

First Winner of V. C. All But Forgotten In 100 Years Since Incident Occurred

(By Ronald MacLurkin)
 LONDON. (Reuters)—A Russian shell skidded on to the deck of the British warship Hecla. Seconds before the explosion, a 20-year-old Irish mate dashed forward, gripped the live shell and tossed it overboard into the Baltic sea.
 The shell exploded in the water. Almost before the spray had settled, the youth, Charles David Lucas, was promoted to lieutenant.
 Later Lucas became the first man to receive the Victoria Cross. The incident occurred 100 years ago Monday when a Russian shore battery fired on the Hecla in the first year of the Crimean war.
 Since then, 1,347 men have won the V. C.

MEDAL FOR MERIT

A London Times war correspondent's dispatch from Crimea suggested that Queen Victoria institute a new high reward for heroism to honor Lucas. The idea was approved by the Queen who wanted a medal free from any conditions other than merit.
 Lucas received a tumultuous welcome upon his return to London where he received the V. C. from the Queen. Before his death three days after the outbreak of the First World War, he had risen to the rank of rear-admiral.
 Today, his name is almost forgotten. His grave in the village churchyard at Mereworth, Kent, is unmarked. There were no official celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of Lucas' feat.
 A government spokesman explained: "The Victoria Cross and all it stands for hardly needs emphasizing."

RUSSIAN GUNS

All 1,347 bronze crosses, surmounted by a lion and inscribed simply "For Valor", have been cast from Russian guns seized in

the siege of Sevastopol during the Crimean war.
 It has been awarded regardless of race, color, religion or rank to 329 members of the Commonwealth as well as Britons. Among the recipients have been a sewage specialist, a poet, a street cleaner and a newsboy.
 Three men have won the V. C. twice. The youngest winner was 16-year-old apprentice seaman John Cornwall. He stood by his gun for orders in the First World War battle of Jutland even though he was mortally wounded and the rest of his gun crew dead.
 The latest V. C. award went to Lieut. Philip Curtis, fourth V. C. of the Korean war, who died after a single-handed grenade battle with Chinese Communists in the 1951 India river fighting.
 Canadians have won the V. C. 79 times. Australians 87. Indians 111. South Africans 28 and New Zealanders 21.

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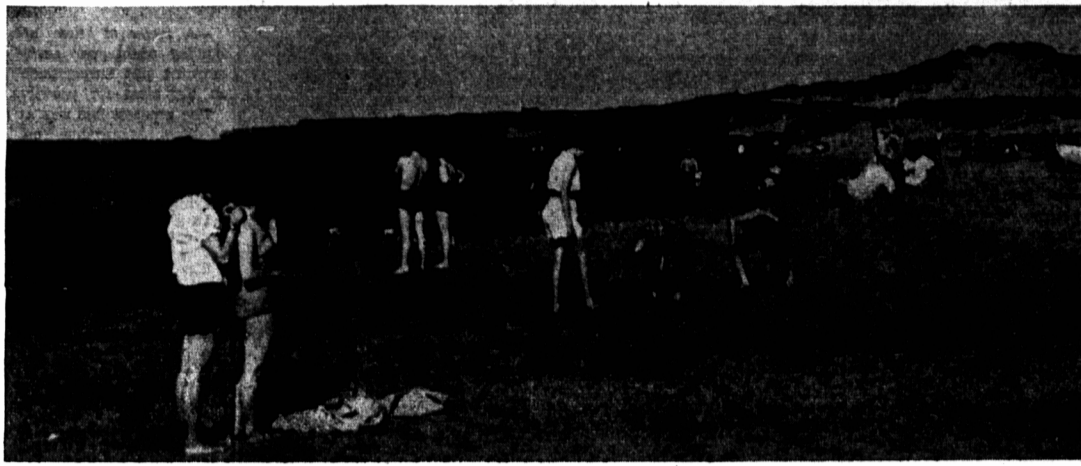
Veteran Senator From N. B. Dies Of Heart Attack

DORCHESTER, N.B. (CP)—Senator R. Emmerson, 70-year-old veteran Liberal party campaigner, died at his home here Monday only moments after finishing breakfast.
 His doctor said the Dorchester native died from a heart attack. He had been in apparent good health and attended a funeral Sunday.
 Senator Emmerson's death left the standing in the House at Liberals 77, Progressive Conservatives 7, and vacancies 18 for a total of 102.
 The funeral will be from the family house here Thursday at 2:30 p.m.
 Senator Emmerson was a First World War veteran who served as a captain with the 219th battalion. He worked for a time as a salesman following his return to Canada from overseas.
 WON IN 1935
 The senator stood for election to the House of Commons in the 1926 general election but was defeated. He lost again in 1930.
 However, he gained his seat in 1935 and was returned successively in the general elections of 1940 and 1945.
 He was appointed to the Senate June 25, 1949.
 Survivors include his widow, the former Faulein Price of Parrsboro, N.S., seven daughters and three sons.
 They include Mrs. Alan Bishop and Faulein, both of Dorchester; Mrs. Donald Chapman, Ottawa; Mrs. Stanley McBride, Toronto; Mrs. Edward A. Neve, Shawinigan Falls, Que.; Mrs. Keith Dobson, Bathurst, N.B.; and Marion Emmerson, now in Labrador.
 Charles Emmerson, Dorchester; Dr. Richard E. Emmerson, Detroit; and John Emmerson, Moncton.

POPULAR CRAFT

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Island Summer Arrives On Schedule



A fine, warm week end heralded the beginning of summer. Swimming, sun bathing and picnicking were the order of the day at Cavendish Beach (above) as well as at all the

other beaches in the National Park. Mingling with the crowds gathered there were many visitors from other provinces and the States.
 (Photo by Margaret Mallett)

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur
 Did you know that the Incas ate a wonder food, with all the food elements necessary for perfect health long before the days of Pizzaro?
 The food and agricultural administration of the United Nations has rediscovered this perfect food called "quinua" 12,000 feet above sea level.
 The bean-shaped pods of this plant are now being turned out experimentally in the shape of corn flakes.
 The wonder food has one drawback. It tastes like soap, which is a pity for you see Quinua doesn't mind Jack Frost, doesn't require rain, and lives and produces in the poorest soils.
 A resident of Prince County, aged 80, sent me the following ghost story which he claimed actually happened.
 Many years ago, Charles Gallant, 20, was head over heels in love with a beautiful blonde named Madelyn. The only thing that separated the pair from becoming man and wife was the almighty dollar, but finally Gallant had the shekel.
 A few days before the date set for their wedding Charles and Madelyn attended a country dance. There the girl met a city slicker and eloped with him that same night.
 Heartbroken over this sudden and altogether unexpected turn of events Gallant penned a brief note, left it on the kitchen table of his home and then blew out his brains with a shot gun. The note read: "This is not the end of me. I will haunt you fool lovers all the

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SALE

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Miller, Effingham, Ill., have been wedded 33 years, have 3 sons, 3 married daughters, 3 single daughters, 3 grandsons, 3 granddaughters, 3 nephews, 3 nieces, 3 great-nephews, 3 brothers, 3 brothers-in-law and 3 sons-in-law.
 How would you like it in No Place. Folks who live at No Place, England, say there is no place like No Place. No Place (population 250) has four blocks of brick homes, one pub and one store when Durham county left it out of their development plans, the people got together and led by their Vicar, Rev. Ronald Halsead, launched their own housing campaign because they would rather live in No Place than any place.
 If you wear store teeth don't despair. You'll soon be able to keep 'em in their proper place with little magnets, says Dr. Bruno Klie-

There are four magnets, measuring about 1-4 by 1 inch. They are concealed in the back teeth, two in the uppers and two in the lowers. The devices were developed by an electric company and are arranged to prevent plates from slipping.

What one might call the vengeful tree was cut down last year at Springvale, Maine, for in falling it cut a 38,000-volt power line which in turn electrified a wire fence which started a huge grass fire. Electric power in four towns was dead for 45 minutes and fire departments from three of the towns fought the fire for two hours.
 All same. Joe Plateau and Jean Vaillant were married on the same day in 1931 and their wives gave birth to boys on the same day in 1933. In 1933 the sons were inducted into the army and drafted into the same regiment which their

Currie Report Back In Commons Debate Yesterday

OTTAWA — (CP) — The Currie report galloped into the Commons again Monday.
 "The horses were on the payroll," Opposition Leader Drew said, thumping his desk for emphasis.
 Heatedly, Defence Minister Claxton said the opposition continued to repeat this though the prime minister had dealt effectively with it during the last session of Parliament.
 "That statement is directly contrary to the Currie report," Mr. Drew said. The prime minister had skirted around the question.
 "The horses were on the payroll," the Progressive Conservative leader repeated. "And there were the hobby horses, the stolen siding, the fraudulent invoices and the general fishpond."
 Mr. Drew was referring to the 1932 report of George S. Currie, Montreal accountant, which disclosed irregularities in the army works services. It was the subject of heated controversy in the defence expenditures committee and the Commons at the last session.
 Mr. Drew's comments brought loud protests from the Liberal benches, which the opposition leader referred to as "tawdry objections."
 Mr. Drew said that if there were no horses on the payroll at Camp Petawawa, Ont., then Mr. Claxton should say he doesn't believe Mr. Currie.
 The opposition leader recalled that the Progressive Conservatives had argued for inquiries into other branches of the defence department.
 Tremendous savings could be made by inquiring similar to the Currie report, he said.

Richmond W. I. held their June meeting at the home of Mrs. Herbert McQuaid on June 16, with nine members answering the roll call with a gardening hint.
 It was decided to hold another card party to raise funds for the school and Mrs. Hudson Ramsay offered her home for the occasion and the other members are to supply prizes, lunch, etc.
 A lovely lunch was served by Mrs. McQuaid, assisted by Mrs. Guss Perry. A vote of thanks was extended the hostess and Mrs. Elizabeth Bolger invited the ladies to her home for the July meeting.

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Deeds had entered on the same day in 1926.
 In England Mrs. Gene Crump decided to take her three children and make a surprise visit to their father in Toronto. When they arrived they were amazed to discover that Mr. Crump had gone to England to surprise them.
 One Sunday morning in December of 1933, the Rev. H. J. Kkyn-music, began reading from the New Testament when suddenly the organ gave out a note though nobody was seated at it.
 The congregation described the sound as quite clear, ringing throughout the St. John's Anglican Cathedral. Then other notes came from the organ and continued for several minutes. There was no organist that day.
 Organ experts later explained that high winds outside the church were responsible for the music. Yet strange but true, the organ was found to be shut off completely. All the valves were closed.

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