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-BINGO in Borden tonight at 8:00 p.m. Good prizes. Jackpot. Admission 25 cents.

-MALPEQUE UNITED CHURCH - There will be service in the Malpeque United Church on Sunday, January 31st at 11 a.m. Rev. Alexander MacKay, Minister.

-THE MARGATE PASTORAL CHARGE of the United Church of Canada Services Sunday, January 31st. Long River 11 a.m. New London 2 p.m. and Margate 7:30 p.m. Rev. S. H. Haslam, Minister.

-OLEARY UNITED CHURCH CHARGE - Rev. R. R. Wagner, Minister. Bloomfield, Church 11:30 a.m. Erie Church 2:30 p.m. Clifton 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Church 7:30 p.m.

-THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA - The New London Charge. Services, Sunday, January 31st. Long River 11:00 a.m. Geddes Memorial 2:30 p.m. Clifton 7:30 p.m. Rev. Donald A. Campbell, Minister.

-REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING - Prince County Fish and Game Association, Town Hall, Kensington, tonight, 8:00 p.m. Public invited to attend. N. E. MacLeod, Secretary.

-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES for Sunday, January 31st. Kensington 11:00 a.m. Free-town 3:00 p.m. Malpeque, 7:30 p.m. Rev. E. H. Bean, Minister. A cordial welcome to all.

Airport For Halifax To Be Selected Soon

HALIFAX (CP) - The Mail-Star says in an Ottawa story today that weather readings at nearby Waverley "give every indication" the area will be selected for a new Halifax airport. The story says no decision will be made until a full year of weather readings has been completed at the end of February but quoted officials as saying "it looks like Kelly lake more and more all the time."

Nig it Cleaner Sent Loot To France

MONTREAL (CP) - A 42-year-old native of France was held Tuesday on charges of stealing \$10,000 worth of goods from a department store and sending the loot to relatives in France. Marcel Cotte, employed as a night cleaner in the store, allegedly spirited the goods away over a 12-month period by wrapping the articles—mostly women's clothes—around his body as he finished his overnight trick, police said.

BORDEN RINK

Double Header
TONIGHT
Yard Crew vs. Youth Club
Legionaires
vs.
Abegweit Boat Team
First game 7:15
Admission 25c

NOTICE!
HOLMAN'S
Wholesale Grocery
Division
WILL BE CLOSED
All Day Saturday, Jan. 30th
For Stocktaking
Open Monday Morning
Feb. 1st at Usual Hour

Alberton Rebekah Lodge Officers Are Installed

The officers of Regallete Rebekah Lodge number 93 I.O.O.F., Alberton, were regularly installed Thursday evening, Jan. 21st by district deputy president, Sister Margaret Forsyth as deputy marshal and Sister Annie Profit, Sister Maud Dyer and Sister Shirley McArthur. During the installation ceremony and the singing of the "Ode" Sister Myrtle Miller presided at the organ.

Following is the new slate of officers: Noble Grand, Sister Lela Wallace; vice grand, Sister Marcia Gordon; recording secretary, Sister Jean Wilkie; financial secretary, Sister Dorothy Travers; treasurer, Sister Helen Kerr; wardens, Sister Shirley McArthur; chaplain, Sister Olive Wilkie; chaplain, Sister Maud Dyer; musician, Sister Myrtle Miller; right supporter of Noble Grand, Sister Mabel Fielding; left supporter of Noble Grand, Sister Margaret Forsyth; outside guardian, Sister Lottie Hunter; inside guardian, Sister Joyce Johnston.

Sisters Margaret Forsyth, Myrtle Miller and Maud Dyer were appointed to the visiting committee and Sister Shirley McArthur, Joyce Johnston and Gertrude Matthews to the finance committee.

The members decided to assist in the March of Dimes by securing donation bins which will be placed in the stores for the convenience of those who wish to contribute to the work being done to combat polio.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. JOHN NOONAN
The death of Mrs. John Noonan at Summerside on December 28, in her 43rd year brought sorrow to a wide circle of relatives and friends near, far and near. Mrs. Noonan who was employed as bookkeeper with R. T. Holman Ltd. had returned from Borden at noon, and suffered a stroke. She was taken to the P. C. Hospital but passed away the same evening.

Mrs. Noonan, formerly Annie E. MacDonald, was born at Kensington, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. MacDonald. At the age of eight years she went with her parents to Borden and after attending public school there took business training at Summerside Business College, returning to Borden where for nearly fifteen years she was chief operator at Borden Telephone Office.

In this capacity she made a multitude of friends who will always remember her devotion to duty and unflinching loyalty. Later she married Mr. John Noonan and they were residents of Borden until her husband's death in August, 1951. Since then she had made her home in Summerside.

The late Mrs. Noonan was widely known, loved and admired and her exemplary Christian life will ever be an inspiration to all who knew her. She received from Rev. Father LeClair the last rites of the Roman Catholic Church in which she so firmly believed and worshipped with such a tender devotion.

She leaves to cherish her memory a daughter, Patsy and the following sisters and brother: Mary, Mrs. Elmer Roberts, Middleton, Jean at Summerside, and John A. on the homestead at Borden. The funeral was held on January 31, at St. Peter's Church, Seven Mile Bay, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Reginald MacDonald, assisted by Rev. Wm. V. MacDonald as deacon, and Rev. T. P. Hamill as sub-deacon. Rev. Wm. V. Monaghan, P. P. of Alberton, was present in the sanctuary.

Palbearers were Messrs: E. P. Foley, Don MacPherson, Thomas Gallant, Norman MacWilliams, Reginald McAleer and Charles McIvor. Interment was in Seven Mile Bay cemetery.

The many spiritual and floral tributes and messages of sympathy which were received bore silent testimony of the love and high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew her. May her soul rest in peace.

CRAPAUD RINK

TONIGHT
Albany vs. New Haven
First game in semi-finals
Game starts at 8 p.m. sharp.

ATTENTION
HOG PRODUCERS
IN KENSINGTON AND SUMMERSIDE AREAS
On account of the storm our agents MacEwen and Caseley were unable to load hogs on Thursday this week as usual. They will be loading hogs at both Kensington and Summerside on Monday, Feb. 1.
CANADA PACKERS LTD.
Charlottetown

Storm Closes Schools, Stores At Summerside

For the third time in as many weeks transportation by motor vehicle in Prince County was gradually forced to a standstill as highways became blocked with snow drifts early yesterday morning.

The storm began about 1 p.m. on Wednesday and continued throughout yesterday causing stores and schools in Summerside to close during the afternoon, and halting or greatly limiting various delivery services of local business concerns.

According to the meteorological office at R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, the snow fall during the storm amounted to 12 1/2 inches, but difficulty was reported in obtaining an accurate measurement due to the drifting snow driven by winds of 30-40 miles per hour with gusts up to 65. The temperature began falling steadily about 8 a.m. yesterday and was expected to reach a low of 8 degrees above zero during the night.

Decide To Enlarge S'side Trinity United Church

At the annual meeting in Epworth Hall on Wednesday evening authorization was made for the enlargement of Trinity United Church to provide additional seating accommodation for at least another 100 persons and it is expected that this work will be completed before the observance of the 100th anniversary of this church in June.

At this annual church meeting a devotional service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Matheson, who was chairman of the meeting. In submitting his annual report Rev. Mr. Matheson gave statistical information regarding the church and its activities. Dr. Lea M. Calbeck was elected as secretary, and read the minutes of the various congregational meetings held during the year. Roland Phillipson read the annual financial report, and also the budget for 1954.

W. F. Strong submitted a report of the trustee board.

Various church reports were read as follows: Women's Missionary Society (afternoon)—Miss. Hammond Johnson; Evening Auxiliary, Mrs. Verno Rogers; Ladies Social Club Mrs. Myrtle Ireland; Women's Association, Mrs. Moryle Wylie; Mr. and Mrs. Cluo, Allison MacLean; Gardie Roil, Mrs. Wallace Bradshaw.

Reports were also received and accepted from the Sunday School, Lyons, Trail Rangers, Explorers, Mission Band, and Y.P.U. The missionary and maintenance report showed that a total of \$5,520 had been contributed to missions this included donations of the W.M.S. during the year. Dr. H. E. Moysie and Wallace Bradshaw were appointed as members to attend the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The committee of stewards had seven members elected for a three-year term as follows: Messrs Horace MacFarlane, Keith Lapp, Albert Leard, Harold L. Milligan, Roland Phillipson, Mrs. Verno Rogers, Mrs. Eric Sheer; and for a one year term, Mr. Norman Hogg.

Mr. Arthur W. Allen was elected a member of the board of trustees. Dr. H. E. Moysie reported for the Mt. Allison campaign fund. Messrs. Norman Hogg and Harold W. Milligan were appointed auditors. Motions of thanks were tendered to the various organizations, to the minister, the choir, and other personnel of the church. The meeting closed with the benediction, after which lunch was served in the hall.

Will Hold Trade Talks In Moscow

STOCKHOLM, Reuters—A delegation of 33 British business men passed through Stockholm today on their way to Moscow for talks with the Soviet Chamber of Commerce.

The leader, J. B. Scott, said they represent 26 private industries and are travelling to Moscow on their own initiative for two weeks of negotiations.

The 33 men represent heavy machinery, tools, electric equipment, automobiles and other goods. They are interested in buying food, chemicals and cotton from Russia.

LIBRARIES FOR THE BLIND

The Canadian free library for the blind was organized in Toronto in 1906.

Highway Traffic In West Prince At Standstill

All highways and secondary roads in West Prince were quickly blocked yesterday by a heavy fall of drifting snow accompanied by high winds which continued at unabated fury throughout the night.

The regular morning bus from Tignish to Charlottetown returned to Alberton after becoming stuck in a heavy bank of snow near Portage.

A party of Alberton couriers en route to the bonspiel at Summerside spent all day fighting their way as far as Richmond where they were forced to remain all night. As far as could be learned plows were not out except for emergency runs.

The storm was also said to have been responsible for the death of Mr. Fred Gallant of Summerside, as reported elsewhere in this paper, who suffered a heart attack and died while pushing a car that had become stuck in the snow in front of his home.

Bloomfield and Vicinity

Mr. Woodrow Dymont was a visitor to Tignish, on January 22. Jacqueline Brown was a recent business visitor to Alberton.

Shirley McInnis, Charlottetown, is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Bloomfield.

Mr. Verous Sentner, Roseville left recently to join the R. C. A. F. in Quebec.

J. A. C. Erskine Smith, stationed at Chatham, N. B., spent his first long visiting friends and relatives in Bloomfield and vicinity. He was accompanied by Mrs. Smith.

Friends of Mrs. Michael Murphy are sorry to learn she is confined to her home through illness.

Mr. Walter Saunders, formerly of Bloomfield, and now living in Connecticut, spent an enjoyable vacation visiting friends and relatives in Bloomfield and vicinity. He sees many great changes in this community since his last visit 15 years ago.

Miss Norma Gallant, teacher at Ellerslie School spent the past week-end at her home in Bloomfield.

Mr. Wendell Coffin, Montserrat, left recently for Quebec, to join the Air Force.

Mr. Peter Callaghan, Westchester, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald, Bloomfield.

Messrs. David Griffin and Robert Howard, Boston returned recently from Toronto.

Mr. Raymond Stewart, was a visitor to Summerside on January 21.

Mr. Lorne Thompson, employed with the C. P. R. telegraph, Alberta, spent some time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, Glenora, Lot 7.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Palmer, Roseville on their recent marriage.

Friends of Mrs. William Smith, are sorry to learn she is a patient in the Prince County Hospital. All wish her a complete recovery.

Travelling in this vicinity is somewhat hazardous due to the condition of the roads as they are almost completely covered with ice.

A successful concert was held in Bloomfield, recently under the skillful management of Mrs. Helen Stewart.

U. S. Aid Sought By South Korea

SEOUL (AP)—The Republic of South Korea has asked the United States to help build RoK armed forces to a point where South Korea can defend itself without aid of foreign troops, Prime Minister Paik Too Chin said today.

Paik said the request was made through the U. S. army secretary, Robert T. Stevens, who visited South Korea last week.

Paik would not disclose what size army, navy and air force his government wants. He said Stevens promised to discuss the request with U. S. authorities in Washington.

South Koreans manned two-thirds of the Korea front at the time of the armistice.

INCIDENTAL FIND

EDMONTON (CP)—Workers on a new city bridge came on a three-foot seam of coal while digging 16 feet below the bed of the North Saskatchewan river. The discovery recalled early days when miners burrowed for coal along the river banks.

Shipbuilding Days At Bedeque Bay & S'side

From my search of the records of shipbuilding in Prince Edward Island as compiled by the late Preston Ellis of Port Hill and now in the archives at Prince of Wales College, I will endeavor to give a short history of this work as carried out at Bedeque Bay and later at Summerside.

The first record of shipbuilding at Bedeque, is taken from the history of the Methodist church at Bedeque, written some years ago by Mr. George Leard, in it he tells of a small ship of less than 40 tons, built in 1791 by William Baker, as the record of shipbuilding from 1791 to about 1830 are incomplete it is quite possible that other ships may have been built between 1791 and 1800.

From what records that are available it is known that William Schurman, who came to Bedeque in 1800 from Shelburne N.S., built a small ship of about 65 tons in 1802 and another of 107 tons in the following year, records also show that in 1803 Daniel Green and William Baker each built one registering about 70 tons.

In 1806 Schurman built one of 70 tons followed by another of about same size in 1808, these ships as well as those built previously were used to move farm products to Charlottetown and also to N.B. points. In 1814 Schurman built a three masted ship registering 181 tons this seems to have been the largest built up to that time.

About 1818 John and William Pope, sons of a prominent ship owner in Plymouth Eng., came to the Island and settled at Bedeque, accompanying them were a number of experienced builders, and about 1820 started the building of larger ships.

In 1821 Pope built the Elizabeth of 251 tons register, followed by another of 380 tons in 1823. In 1821 A. Campbell built one of 250 tons and in 1823 one of 237 tons. The largest ship built at Bedeque, as far as the records show was the Delphi of 643 tons built by Hames Pope in 1840, it is quite possible that ships of this or perhaps larger were built there, loaded with lumber and sent to England, where ship and cargo would be sold and their ship registered in that country.

From 1791 to 1875, 96 ships are shown as having been built or registered at Bedeque, this work may have been carried on there after 1875 but if so the ships were registered at Summerside. 1823

and 1865 are shown as the peak years, with five built in each of these years, as far as I can learn the ship yards were located on the waterfront of the farm now owned by Mr. Dan Noonan.

The first record I can find of a ship being built at Summerside was in 1855 when Daniel Green registered it as having been built at Green's Shore (which is now the site of Summerside) as Mr. Green's yard was in later years shown in the list of yards there, it is my impression that he built ships previous to this date, but as the Custom house was at Bedeque previous to 1856, he registered them there.

During the period from 1855 to 1943, one hundred and fifty nine ships were built or registered at Summerside. 1866 was the peak year when 15 were built.

The largest ship shown as having been built at Summerside, what eventually became of this ship I am unable to ascertain.

From information I have received from an older resident of Summerside, there were some ten or eleven yards of various sizes in operation from about 1860 to 1885. Six of them, McMillans, Yeo's, Leturgey's, Richards', Ramsay's and Green's were in western part of the waterfront from Queen's wharf, Holman's and Muirheads were somewhere between Queen's and Railway wharves, with Brazill's and another which I cannot identify east of Railway wharf, somewhere near where Reads wharf was. Today nothing is to show where any of these yards were situated.

Although Mr. Pope is shown as having built ships at Summerside, I am unable to find any record of where his yard was located, it may have been possible he continued to build at Bedeque, after he moved to Summerside about 1875, or it is possible that Brazill's or Ramsay was built for him. This is a brief record of the industry that started Summerside on its way to what some say is the richest town in Canada.

NOTICE
All accounts due the Kensington Dairying Co-op Association Limited must be settled by January 30 as that is the end of our business year.
BRUCE HOWARD,
Manager.
KENSINGTON RINK
FRIDAY, JAN. 29th
Farmers League
Springfield vs. Graham's Rd
Game 8:15 sharp
SATURDAY, JAN. 30
Skating 1:30 to 3:30
8 to 10

KINSMEN RINK CARNIVAL
(Janitor's Benefit)
FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 29th
Skating 7:00-10:00
4-Big Prizes—4 — 2 for girls and 2 for boys
Also big gate ticket prize
Lots of fun for the kiddies.

NOTICE
STORE CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKING
MONDAY — TUESDAY — WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 1st — 2nd — 3rd
SMALLMATS