

Snow Dampens Gaiety At Mardi Gras In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The only thing that could turn the minds of this fun-seeking city from the carnival gaiety of the eve of Mardi Gras happened Wednesday.

It was the first measurable snow in more than 20 years.

Even sober citizens immune to the fun spirit of carnival grinned at the floating flakes of snow and the rare mantle of white over the blooming azaleas and camellias, the shrubs and the palm fronds.

But, temperatures that dipped below freezing at mid-morning forced cancellation of the horse races at fair grounds and the postponement until Saturday of the downtown parade.

These unusual events deep in the bayou country formed only a part of a snow storm that moved in from Texas and brought similar weather for much of the South.

The gently swirling snow fell heavier west of New Orleans.

Throughout the morning snow reports filtered in from the extreme Deep South—snow trace at Natchez and Hattiesburg, Miss., a flurry at Pensacola, Fla., flurries around Mobile, Ala., and Biloxi, Miss., on the Gulf Coast.

SOME SCHOOLS CLOSED

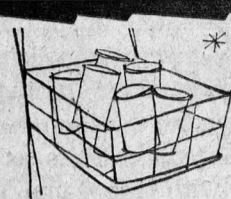
Some parishes (counties) west of New Orleans closed their schools. One parochial school in New Orleans also shut down.

Snow continued to fall through the day in New Orleans and looked as if it planned to keep up through the night. A forecast of a 28-degree minimum posed a threat of icy streets. There was a similar outlook in Mississippi.

In north Florida, forecasts looked for the second snow of the state's worst winter, a season

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Interest Aroused In Soil Conservation Discussions

Birch Hall in Charlottetown and Institute Hall in Alberton have been scenes of some lively discussions on better land use through soil conservation practices and diversification of crops. Over a hundred farmers participated in Charlottetown, seventy-five in Alberton.

Bill Kingery, Maritime District Representative for Caterpillar Tractor Co., pointed out that P.E.I. is the natural bread basket for Eastern Canada. The increase in population will insure an expanding market. To take advantage of this expanding market better use must be made of the land to increase the production of those food stuffs readily marketable. Lower unit costs, as well as increased production, is a necessity to compete in today's market.

UN USED LAND

Joe Tucker of the Rome Plow Company pointed out the need and the ways to enlarge existing fields and farms through the clearing of fence rows and scrub areas. He also discussed the advantages of disc plowing over moldboard plowing.

Erosion control, contour farming, terracing and subsoiling was discussed by E. J. Stirrman, Agriculture Consultant, to Caterpillar Tractor Co., as a means of increasing production per farm. Several farmers who have previously experimented with subsoiling, pointed out that they had experienced a large

Mary Miller W. M. S. Met

The February meeting of the Mary Miller Auxiliary of the W. M. S. took place in Hertz Memorial Hall on Monday evening, February 3.

Mrs. Bayfield Ellis led the worship service, reading the scripture lesson from Philippians 3:1-16. The hymns sung were "Come Thou Almighty King" and "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing My dear Redeemer's Praise."

Mrs. Katherine Craswell assisted Mrs. Ellis in the study program, Conversations on Japan, which portrayed many of the problems of the young people growing up in Japan today.

The president, Mrs. Stanley Thompson, was in charge of the business meeting. It was decided that the Thankoffering service in April will be held in conjunction with the afternoon auxiliary. Mrs. Lorne Keizer and Mrs. Stanley Murray were appointed leaders of the Baby Band.

Play Coming Here In March

In the Canadian Players' production of G.B. Shaw's "Man and Superman", Deborah Cass plays the part of the timid ineffectual Mrs. Whitehead. This outstanding play will be presented at the Queen Charlotte High School March 11th, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club. Tickets available from members, or write Box 331, Charlottetown.

Trio May Be Deported Soon

HALIFAX (CP) — Immigration officials said Wednesday no definite arrangements have yet been made for deportation of Joseph and Irene Plesner and their son David, whose appeal against a deportation order was dismissed Tuesday.

The three, former residents of Toronto who disappeared last June and returned to Canada Dec. 28, are in the custody of the immigration department awaiting final arrangements for their deportation.

The two men were known as Arthur Morris and Len Jacobs when they operated a used car business in Toronto. Jacobs is wanted by Toronto police for prosecution on charges of criminal negligence and bail jumping.

Immigration officials said the trio might leave Canada, possibly on the liner Saturnia, next week but this is not definite. They said the final destination of the trio is not known.

GREAT CATHEDRAL

The Milan cathedral, largest Gothic structure in Italy, has an intricate facade topped with 135 spires.

Holstein Registrations Exceed 75,000 Mark For Year

Over 1,000 members of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada attending the annual meeting in Toronto, February 5th, decided to postpone action for two years on a proposal to either refuse registration of bull calves with a black spot touching the hoof or else include an asterisk in the name so that anyone could tell that the animal had such a black spot. In the meantime, additional information on the incidence of the black spot markings within the breed would be gathered.

The meeting also asked that owing to the high cost of bulk tanking, a special premium be paid the farmer for milk shipped by this method. It was proposed that this premium would be absorbed by the distributor, since handling milk by the bulk method lessened his costs.

OFFICERS

James T. Brown, Newcastle, Ontario, elected President of the Association for 1958. First Vice-President is Stan Panneton, Three Rivers, Quebec; 2nd Vice-President, E.A. Innes, Brantford, Ontario; 3rd Vice-President George R. McLaughlin, Beaverton, Ontario; and 4th Vice-President, D. S. Dunton, Brampton, Ontario. All sixteen Ontario Directors of the Association were re-elected. Directors to represent the other provinces were elected earlier by a mail ballot.

Tom C. B. Sherwood, Minister of Agriculture for New Brunswick, and retiring President of the Association said "Farmers have not shared equally with other occupational groups in the fruits of a generally lusty and expanding Canadian economy. There is little tangible evidence of improvement in the situation up to this time. In spite of that I seem to sense a quietly rising optimism among our farm people."

MORE REGISTER

Secretary G. M. Clemons, Brantford, Ontario, reported that yearly registration of animals crossed the 75,000 mark for the first time in 1957, the exact total being 75,650, a four per cent increase over 1956. Membership in the Association stands at 12,774. Local transfers of ownership were well up, and purchases by U.S. buyers almost identical with 1956. The heavy exports shipments of 1956 to Mexico were not repeated, resulting in an overall drop of two per cent in transfers. Since the Mexican business had resulted in an eleven per cent gain in transfers in 1956, the 1957 figure was considered satisfactory.

TO SCRAP OLD WARSHIP

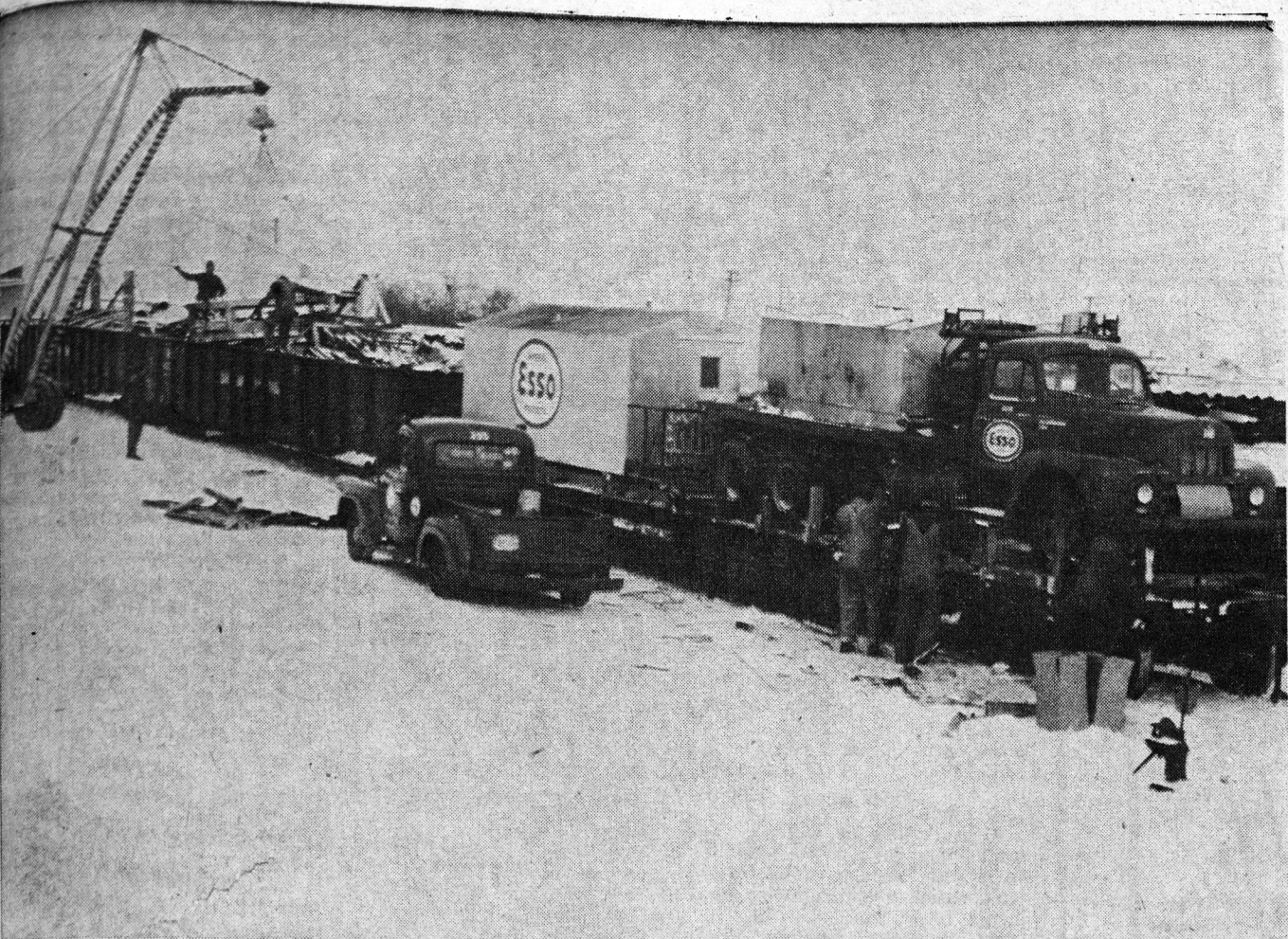
NEW YORK (AP) — The 202-foot gunboat Iron Bark, believed the oldest steel warship still afloat in the United States, is to be scrapped. It was launched in 1876 and served in the Atlantic and Pacific. It will be towed to Baltimore to be scrapped.

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LOAD OIL DRILL FOR P. E. I.

The beginning of "Operation Wellington" is shown in the above picture as loading of the drilling rig and auxiliary equipment takes place in Alberta, almost a continent away from the site of Imperial Oil's initial drilling area in Prince Edward Island. It is expected that drilling will commence before the end of February. Twenty-four rail cars will be utilized to transport the machinery needed. Drillers and their families will take up residence in Prince Edward Island sometime next week.

Eisenhower Sees Upturn In Business Next Month

By WILMOT HEPCHER WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower, in an optimistic statement on the American economic situation, said Wednesday that March "should mark the beginning of the end of the downturn."

From other quarters, however, came predictions that the situation will get worse before it gets better. Some economists expressed doubts that the upturn will come as quickly as Eisenhower's administration believes.

Eisenhower expressed concern over joblessness, which rose to 4,500,000 in January, and over the shorter work week in effect in some industries. But he said he believes the United States has had most of its bad news on the unemployment front.

FORESEES PICKUP

"I am convinced that we are not facing a prolonged downswing in activity," he added. "Every indication is that March will see the start of a pickup in job opportunities."

Eisenhower issued what he called "a fact paper" showing that the government is doing to foster economic recovery. He listed public works projects and highway programs, new defence contracts, housing aids and softer credit policies.

"If other measures are needed," he said, "I assure you they will be proposed—and in time."

As one means of improving the economy, Eisenhower unveiled Tuesday night a \$2,000,000,000 program for modernization of post office buildings and equipment during the next three to five years.

SOME CRITICISM

Postmaster-General Arthur Summerfield outlined the plan Wednesday to the Senate post office committee, where some Democrats criticized it as inadequate to stimulate the economy.

Private capital would finance about 75 per cent of the proposed program and the government's proposed contribution of \$175,000,000 a year would be contingent on congressional approval of a five-cent rate for inter-city first class mail. The present rate is three cents.

At the commerce department, where the February unemployment count is under way, some concern was expressed that recent bad weather will push the

figures higher than anticipated. Administration officials have acknowledged that unemployment probably will reach 5,000,000 this month but they had been counting on a resumption of outdoor work to offset some of the joblessness.

GIVES REASONS

Eisenhower, however, gave two reasons for his confidence that the U.S. economy will snap back later this year.

"First, it is my conviction that the underlying forces of growth remain strong and undiminished," he said. "As a nation, we must provide the needs of a population growing at the rate of 3,000,000 a year."

"Second, the firm policy of the government is to foster this recovery in every sound way. I am making sure that we will go forward on every practical avenue of action."

The objective of the statement—to inspire confidence and avert any trend toward hysteria—was underscored by the fact that his words were recorded on film for television and theatre newsreels.

COMING EVENTS

- Bingo, Hope River Hall tonight.
- Dance Fortune Hall, February 14th, Webster's Orchestra.
- Card party South Milton School tonight Sponsored by W. I.
- Cards and Dance every Friday night in Millview Hall, Sponsored by W. I.
- Valentine Tea, Zion Church on Thursday, February 13th, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m.
- Crapaud District Royal Scarlet Chapter meets in Lorne Lodge Friday February 14th.
- Remember the Zion Church Valentine tea Thursday, February 13th, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m.
- Booking orders for oilcake. To arrive soon. \$3.85 off car. W.I. Bowman.
- Arriving this week, carload of oilcake. \$3.85 a bag off car. R.L. Dickieson Ltd., New Glasgow.
- Dance C. Y. C. Hall, Cardigan, Friday February 14th. Shepherd's Orchestra.
- Meeting will be held of Hunter River Teachers' Workshop, Feb. 13th at 7:30 in Hunter River School.
- Murray Harbor North Variety concert will be held in Murray Harbor South, Public Hall Feb. 17th, 8:15 p. m. Sponsored by Presbyterian Ladies Aid.
- Cornwall United Church Ladies Aid pantry sale at Simpsons-Sears Friday evening, February 14th at 7 o'clock.
- Unloading Wednesday and Thursday oil cake—\$3.85 per bag. R.L. Dickieson, Ltd., New Glasgow.
- Double header at North River Rink tonight, Winsloe versus Hampshire, 7:30, York versus Milton, 8:45.
- Come to the Valentine Dance in Souris Community Centre on Friday February 14th. Cliffords Orchestra.
- Monthly meeting Kingston Branch of Canadian Legion, Friday, February 14, 8 p.m. Legion rooms Grafton St. Full attendance is requested.
- The annual meeting of Crapaud Creamery Company will be held in the Crapaud Hall Tuesday afternoon February 18th, at 2 o'clock. All are welcome.
- Showing at Morell Friday. Paramount presents Kirk Douglas and Silvana Mangano in "Ulysses". This is an outstanding picture and in Technicolor. Regular prices. Show time 8 o'clock.

Funeral Of Mrs. F. MacDonald

The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred MacDonald was held yesterday morning from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Dr. J.D. Reddin, Mount Stewart to St. Andrew's Church, where Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. George McCormack, P. P. assisted by Rev. George A. MacDonald, deacon and Rev. Fred Cass, sub-deacon, and Rev. Eric Robin, master of ceremonies.

The Most Reverend Malcolm A. MacEachern, D.D. Bishop of Charlottetown, occupied a seat in the Sanctuary. His chaplains were Rev. T.P. Butler and Rev. Edwin Roche.

The following priests also occupied seats in the Sanctuary, Rt. Rev. R.V. MacKenzie, Rev. Kenneth MacPherson, Rev. Leo Herrell, Rev. Dr. Bernard Gillis, Rev. Dr. J.P.E. O'Hanley, Rev. Dr. Louis Callaghan, Very Rev. P.F. MacDonald, Very Rev. C. Moreau, C.Ss.R., Rev. W.A. Keefe, Rev. Kenneth MacMillan, Rev. Reginald Phelan, Rev. O. P. Wood, Rev. Basil Croken and Rev. Dennis Gallant.

The Sisters of the Congregation of St. Martha attended in a body, as did the members of the Mount Stewart Women's Institute.

The pall bearers were, Colin MacDonald, Peter MacLeod, Bruce Affleck, Cyrene MacDonald, Roy Laird and Bertram Mac-

Freight Traffic At Borden Down

Freight shipments via the Borden-Tormentine ferry route during the month of January increased by almost twenty-five per cent in exports to the mainland and by approximately 18 per cent in imports to the province. This information was released Tuesday by the superintendent of the Island Division of the Canadian National Railways.

The number of carloads of potatoes shipped from the Island was responsible for a large portion of the increase in exports. A total of 1131 carloads were moved across the straits as compared to 935 in the same month of 1956.

The movement of livestock was another big factor, with the number being almost double that of a year ago, with 112 cars as against 61. In another agricultural product, 81 carloads of turnips were moved to the mainland last year.

Other items which showed an increase were: 1956 in brackets; meats 25 (12); fish 9 (7); butter

Civic Employees Elect Officers

A.J. Dowling was re-elected president of the Civic Employees Union, Local 501 at the annual meeting held Tuesday.

Other officers elected were, 1st vice-president, Reginald Mahar; recording secretary, Eleanor Hennessy; secretary treasurer, Preston Hillier; Sergeant at Arms, Gerald Arsenault; trustees, Arthur Bishop, Everett Toombs, Hugh MacKinnon.

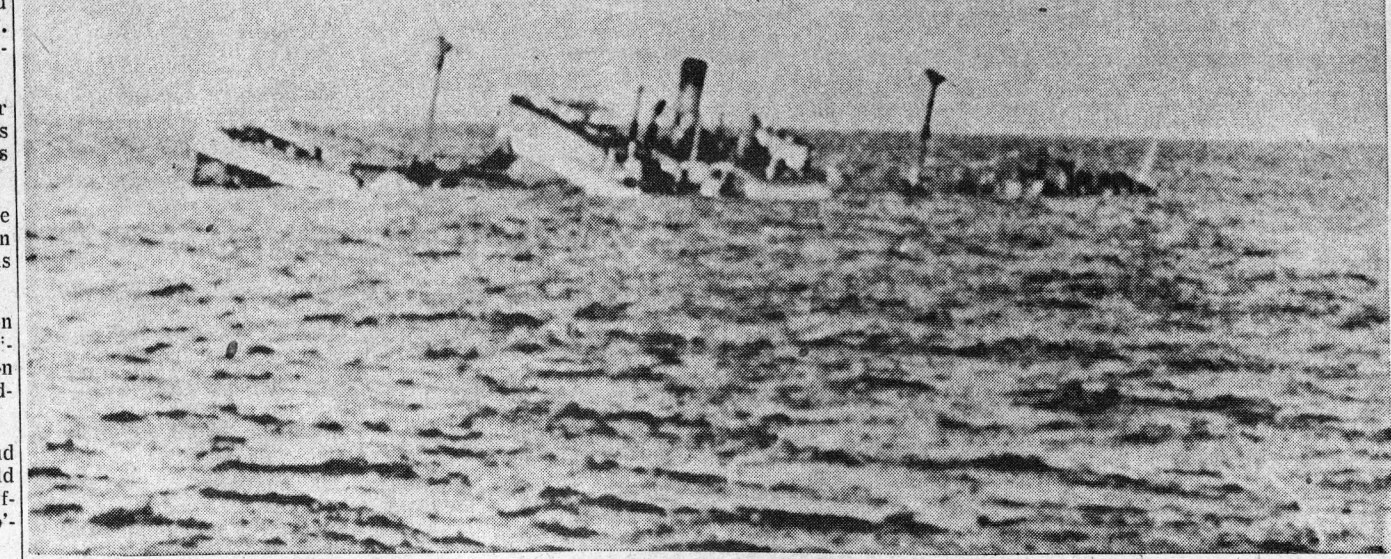
After the election of officers other business was carried out. The meeting was presided over by the president and was very largely attended.

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PANAMANIAN FREIGHTER SINKING

NORFOLK, Va. — The Panamanian freighter Puerto Rico after all 29 crew members were rescued by the Navy Destroyer Barton. The ship sank Thursday 210 miles north of Norfolk, Va. Photos were taken by a crew member aboard the Destroyer Soley, assisting in the rescue. (AP Wirephoto)