAST!

MacKENZIE - The death occurred at her home on Notre Dame Street Summerside, on January 18, 1951, of Miss Viola MacKenzie.

FLOOD - Suddenly in St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal, on Wednesday, Jan. 17, Marlon Flood, formerly of South Melville, P. E. I., aged 32 years.

NORWICH, England - (CP) - During the past two months 14,000 birds have been destroyed by fowl pest on Norfolk poultry farms.

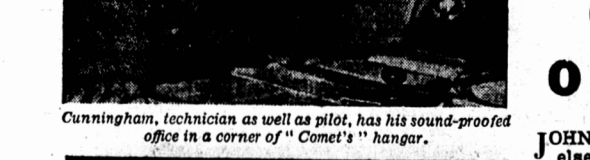
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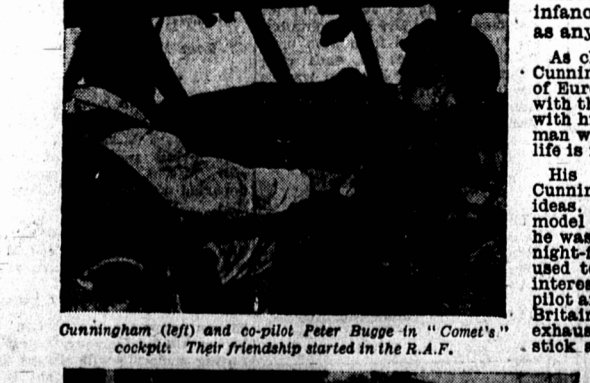
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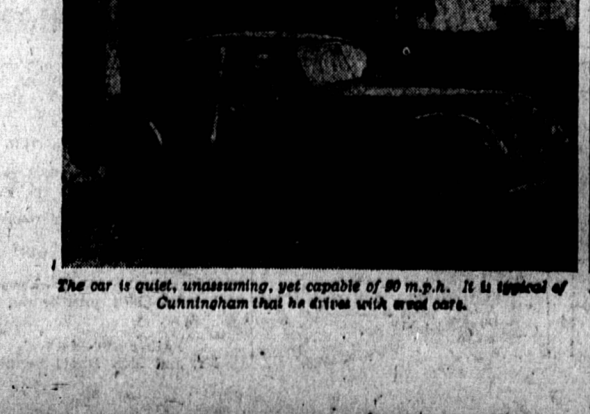
Cunningham, technician as well as pilot, has his sound-proofed office in a corner of "Comet's" hangar.



Cunningham (left) and co-pilot Peter Bugge in "Comet's" cockpit: Their friendship started in the R.A.F.



The car is quiet, unassuming, yet capable of 80 m.p.h. It is typical of Cunningham that he drives with great care.



At the local run they recall when Cunningham was late for his evening meal. That day he lunched in Rome.

CUNNINGHAM OF THE "COMET" JOHN CUNNINGHAM has flown higher than anyone else and faster than most; but in other respects he has succeeded in keeping both feet firmly on the ground. This quiet, very eligible bachelor of thirty-two, who has nursed the world's first open-jet airliner through its infancy, has as little of the prima donna in his make-up as any really successful person alive. As chief test pilot of the de Havilland Aircraft Company, Cunningham has skitted out most of the international records of Europe while engaged in perfectly normal proving flights with the "Comet." He lives in a cottage in Harpenden (Herts) with his widowed mother and is known to his neighbours as a man who is very seldom at home. That is because his whole life is flying. His fresh complexion and alert blue eyes give John Cunningham the appearance of a young farmer with modern ideas. At school he was the youth more interested in building model aircraft than in practising at the cricket nets. At 21 he was already a test pilot and during the war he became a night-fighting ace flying one of the first radar-equipped aircraft used to intercept the Luftwaffe. Even then he showed the interest in detail which makes the difference between a good pilot and a good test pilot. He found time during the Battle of Britain to note on his knee-pad comments on the visibility of exhaust flames from German bombers. Then he drew back his stick and shot the bombers down.