

# Captain, Crew Proud Of New CGS Tupper

"A fine ship which performs beautifully at sea," was Captain George A. Arsenault's remarks in reference to his new command the icebreaking supply ship CGS Tupper, which arrived in this port Friday to replace the CGS Brant, due to leave for Halifax within the next few days.

Capt. Arsenault's remarks followed a forenoon at sea Monday during which the Tupper was put through her paces covering speed and turning trials, and which also gave certain key personnel of the Brant an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new floating home under working conditions.

The portion of the Brant's crew to get their baptism in addition to the captain were First Officer Angus Brown, three engineers, and the cooks and stewards. All of these men were loud in their praise of the ship's performance and of the facilities afforded throughout the vessel in both the working and living quarters.

Built by the Marine Industries Ltd., of Sorel, Que., the Tupper will be employed on supply, buoy and search and rescue work in the gulf area and the east coast. The ship is ocean-going twin screw diesel electric driven, of all welded steel construction, suitable for icebreaking, supply and buoy tendering, search and rescue duties in Maritime and Gulf of St. Lawrence waters during all seasons, and has a pleasing rugged appearance with forecastle, raked stem, icebreaking bow, cruiser stern, a long deckhouse, two masts, one cargo hatch in well deck forward serviced by a 15-ton derrick, and a helicopter flight deck aft.

Accommodation is of the high standard and provides well appointed cabins and public rooms for a crew of 30 plus four passengers and two officials, and is mechanically ventilated and heated by tempered air and steam convectors. The galley is all electric.

The vessel is equipped with all modern navigational and radio aids for service intended, and in addition to usual lifeboats, has one motor launch and one oar-propelled surf-boat under davits, and was constructed to the requirements of Lloyd's and Canadian Board of Steamship Inspection. The main machinery was built in Canada by Fairbanks-Morse and Westinghouse.

The design was by Milne, Gilmore and German and designed and built under the supervision of the Ship Construction Branch of the Department of Transport.

# Islanders Will Pay Tribute To Province's Top Citizen

Tribute is to be paid this year to good citizenship. Prince Edward Island citizens are to have the opportunity of nominating an "Islander of the Year" for the first time.

The announcement was made Monday by The Evening Patriot.

The award will go to the citizen who during 1959 "has best used the means available to serve a worthy Island purpose", and it will be an expression of appreciation in behalf of all Islanders of worthy actions that have served the interests of the province as a community.

It is planned to make the award an annual affair. A permanent plaque is to be erected in a prominent place with the name of the first outstanding Islander and those to follow to be inscribed on it.

**PERSONAL AWARD**

In addition a smaller personal plaque will be presented the winner of each year's award. Presentation ceremonies for this year's award are expected to take place late in January.

In making the announcement of the award it was stressed that it is not to be a popularity contest. No Islander will be asked to vote nor to engage in any form of competition.

A panel of judges, to be announced Monday, will decide who is to be the recipient of the award from letters of nomination submitted by residents. The sole purpose of the award is to pay tribute to good citizenship.

Letters should be more than 300 words in length. They must be signed and will be considered available for publication. Pen names will be used upon request in the case of any letters chosen for publication.

**LIST REASONS**

Islanders who wish to submit letters of nomination should also list reasons why they feel the person they are nominating is worthy of the honor. It is from the information supplied in the letters that the judges will make the final decision on who is to be the "Islander of the Year."

Every letter of nomination received has a good chance of greatly influencing the choice of the person to be honored.

The announcement of the award stressed also that the person to be chosen need not necessarily be a public figure, a man or woman already occupying a place of prominence on the Island scene.

It was suggested that it could as easily be won by a person known but to a small circle of friends; possibly a woman who at great sacrifice to herself rendered an invaluable service to a neighbor; possibly a rural pastor who has enriched the lives of those for whom he works; possibly a woman who has devoted many years of service to community work.

On the other hand the award

might go to a person who has won at least Island-wide and possibly nation-wide prominence during the past year. One name that suggests itself is Premier Walter H. Shaw, who led the Progressive Conservatives party to a smashing victory in the September election. Lt-Col E.W. Johnstone, is a key figure in the Island's rural beautification program and a leading figure in boosting the Island's economy through his display of replicas at Woodleigh. Other names are numerous and obvious.

Nominations for "Islander of the Year" will close on Jan. 5.

**GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE?**

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**SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA**

SANTA at the San provided a period of pleasure last night for the children in the TB section,

when accompanied by President Gerry Hartlen and 25 Rotarians, he brought gifts and treats to

all. Here he receives a hug of appreciation.

# Rotarians Visit Children In San

A pleasing experience fell to the lot of 25 Rotarians who accompanied Santa Claus to the sanatorium last evening to make annual distribution of gifts and treats to the children in both the Rehabilitation Centre and the TB section. Treats were also provided for the adult patients throughout the San.

Individually wrapped gifts were handed the children as their names were called by Santa in an atmosphere of expectation, followed by ejaculations of delight when the parcels were opened. The treats included cookies, bags of assorted candies, chocolates and ice cream.

Headed by Rotary President Gerry Hartlen, with Royston F.

# Sea Cadets Enjoy Dinner

A brand new group of future sailors, the newly formed Navy League Cadets sponsored by the Main Branch Club, joined their older brothers in the Sea Cadets at the annual Christmas dinner party held Saturday night at the YMCA.

There were 4 of the youngsters sitting down to a big turkey dinner with members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Centre followed by films and a dance when girl friends joined the party.

Seated at the head table were chairman Lieut. J.D. Smallwood, commanding officer of Kent; Dr. B. J. O'Meara, president of the Naval Officers Association which sponsors the Sea Cadets; Fred Pound, president of the Main Branch Club; Wilfred Duffy, Sea Cadet committee; Capt. J.J. Connolly, honorary president of the Navy League of P.E.I.; and Lieutenants Harry Thompson, Charles Downe and Jack Morris.

# Christmas Through The Ages Theme Of Rotary Club Talk

"Christmas Through the Ages" was the theme of the annual Christmas message to Rotarians given by Rev. Harry Somers at the weekly luncheon meeting of the club held at The Charlottetown yesterday with Reuel Lepage and Frank MacKinnon as co-speakers.

"This great festival of faith is gathered to itself all the spiritual forms of human gladness, all things bright and beautiful and good. It gathers to itself the elemental joy of good companionship and the shared joy of the Christmas spirit. Coloured lights on spruce and fir trees, stockings bulging with mysterious gifts opened by children when the first light of Christmas Day breaks, gay packages and cards, loved ones, these are rightful Christmas joys," Mr. Somers said.

"The Christ whose coming we celebrate is no enemy of the common happiness of men. We would be cynical Scrooges indeed if we were not glad for all true gladness and innocent fun that men anywhere in our troubled world can have today," he declared.

"Nevertheless there is a deeper joy that is offered us in Christmas," Mr. Somers continued. "It is a joy that can dwell with pain; a joy that can stand in the face of our own failure and wrong and the failure and wrong of our fellows."

"For this, then, you and I rejoice with a gladness that knows neither end nor change, for it is indeed the very gladness of God Himself," the speaker concluded.

President Gerry Hartlen gladly fulfilled his promise to supply the cigars for all in attendance at the first 100 per cent attendance meeting. He had his wish on Monday.

Carol singing was conducted by song leader Walter Cox, with Albert Blanchard at the piano.

Guests of Rotary were Bruce Rossetti, Sydney; Gordon Hughes, Ottawa; Harry Bartlett, Norman Black, Sinc'air MacLeod, city. L.W. Emory, Everett Wash., was a visiting Rotarian.

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their talks here did not try to align their detailed views on Berlin.

Diplomatic quarters said the Western leaders were in "disarray" over the question of an interim solution for Berlin.

Britain favors such a solution. West Germany fiercely opposes it. Adenauer regards any change in the status quo as a change for the worse.

U.S. State Secretary Christian Herter said Nov. 24 he did not necessarily share the view that any other arrangement for Berlin would be worse than the present one. His state department spokesman, Andrew Berding, told a press conference Monday this statement still represents American policy on Berlin.

**WANT INTERIM AGREEMENT**

Berding appeared at the press conference with spokesmen of the other Western powers. The British spokesman emphasized that Britain still wants an interim agreement to ensure Western occupation rights.

He denied American press reports that the Western heads of government have agreed to withdraw concessions on Berlin offered to Russia at the Geneva ministers talks last summer.

But the West German spokesman said the Geneva talks counted for nothing because the participants "did not agree on a single thing."

Efforts to align the differing views will be made by a four-power committee of Western representatives in Washington starting Jan. 25.

**STUDY EACH PROBLEM**

Authoritative sources said that under this committee, a number of working groups will be set up—one to study the Berlin-Germany problem, another to study East-West relations and a third on disarmament.

Eisenhower, Macmillan and de Gaulle plan a get-together again here April 25 on the eve of the proposed meeting with Khrushchev.

Macmillan had a private, 45-minute talk here Monday night with de Gaulle and will return to London today.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville today will report to a special one-day meeting of NATO foreign, defence and finance ministers about the results of the Western summit conference. The ministers held a three-day conference last week and adjourned until the end of the top-level talks.

# Fire Prevention Stressed In Talk

A special fire prevention lecture was delivered to employees of the department of transport at the Charlottetown airport by Airport Fire Chief P. A. McKinnon.

He pointed out that fire hazards are greater during the Christmas season than at any other time of the year. He suggested that if the following steps were taken it would help reduce the possibility of fire starting in the home.

The chief said: "Do not overload electrical circuits with Christmas tree lights and use approved lights and cords."

"Do not use inflammable decorations, and check your smoking habits. If lighters are received as gifts, keep them out of the reach of children," he continued.

The Christmas tree should stand in a container of wet sawdust or water which will prevent it drying out too rapidly, and so reduce the hazard, he pointed out.

"Do not let wrapping paper accumulate around the Christmas tree and around the house, and if you have a fire extinguisher keep it in the vicinity of the Christmas tree in case of accidents. Above all, "the chief warned, "know how to use your extinguisher."

**NATURAL HARBOR**

Freetown in Sierra Leone, British West Africa, has one of the world's best natural harbors.

# Traffic Heavy By Rail, Air

Increased rail and air traffic to and from the Island has been noticeable during past few days and the heaviest is yet to come, according to CNR and Maritime Coastair Airways here.

The mainland train due to heavy rains has been running about an hour and a half late with the major delays occurring on the mainland.

MCA are experiencing crowded flights from all parts of the circuit. Particularly heavy flights are noted from the north and from Newfoundland and the Magdalen Islands.

Express shipments both ingoing and outgoing are also showing an alltime high.

A large proportion of the passenger traffic can be accounted for by the annual return of college students from the various universities throughout the country.

# CPR Proposes Novel Method Of Getting Subsidy On Grain

**MONTREAL (CP)** — The privately-run Canadian Pacific Railway has proposed a novel method of getting a government subsidy for hauling Prairie export grain at low statutory freight rates.

Instead of cash, it has asked for a tax credit.

The proposal is being considered by Canada's royal commission on transportation as part of its inquiry into freight rate inequities.

If the CPR idea is accepted, it would involve about \$18,000,000 a year out of the federal pocket. Here's how it would work:

Deduct the difference between what the CPR earns on export grain shipments and what it should earn if the freight rate were increased 100 per cent. Then deduct corporation income tax from that figure. Since the tax is currently 50 per cent, this would reduce the amount by half.

That final figure is what the CPR would like set aside as a credit against its corporation taxes.

The publicly-owned CNR, however, doesn't like the CPR's method of payment. It agrees that the government must help the railways move grain at a fair and reasonable rate but it wants the money as a straight payment.

The problem—in the railway eyes at least—stems from the 1897 Crownsnest Pass agreement between the CPR and the federal government. This agreement led to a low freight rate level on western grain moving to export positions at the Lakehead, Pacific coast and Churchill, Man.

Pegged by statute in 1925 the low rates have caused a burden on the railways and other shippers.

To give relief, and yet to preserve the Crownsnest level of rates for western farmers, the two railways came up with their subsidy solution.

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# LOCAL BRIEFS

**HARPER FUNERAL** — The funeral for John Henry Harper is held on Sunday, Dec. 20, in the MacLean Funeral Home where the service was conducted by Rev. L.A. Hicks, Salvation Army. Pallbearers were Lloyd Tesser, Frank Acorn and Skewton. Interment was in the Appleton Cemetery.

**BUFFERS HEART ATTACK** — George C. Cudmore of Charlottetown, who entered the P.E. and Hospital early Sunday morning after suffering a heart attack was resting comfortably tonight, according to information received from members of the family.

**CARD PARTY WINNERS** — Card party winners at St. James' Parkdale last night were: ladies' first, Mrs. Velda Gallant; second, Mrs. Joseph Alcorn; consolation, Vio Tierney; men's first, Vernon Gay; second, Stewart Higgins; consolation, Dan Chipman; door prize, Mrs. Margaret Gallant; Perry, Tournament prize, and high, Mrs. Velda Gallant; ladies' high, Mrs. Albert McEwen, second, Mrs. J.J. Paquet; men's high, Sheldon Smallwood; second, John Mulligan.

# Billie Carter Leads Race

**OTTAWA (CP)**—Billie Carter of Hull-Ottawa Canadiens leads the Eastern Professional Hockey League with 54 points in 32 games, but has another equally outstanding record.

He is the only regular member of the league, outside of goalies and newcomers, who hasn't served any time in the penalty box.

Carter is aiming to match the accomplishment of Dusty Blair in the 1953-54 season when Blair was a top scorer with Ottawa Senators of the old Quebec Hockey League and didn't serve a penalty in 93 games. Blair now is with Calgary of the WHL.

Statistics issued Monday, including Sunday games, show Carter five points ahead of Orval Tessier of Kingston Frontenacs in scoring. Tessier in last week's games overtook Sam Bettio and long complex legal moves to keep Wolves, who are third and fourth with 48 and 47 points respectively.

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