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J. S. TAYLOR, Optometrist, will be in Alberton Office this Saturday, January 2nd.
SPECIAL SKATE Bedeque rink New Year's night 8.00 to 10.00. Admission 35 cents.
NORTH TRIN Presbyterian Church, service Jan. 3rd, 11 a.m. church school 12.15. Miss Mary A. McKenzie, deaconess.

TRIN BAPTIST PASTORATE - Services for Sunday, January 3rd. Bonshaw 11.00 A.M. Westmoreland 3.00 P.M. Tron 7.30 P.M. Communion. Rev. Ernest J. Barras, Minister. All welcome.

O'LEARY UNITED CHURCH CHARGE - Rev. R. Wagner Minister. Bloomfield, Church 11.00 A.M. Brae, Church 2.30 P.M. O'Leary, Sunday School 10.30 A.M. Church 7.30 P.M. Fellowship Service.

THE MARGATE PASTORAL CHARGE of the United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, January 3rd. Long River 11 A.M. New London 3 P.M. and Margate 7.30 P.M. Rev. S. H. Haslam, Minister.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Services for Jan. 3rd, the Second Sunday after Christmas, in the New London Parish, Rev. Rev. Eric Ingraham, St. Thomas' French River, Holy Communion 11 a.m.; St. Stephen's, Burlington, Evening Prayer 2.30; St. Mark's, Kensington, Sunday School and Bible Class 6.30, and Evening Prayer at 7.30. Everybody welcome.

PERSONAL
Miss Kristine Huestis, Moncton N.B., spent the Christmas holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Huestis, North Carleton.

House Robber Steals \$200

An unknown man, late Monday evening walked into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bishop on Russell Street and stole about \$200 after frightening Anne Dystant, about 20 years of age, who ran up stairs to where her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, were sleeping.

It is reported that the girl was alone in the downstairs part of the house about 11.30 P.M. when the door opened and a man walked in with his hat pulled down over his face so as to conceal his identity. The girl was very alarmed by the intruder and ran up stairs to awaken Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

The intruder was heard to leave shortly after, and on coming down stairs Mrs. Bishop discovered her pocket book containing the money was missing from where it had been hidden in the downstairs section of the house where the intruder had been.

Canada In 1953

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man in senate to move address in reply to throne speech. Senator Muriel M. Ferguson, New Brunswick Liberal, is seconder. - Defence Minister Claxton announces armed services pay increases, effective Dec. 1.
21: Donald C. MacDonald, 39, national CCF organizer, elected at Toronto convention as Ontario CCF leader to succeed E. E. Joliffe, resigned. - Tram and bus workers in Montreal launch strike which ends in 24 hours.
22: Twelve Canadian rubber companies and Rubber Association of Canada fined 16-thousand-dollar each for conspiring to lessen competition and fix prices in tires, tubes and footwear.
23: BOAC Strato-cruiser, carrying Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to Bermuda, lands at Gander, Newfoundland, for refuelling. - External Affairs Minister Pearson says in New York that Igor Gouzenko refuses to go to United States to be interviewed by Senate subcommittee on Soviet spy activities.
24: Canadian Bankers Association announces at Montreal increase in bank interest from 1-1/2 to two per cent.

World Dates
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ears U. S. State Secretary Dulles warn that U. S. would have to consider revising basic policy if European army including Germany is not formed soon.
17 - Russian government announced Beria confessed to trait-

Group Captain Kenyon Reviews Year's Events

In a New Year's message extended to the people of Summerside and the surrounding vicinity, Group Captain A. G. Kenyon, (right), officer commanding R. C. A. F. Station, Summerside said. "The past year at R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, has been a more than usually eventful one. Once again it has changed function. This is the fourth such change during the history of the station which was a flying training school in 1941 and a general reconnaissance school in 1942, an air navigation school in 1947 and has now undergone another change to become a Maritime air command operational training unit. I am very glad to say that the position of the station is once more stable. Perhaps one of the most notable changes during this festive season is the lack of students from the various NATO countries with their different uniforms and intriguing accents. But I can assure that although they will be missed in our homes this year, they are being well looked after.



S'ide Town Council Holds Adjourned Meeting

A letter from the Summerside Community Planning Association read at the adjourned meeting of the Summerside Town Council last night. The letter recommended the installation of two way radio communication system linking the town police patrol with the police office. Council members expressed agreement with the suggestion and thought that the need of such communication was also evident in the municipally owned electric light company trucks engaged in maintenance work on rural lines.

Another letter from the Amalgamated Dairies requested that Noonan Street be paved. Noonan Street is a short street leading off Water St. East, and in addition to several private homes, also carries the traffic leading to Amalgamated Dairies, Polar Quik Freeze plant, and Jenkins Cannery.

A resolution passed by the council approved the appointment of Raymond MacKinnon as line and equipment supervisor and assistant to the chief engineer. Last night's meeting was held primarily to dispose of bills which were required to be passed before the books ending the fiscal year could be closed. These bills had been received since the last regular meeting.

Early in the year arrangements were completed with the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys for a geological survey of the Province. This survey will continue for the next two or three years. Dr. V. K. Prest has just completed the first season's work. It is not expected a report will be made until completion of the survey.

Swine Industry

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Ontario. Bred sows have been sold to these areas and to breeders in Alberta. A significant feature of these sales is that many leading breeders and exhibitors in Quebec and Ontario have purchased Island stock.

At the leading show in Quebec, Yorkshires from Island stock captured the bulk of the bacon classes and made a strong showing in the breeding sections. The most outstanding recognition of the merit of P. E. Island Yorkshires has been the recent sale of a number of young boars and gilts to the Beltsville Research Institute in Maryland, U.S.A. This is one of the largest live stock breeding experimental stations in America.

During the past year as usual our trade representative has given his services cheerfully where requested. The volume of exports from the Province has been well maintained. Potatoes and turnips, our principal cash crops, have been low in price and the price for beef might account for a further reduction in our gross income but volume and price have both been high in many of our other products. The income derived from such items as oysters, quahaugs and Irish moss, has been exceptionally high.

Our strawberry growers had an exceedingly good year and the exceedingly high price for blueberries encouraged picking to a greater extent than usual. So while the blueberry crop was not particularly heavy the total income from this crop made this one of the best years we have ever enjoyed. Experiments carried out by this Department would seem to indicate that the future possibilities for blueberry production are exceedingly bright.

During the past year for the first time the Province has exported powdered and evaporated milk. This promises to be a profitable way for our dairymen to turn their products into cash. Handling the tremendous quantities of such products as strawberries, blueberries and quahaugs would not have been possible were it not for the services rendered by our Cold Storage Plant. During 1953 the Cold Storage Plant has handled a greater volume of products than at any time since its inception. During the past three weeks the Cold Storage Plant has been filled to capacity and it has been impossible to take in any new products except when a carload of some product had been shipped

many parts of Quebec were present. This was a very important advertisement for Island Yorkshires.

Shows
In 1953 no exhibit of Island swine was made at the Toronto Royal Show. It was decided by the directors of the Swine Breeders' Association that in the face of the decreasing hog population here we would have difficulty in assembling an exhibit which would uphold our reputation of past years. Another factor responsible for our absence at the Royal is the apparent inability of the judges there to recognize the merit of our exhibits on the hoof.

With the exception of the 1951 show, we failed to place anywhere near the top with our live entries in the bacon classes, while in the carcass classes we made almost a clean sweep. In many cases, the live bacon entries were litter mates to the animals shown in the carcass classes. Our breeders are getting somewhat exasperated over this situation. We have exhibited at the Royal four years in a row. We have demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that our Island Yorkshires are far superior in bacon type to the strains found in other areas. Further Royal exhibits would not add much to this rating.

At the last Amherst Winter Fair, Island exhibitors captured every first prize and dominated the show. At the 1953 Charlottetown Show, the entries were down in numbers but the quality of the animals was of a high order. The judge, Mr. Donald Stewart, Puslinch, Ontario, was so impressed with the swine exhibited that he made a purchase, as he stated, to improve the bacon type of his own herd. Mr. Stewart is a regular exhibitor at the Royal. His general observation was that we have made a wonderful improvement in feet and legs of our hogs since we first exhibited at the Royal in 1949.

One point our swine showmen must remember is that show winnings are of little value to our swine improvement if the winning animals fail to make a credible performance when tested under Advanced Registry. No breeding stock should be kept in any of our key herds if the dam has an A.R. score under 86. Failure to recognize the importance of this standard will result in disappointment when short, thick pigs appear in the progeny from such low scoring sows or boars. If the carcass quality of our market hogs ever begins to fall, the first evidence will be found not in the stock at our shows but in the scores of the sows placed on test. There is some evidence that our swine exhibitors should heed this note of warning:—"Watch the length of your breeding stock."

Advanced Registry
In 1953, in spite of lower hog production, the number of Island sows tested remained at a reasonable level. Again we had 90 scoring sows. On the debit side we had some increase in the number of sows which failed to qualify. This unsatisfactory performance on the part of some sows was due to lack of length and a tendency to carry overfluff in the progeny at market weights. This is evidence that our breeders are not exercising enough care in the selection of their foundation stock. There is always the danger of keeping low scoring brood sows on the ground when they lose food in the show ring. A pretty face with a curvaceous figure may be a delusion in more than one class of live stock.

It will be useful for our commercial swine producers to know that over a recent twelve month period the feed consumption per pig at the Charlottetown Test Station was 535 lbs. The pigs go on test at 50 lbs. live weight and are marketed when a little over 300 lbs. Past experience shows that it takes about 50 lbs. of feed to bring the pig from 30 lbs. at weaning to 50 lbs. This makes a total feed consumption of 585 lbs. per pig. The variation in feed used was very great. One lot used 496 lbs. per pig while on the other extreme one lot used about 650 lbs. There is much evidence that this difference is, in a large measure, due to unthriftiness at weaning age and to worm infestations. Neglect in giving iron early and often enough to the nursing pigs and failure to provide a proper starting ration together with unsanitary accommodation results in unthriftiness and consequently an increase in the feed needed to develop the pig to market weight. These figures for feed consumption should warrant the claim that any normal healthy pig should be grown from weaning to slaughtering age on close to 500 lbs. of a good balanced ration.

We require a large number of

Mayor Wedge Issues New Year's Message

Mayor Henry Wedge (right) yesterday issued the following New Year's message to the people of Summerside:



The year 1953 has been one of continued consolidation in the affairs of the town. As was the case in 1952 there was little capital expenditure and it is expected that the year will be a very successful one financially. A program of careful scrutiny of all civic expenditures was instituted at the beginning of the year and this, along with the month to month records that have been kept by the town clerk, will, I feel, result in a very satisfactory year end statement.

In my message last year, I said, "I would like to think that 1953 would be the year in which our rink would become a reality." I am pleased indeed that my hope in this respect has been realized and I believe that our citizens agree with the action taken by the council in giving financial assistance to this project.

I would like to compliment the directors of the company on their public spirit and on the speed with which the building was constructed. This is certainly a big step forward in our civic life. During the year also the program of water and sewerage expansion was completed and now there is no area within the town limits that is not provided with this very necessary service.

During the year also the electric light department constructed 23 miles of rural lines. I believe that this will be of great benefit to the rural people living near Summerside and that it will reflect to the benefit of the town.

Death Yesterday Of Well Known Summerside Man

Thomas W. Johnston, one of Summerside's best known and most highly respected citizens died yesterday morning at his home at the advanced age of 87 years.

Born at Freetown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, he came to Summerside about 75 years ago and had since resided here. He was for some years head of the Thomas Johnston Company, plumbing,

western Canada. Sow breeding in the west and in the U.S. should be watched very closely as sometimes the livestock producer finds that what is expected does not happen. Up to the end of the year there has been no evidence of any increase in sow breeding in central and eastern Canada. This situation may change early in 1954.

We can expect the outside demand for Island breeding stock to continue but this depends on the efforts of our breeders to test more sows and to keep our key herds with high A.R. background. This province has built up a reputation as the source of the best bacon type hogs in the world as evidenced by the orders from all parts of Canada and from many states. Our key swine breeders deserve the credit for this favorable position but it is their responsibility to make sure that this reputation is maintained.

He was a past, Noble Grand of the I.O.O.F. and only last week had received his 60 years Oddfellows Jewel.

His first wife, the former Elizabeth Callbeck predeceased him several years ago and he is survived by his second, the former Laura Parlee. Surviving also are one son, Arthur, Summerside, and a daughter, Miss Olga Johnston also of Summerside.

The funeral will be held on Friday, January 1st from the Bonness Funeral Home to the Baptist Church for service at 2.00 o'clock. Interment in the Peoples Cemetery.



At the beginning of the New Year we wish to extend to all our citizens our most sincere thanks for their co-operation in the past year and hope that the year ahead will bring personal happiness and prosperity to all and continued progress to our Town

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SCHEDULE OF CHURCH SERVICES FOR WEEK OF PRAYER, JAN. 4-8

ALBERTON SECTION
January 4—Presbyterian Church, Alberton.
January 5—United Church, Elmsdale.
January 6—Church of England, Alberton.
January 7—Church of Nazarene, Elmsdale.
January 8—United Church, Alberton.
O'LEARY SECTION
January 4—Church of Nazarene, O'Leary.
January 5—Baptist Church, Knutsford.
January 6—United Church, O'Leary.
January 7—Anglican, O'Leary and Baptist Church at Springfield West.
January 8—United Church, Glenwood.
Time of all services: 7:30 p.m.
An offering will be taken at each service for missionary purposes.
These services have been arranged by the West Prince Ministerial Association.