

# Roads In West Prince Closed By Heavy Drifts

All main highways in West Prince were closed to motor vehicle traffic yesterday in the wake of the Christmas weekend snow and banks of snow to a depth of twelve feet in the Rosebank area near Elmsdale are expected to present a serious problem to the available snow plows in the area.

Snow started falling Christmas eve and in a very short time those sections of roads where deep cuttings had been made in previous storms were made impassable by drifts. Blocked roads forced the cancellation of Christmas visits of a large number of families.

Some traffic proceeded on the paved highway between Alberton and O'Leary on Christmas Day after the passage of a snow plow but roads filled in again almost immediately.

Winds calmed down last night and a plow from Tignish arrived in Alberton about eight o'clock but the Rosebank area is expected to be closed for a day or two.

Christmas morning there was holy communion at St. Peter's, the service being conducted by the rector, Rev. J. R. McMahon. Carols by the choir preceded Mass at the Sacred Heart Church. The choir sang Leonard's Mass in E flat. Soloists were Messrs. J. H. Barrett, R. D. McKinnon and J. A. Noonan, and a duet was sung by Miss Helen Barrett and Mrs. E. E. Larter. During the communion the organist, Mrs. Larter, played Schubert's "Ave Maria". The sermon was preached by Rev. Phelan McKenna.

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# Many Attend Church Services

All Alberton churches were beautifully decorated for the Christmas season and despite very inclement weather numbers of people assembled in the place of worship to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. At midnight there was a service of carols and scripture reading in the United Church, carols and holy communion in St. Peter's Anglican Church and Midnight Mass in the Sacred Heart Church.

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# Three Injured In Collision

Three people were taken to the Prince County Hospital on Sunday evening as a result of a truck-car collision which occurred at Gillespie's Corner, Summerside East. The truck, which was owned by the MacFarlane Produce Company and driven by Frank Gallant of Summerside, collided with an Austin car bearing Ontario license number, in which were driving three men from that province. The Austin car was considerably damaged and the three occupants were taken to hospital for treatment. Theodore Lipnicki was reported last evening as suffering from brain concussion and the other two men, Donald Moffatt and Robert Ferdinand, all of Ontario, were reported to be suffering mild degree of shock.

The choir sang, "Who Is He In Yonder Stall?" Service in the Presbyterian Church was cancelled owing to the fact that a large proportion of the congregation resides outside the town limits and traffic was practically at a standstill.



S. L. Howie Lutes shows Brian Kelly and Wayne Larter how to turn on their new television set while a group of the children look on.



Sister Superior John Baptist of St. Vincent De Paul Orphanage is seen receiving the television set presented to the orphanage by G. C. W. H. Swetman, representing the RCAF.

# Western Guardian

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, Tryon United Church, Thursday, Dec. 29, 8:00 p.m.

NORTH SHORE Hockey League, Kensington rink tonight, December 27th: Kensington vs. Spring Valley. Game time 8:30 sharp, skate after.

BEDÉQUE RINK, tonight, Tuesday, double header, 7:30 sharp: Freetown Juniors vs. Albany Juniors. At 8:30 Freetown Royal Sisters vs. Dunk River Sisters. Skate after. Admission 25 to all. All junior teams are requested to have in their entry to Frank MacDonald tonight.

# IN MEMORIAM

**MRS. FRED RAMSAY**  
Peacefully passing from this life, on Sunday Dec. 11th, Mrs. Mahala B. Ramsay entered her heavenly home in her 71st year. Deeply sorrowing her home-call her devoted husband, Mr. Fred Ramsay, her four sons, Tennyson, Bruce, Leigh and Earl, and her three daughters Hilda, Mattie and Jean.

Coming to Hamilton in 1906 as a bride, she has resided here since, having a loving partner for her husband for almost 50 years and a source of encouragement and strength to her family and to all who knew her.

After a short service at her late residence, conducted by Mr. R. J. Miller of Princetown United Church, Kensington and Mr. S. Wells of Summerside, her loved mortal remains were laid to rest at the Peoples Cemetery at Malque, there to await the sure and certain resurrection of St. Lord. Pall bearers were: Harry Ramsey, James A. Ramsey, Lloyd Lockerby, Wm. E. Donald, George Wallace and Edward MacLeod.

"Sleep on beloved until the day breaks."

# Personals

Mrs. Dan MacDonald has returned to her home in Quincy, Mass., after attending the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Fred Ramsay of Hamilton.

Mrs. Dan MacKenzie of Brookline, Mass., is spending a few days in Hamilton with her father, Mr. Fred Ramsay, she was called home by the illness and death of her late mother, Mrs. Fred Ramsay.

**RADIOACTIVE RAIN**  
BIRMINGHAM, England (CP)—Radioactive rain fell a few days ago in this Midland industrial city. Dr. J. H. Fremlin, a lecturer at Birmingham University, claimed Thursday. He said the fall created twice as strong a reaction on a Geiger counter as any he had here after U.S. nuclear explosions in the Nevada desert.

**FEED OUTPUT UP**  
OTTAWA (CP)—Shipments of primary or concentrated poultry feeds rose in October to 26,163 tons from 19,801 in the corresponding month last year. The bureau of statistics reported the shipments increased in the first 10 months of the year to 231,321 tons from 210,519 in the January - October period last year.

# T. V. Sets Presented To Orphanages By RCAF

For many years in the past it had been the custom at R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, to set aside funds for a mammoth Christmas party for the dependents of the service and civilian personnel employed at the local air station.

However, after the 1954 Christmas season a member of the station fund committee, (The body that controls non-public funds expenditures for the station) raised the question, are we best serving the spirit of Christmas by spending money on our own children who are assured of a Christmas anyway? Discussion proved that the committee members were unanimous in feeling that the station was not, and plans were immediately laid to direct the funds in another direction.

As a result on Thursday afternoon G. C. W. H. Swetman, accompanied by a body of officers and men from R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, visited both P.E.I. Orphanages to present the children with beautiful 21-inch television sets.

In presenting the sets G. C. Swetman expressed the pleasure of himself and the station in being able to present the sets to the children. He stated that he hoped the children received as much enjoyment from the gifts as the station received in giving them.

Mrs. A. Wright, matron of the Mount Herbert Orphanage received the set for the Protestant Orphanage while Sister Superior John Baptist received the set for St. Vincent De Paul Orphanage.

The children of each of the orphanages were assembled for the presentation and the radiant faces that appeared as the sets were unveiled and turned on were judged the best Christmas gifts that the airman will receive during this yuletide season.

Accompanying G. C. Swetman were S. L. Howie Lutes, Chief Administration Officer; F. L. Hugh Christmas, Protestant Padre; F. O. Doug McGrath, F. O. John Howard and W. O. 2 Rod McGinnis of the station entertainment committee and F. S. Harry McAulay, Mayor of Slemont Park.

# ALBERTON

Miss Norma Rayner, Ottawa, is spending the Christmas season at her home in Alberton.

Miss Francis Barbour, Charlottetown, arrived home Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mayor and Mrs. Hilton Barbour.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wells, Alberton, are spending Christmas in Charlottetown with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Caldwell, Charlottetown, are spending the Christmas weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilkie, Alberton.

Mr. Raigh Ellis of the staff of the Bank of Commerce at Alberton spent Christmas at his home in Souris.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston, Allan and Eleanor, of Brooklyn, have taken up residence in Alberton.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Dyer arrived on the Saturday night train to spend Christmas holidays in Alberton with her father, Dr. W. R. Dyer, and her aunts.

Mr. Daniel Gavin arrived from Saint John, N.B., Saturday afternoon to spend Christmas with his family in Alberton South.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Callaghan, Alberton, are guests of Mrs. Callaghan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes of Emerald during the Christmas weekend.

Miss Gloria Gavin has arrived from Saint John, N.B., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Gavin, Alberton South.

Mrs. Russell Bell returned last week to her home in Mill River after visiting relatives in the vicinity of Boston.

Mr. Roger McCue, student at St. Thomas College in Chatham, N.B., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. McCue, Alberton.

Miss Louise Gillis, public health nurse at Alberton is spending the holidays in Charlottetown.

Mrs. John A. Callaghan, Alberton, has as welcome guests at this season her sister, Mrs. Daniel Dunphy of Saint John, N.B. and her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald McLellan of Summerside and their two children.

One of the most pleasing Christmas programs of recent years was presented by the pupils of Alberton School in the Institute hall Friday evening. Groups of Christmas carols were sung by the pupils of different grades under direction of Mrs. Rogan who has been giving instruction in music at the school this term. Interspersing the carols were recitations, drills, a nativity play, a pantomime, etc. Much appreciation is due Mrs. Rogan and the teachers for their training of the children and much credit is due the boys and girls for the fine use their are making of their talents. At the close of the program Santa arrived with gifts and good cheer.

On Thursday evening the Students' Council of Alberton High School sponsored a "Sock and Dugaree Hop" in this school. In addition to the students of grades 9 to 12 invitations were extended to the teaching staff, Miss Gloria

# HOWLAN

Miss Marie Gaudet of Tignish was in Howlan on Sunday night.

There motored to Summerside on Thursday, Dec. 8, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault, Mr. and Mrs. Alban T. Arsenault and Miss Lorraine Gallant.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Felix DesRoches of Summerside, on the death in P. C. Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 6, of their five month old daughter, Mary Elaine, (Mrs. DesRoches is the former Rosaline Pineau daughter of Octave Pineau and the late Mrs. Pineau of Duvar). The remains were buried in St. Paul's Cemetery, Summerside, Services at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Church.

St. Anthony's Credit Union held their monthly meeting in the office at Woodstock on Monday night, Dec. 8.

On Tuesday Dec. 6, Eddie Gallant motored to Summerside accompanied by Octave Pineau and daughters, Helen and Aldona of Duvar. Mrs. Eusebe Arsenault of Howlan who attended the wake burial of little Mary Elaine daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix DesRoches, of Summerside.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix DesRoches and little son of Summerside, are spending a few days at her old home in Duvar.

Miss Grace Arsenault, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Eddie Gallant and family.

Rev. M. J. Rooney baptized the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Perry on Sunday, Dec. 11, under the name of Charles LeRoy. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arsenault of O'Leary, aunt and uncle of the child.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Arsenault and family of O'Leary, were in Howlan on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Miss Norma Gallant of Howlan, who spent the past week as a patient in Western Hospital, returned to Tignish on Sunday, Dec. 11, where she resumes her studies in "Our Lady of the Angels Convent." Her many friends wish her a complete recovery from a heavy cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Webb and little daughter, have now returned from their recent visit with Mrs. Webb's folks in N. B.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gallant and Mr. and Mrs. Camillus Gallant of Summerside, motored to Howlan on Saturday.

Angus MacBaine of the Locke Road, and his daughter, Mrs. Calvin Carruthers and baby, Hazel Jean, were in Howlan on Thursday Dec. 8, guests at the Carruthers' home.

Eddie Gallant, Lorraine Gallant and Robert Arsenault, motored to Summerside on Tuesday.

Lyman Arsenault and Paul Gallant were in Summerside on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Perry visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Platts on Sunday evening.

The teachers and pupils of Howlan School are now very busy doing the December exams and preparing for a Christmas Concert.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gallant of Forest View, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arsenault, on Sunday night, December 11.

The ladies of St. Anne's club met at the home of Mrs. Jerry Gallant on Tuesday night, Dec. 13 for their monthly meeting. Roll call was answered by 18 members dropping pennies in the mite box. Three sick treats were paid and new members appointed. It was decided to give the usual gifts at Christmas to the pastor, our students in Convent, also to the sick and old. Cod Liver Oil tablets were distributed, and more ordered. Mrs. Alban D. Arsenault invited members for January meeting. Meeting adjourned by prayer. Bingo was played and lunch was served by the hostess and committees in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Noonan and family of O'Leary, were in Howlan on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Finnan with Pauline and Patricia and Mrs. J. H. Richard, motored to Summerside on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Mrs. Bruce Carruthers is now visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacQuarrie, Wilmot.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Richard and family of Charlottetown, are visiting his folks in New Annandale, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richard, A.G.

Reid, Mr. Charles Agnew and Mr. Winston Currie, and to members of the School Board and their wives also present. Round and square dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served. At the close of the evening Christmas gifts were presented to the teachers by Mary Larter, president of the council, supported by the other officers, Dean Carpenter, vice-president, Ewen Wallace, secretary, and Evelyn Carpenter, treasurer.

# Alberta Using Strain Of Eastern Blueberries

EDMONTON (CP) — Scientists from the University of Alberta are using the narrow-leaf blueberry of eastern Canada in attempts to develop a commercial strain of blueberries in Alberta.

Horticulturists have been working with native blueberries and strawberries for the past two years in the sandy and muskeg country bordering Crimson Lake Park near Rocky Mountain House, in the west-central part of the province.

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# Un Ex-Pow's Expect To Come Home "Sometime"

Editor's note: Lois Mitchison is a 23-year-old British newspaper reporter and daughter of a Labor member of Parliament. The Chinese Communists gave her permission to spend two months in Red China as a journalist. Her observations, related below for The Associated Press, were mailed to Hong Kong from Peiping.

By LOIS MITCHISON

PEIPING, China (AP)—I have spent an afternoon and two evenings with seven of the United Nations ex-PoWs—six of them Americans—who chose to stay in Red China. They expect to return to their homes "sometime."

I had long talks with John R. Dunn of Baltimore; Andrew Fortkins from Iowa; Russel Adams, Marietta, Ohio; Samuel D. Hawkins, Oklahoma City; Clarence C. Adams of Memphis, Tenn.; and Lawrence V. Sullivan of Omaha, Neb.; and Andrew Condon of Bathgate, Scotland, the only Briton among the voluntary ex-prisoners.

Adams and Sullivan are Negroes. "I'm looking forward to going back," Sullivan said, "but I'm waiting until conditions are ripe. I want to be a good revolutionary in America, white as well as Negro. I have seen experiencing bitterness."

"I'm going back when I'm sure no men in leather jackets are going to beat me up," Rush said.

Condon, the Briton, said that since "they" a lot of ignorance in the world and ignorance makes wars," he wants to stay in China long enough to learn something about the country.

munist party but said they were sympathetic with its philosophy. "I haven't got the qualifications for a Communist party member," Sullivan said, "but I'm working toward the qualifications. It's a glorious time to be a member."

Fortune, recalling a lack of food at his home in his childhood and breadlines in the streets of Detroit, said he puzzled in camp over what "Marxist philosophy solved my basic problems," he declared.

None of the former PoWs are married or engaged. Fortune said they were "playing the field." Hawkins' friends said he has dates with an English-speaking Russian girl.

The seven ex-prisoners I met are studying "Chinese and world history" at the People's University in Peiping.

The students said they get letters from home and see American and British publications as the New York Times foreign edition, Time magazine, the London Sunday Pictorial and The Daily Express. But they complained their families are not permitted to send them packages containing anything but books.

# Mob Opposes Jordan Joining Baghdad Pact

JERUSALEM (Reuters) — A French diplomat brandishing a machine-gun Tuesday turned back an attempt by 400 students to storm the French consulate in the Jordan section of Jerusalem.

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# REASONS DIFFER

"The Scottish miner and the Scottish worker, do you think they know anything about going on here? Maybe I'll be able to tell them a bit."

Why did these prisoners choose to stay in China? They gave different reasons.

Hawkins said he had joined the army at 15, "more or less by accident."

"Well, in Korea I'd heard all those stories about cruelty, about the way Chinese treated their prisoners. Then I was wounded when I was taken prisoner, and I was the first thing the Chinese did was take me straight to a base hospital."

Condon said he also had heard about the "terrible Communists" whose prisoners had been "found shot with their hands tied behind their backs." Then he was captured himself.

"The terrible Communists came up and shook hands and said I was their brother," he said. "I said that was a bunch of hooey, and I still half expected to be tortured."

"Then in the camp I had a lot of time on my hands and I did a lot of reading. We had access to newspapers — the New York Daily Worker and the London Daily Worker — and I read a lot of books about Korea. My final conclusion, however, was that the Chinese thought the same, was that we'd no bloody right in Korea and the Americans had no bloody right to fight a war in Korea."

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# Out Our Way By J. R. Williams



**PASS FIRST AID**

At Spring Brook school, a group has completed the standard Red Cross course in First Aid, instructed by Mrs. A. S. MacEwen, Stanley Bridge.

Left to right are: Frances Johnson, Mildred Cole, Mrs. Mayhew, Misses Carol Thompson and Shirley Henderson read the gift cards.

Leigh Brown, Wesley Cole, Mrs. Elmer Paynter, Horace Meek, Elmer Paynter, Mrs. James Montgomery, Arnold Meek, Billy Gillespie, Billy Pidgeon, Mrs. Mary Montgomery, Joyce Feek, Mrs. Roma Campbell and Garth Gillespie.