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Murray River School Christmas Concert

The Murray River School Christmas concert was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 21st in the Community hall, before a well pleased audience of parents and friends. The hall and tree were artistically decorated by the senior pupils, assisted by the principal, Mr. Louis Herring.

The music for the occasion was capably rendered by Mrs. William Keenan. Rev. Mr. MacPherson was chairman as the junior, senior, and intermediate pupils presented the following programme:

Address of welcome. Opening chorus (Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer) by the school children. Duets: "Joy To The World", Fay Keenan and Jeanie MacKinnon. Monologues by Beth MacLean, Pantomime: (An Old Fashioned Tree), by primary pupils. Carols by senior girls. Dialogue: (Preparing For Christmas), the junior boys and girls. Monologue by Lynn Hume. Dialogue: (Secrets), by four boys. Song: "Coming Closer", by junior girls. Intermission; sale of candy; instrumental music. Dialogue: (Christmas Concert Rehearsal) by senior school. Song: "The Mending Party", by Judy Saunders, Shirley White, Betty Bell and Carol Livingstone. Anne Nicolle, Donna Moore, Emily MacLean, Judy Acorn. Monologue by Junior Strickland. An Exercise: "Popcorn Children", by junior boys and girls. Recitation by Cecil Boyce Horton. Carols by senior girls. Dressing the Snowman by the Juniors. Recitation by Betty MacLean. Closing chorus by the school: "Frosty The Snowman". Then Santa arrived and handed out gifts from a well laden tree. He was assisted by the teachers, also June Love and Dorothy Buell. A treat of candy and apples was given to the pupils by the Home and School Association of Murray River, and was passed out to the children by Mrs. Don Hume and Mrs. Ted Rafuse, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Two-Year Sentence For Jail-Breaking

Charles Edward Gilbert of Souris, who escaped from Georgetown Jail on Thursday, appeared before Stipendiary Magistrate Joseph W. MacDonald, K.C., at Georgetown yesterday and pleaded guilty to jail breaking and pleaded contrary to sec. 189 (a) of the Criminal Code. He was sentenced to two years in Dorchester Penitentiary. Gilbert had been serving a sentence for illegal possession of a still contrary to sec. 164 (e) of the Excise Act. He escaped from jail Thursday morning and was recaptured a few hours later by R. C. M. P. from Montague.

Murray River and Vicinity

Mrs. Peter MacTavish of Halifax has returned to her home after spending the Christmas holidays in Murray River, guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William MacLeod. Mr. and Mrs. Murray MacKinnon of Charlottetown have returned home after spending a few days in Murray River, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester MacKinnon and Mr. and Mrs. Glen MacKinnon. Mr. and Mrs. Finley MacKinnon of Charlottetown, spent the holiday season in Murray River, guests of Mrs. MacKinnon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester MacKinnon. Miss Barbara Matheson, teacher of White Sands School, is spending a few days in Glen William, guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Matheson. Mr. David Johnston returned to his home in Charlottetown after spending the past few days in Murray River, guest of Mr. Ivan Munn. Mr. MacDonald Johnston is spending a few days in Murray River where he is visiting friends and relatives. Miss Irene Whiteway returned to her home in Charlottetown after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Whiteway, Murray River.

SEOUL, Dec. 26. (AP)—South Korean officials announced Monday that the death sentences of 84 political prisoners have been reduced to prison terms in accordance with President Syngman Rhee's Christmas amnesty proclamation. Released outright were 1,241 prisoners who had been sentenced to prison terms of 10 years or less.

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Whim Road And Vicinity

Mr. Peter Clarey, Montague, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Clarey, Whim Road. Mr. Russell MacBeth, Whim Road, was a recent visitor to Charlottetown. Mrs. J. N. MacDonald and Mr. Arthur MacDonald were recent visitors to Charlottetown. Miss J. Whiteway, Montague, spent the week-end at Whim Road guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Whim Road, were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lawson, and Miss Mabel Lawson, all of Stanhope. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Whim Road, spent several days in Charlottetown, the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Watts.

The many friends of Mrs. Minnie MacBeth, Whim Road, are pleased to know that she is now at home and much improved after her recent illness. Mrs. MacBeth was a patient at the King's County Hospital. One of Whim Road's oldest residents, Mrs. Sarah MacMillan, passed away on Dec. 11 at Beach Grove Inn, Charlottetown, at the age of ninety-one years. Mrs. MacMillan had spent the past two years at Beach Grove Inn after suffering a severe hip fracture. Many attended the funeral services which were held at Montague. Young and old alike will mourn the passing of this grand old lady.

Fishermen's Loan Board Inquiry Held At Montague

A hearing before Judge J. S. DesRoches was held yesterday morning at the R. C. M. P. headquarters, Montague, in connection with an inquiry into the operations of the Fishermen's Loan Board. Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, counsel for the Commission, examined the following witnesses: Alfred Sorrey, Montague; Vernon Riley, Montague; Archibald Higginbotham, Montague; Jack Campbell, Victoria Cross; Harland Campbell, Montague; Maurice Doiron, Montague. The final sittings of the Commission will open in Charlottetown on January 4. Following is the official report of the evidence taken at Montague yesterday:

Statement by Wilfred Watterworth (sworn): "Judge, the last time I appeared I was subpoenaed, but I flew from Washington, D.C., to be here today at this hearing. I have had people give subpoenas on my behalf to clarify some of the statements that I have made. I never knew there was any trouble on this business until Dr. Grant came from Charlottetown. "Now the first trouble I heard about in the fishermen's loans business was when Grant came from Charlottetown and said he was taken up on the stand, and his words to me were 'I got hell for signing thirteen applications for you and from now on I will sign no further applications.' I don't do that. I hope it is clear to you that I was just acting as your agent. As proof of this I have Nat Campbell's statement, he was there when Dr. Grant said 'You are doing fine, get as much for the boys as you can and get it out.' "Now Dr. Grant was called into Charlottetown and put on the stand. Now I think the fellow that should have been arrested at that time was Grant, and if the Board knew he was doing wrong why wasn't he arrested? "Three days before the 1947 election Dr. Grant came into my office with a voters' list—Bill Riley was there at the time—and he and Dr. Grant got into an argument and Dr. Grant put him out. I think you will find proof in the statements that I have made that I was co-operating with Dr. Grant prior to the 1947 election. "Dr. Grant said that this was a lie at Murray Harbour, he said it was false. I want this thing cleared up and I hope it is clear to you that I have the evidence you will get from these men will clarify these statements. Lorne Poole at the Cold Storage Plant will also testify that Grant was in on several occasions and was co-operating with me on the voters' list and that I was working with the Liberal Party in 1947. "Also Joe Campbell and Keir Clark were into my office two days before the election and I said to them, 'Gentlemen, what I will do in my office.' I also said 'I have no car but I will do all I can from this office.' I had a quantity of cash and liquor, and I think if you ask any of these men here today they will also testify that there was a large quantity of liquor and cash before the 1947 election. "I hope the right questions are asked these men that will bring out my statements about Nat Campbell being up to Grant's office with me and also about the thirteen applications that Dr. Grant signed, also about Dr. Grant being in my office three days before the election."

Alfred Sorrey (sworn)— Mr. Campbell: Q—You live in Montague, Mr. Sorrey. A—Yes, Sir. Q—Did you get a loan through the Fishermen's Loan Board? A—I got the benefit of a loan through the Fishermen's Loan Board. Q—What do you mean by that? A—I got 100 lobster traps. Q—Did you get any cash? A—No, no cash. Q—What year was that? A—It was the spring of 1947. Q—Did the deal go through Wilfred Watterworth? A—No, through William Graham of Gaspeaux. Q—He is a merchant in addition to being a farmer? A—He runs a lobster factory. Q—And the loan went through in the regular way? A—As far as I know. Q—He made out the papers and you signed them? A—Yes. Q—And as a result you got the traps? A—Yes. Q—No cash? A—No. Any money I got from William Graham was in advance of fishing. Q—Mr. Watterworth said last day that you got a loan from the Fishermen's Loan Board and that you bought a car with the money? A—I bought a car that spring but not with Fishermen's Loan Board money. Q—So that is not correct? A—No. Q—Do you know anything about these other matters, about liquor around election time in connection with Fishermen's Loans? A—No, I don't know anything about that at all. Q—You did not have any trouble with the Fishermen's Loan Board? A—I paid some of the money off for the traps. Q—With gasoline rebate? A—No, I fished the hundred traps with my father. I lost 50 or 60 of them that spring, the remainder are with my father now. Q—Are you still fishing some? A—I did intend to go fishing this spring but I changed my mind. Judge DesRoches: Q—Anything else that you know in connection with this investigation; you know what we are after in the line of information? A—

I don't know anything about it at all, I had no dealings with any of the gentlemen and was not mixed up in it in any way. I didn't find out their business as it didn't concern me. I got my loan from William Graham and got the benefit of it. Judge DesRoches: Q—Is that all you have to say? A—Yes, that is all. Vernon Riley (sworn): Mr. Campbell: Q—You live in Montague? A—Yes. Q—And you are in the lumber business? A—Yes. Q—Did you get a loan from the Fishermen's Loan Board? A—Yes. Q—What year was that? A—I am not sure but I think it was 1947. Q—I believe you got your loan through Mr. Watterworth? A—Yes. Q—He made out the papers and you signed them? A—Yes, that's right. Q—How much was the loan, do you remember? A—I think the loan was for \$200.00. Q—And after you signed the papers, the papers went into Charlottetown I suppose? A—No, we took them down to Mr. Saville's place in Annandale. Q—And he signed them? A—Mr. Watterworth took them in, I guess he signed them—I didn't see him sign them—I stayed outside in the car. Q—Did you go to town to get your money? A—Yes. Q—You went in town with Watterworth? A—Yes. Q—Did he get a cheque or did you? A—He said he got a cheque—there were three of us—he cashed the cheque and paid us. Q—You got your money in town? A—Yes, I got \$150 out of the \$200. Judge DesRoches: Q—You got \$150.00? A—Yes. Q—Out of \$200.00? A—That's right. Q—\$200.00 is the amount you applied for? A—Yes, Sir. I was supposed to get nets for the balance but I never got them. Q—You were supposed to get nets for the other \$50.00? A—Yes. Mr. Campbell: Q—And when Watterworth went out of business you did not get them? A—No. Q—He was in the net business at the time? A—Yes, that is what he told me. Q—Now with this money you tell us how you spent the money? A—I fished that spring; I spent it on different things. Q—You fished after you got the loan, now did you fish every spring? A—I have fished for years, not every spring, but a number of different springs. I fished in Murray Harbour and on the north side. Q—Can you give us something more definite as to how you did spend this money you got through the Fishermen's Loan Board? A—I spent most of it on the house at that time. Q—Did any of this money find its way into liquor for election purposes? A—No, not for election purposes. Q—Have you any knowledge of Fishermen's Loan Board money being squandered? You say you spent your money on your house, have you any knowledge of it being thrown away? A—No, not that I could see, of course I don't know what others would do with what they got. Q—It is true that some fishermen's loan money was used to buy household things, we find that all over, the thing Judge DesRoches is interested in is whether the money was thrown away? A—Well I used mine to buy household things. Q—Things you needed? A—Yes. Q—Have you paid some on your loan? A—I expect to pay that with my gasoline rebate. Q—You consider you owe this amount to the Board? A—Yes. Mr. Campbell: The reason I asked that question is that some years ago some of the small loans people did not think they should

have to repay. But you were not concerned with these small loans? A—No. Judge DesRoches: Q—Is there anything else you know in connection with the Fishermen's Loan Board and Mr. Watterworth and Dr. Grant? A—No, I know nothing about their business. Q—Your papers did not go to Dr. Grant as far as you know? A—No, I have heard a lot of stuff about this affair but I don't know anything about it. Judge DesRoches: I am not concerned with what you heard. Archibald Higginbotham (sworn): Mr. Campbell: Q—Where do you live? A—Montague. Q—Did you get any loan through the Fishermen's Loan Board? A—Yes, Sir. Q—How much? A—\$200.00. Q—Who did you get that through? A—Wilfred Watterworth. Q—He made out the papers? A—Yes. Q—And you signed them? A—Yes. Q—What happened after you signed the application? A—I went to Sydney after I signed the application—I went down there for a load of coal, when I came back the money was there for me. Q—You left the papers with Watterworth after you signed them? A—Yes. Q—What boat were you on? A—Fairmile-91, owned by Grant Graham. Q—And you went to Sydney on the Fairmile for a load of coal? A—Yes. Q—Were you the captain on the boat? A—No, the engineer. Q—Diesel engine? A—Yes, I have been on this boat for three years. Q—Now did you ever do any fishing? A—I fished all my life. Q—Commercial fishing? A—Yes. Q—You say you have been on the boat for three years, I suppose your fishing would be in the spring? A—No, we were fishing on the boat too. Q—Grant Graham, does he have a factory? A—His father has one. Q—When you came back from Sydney your money was waiting for you here? A—Yes, at Mr. Watterworth's. Q—And you got the money? A—Yes. Q—Now how was your money used, what did you spend it on? A—I used it for travelling back and forth to Halifax to try and get my compensation. I lost some fingers in the shipyard in Pictou and I was trying to get an increase in compensation for the loss of them. Q—Did you get the matter adjusted? A—Yes. Q—And for some years before that and since that you have been fishing? A—Yes. Q—Now did any of your money find its way into liquor for election purposes? A—Some of it was squandered in liquor. Q—Was that around election time? A—Yes. Q—And you bought some liquor with it? A—Yes. Q—When you say some of it what do you mean—most of it? A—I got a considerable number of bottles, and I know it wasn't long after I got the money that I had liquor. Q—And you went back and forth to Halifax how many times? A—Three trips. Q—Has the Workmen's Compensation Board fixed you up? A—Yes, I was getting \$12.00 a month before and now I am getting \$18.00. Q—Are you married? A—No. Q—Have you paid any of the loan back to the Fishermen's Loan Board? A—No. Judge DesRoches: Q—Has the Fishermen's Loan

Board written to you about the loan? A—No, Sir. Q—Do you dispute that you owe the Fishermen's Loan Board \$200.00? A—No, I don't—I don't dispute owing the money. Q—Do you intend to repay that loan? A—Yes, Sir. Q—Now with reference to the matters between Watterworth and Dr. Grant, do you know anything about that? A—I was in there on Sunday morning about 9 o'clock—in Watterworth's place—Dr. Grant came in with the voters' list, and he said to Watterworth, 'Wilfred are you ready to make out the voting list,' and Wilfred said 'Yes.' They went ahead making out the voting list and then we started tormenting them about the Conservatives. Judge DesRoches: Q—We—who is that? A—Me and Will Riley. Then he ordered us out. Judge DesRoches: Q—Who ordered you out? A—Dr. Grant. So then instead of putting us out they closed the office door, which was only a half-door, and went on with the voting list. Q—They? A—Watterworth and Grant. Q—Anything further? A—That is all I know. I know they would be the biggest part of the forenoon on Sunday from 9 o'clock on making out the list—that is all I know. Mr. Campbell: Q—Any liquor around that time? A—No, not that day. Q—Any talk about Fishermen's Loans that day? A—No, not that I heard. (To be concluded)

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