

# Island Entertainer, One Of Original "Dumbbells" Is Dead

"Jimmie" Goode, one of the last survivors of the "Dumbbells" troupe, died recently in a Toronto hospital.

The late entertainer was born in Charlottetown, a son of the late James H. and Mrs. Goode, who resided at one time on Hillsboro St. The late Col. John Allan and Dr. Archie Allan, of Cardigan were uncles of the famous trouper.

Mr. Goode joined the Dumbbells in France in 1917. At this time he was serving with the 3rd Canadian Field Ambulance. Their first performance was given on an improvised stage behind the lines at Vimy. Each succeeding performance added to their fame. At the war's end their show was known and loved by every member of the Canadian Corps who had been privileged to see it.

The company reformed after the war and played to packed houses throughout Canada and in all the important centers of entertainment in the English-speaking world.

A great deal of the humor in the Dumbbell show was furnished by the witty Mr. Goode. In blackface, arrayed in dress suit, straw skimmer, gloves and cane, the Island-born comedian delighted audiences of his last over.

One of his most important engagements was a five-week stint as guest star with CBC's "Canadian Capers".

The late Mr. Goode is survived by his wife, the former Winnifred Stewart of Halifax, N.S., who now resides in Toronto; and two sisters, Mrs. Roland MacMillan, Winnipeg; and Miss Nona Campbell of Vancouver, B.C.

# Mission Church At Green Road Suffers Damage

Last Sunday an exploding furnace caused considerable damage to the small Roman Catholic mission church located at Green Road.

The church, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, was built six years ago to serve the residents of Green Road and Appin Road. It is administered by the Pastor of Kelly's Cross parish, Rev. James Smith.

The explosion occurred just as the parishioners were assembling for eight o'clock Mass. The damage, which has not been estimated yet, was confined to the floor and walls of the structure.

# French Plane Has Test Flight

MARSEILLE (Reuters)—France's latest experimental aircraft—the flying O-22, believed capable of flying at 2,500 miles an hour—had its first test flight on Istres military aerodrome near here Wednesday.

The plane is propelled by the ejection of hot gases from its tail. It has been nicknamed the "Flying Stovepipe" because it looks like a squat pipe, with a thin pointed nose.

Nine hundred burners fitted inside the pipe—which is the plane's body—burn gasoline at the rate of over 5,000 gallons an hour, and project the hot gases from its tail.

Aircraft designer Rene Leduc, who conceived the new plane, watched the 25-minute test flight.

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# Funeral Saturday

The funeral of the late George Arbing of Suffolk was held Saturday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Service at the home and grave was conducted by Rev. W.A. Forsythe. The pallbearers were Messrs. D.H. Johnston, Charles Bird, Gordon Coles, Ernest Coles, Charles Reid, Adrian Van Akres. Interment was in Suffolk Cemetery.

# Funeral Yesterday

The funeral of the late Walter Dalziel was held yesterday afternoon. A short service at the MacLean Funeral Home was conducted by Rev. E.C. Evans. Funeral service at St. David's United Church was conducted by Rev. W.A. Paterson and Rev. L.S. Wolfrey. Interment was in the United Church Cemetery, Georgetown. The pall bearers were Peter MacLean, Henry Pollard, John Clary, Clarence Nicolle, Lorne MacDonald, Gordon Ross.

# BIRTHS

RANKIN—At the P.E.I. Hospital, Dec. 25th, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. Ian R. Rankin, a daughter, Catharine Hillis.

# Deaths

LANE—Suddenly at his late residence on Wednesday, December 26, 1956, Hyram Lane of Hermitage age 64 years. Remains are resting at his late residence from where the funeral will be held on Friday, December 28, service in the home at 2:00 p.m. Interment in Pownal United Church Cemetery.

# NEW P. C. LEADER

By ALAN DONNELLY  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA (CP)—National leadership of one of Canada's major parties changed hands late in a year which saw the provinces provide most of Canada's political activity.

# Provinces Provided Most Political Activity In 1956

Parliament, which sat for 152 days earlier in the year, was called back into special session in late November to vote funds for Canada's troop commitment to the United Nations Emergency Middle East Force and for Hungarian relief.

The four-day session produced the sharpest Commons split on foreign policy in post-war years as the Conservatives resented a non-confidence motion criticizing government handling of the Suez crisis.

NEW CCF PRINCIPLES  
The CCF party made history at an August convention in Winnipeg where it reached a turning point in its career. The party set aside the 1933 Regina Manifesto, with its insistence on the eradication of capitalism, and formally adopted a new declaration of principles advocating a mixed economy of public, private and co-operative enterprise.

The declaration said there are many fields in which private enterprise contributes to economic development.

The year also was marked by a series of federal-provincial meetings at Ottawa on fiscal and health matters.

The central government proposed new tax-sharing arrangements to the provinces to replace the tax rental agreements expiring next March 31. The plan involves a sharing of three big tax fields—personal and corporation income tax and death duties—to

# RADIATES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



Viewed by hundreds of Charlotte town citizens during the advent season is the decorative Christmas sign on the lawn of Central Christian Church. Constructed by members of the congregation, it has carried a message of goodwill and friendliness to all. The text, Luke 2:11, sets forth the key verse in the account of the advent. Plans for another year call for an extension of the present construction.

Guardian Photo

# Rush Of Applications At Employment Office

Although yesterday was a civic holiday, the National Employment Office in Charlottetown was open as usual at this time of year, the Local Office staff is working to capacity every day, and after normal closing hours the work still goes on. Every night until ten o'clock or later, some of the staff return to the office to keep from being snowed under by a hundred of benefit claims and to do the great amount of detail paper work which piles up every day.

Claims are now being received at the rate of 100 per day; the most of these from country points. Three or four hundred pieces of mail are received daily, and the task of distributing this to the various branches of the office and date stamping it takes up the greater part of one hour in the morning. It then remains for the various sections of the office to answer and dispose of this mail, and under the Unemployment Insurance Act and Regulations no avoidable delay is permitted in handling claims.

There are delays, however, but these almost invariably are due to the fact that claimants report to the office without their insurance books or that rural claimants fail to fill in forms properly. It is not uncommon to receive application forms for benefits unsigned, or half completed. Very often these forms have to be returned to obtain information without which the claim cannot be adjudicated.

CASH PAYMENTS  
During yesterday, the office staff in addition to taking many new claims paid more than 200 residents of the city of Charlottetown by cash over the counter.

Unemployment Insurance claims differ from most insurance claims in that once the claim is taken it is paid weekly or semi-monthly for an extended period of time. The only comparable insurance method is Unemployment Insurance for the sick, as paid by private insurance companies, or workmen's compensation.

Over the Christmas holidays, the Local Office did not officially open on Saturday, but members of the staff did put in considerable time behind closed doors. On Monday the day preceding Christmas, the office was also officially closed, but several members of the staff worked both morning and afternoon to cope with the rush of business. It has been said that the Unemployment Insurance Office starts in December and terminates in April.

Each year during this peak season, the Local Office engages six or seven extra people who can be trained in doing certain duties, but who are not employed long enough to grasp any great know-

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# WEATHER

Moncton	9	17
Halifax	20	26
Charlottetown	17	19
St. John's	22	23
Yarmouth	24	27
St. John's	32	34

# Post Office Handles Record Volume Of Mail

All previous records for volume of Christmas mail handled at the Charlottetown Post Office this year have been greatly exceeded according to Postmaster J. J. Conolly who notes that there were a total of 733,012 letters sent through the cancelling machine between December 1 and December 25 as compared to 563,300 last year.

The biggest day at the Post Office was on the 17th when a record of 114,990 letters were mailed. The most to go through the Post Office on any previous single day was 100,000. On the same day the stamp wicket sold 100,000 two cent stamps.

The volume of incoming mail was up considerably over other years. An additional staff of six teen letter carriers' helpers kept continual delivery going to householders in the City for about two weeks before Christmas so that when Christmas eve came not a single letter for city dispatch was left in the office.

# FIREWORKS KILL 4

BOGOTA, Colombia (Reuters)—Four persons—including two young girls—were killed and several were wounded Christmas Eve in an explosion at a fireworks display near here, it was learned Wednesday.

# WEST COAST FIRE

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—Fire broke out in the brushy Santa Monica mountains Wednesday and gusty winds whipped it with explosive swiftness down populated canyons toward the sea. County fire chief Keith Klinger said about 25 homes were burned and the fire could become a major disaster. Families were evacuated but no fatalities were reported.

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Ontario is moving East and is expected to bring several inches of snow to all regions late today.

Forecast: Northern Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island: A few clouds becoming overcast in afternoon; snow beginning in evening; milder in evening. Light winds increasing in afternoon to southeast 15. Low-lying New Glasgow and Charlottetown 5 and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 7:01 a.m. and 6:36 p.m. Summer-side tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:38 p.m.

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