

IMPROVED FARM WINNERS NAMED

Million Dollar Fire At Halifax

HALIFAX (CP)—A four-storey brick building designed to house a vital phase of the nation's defence program was eaten out by fire Thursday and the navy put the loss at more than \$1,000,000. The cause of the blaze that mushroomed through the partly finished Maritime Warfare School at the RCN's Stadacona shore station here was not known. It took firemen four hours to quell the flames.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE

One fireman and two naval volunteers were reported overcome by smoke, but were revived at the scene by mobile oxygen units. Dense clouds of grey smoke billowed over Halifax harbor until near midnight as firemen continued mopping up operations.

A naval official said he thought the flames broke out on the bottom floor at the south end of the four-storey structure and spread through the ventilating shafts. Spotlights from a naval ambulance and fire trucks aided firemen as they poured into the building. Many wore filter masks to combat the choking smoke.

GLASS LITTERS STREET
Glass from scores of broken windows littered the pavement as firemen took short breaks for hot soup and coffee served from a mobile canteen.

The structure was begun in May, 1953. It was scheduled for completion late this year and ready for installation of equipment. Estimated cost of construction was set at \$1,500,000. It was to be used as a navy and air force school for training personnel in such subjects as anti-submarine tactics and destruction of mines.

Eisenhower Has Good Day

DENVER (AP)—President Eisenhower has recovered sufficiently for the Denver White House to announce he will confer here Monday with Defence Secretary Charles Wilson and Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In a "happy mood" on the eve of his 65th birthday, he was well enough, too, to sip a cup of coffee and wave to fellow patients from an eighth-floor hospital sundeck.

The decision to see Wilson and Radford, for a talk on defence and security, was announced by White House news secretary James C. Hagerty after a long distance telephone talk with Sherman Adams, the president's chief deputy, who was in Washington for today's cabinet meeting.

GOOD DAY
All in all, it appeared to be one of the best days the president has had in the nearly three weeks he has been climbing back toward what his doctors say can be complete recovery from a heart attack.

Near the end of a 35-minute outing on a sun drenched terrace outside his Fitzsimons Army Hospital suite, the president's bed was wheeled over to the parapet and Eisenhower lifted his right hand in greeting to perhaps a dozen other red-robed patients clustered on the ground below.

Today there was to be a birthday party for the ailing president. Bakers at the hospital were busy Thursday on an enormous cake constructed in sections, that will be shared with the more than 2,000 other patients and the hospital staff.

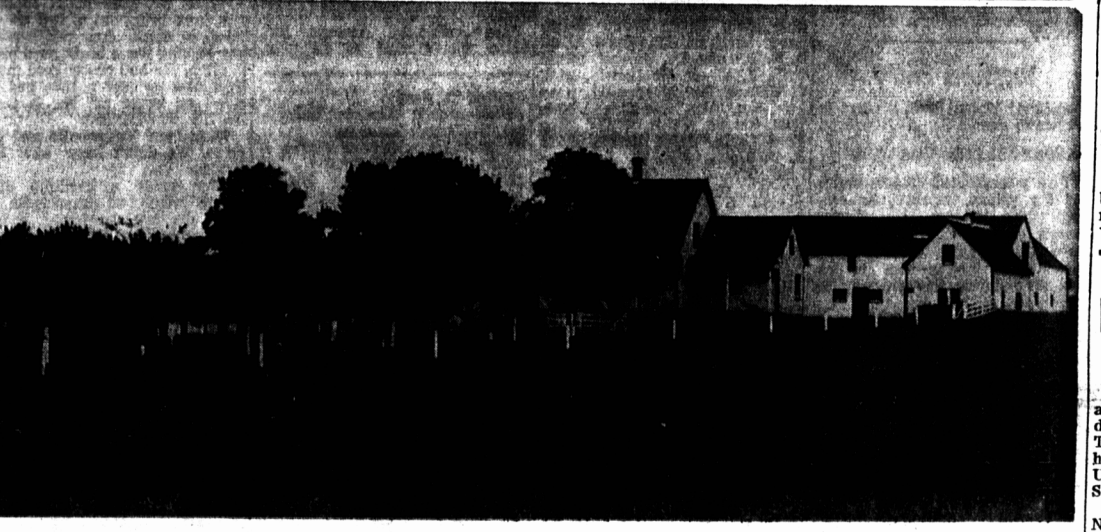
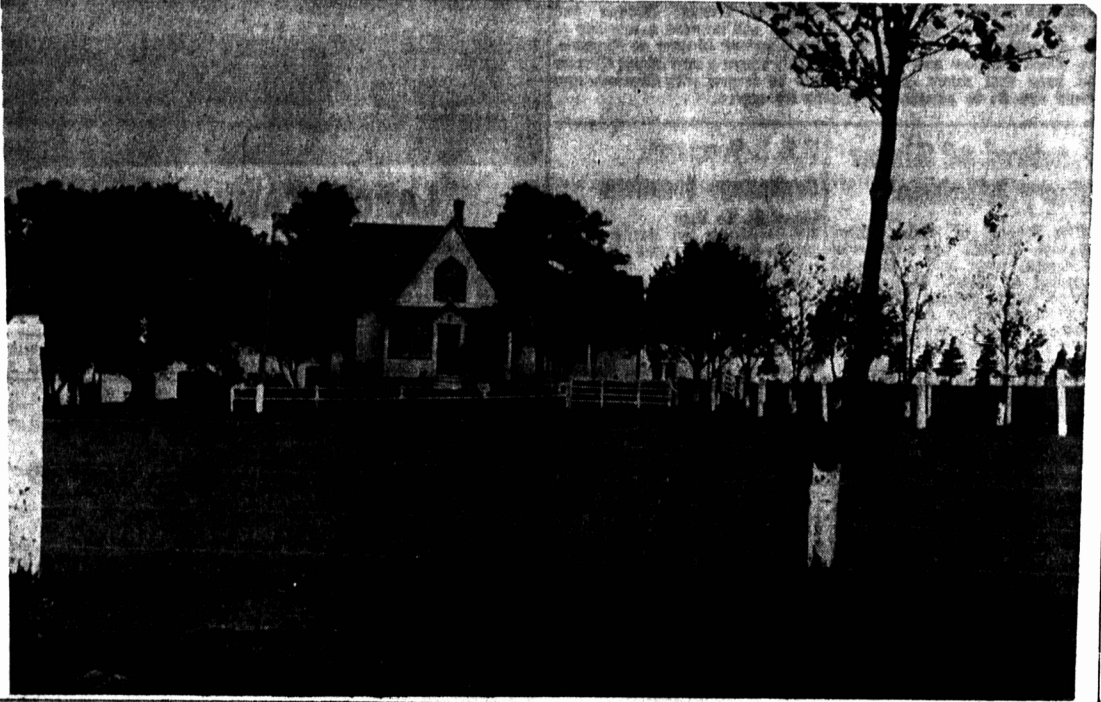
Call Tenders For Conversion Of S.S. Scotia II
SYDNEY (CP)—The department of transport has called tenders for conversion of the S.S. Scotia II, the half-century old ferry which carried CNR trains and passengers across the Strait of Canso from Mulgrave to Point Tupper.

Scotia II sailed from its berth at Mulgrave last May, shortly before first rail traffic across the Canso causeway. Since then it has been berthed at Borden, P. E. I. It will undergo conversion and refit for service between Borden and Cape Tormentine, N. B.

Drew's Visit To N. B. Cancelled
SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—Next week's scheduled visit of Progressive Conservative leader George Drew to New Brunswick has been cancelled because of illness at Winnipeg, according to information received here by Thomas M. Bell, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Saint John-Albert.

Mr. Bell said Mr. Drew still hopes to attend the annual provincial PC meeting in Fredericton Oct. 29.

Top Award Winner In Rural Beautification Contest



Shown above is the residence of Mr. Victor C. Buntain, Rustico, top provincial award winner for Farm Home Development in the Prince Edward Island Rural Beautification Society's 1955 competition. The lower picture shows the outbuildings at the rear of the building. Full details of the awards, as announced yesterday by the president, Colonel Johnstone, appear in today's issue.

Rustico Entry Scores Highest

The results of the tenth annual competition of the Prince Edward Island Rural Beautification Society were announced yesterday by the President, Lieut.-Col. E. W. Johnstone and the Board of Directors.

In a keenly contested race, the top award for farm home improvement in the Province goes to a Queen's County entry, Mr. Victor C. Buntain of Rustico. Close runners-up were Mr. Harold Bagnall, Central Bedeque, and Mr. Elmer Moase, New Annan. To Mr. Buntain goes the Hon. J. A. Bernard provincial trophy, the Lieut.-Col. Johnstone Silver Cup for Queen's County, and a County prize of \$100.00.

Other County winners are Mr. Ernest Underhay of Bay Fortune who receives the Sen. J. A. MacDonald Silver Cup for King's, and Mr. Harold Bagnall of Central Bedeque, who receives the Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell Silver Cup for Prince.

Well over 100 entries were judged in the farm home and small holding improvement contests. Queen's County had the largest number while Prince County was distinguished by the excellence of many of its entries. Kings County had a smaller number than usual with some first rate efforts.

PROVINCIAL WINNERS
Typical of the jobs done by the leading contestants in each County was the accomplishment of the provincial winners, the Victor C. Buntain's of Rustico. Three old sheds and a fox ranch were pulled down or removed; old and dead trees in the orchard and driveways were removed and the ground levelled; new fences erected on both sides of the driveway; on the road frontage, orchard and around

Truman Taken To Task By Canadian Ambassador
By GEORGE KITCHEN
WASHINGTON (CP)—Canadian ambassador A.D.P. Heeneey Thursday gently took former president Truman to task for suggesting in his memoirs that Canada received United States lend-lease in the Second World War.

In a letter to the editor of the New York Times, Heeneey noted that Truman, in an installment of his memoirs appearing in The Times, referred to Canada as one of the countries whose soldiers were equipped by "lend-lease means."

Further, the ambassador noted, Truman observed that many American lives were saved by the lend-lease program, even though "we may never get the money back."

PAID IN CASH
Heeneey wrote that Canada and the U.S. under their Hyde Park agreement, exchanged "impressive quantities of military supplies merchant to and from Canada. In fact, overpaid the U.S. treasury \$3,675,000 for military services and materials. A cheque for that amount was delivered to the Canadian embassy in 1949 when war-time accounts were settled."

BULGARIA COMPLAINS
LONDON (Reuters)—Communist Bulgaria complained Thursday that two foreign planes violated its air space Oct. 6 and dropped anti-Communist leaflets. The official news agency said there was no doubt these acts were performed by "Western circles."

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BROCKVILLE (CP)—Ronald Reid, 17, Thursday was convicted of murder in the gun-and-bludgeon slaying last Aug. 23 of Benjamin Spillerman, 59-year-old Cardinal merchant. He was sentenced to be hanged Jan. 10.

STABBED WITH SCISSORS
"I grabbed the scissors away from him. Then he turned around and he tripped, I guess, and the gun went off, and kept going off, I guess."

REMAINED CALM
He said Reid remained calm while describing the scene. Donald McDade, 19, of Brockville, testified Reid told him he was in jail for killing a Cardinal merchant.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:34 a.m. and 9:48 p.m.; at Rustico at 4:54 a.m. and 5:02 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises at 6:28 a.m. and sets at 5:32 p.m.

Death In City Last Night Of Rt. Rev. J. J. Butler

The death occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital at 12:30 this morning of the Right Rev. John J. Butler, aged 57 after an illness of several months.

Right Rev. Father Butler resigned his parish of St. Mary's Cathedral, Wichita, Kansas, where he had been located for several years. He returned to the Island in July and during the summer months lived with his nephew, Rev. T. P. Butler, parish priest at Fort Augustus. Coming to the City Father Butler took up residence at the home of his niece Mrs. Frank Moran where he remained until entering the hospital on Oct. 2.

Monsignor Butler, following his attendance at Queen Square School and St. Dunstan's University, continued his studies at Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

He was ordained to the holy priesthood at Charlottetown in 1922 by His Lordship Most Rev. Louis J. O'Leary.

He then joined St. Mary's Cathedral staff at Wichita as curate followed by period as pastor at Seward and later Pratt

and Garden City all in the State of Kansas. Finally he returned to the cathedral as rector where he remained until his retirement owing to ill health.

Surviving relatives are: three sisters, Mrs. Hector MacMillan (Winnie), Sydney, N.S.; Mrs. John Gillis (Margaret), Sydney, N.S.; Mrs. John Jacobs (Susan), Hartford, Conn. Two brothers, Dominic residing in Charlottetown and Arthur in Allamont, Ill. Monsignor Butler was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Butler of Charlottetown.

Billy Graham To Tour Far East

TORONTO (CP)—Evangelist Billy Graham said Thursday night he will tour the Far East with his crusade for Christ early next year.

The United States evangelist, concluding a three-week crusade in Toronto this week, said he will leave the U. S. in mid-January and spend three months in India, Korea, Japan and Hong Kong.

"We are aware that bitter satanic opposition will await us there," said Graham. He said the next three days' contributions at his Toronto crusade will be used to pay for a travelling hospital, clinic, dispensary and an automobile for his Asian tour.

Crusade officials said the Toronto subscriptions campaign have topped the \$100,000 objective by \$15,000. The money will be used to pay crusade expenses in Toronto and for follow-up work with converts.

Graham will go to Cambridge and Oxford in Britain after his Toronto crusade.

Coming Events

- Bingo St. Teresa's Friday, Oct. 14.
- Dance Lower Montague Hall every Friday night.
- Races at Hazelbrook, October 15. If not fine October 17.
- Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall tonight. Burns Orchestra.
- Regular Dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night.
- Reserve Thursday, Oct. 27, for St. James Annual Halloween Tea.
- Hear Smiling Bill MacCormack in Long River Hall, Friday 14th.
- Fresh lobster supper served at Sea Shell Inn, Victoria, Oct. 16.
- Masquerade Dance, New Zealand School, Monday, October 17th, Prizes.
- Regular Saturday night dance, St. Peter's Hall, Don Messer's Orchestra.
- Regular dance Emerald Hall Friday, Oct. 14. MacDonald's Orchestra.
- Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday and Saturday "Gypsy Colt" — technicolor drama.
- Reserve Oct. 26th and 27th for the annual chicken supper and bazaar, St. Mary's Hall, Souris.
- Enjoy the regular Friday night dance St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Music by Al Blanchard Orchestra.
- Weekly dance Winsloe Station Hall every Friday night. Rollie MacKenzie's orchestra. Dancing to 12:30.
- We can now grind and mix your grain with Shur-Gain concentrates daily. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- Beans Supper, under the auspices of St. Paul's A.Y.P.A., October 14 (Friday) come one, — Come all. Everyone welcome.
- Attention Farmers! Buying poultry Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Paying highest market prices. Phone Charlottetown 7886 collect for pick-up service. Urban McQuaid Southport.
- Will be buying fowl every Monday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday I will pick up and pay at the farms. Paying highest market prices. A. P. Gallant, Rustico.
- Fiddling and step-dancing elimination contest, St. Mary's Hall, Souris, Saturday, October 15 at 8 o'clock. Good prizes. All contestants welcome. Admission 50 cents.

Speculation On Royal Romance Is Heightened

LONDON (CP)—Princess Margaret and Group Captain Peter Townsend met Thursday night for the first time in more than two years.

An hour and 20-minute visit by Townsend to Clarence House, where the princess lives with the Queen Mother, heightened speculation that an announcement about their rumored romance will soon be made.

The 41-year-old Second World War air ace, had not seen Margaret since he was appointed British air attaché in Brussels more than two years ago. Before that, as royal equerry at Buckingham Palace, he had seen the princess almost daily for 10 years.

They were divorced father of two children, who arrived from Brussels on vacation Wednesday, accompanied by her cousin, Princess Alexandra, daughter of the Duchess of Kent, had travelled by train from Scotland.

She smiled for the droves of photographers and waved to the crowd of commuters who gave her a cheer as she walked from the railway station to a limousine. She was wearing a suit of mushroom pink and a sailor-style hat.

Archbishop of Canterbury, who as spiritual head of the Church of England would have a large say in any marriage plans. Margaret is said to have been under heavy pressure to give up the royal title and to marry Townsend. The remarriage of divorced persons, and the Queen is officially the defender of its faith. Trusted and veteran royal officials are concerned lest the romance lower the prestige of the monarchy.

QUEEN MOTHER THERE
Queen Mother Elizabeth, who returned from her castle in northern Scotland Thursday, was at Clarence House when Townsend paid his call.

The visit shed no light on whether there is anything to the stories of a romance between Margaret and Townsend. However, it did suggest the possibility that some statement may be issued soon either confirming or denying the rumors.

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American Legion Names Commander

MIAMI, Fla., (AP)—J. Addison Wagner, 41, a Battle Creek, Mich., lawyer and U. S. Navy veteran who was wounded while serving as an ensign in the Pacific during the Second World War, was elected national commander of the 3,000,000-member American Legion Thursday.

Ontario Man Winner Of Canadian Plowing Title

BLYTHWOOD, Ont. (CP)—Bob Timbers, 28, of Stouffville, Ont., won the Canadian plowmen's championship at the International Plowing Match Thursday. He topped 14 plowmen representing seven Canadian provinces.

Jerry Ferguson of Croton, Ont., who won the Ontario championship Wednesday, came in second. But under Canadian council of plowmen's association rules, he will not be able to represent Canada along with Timbers because the rules state that only one Ontario representative can compete at the World Plowing Match in England next fall.

Ed Demman, Portage La Prairie, Man., who placed third, will be the other Canadian representative. The other contestants in order of finish:

Boy Held In B. C. Murder

VANCOUVER (CP)—Martin Williams, 20, was beaten to death with a baseball bat in suburban North Vancouver Thursday and a 16-year-old boy was under arrest, RCMP said.

No charges have been laid and details of the beating were withheld.

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A jury in Ontario Supreme Court deliberated 45 minutes. In returning its verdict, it recommended that Reid be shown mercy because of his age.

N. B. Lieut-Gov. 10 Years In Office

OTTAWA (CP)—Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren of New Brunswick celebrates his 10th year in office Nov. 1 and indications are he will continue in office after that date.

Term of a lieutenant-governor continues automatically until a successor is named by cabinet. The cabinet met Thursday but no successor to Mr. MacLaren was named.

By the British North America Act, a lieutenant-governor is guaranteed a minimum of five years in office, subject to removal only with cause. After the five years are up he remains in office, his original commission holding until a successor is appointed.

Lieutenant-Governor MacLaren was appointed in 1945. It is the first time in the province's history a lieutenant-governor has served more than 10 years.

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