

Signals Officers Meet In City Over Week-end

Officers of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals from all over the Maritime Provinces are meeting in Charlottetown today. From both Active and Reserve Forces they will confer on training procedures, current problems and hear an address by Dr. O.M. Solandt, chairman of the Defence Research Council.

Brigadier J.E. Genge, C.B.E., M.C., president of the Canadian Signals Association, will be present as will be Brig. A.W. Beament, C.B.E., V.D., a past president. Col. H.L. Meuser, chief of staff, Eastern Command, will represent Major-Gen. E.C. Plow, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D.

At the conference during the morning and afternoon the chairman will be Lieut. Col. K.M. Johnston, Charlottetown, officer commanding the 5th Div. Signals. At a mess dinner to be addressed by Dr. Solandt, chairman will be Lieut. Col. F.J. Storey, E.D., Charlottetown, vice-president of the Canadian Signals Association.

In the afternoon a reception will be held for Dr. Solandt in the United Services Officers Club and in the evening the conference will adjourn to the Armouries.

Also in attendance during the day's sessions will be Brig. G.G.K. Peake, D.S.O., E.D., Charlottetown, Col. H. Shaw, commander of the 5th Div. R.C.A.M.C., Chatham; Dr. J.J. Green, Defence Research Council, Ottawa; Lieut. Col. W.H. Ellis, command signal officer and Major P.D. Smith, D.S.O., Q.M.G., will be present from Eastern Command, Halifax.

Extend Rural Beautification Competitions

Attention is drawn to the announcement of the 1952 Rural Beautification Competitions elsewhere in this paper. Lieut. Col. K.W. Johnstone, E.D., chairman of the Rural Beautification Society, states that revisions of the contest are frequent in the light of experience gained from previous years and that this year's contest has been considerably extended.

The Community Improvement contest for each county has a substantial increase in awards due to the generous grant of \$450 by the firm of M.F. Schurman Co. Ltd. Prizes in the Home Improvement contest have been increased by the R.T. Holman, Ltd. awards totaling \$30 for the first prize winners in each county. The Kiwanis Club of Charlottetown has offered a prize of \$50 for home improvement achieved by a war veteran of Queens County. Prizes for the outstanding home in each county are offered by the Island Fertilizer Company.

Every competitor in this year's competition promises to be the most interesting yet held. Entries will close on May 10th.

Busy Day For City Firemen

What looks like a record for fire calls occurred yesterday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., when four alarms were rung in within the three hour period.

A grass fire on the Mount Edward Road did no damage, and a similar call for Spring Park Road eliminated a few fox pens not in use. On Spring Park Road, a car which took fire was removed from the garage before any damage was suffered and before the firemen reached the scene.

A somewhat more dangerous situation arose at the Union Road pumping station, which resulted in a barn being demolished. The prompt arrival and action on the part of City firemen prevented the fire spreading to nearby buildings at this important plant.

Another grass fire on Gerald street at 5.15 P.M., brought the total alarms for the day to five.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS
WHITE — At the Charlottetown Hospital on April 23, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter White, Donagh, a son, weight 8 lbs. 8 ozs.
JOHNSTON — At the Prince County Hospital on April 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston, Summerside, a son.

MARRIAGES
REID-HUMPHREY — At the home of the bride on April 23rd by the Rev. D.A. Campbell assisted by the Rev. Mr. Barbour, Norma Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Humphrey of Kensington to Robert Carlyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Reid of Middleton, P.E.I.

DEATHS
BERNARD — On April 24th, Catherine Bernard of Urbainville in her 49th year, wife of Eusebe Bernard. Body transferred from Cutcliffe Funeral Home on Friday to her late residence. Funeral notice later.

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

ALPHA PHIAI Rummage sale Y.M.C.A. 3.30 Saturday.

DRESSES CLEARING AT 1/4 OFF at The Fashion Shoppe.

HEAR R. R. BELL, Q.C., M.L.A., on Provincial Affairs, CFCY at 7.15 this evening.

SPECIAL SATURDAY at Stewart Bakeries. Fresh Banana Layer Cake — richly flavored with real bananas.

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POLICE COURT — Before Stipendiary Magistrate K.M. Martin in the City Police Court yesterday, an offender for "Breach of Sanitation" was charged "costs only", in view of the fact that the offensive situation had been remedied. One drunk and incapable was given 20 days suspended sentence and a woman shoplifter also given a suspended sentence.

DEATH OF FORMER ISLANDER — Word has been received of the death of Bessie Leitch Forsyth of Sidney, B.C. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carr of West Covehead. She leaves to mourn besides her husband, one daughter, Miss (Mrs. D.W. Seymour) Gordon, B.C., and step-son, H. Sidney Leitch of this city.

MODERATOR'S VISIT — Rt. Rev. Norman D. Kennedy, M.C., M.A., D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly Presbyterian Church in Canada will be the preacher at the morning service at the Kirk of St. James tomorrow. He will also visit Summerside and will be at the evening services of the church there. He will be guest of honour at a reception later in the church hall.

INAUGURAL TRIP — The M/V "Blue Prince" owned and operated by the Blue Peter Steamships Ltd., and represented in Charlottetown by the Nfld. Shipping Service is scheduled to sail from Charlottetown on May 5th, for Saint John's, Nfld., calling at St. Pierre, Miq. This trip will inaugurate the summer service over this route.

VISITING OVERSEAS — Mrs. Ruth Morris of Charlottetown and Mrs. J.D. Hodgett of Toronto are travelling companions on a six months visit to the British Isles Continental Europe. Mrs. Morris has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ross Martin in Montreal for some time and sailed from that city for Liverpool, on the Empress of France yesterday.

Personals

Mrs. J.L. Murphy, Mrs. W.W. Murphy and Mrs. J.B. Fleming arrived home Wednesday from a pleasant trip to Toronto and Ottawa.

Mr. Keith Huestis, formerly of Charlottetown, was recently injured in a car collision in Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Huestis is still in hospital, recovering from a head injury requiring several stitches.

Fine Record Held By Fifth Infantry Signals

Charlottetown's 5th Infantry Div. Signals (RF), host unit for today's conference of Eastern Command signals officers has had a long continuous history of activity, it was noted here today by officers of the Canadian Signals Association.

It was at the turn of the century that a signals' organization first came into being on Prince Edward Island although it was 1905 before authorization was received for the formation of an independent signals unit known as No. 12 Signalling Section.

First commanding officer with the rank of Lieutenant was the late W.K. Rogers who was succeeded by his son, Lieut. K.S. Rogers. Camping regularly at Victoria Park until 1913, in 1914 the first camp at Sussex, N.B. was held. At that time the senior sergeant of the unit was Sgt. E.G. (Bunny) Weeks, now a Major-General.

In August of 1914 a detachment left for overseas service and served with distinction until the end of hostilities. They received nine decorations, several mentions in despatches, two were wounded but none were killed. Training was carried on throughout the war by this section, reinforcements being sent overseas. Following the war the name was changed to No. 8 Signal Company with Mr. Rogers as a major commanding.

After World War I
Starting again in 1921 the company camped at Victoria Park with strength of 225 officers and men. In 1928 Major Rogers retired and was succeeded by Major F.B. Conrad, M.M., E.D., who commanded until 1938. During those years the unit was successively known as No. 2 Signal Company, 6th Div. Sig., No. 6 Composite Company and No. 8 District Signals.

Other training camps attended included Aldershot, Sussex Camp Borden and Vimy. There was small equipment in the inadequate state of those days, officers reminded last night. In 1939 Lieut. Col. Conrad retired and command was taken by Major W.A. Smith, who organized the unit on mobilization for the Second World War. Detachments were taken to act as various fortress signals units in Canada until the remainder joined the Third Divisional Signals in 1940. Many officers of all ranks enlisted in other units owing to this.

Following the war the unit was reorganized as No. 5 Divisional Signals with Lieut. Col. D.N. Bell, E.D., as commanding officer in 1946. Since then unit personnel have taken a high degree of training at special schools and summer camps. Lieut. Col. K.M. Johnston is officer commanding now succeeding Lieut. Col. F.J. Storey, E.D.

The new 36,000-ton British aircraft carrier Eagle is the first ship constructed to launch latest naval jet aircraft.

Maritime Girl Guide Commissioners



Group of Maritime Girl Guide Commissioners Pictured at Government House.

Annual Meeting Of Benevolent Irish Society

Mr. E. W. Hogan was elected President of the Benevolent Irish Society at the annual meeting of the Society which was held last night in the Canadian Legion Hall. The retiring president, Mr. Wilfred J. Smith presided.

Patron of the Society for the coming year will be Mr. John Cronin. Other officers elected last night were: Mr. L. O. Kelly, first vice president; Mr. Thomas McAvinn, second vice president; Mr. J. Plus Callaghan, treasurer; Mr. Harold A. Power, secretary; and Mr. Art McQuaid, sergeant-at-arms.

The well attended meeting heard reports by the following committee chairmen: Mr. John Hogan, Erin Club; Mr. J. Plus Callaghan, treasurer's report; Mr. L. O. Kelly, charity report; Mr. J. E. St. John, finance; Mr. Vincent King, Ladies Auxiliary.

After the presentation of committee reports the retiring president thanked all members for their cooperation during his term in office and wished the new president every success.

The following committee chairmen and officials were elected: Chief Marshal, Mr. Leo Dowling; S.; door-keeper, Mr. John Conroy; finance, Mr. Wm. McCarron; Erin Club, Mr. Vincent King; membership, Mr. Preston Curley; entertainment, Mr. Clarence Reeves; property, Mr. John Hogan; ladies auxiliary, Mr. Claude Carroll; charity, Mr. Wilfred McKenna; social evening, Mr. Laurie Gormley; Whelan grave, Mr. Thomas Finn; auditors, Messrs. Hugh Trainor, Sr. and Plus Smith.

Another meeting will be held Friday evening, May 2 in the Riley Building.

Active Day For Girl Guide Commissioners

Yesterday was a busy day for more than 40 delegates attending the Maritime Girl Guide Commissioners' Conference here. Their day began at 9.30 A.M. with registration at the Holy Redeemer Community Centre on Stewart St. where the sessions are being held.

Registration was followed by an informal visit to Government House, and luncheon at the Y.M.C.A. banquet hall.

The first of three conference sessions was held yesterday afternoon, as the Island delegation took charge of discussion on the subject of "How to Hold the Interest of the Older Guides."

Miss Lillian Duchemin, Conference Chairman, welcomed the delegates briefly, and Councillor Elmer MacDonald, representing the Mayor and Council, extended a welcome from the City of Charlottetown. Mrs. Gordon Hutchison officially welcomed the commissioners, and read a telegram from the Newfoundland Provincial Commissioner, Mrs. Laura Gosling, and a letter from the Chief Commissioner for Canada, Mrs. Estelle Wisnart. Under the direction of Miss Iphigene Arsenault and Miss Suzanne MacKinnon, Division Commissioners, the group split into patrols, to discuss the various aspects of the question under consideration. After an hour of deliberation, the group reassembled, and a representative of each patrol told the group the suggestions which it felt would, if put into practice, keep older girls interested, a problem which, as was pointed out by Miss Arsenault, is encountered not only in guiding but in all forms of youth work.

The delegates were particularly interested in a display of material, chiefly books and pamphlets, provided by National Girl Guide Headquarters for their examination. Among them is a beautifully illustrated book of interest to many Guides telling of the formation of the Buckingham Palace Guide Troop and of the Princesses' participation in Guiding activities.

After the lengthy session which the commissioners felt brought up many useful suggestions for solving this problem, they were tendered an excellent dinner at St. Paul's Parish Hall by the North District Local Association, Miss Cecile Holman of Summerside moved a vote of thanks to those who provided the generous repast. Greetings were sent from the conference to Mrs. Brandon, Man., April 25 — (CP) — Two R. C. A. F. helicopters today were pressed into the search for three prisoners who fled yesterday from a working party outside the provincial jail. The planes are from the joint air training centre at Rivers, Man.

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Will Deliver Lecture Series At St. Dunstan's

The information has been released by Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, Rector of St. Dunstan's University, that Father Andrei Orousoff, S.J., Lecturer in the Russian Institute of Fordham University, New York, has been scheduled to deliver a public lecture at the University Auditorium on May 5th, as a part of a speaking tour of the Maritime Provinces.

Father Orousoff, a son of Prince Alexander Orousoff, and thereby a descendant of one of Russia's oldest families, fled Russia in 1918 with those of his family who survived the Soviet Revolution. Brought up in the Russian Orthodox Church, he became a Catholic after his flight from Russia, and went to Rome to take up ecclesiastical studies at the Russian College there.

While there he joined the Society of Jesus. After his ordination, Father Orousoff spent a short time in Rome, and then went to Shanghai to work with his brother Jesuits among the Russian colony there. When the Red Chinese armies occupied Shanghai, he left as a part of an exodus of five thousand other Russians for a refugee camp in the Philip- pines. Sickness caused him to be evacuated to the United States, where he was assigned to teach at the newly opened Institute of Contemporary Russian Studies at Fordham University.

Father Orousoff comes to Charlottetown as part of a speaking tour which will take him to the various University centers of the Maritime Provinces. His address at St. Dunstan's will be on the combined topics of "Psychology of the Bolshevik Rule" and "Religious Problems in Russia." The insight with which he approaches the "Russian problem" and his acute analyses of the Russian mind have placed Father Orousoff in great demand as a lecturer throughout the New England area, and in those parts of the United States to which his reputation for intellectual acumen has spread.

Another full day of varied activities awaits the Commissioners today, as the conference draws to a close with conference sessions under the leadership of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia delegations, luncheon at Zion Church and a conference banquet and business meeting this evening.

Helicopters Aid Search For Prisoners

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FAMOUS CANYON
The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in Arizona is 217 miles long, four to 18 miles wide and 5,000 feet deep.

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Spring Training Preparations Under Way At Queen Charlotte

"Spic and span" with everything shipshape, was the order of the day yesterday aboard the "Queen Charlotte." Although the word house-cleaning is tabooed there are definite signs of spring here as elsewhere.

Down at the waterfront, where the tang of the salt in the air brings visions of cruises ahead, men from the "Queen Charlotte" are giving their harbour craft an overhaul and refit, in preparation for their summer training.

Two 27 ft. "whalers," used for pulling or sailing, are in the boatshed almost ready for practice use by the R. C. N. permanent force and the reserve. The larger Diesel powered harbour craft is undergoing an engine and paint job at the Marine Wharf.

Approximately 85 officers and men comprise the complement aboard the "Queen Charlotte." Under command of Lt. Cmdr. J. Trainer, R.C.N. (R), Associated with him are Lt. John M. Richards, R.C.N., Staff officer, Lieut. Ralph C. MacLean, R.C.N. (R).

In addition there is the University Naval Training Division, comprised of S.D.U. and P.W.C. cadets. Sub. Lieut. Farrell, R.C.N. (R), is in charge of University training. Recruiting Chief Petty Officer S. G. Bowles, handles the recruiting, and C.P.O. A. Costello is seamanship instructor.

Since January 1st of this year, 20 persons have been sworn in as members of the Royal Canadian Navy, according to figures released by naval officials at H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte.

Fourteen men and one Wren went active, two officers and three ratings joined the reserve.

Origin of Name
As has been stated before but as many Prince Edward Islanders have forgotten, H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" took its name from the Corvette which fought under Commander Robert H. Barclay in the

war of 1812. The ship was attached to the Provincial Marine established on the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Champlain during the American Revolution. She was built in 1809 weighed 400 tons, and carried a crew of 126 men. She assisted in the defence of Fort Malden, and was captured by the Americans in the battle of Lake Erie. Several other British warships have borne the name of "Queen Charlotte"—all of these were called after the wife of King George III of England.

This Canadian Naval Reserve Division was established at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island in 1924, with Lieutenant G. H. Bunin as its Commanding Officer. Its first quarters were in the Armouries. As the recruiting developed and training requirements increased, larger accommodation was needed, and in 1928 the Division moved to the Navy League Building where it remained for eight years. In 1936 a shift was made again, this time to the Sims Building.

Fine Wartime Record

When Canada declared war against Germany in 1939, the entire Division was at its training camp at the Ordnance grounds. The ships' company immediately broke camp, and all hands volunteered at once for Active Service. Throughout the Second World War H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" served as a Basic Training Centre, and some 3,000 men received their initial instructions here. 52 officers, and 1,208 ratings were enlisted through the Division. The Naval Establishment was only commissioned as H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" in April, 1942.

After the war it became a demobilization centre, and when the flow of discharges had sufficiently abated it reverted to its original status of a Reserve Division.



YOU'RE IN THE KNOW! The Sportswear Department in Summerside and the Little Shop in Charlottetown have a really smart collection of sheer NYLON BLOUSES at just 2.98! Some are Nylon Tricot, some are Nylon Ninon and some are Nylon Sheer. They're ALL dainty and darling—with flattering little collars, lace or ruffled yokes and tiny cap sleeves—the color is white only and the sizes are 12 to 18. Now You're in the Know about these Blouses of sheer Nylon for 2.98 in the Sportswear at Holman's Summerside and in Holman's Little Shop, Charlottetown.

YOU'RE IN THE KNOW! The Youth Centre has received from our American buyer a shipment of "WEE NIBLE" GAUZE DIAPERS priced ONLY JUST 4.65 a dozen. They're unconditionally GUARANTEED by the manufacturer. In the 20 by 40 size, these grand Diapers for your baby are soft, absorbent and easily washed—they dry very quickly! In boxes of 1 dozen they're priced just 4.65 in the Youth Centre.

YOU'RE IN THE KNOW! The Dry Goods Department has a good selection of AYERS "ROUGH RIDER" TRAVEL RUGS that are just the thing for your car or cottage. They're of All Pure Wool in attractive and assorted plaids with fringed ends. The size is approximately 58 by 68 and the price is just 10.50 each. Shop for a really smart, warm Travel Rug of pure wool and made by Ayers—you'll find them in the Dry Goods Department.

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ATTENTION ODDFELLOWS and REBEKAHS

All Oddfellows and Rebekahs are requested to attend Divine Worship at Central Christian Church on Sunday, April 27th, at 11 A. M., to observe the 133rd Anniversary of Oddfellowship.

Members will meet in church annex at 10.30 A.M.

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