

Merchants Report Good Season For Christmas Sales

More than a dozen Charlotte-town merchants representing a cross-section of the business interests said yesterday that Christmas sales were well up with the volume of last year and any rare decline recorded was attributed entirely to the continuous rain on normal shopping days.

The better class products in all demand range from men's jackets, shirts, ties and scarves, to ladies' lingerie, nylon hosiery, scarves, handbags and costume jewelry.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BROKEN—At the Prince County Hospital on December 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Plus Croken, Emerald, a son, 6 lbs, 13 ozs. CUDMORE—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Preston Cudmore, Winsloe North, a son, MacALAY—At the King's County Hospital on December 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter MacAlay, Cardigan, a son, weight 6 lbs, 12 oz.

CENTRAL GUARDIAN COOK'S for Perfect Pictures

BREADALBANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Service Sunday, December 20th, at 11 o'clock. Goodwill McDoougall, Student Minister.

CARS IN COLLISION—Two cars were in collision at the corner of Prince and Boston yesterday at 1:00 p.m. Considerable fender damage resulted to both vehicles.

POLICE COURT—Only one drunk and incapable appeared before Magistrate Martin in City Police Court yesterday. He was remanded for one week.

FIREMEN CALLED—Firemen responded to a fire at a residence on 253 Grafton Street at 1:30 yesterday afternoon. There was no damage reported.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Canada, Brookfield Charge. The hours of service for Sunday, Dec. 20th are as follows: Glasgow Road 11 a.m.; Hunter River 3 p.m.; Hartsville 7 p.m. Sunday School at 8 p.m.; Brookfield 8:15 p.m. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Lawrence Blaikie, Minister.

BREADALBANE PASTORAL CHARGE, The United Church of Canada. Christmas Services Sunday, December 20th, Rose Valley 3 p.m., Breadalbane 7 p.m. (Note change of hour) assisted by Sunday School, North Granville 7:30 p.m. White Gift Service conducted by Sunday School, Pleasant Valley 8:30 p.m. Sound Film "Holy Night" will be shown. Rev. W. B. MacPhail, Minister.

FIRST PLANE RIDE FOR OCTOGENARIAN—Word has been received from Mr. Wallace MacKay, Stanley Bridge, who is at present visiting with his daughter in Boston, Mass., that he thoroughly enjoyed his first plane ride, when he left here on the early morning flight arriving in time to have lunch with his daughter. His return was just like getting in the car at home and driving to the city. Mr. MacKay will be eighty on Dec. 31.

VISITED MARITIME CENTRES—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Parent returned last night following a week-long tour of Maritime centres where they delivered a series of lectures on their visit to Europe this year. During their visit they called at the Experimental Farm at Fredericton, N. B., and the Maritime Union, comparing female workers in Europe this summer, attended the Coronation in London and obtained a series of color pictures of the event.

SUPPORT REJECTION VOTE—A vote to reject the interim offer of the Public Utilities Commission of a five per cent raise retroactive to July 1, 1953, was made at a special meeting of Union Local 1812 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Monday, December 15th, at the home of the Telephone Company, also voted to support the men of Local 1811 in any action they might take.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB—The Centennial Y's Men's Club held their regular meeting Wednesday night in the Y.M.C.A. The club celebrated its second anniversary. Andrew Likely and Ralph Carr acted as co-chairmen. A sing-song was led by Lorimer Cudmore with Bob Crookes at the piano. The members enjoyed a number of vocal selections, sung by a young choral group under the direction of Mrs. Edwin Johnson. Master Bob Cox introduced the numbers. A vote of thanks was extended by Andrew Likely. Mr. Fred Gamble gave an inspiring talk on the Christmas spirit. A vote of thanks was extended by Ralph Carr.

C.G.I.T. SERVICE—The annual National G.C.I.T. Vesper Service was conducted at the Baptist Church recently by the Canadian Girls in Training group. The service, which consisted of Christmas carols and meditations was conducted by the president Arline Larter. Christene Muford recited the poem "There Came Three Kings". The choir composed of 20 blue-and-white uniformed G.C.I.T. girls were heard in two selections, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" and "All My Heart This Night Rejoices". Following the telling of the story "The Other Wise Man" (Henry Van Dyke) by the leader Miss Marguerite Brehaut, a simple candle-lighting ceremony took place. The church was appropriately decorated for the service with pale blue cedar trees and white tapers by Mrs. D.N. Bell.

KIRK CHRISTMAS PARTY—The boys and girls of the Kirk Church School, last night enjoyed their Christmas party which started off with fun around the magnificently lighted and decorated tree. Supper was served by the Kirk Auxiliary under the leadership of the president Mrs. E. K. MacNutt to a capacity crowd and this was followed by a capacity programme of films shown by Jim White which keenly delighted both young and old. The arrival of Santa Claus with his songs and banjo music and his gifts of good things for everybody brought the wonderful evening to a close. The Men of the Kirk and their president Mr. Stuart Chandler provided the programme which was under the general direction of the Rev. T. H. B. Somers.

Many Offer Congratulations To Centenarian

Yesterday afternoon a great many friends gathered in the Sacred Heart Home to offer congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Teresa Reid on the occasion of her one-hundredth birthday. Following a special Mass celebrated in her honour, she was driven to her old home in Cornwall where she was greeted by a number of former neighbours. During the afternoon she was the guest of honour at a delightful tea served by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Home.

Scores of congratulatory messages and numerous gifts attested the general popularity of the sprightly centenarian who thoroughly enjoyed the special occasion prepared in her honour.

Among the congratulations received were special messages from His Honour, Lieut. Governor Prowse, Premier A. W. Matheson and Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health. The highlight of the occasion was the reading of the following cablegram from Buckingham Palace:

"I have received the Queen's command to send you Her Majesty's warm congratulations and good wishes on the celebration of your hundredth birthday" (sgd) Private Secretary.

Among the guests present were: His Excellency Bishop Boyle, Rev. Dr. Gillis, Rev. L. Hershey, Rev. L. Cass, Rev. James Bojger, Rev. G. A. MacDonald, Justice Mark R. McGuigan and Mr. James Landrigan.

The Christmas party held by the Irwin Christian Fellowship Group last night highlighted a splendid year of activities of the group during 1953.

A programme in keeping with the season was carried out, featuring a group of boy singers under the direction of Mrs. Edwin C. Johnston. Included in the group, who beautifully rendered six numbers were Donnie Dover, Lloyd Coffin, David Large, Bobby Cox, Douglas Reid, Derrick Maillet, Barry Diamond, John Cox, Lowell Jenkins and Bonnie Johnston. The younger boys joined the others in the last number, they were Robert Patterson, Glen and Keith MacEachern.

The worship period took the form of a pantomime centered around "The Babe in the Manger". Beverly Henry and Margaret Dignan were heard in solo numbers; scripture was read by George Diamond and Rossie Pierce led in prayer. The Christmas message was delivered by Rev. E. C. Evans.

A comedy programme followed which was participated in by various members of the group. The singing of "Jingle Bells" announced the approach of Santa who had a treat for everyone present. A most pleasing feature of Santa's visit was the presentation to Kelvin Johnston of a beautifully bound hymnary with his name inscribed in gold letters. Mr. Johnston thanked the group who responded by singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow". After a delicious lunch, the meeting closed with the singing of "Steal Away" and the benediction by Kelvin Johnston.

RECEIVED CORONATION MEDAL—Mr. Samuel Machin, Veterans Welfare Service, recently received the Coronation Medal from Her Majesty, the Queen, in an official recognition of his outstanding services for veterans of past wars.

FUNERAL AT VERNON RIVER—Funeral services were held Thursday morning at St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, for Mrs. Douglas C. McDonald of Orwell, who passed away Monday evening. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Urban Gillis; deacon, Rev. L. J. MacKenna; sub-deacon, Rev. L. J. MacKenna; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Sullivan. Rev. S. Gallant directed the choir and officiated at the graveside. Rev. R. J. MacDonald was seated in the sanctuary. Pallbearers were Messrs. James Hughes, Edward Kelly, Charlie Duffy, Lloyd MacLeod, Gerald MacLeod and Ivan Wood. Burial was in the church cemetery.

AT REPEAT PERFORMANCE—In the repeat performance of the Central Royalty Glee Club three-act play "The Minister's Aunt" with Al. McRae as the Minister and Blanche MacAleer as his aunt, special features included square dancing numbers by a group composed of Marilyn Carr, Carol MacDonald, Marie Roper, Sheila Baginall, Stephen Dowling, Paul Duber, Alan Dover and Peter Coffin, with Ralph Bagnall calling. Other special numbers were given by Bill Rogers, Helen MacRae, Flo Gillespie, Jessie Beck, Thelma Sudsbury, Harry McAusland and Esben Arnfast. Songs and step-dancing by Tyndal Semple with Alfred Arsenault as violinist rounded out the well-balanced programme.

Sharp Increase In Unemployment Benefits Noted

Charlottetown's National Employment Office reports more than four hundred residents of the city and Royalty now drawing Unemployment Insurance Benefits. This represents an increase of more than one hundred claimants in a week.

The sharp rise was expected by employment officials, who have seen the total of seasonally employed climb in similar fashion every year, since the commencement of insurance payments.

Nevertheless a hundred or more people are drawing benefits than was the case last year, and it is believed the peak figure usually reached in February, will show an increase over last winter's total.

To handle the increased number of claims five extra clerks have been engaged, four of them with previous experience in the office. Additional clerks are taken on as the need arises.

The brightest spot in the employment picture continues to be the waterfront, where stevedores are still loading potatoes daily.

Sea Cadets with loading operations, the L. P. U., which handles all ships touching this port has again and again gone outside its own union ranks for extra help.

On Tuesday the union obtained thirty non-union workers through the National Employment Office, to meet the heavy demand.

The L. P. U. has reason to hope that the waterfront will continue active into Christmas week.

Alpha Y's Men's Club Meeting

Canon J. T. Ibbot was the guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of Alpha Y's Men's Club last evening, using as a very appropriate subject the text "Searching for Christmas." Canon Ibbot stated the day has lost some of its significance in its observance due to commercialisation and secularization. He said "we all could do more for our fellow man if we gave him a kindly slap on the back when he needs it instead of making his errors known to others which has a tendency to snowball as they are passed along."

At the conclusion of his talk Canon Ibbot was tendered a vote of thanks on behalf of the club by Y's Man Edwin Johnstone. A very entertaining program consisting of Scotch dances interpreted by Miss Norma Duvar, accompanied by Bruce MacLaren on the bag-pipes was given, followed by two solos, "The Holy City" and "O Holy Night" which were capably rendered by Mr. Raoul Raymond, with Mrs. Raymond as accompanist. Both entertainers were heartily enjoyed by the club.

The Rev. Mr. Wilson was present as a guest and introduced to the club the singing of Christmas carols was indulged in by the club members led by Y's Man H. MacPherson with Y's Man Ralph Rupert acting as accompanist at the piano. The program was carried out under the direction of co-chairmen, Y's Men Fred Gamble and Art Duvar.

Sea Cadets Hold Enjoyable Function

A full evening of entertainment and enjoyment was held by the Sea Cadets of R. C. S. C. C. Kent last night as they staged their annual dinner at the Queen Hotel with approximately 80 present. Later at H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte the boys with their girl friends held a dance and put on an amateur show which provided great enjoyment for all present.

Presiding at the dinner was Mr. J. J. Morris, president of the P. E. I. Division of the Navy League, while briefly addressing the boys were Capt. J. J. Connolly, V.D., and Lieut. Commander J. G. Kenny, officer commanding Queen Charlotte. Also present were Mr. J. G. Dennis, Lieut. James Carroll, acting staff officer, and Lieut. J. W. D. Smallwood, officer commanding the Sea Cadets. Dinner and dance music was supplied by Mr. Alex MacLean and for the reception at the barracks the parents of the boys were welcome guests.

Community Planning Assoc. Discuss Roads, 'Open Spaces'

An executive meeting of the Provincial Branch of the Community Planning Association of Canada was held last evening under the chairmanship of Mr. F. Walter Hyndman, the provincial president. Ways and means of accomplishing several of the Association's objectives were discussed at length and committees were appointed.

The objectives receiving attention last evening were those to promote a program for beautification of roads throughout the Province, and in particular of the approaches to the Province at Bordent and Wood Islands.

Another major objective is to encourage established communities to provide "open spaces" within their borders, or close at hand, these open spaces to be in the nature of parks which could be set up as more beauty spots to enhance the community, or serve the dual purpose of including playground facilities for children.

A committee was also set up to formulate an education program over the air and in the press after the New Year.

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Kinsmen Hold Combined Xmas Meeting And Party

The Kinsmen held a combined meeting and Christmas party at the Clover Club last night with the members being presided over by Ian Rankin with Percy MacDonald as co-chairman.

The Past National Kinsman President A. Walthein Gaudet gave the Kinsmen address in which he outlined the Christmas message of "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will" and reminded the members that Christmas must be a season of remembrance. He was thanked by Alf Cordell.

A toast to the ladies was proposed by Sam Robinson and responded by Kinette President, Mrs. Percy MacDonald. The dinner was served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion.

Following Mr. Gaudet's address Santa Claus arrived and presented gifts to the ladies. The drawing for the turkey raffle took place and the following were the winners: 1. Dr. J. P. Lantz, Charlottetown; 2. Clarence Russell, Falconwood Hospital; 3. S. S. Smith, 7 St. Peter's Road; 4. Barbara Roberts, 70 Spring Park Road; 5. J. Bell, Parkdale, R.R. 3; 6. Fred Lambros; 7. Thelma Barwise, 67 Prince St.; 8. J. A. King, 173 Weymouth St.; 9. Jessie McNaughton, Holman's; 10. Dennis Taylor, Ambrose St.; 11. George MacDonald, 249 Euston St.; 12. Mrs. Ralph Manning, Palmer Apartments.

Death Yesterday Of Mr. E.S. Blanchard

Friends in this city and elsewhere will be shocked to learn of the death early yesterday at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, of Edward Sterling Blanchard, in his 68th year. He was born in Charlottetown on February 14th, 1886.

Receiving his early education in private and public schools, and in Prince of Wales College, he graduated from McGill University with the degree of B.Arch and M.A. I.C. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

He opened an office in Montreal, where he practised his profession until his enlistment in the 105th Battalion, going overseas in 1916 as a Bombing Officer in that unit. He was wounded early in 1918, and after a convalescence in Ireland, returned to Canada, where

Retires After Long Railway Service

Mr. Duncan MacKenzie, of the clerical staff of the C.N.R. freight office, was waited upon by fellow employees Tuesday afternoon on the occasion of his retirement from the service, which after a two weeks' holiday, will become effective on Dec. 31. A suitable presentation was made to Mr. MacKenzie by the freight agent, Mr. Eldon Campbell, who with other members of the staff offered warm felicitations upon his having reached retirement with such a splendid record of 40 years' service.

Mr. MacKenzie became employed with the Railway on December 30th, 1913 at the Charlottetown freight office where he worked ever since. He served under six superintendents and saw the many changes in railroading that have taken place over the intervening years.

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