



Knotty Problem

Petty Officer Carl VanDerstine, of Montague, P.E.I., right, chats with AB Tom A. Henderson, Halifax, on the latter's preparation of a rope for splicing in HMCS St. Laurent. First of 14 such ships to be built in Canada for the Royal Canadian Navy, the destroyer-escort is now undergoing trials at Key West, Fla. She will visit Washington, D.C., in April. (National Defence Photo).

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR FARMING

A despatch from Ottawa to Women's Wear Daily New York has the following: March 14.—Arbitrary values established by Canada some years ago on raw Russian muskrat have been eliminated with the granting to Russia of "most favored nation" treatment in the recently drafted three-year Russo-Canadian trade treaty. Fairchild News Service learned. Customs and Excise Department officials, however, do not expect a flooding of the Canadian market with the cheap Russian skins, pointing out that any excessive shipping to Canada would have a deteriorating effect on the world fur market in general. Actually, Canada abolished fixed valuations on fur imports in 1952 prior to which it exercised arbitrary values on three specific grades of furs. These applied to all raw muskrat imports from Russia, and the regulations remained in effect until Canada signed her recent trade pact with the Soviet union.

Mink is so fashionable even the world's finest golf clubs are wearing it. Bernard Held, local furrier, will say in a quarter-page ad that is scheduled to appear in the program of the U.S. Golf Association Amateur Open. The ad shows a set of woods with mink covers, to sell at \$99 a set of four. Presumably the well-equipped golfer will want to buy a mink stole for his wife—also pictured in the ad—so that his clubs won't feel out of place.

The arrest of four furriers charged with theft and possession of furs consigned to European concerns was made known yesterday by the FBI. James J. Kelly, head of a truck loaded with about \$25,000.00 worth of furs was stolen on Jan. 12 in the vicinity of 29th street and Second Avenue, Brooklyn. He said the truck was later recovered empty. Mr. Kelly identified the defendants as Abraham Beckerman, Abraham M. Patrox, Herman Somerstein and Hyman Steinsaltz. According to Mr. Kelly, \$15,000.00 worth of the furs were recovered yesterday by FBI agents at Beckerman's place of business at 115 West 30th Street. He added that New York police recovered the balance of the furs.

WELLINGTON

Miss Sharon Arsenault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arsenault, celebrated her 6th birthday recently.

Cape Egmont Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Oxybe Richard for February meeting. Roll call was answered by 13 members. Financial report was read by secretary, Mrs. Oxybe Richard and Mrs. Gus V. Gallant were appointed on new school committee. Sick committee were Mrs. Glorice Richard and Mrs. Ben V. Gallant. A sum was voted for March of Dimes campaign. Old Christmas cards were turned in by members to be sent to foreign missions. A mission bank was opened and was decided to send an amount to Fr. Raymond Gallant, missionary in Africa. Mrs. Alban Arsenault invited meeting at her home for next meeting. Roll call was answered by exchange of recipes and there will be a fish pond. Following meeting, lunch was served by the hostess and committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Gallant and daughters were recent visitors in Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gallant and children of Cape Egmont recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Liret of Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald MacArthur and family recently visited relatives in Port Hill.

Friends of Mr. Cyrus F. Gallant manager of Wellington Co-op are pleased to see him out again after his recent illness.

The many friends of Mr. Pete Wedge, Chelsea, Mass. are sorry to hear of his serious illness in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Richard, accompanied by Mrs. Richard's mother and sister recently visited relatives in Moncton, N.B.

Mrs. Hattie Crossman, Central Bedouque, is spending some time at home of her brother Mr. George McKinnon and Mrs. McKinnon, owing to illness of her mother, Mrs. Colin McKinnon, Sr.

ALBERTON

A meeting of the Alberton Film Council was held on Monday with the president, F.C. Weeks presiding and S.N. McInnis and Bramwell Chandler of Charlottetown in attendance. Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie. Ways and means of reactivating the Alberton Board were discussed and it was decided to have a National Film Council work shop on April 11th and to invite a large attendance of Council members and others interested.

Attendance was on hand. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albanie Gallant.

Friends of Mrs. Gerard Aucoin, St. Philips will be pleased to learn she is improving in health after being confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Henry Landry and children Michael and Gisele, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gerome Gallant and Mr. and Mrs. Emilien Bernard.

Little Elmer Cormier, Summerside recently visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benoit Cormier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Harkness and daughters were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barlow on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barlow visited Mrs. Barlow's father, Mr. P. Delaney, Linkletter Road on Sunday.

Monthly meeting of Lacardaire movement was held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emilien Bernard, with an attendance of 23 members. Prayer was recited by moderator Rev. Emmanuel Richard. Various discussions took place. Next meeting will be held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aucoin, St. Jeanne D'Arc meeting. A good

ELLERSLIE BIDEFORD

Miss Jeanetta Ogden, Ellerslie, who is now employed in Alberton, is at present visiting relatives in Charlottetown, waiting admittance to the P.E.I. Hospital, where she will receive treatment and undergo surgery. Her many friends wish her a quick return home, restored to health.

Mr. Orville Millar who is with the R.C.A.F. at North Bay, Ontario, is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Millar, Ellerslie.

Mrs. Shrieve Millar, Bideford, spent the past weekend visiting with her sisters in Ellerslie. Mrs. Pearl McGovern and Mrs. Lutie Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coughlin and family, Summerside, were the recent guests of Mrs. Coughlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Coughlin, Ellerslie.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Ingles and family, Summerside, were visitors to Ellerslie and McNeill's Mills, on Sunday, March 11th.

The Ellerslie W.I. met at the home of Mrs. L.A. Burtleigh on Friday evening, March 24th, with a good attendance. Another social evening was planned with Bideford.

KENSINGTON

Mrs. Arthur Cousins, Darnley has been ill at her home. All hope for her speedy recovery.

Sympathy is extended to the family and relatives of the late James Tompson, whose death occurred in the Prince Edward Hospital on Thursday March 15 following a short illness at his home in Kensington.

Mrs. Wallace Waddell has returned to her home in Balfour after spending the past few days in Kensington.

Mr. William Buchanan of Kensington was taken to the Prince County Hospital on Wednesday, March 14.

Mrs. Duncan Sudsbury who has been a patient in the Prince County Hospital has returned to Kensington where she is the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Sudsbury and family.

Mr. Bruce Crozier, Baltic, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Henry Crozier, Summerside East.

Mrs. Atwood Blakeney is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Mathews and family of Baltic.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hogg, Central Bedouque, were visitors to Kensington on March 18th.

Mrs. John Arnold Douglas, Norboro, is confined to her home through illness and all hope for her speedy recovery.

On Friday evening, March 16th, a large number of people gathered at the Malpeque Hall where a most successful dance was sponsored under the auspices of the Fanning School. Music was furnished by

Federal Surplus Climbs In Feb.

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal budget surplus climbed by \$8,393,000 in February to an 11-month total of \$187,889,000.

But Finance Minister Harris was still convinced Friday that the over-all surplus will turn into a deficit of \$51,700,000 when the books are closed for the full year's operations.

His forecast of a \$51,700,000 deficit was contained in a white paper tabled in the Commons before he brought down his 1955-57 budget last Tuesday.

In March, final month of the fiscal year, expenditures normally exceed revenues by a substantial amount, Mr. Harris said in his monthly treasury statement. And therefore he expected the \$51,700,000 deficit to materialize.

The February \$8,400,000 surplus contrasted with the \$19,900,000 deficit a year ago. The \$187,889,000 surplus for the 11 months of 1955-56 compared with a \$103,200,000 deficit in the similar 1954-55 period. But in 1954-55, the government ended up in the red by \$151,900,000.

Mrs. Roy Easter and Mr. Wiliam Woodsie.

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