

TRANSFER FRIGATE

HALIFAX — Bugler George Morrison of Toronto sounds the still as AB Gallstein Hansen of the Royal Norwegian Navy hoists his country's ensign aboard the frigate HMCS Toronto at Halifax, Re-

named the Gaarm, she is the second of three frigates being loaned to Norway under a NATO agreement. (CP from National Defence)

IN MEMORIAM
VERNON L. FERGUSON

Vernon Ferguson was born the 10th of May, 1929, the second son of the late Hugh John and Mrs. Mabel Ferguson. All his life was lived in the vicinity of his home on the Grahams Road. The days of his youth were spent attending public school and when manhood was arrived he returned to the farm to till the soil which had nurtured him. He married Mary MacKay of Stanley Bridge in August, 1953, and two years later a son, John Wendall, was born. It was a happy home and life was rich with many blessings. But it was not meant to continue; a Greater Mind had willed differently. Early in the new year, Vernon was struck down by a serious illness which forced him to enter hospital January 3rd. Weeks of suffering and tenacious courage followed. His doctors did everything in their power to restore his health and strength. But to no avail. On the 25th of February Vernon died as he had lived, quietly and peacefully and with full trust in the God who had made him.

Using as his text Jeremiah 15:9, "His sun is gone down while it was yet day", the Rev. Mr. Bean of Kensington spoke words of comfort to the mourners and many friends who had gathered in St. John's Presbyterian Church for funeral services Feb. 28th. The pallbearers, all boyhood friends of

the deceased, were, John Millar and Louis Campbell, Stuart MacKay, Maurice Cousins, and Marshall Whitehead. Burial was in New London cemetery.

Left to cherish his memory, besides his widow and young son, are his mother and brother, Waldie, at home; one sister, Mrs. Sutherland Montgomery, Graham's Road and a multitude of relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

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Stuart and Velma
Gwen and John Court
WREATH
Cousin's Family
CUT FLOWERS
Lorne and Janet
Jack and Gwen

Parakeet For Cancer Research

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—The parakeet is a promising new candidate for the menagerie of creatures used in cancer research.

Dr. Hans G. Schlumberger of Ohio State university told cancer scientists here that in the past the study of experimental cancer production with chemicals has been largely limited to rodents.

Now, he said, it has been found that the parakeet, besides showing a high incidence of spontaneous tumors, will develop cancer in response to exposure to certain chemicals.

This suggested the parakeet "may prove to be a valuable animal in cancer research."

Put Out False Stock Reports

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York stock exchange has fired an 18-year-old page boy for putting out false reports on the stock exchange ticker.

The false reports, which caused considerable stir in the financial community, cited two "ghost" stock transactions which never actually occurred. On Feb. 27, the

Seven West German Doctors In Opposition To Polio Vaccine

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Seven West German government medical advisers say American and German children inoculated with Salk anti-polio vaccine or a German serum may have been turned into spreaders of polio.

The statement was contained in a report in a medical journal Thursday. Communists promptly picked it up for use as anti-American propaganda.

Maj.-Gen. Harry G. Armstrong, chief surgeon of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and Maj.-Gen. L. Gorbey, surgeon general of the U.S. Army's European command, challenged the report Friday.

Armstrong said:

"Much careful research has gone into the development of poliomyelitis vaccine over many years. All research to date has shown the vaccine to be safe and effective."

Gorbey said: "I feel it is not true that inoculated children are bacteria carriers."

REDS USE REPORT
West German Communists used the report to support their "Ami (American) go home" campaign.

They said in the Frankfurt Communist party paper Sozialistische Volkszeitung inoculated American soldiers and dependents in Germany threaten the national health.

The seven scientists, constituting the advisory council of the federal health office, made the report in February. It led to a ban on all mass inoculation of German children which has not been lifted.

The doctors who prepared the document published it in a Munich medical journal. They charged the

West German government had held it secret for two months.

The U.S. Army said Friday 17,356 children and pregnant wives of U.S. military and civilian personnel have received at least one shot of Salk vaccine in Germany.

The West German health ministry reported that between 40,000 and 50,000 German school children were inoculated with the German version of the Salk vaccine before mass inoculations were banned.

The ministry declined comment on the doctors' report.

The report said mass inoculation in the United States in the spring of 1955 resulted in what was possibly the greatest "catastrophe" in the history of protective inoculations. It said there was no proof that rigid test regulations introduced since in the United States were sufficient to guarantee complete inactivation of live virus.

An examination of the epidemic process of polio in the United States in 1954 and 1955, the report said, showed it must be assumed with "great probability" that a healthy inoculated child endangers others "in a considerable degree" by secreting active virus.

In Ottawa a health department official said that 800,000 children were vaccinated with Salk vaccine in Canada's program last year with no cases of polio resulting and no indication any child was a carrier of the virus.

The official was not aware of the situation in Germany but said the Salk vaccine could not make a person a carrier because it does not contain live virus.

AUGUSTINE COVE SCHOOL MARCH REPORT

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2. Justin Murray.

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2. Elmer MacDonald
3. Juanita Mackenzie.

Grade VII:
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2. Connie Clarke
3. Delbert Clarke.

Grade VI:
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2. Carl Larsen
3. George MacWilliams.

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2. Verna Leard
3. Buddy Peters.

Grade IV:
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2. Donna Dawson
3. Earl MacDonald.

Grade III:
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2. Rita Leard
3. Darrell Newsome.

Grade II:
1. Gary Cameron
2. Brian Clarke
3. Junior Thompson.

Grade I:
1. Debbie Sherven
2. Barry DesRoches
3. Derwyn DesRoches.
Principal: Mary McCarville.
Assistant: Elaine Murray.

ticker recorded sales in Phileo Corp. and New York Central shares—sales which never happened.

Exchange president Keith Funston said Monday the boy came to work for the exchange in June, 1955, and was assigned to the stock exchange trading floor when the false transactions appeared on the ticker tape. It said his name is being withheld because of his age.

TV Sales Report

OTTAWA (CP)—Manufacturers' sales of television sets last January declined to 31,939 from 54,788 in the corresponding month last year, but radio sales showed a small increase to 30,387 from 30,097.

The bureau of statistics reported Monday sales of table model TV sets dropped to 27,396 from 31,663, but console models increased to 23,161 from 22,337, and three-way combinations to 1,382 from 788.

Home radio sets sales increased to 17,127 from 16,466 and portable and auto sets to 10,775 from 10,354, but radio-phonograph combinations dropped to 2,485 from 3,277.

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Expect Committee Frown For Corporal Punishment

By JOHN E. BIRD
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—Abolition of corporal punishment in Canada as part of a sentence and as a control measure in prisons likely will be recommended to the government this session by a special Commons-Senate committee.

A well-informed source says the committee, which has been studying capital and corporal punishment and lotteries for the last two sessions, appears to be fairly unanimous that the strap and lash belong to the Middle Ages.

However, he says committee members are divided on whether capital punishment should be retained or abolished. Varying opinions also are held by members on whether existing lottery laws should be amended.

Both the Commons and the Senate have approved re-establishment of the committee this session to write a report. It likely will hold its first meeting April 26 and is expected to submit a report in June.

During the last two sessions, the committee took some 1,600 pages of evidence on the three issues. However, no further public hearings are planned this session.

The source says he expects the committee will urge complete abolition of corporal punishment. The committee appears to be satisfied that corporal punishment is of no value as a deterrent to come or as a disciplinary measure in prisons.

He says that if the committee does not recommend capital punishment be abolished, it probably will urge that hanging be substituted by another method of execution. The most likely alternative would be electrocution.

The CCF party is the only Commons group which has placed itself on record in favor of abolition. Other opposition parties have taken no formal stand although it is known that many of their members are opposed to execution for murder.

The last official government statement was made in 1950 by the then solicitor-general, Hon. Hughes Lapointe, when he opposed a private member's bill to abolish the death penalty. However, many Liberals likely would favor life imprisonment in place of death if the government permitted a free Commons vote.

Justice Minister Garson said in February that it would be appropriate for the government to consider a free vote only after the Senate - Commons committee makes its report.

The source described the lotteries issue as sticky. He indicated that if the committee makes any recommendations for relaxation of existing laws they will be of a minor nature.

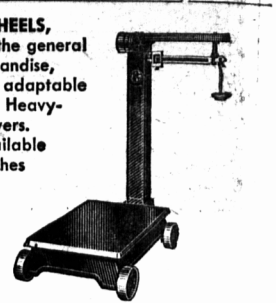
Crude Petroleum Output Higher

OTTAWA (CP)—Production of crude petroleum in Canada rose to a record 129,451,805 barrels in 1955 from 96,080,345 the previous year, the bureau of statistics said Monday.

Alberta's output increased to 113,935,946 barrels from 87,713,855 in 1954. Production in Saskatchewan rose to 11,316,906 barrels from 5,422,899, Manitoba to 4,151,316 from 2,148,184, Ontario to 524,945 from 412,474 and the Northwest Territories to 411,046 from 369,387.

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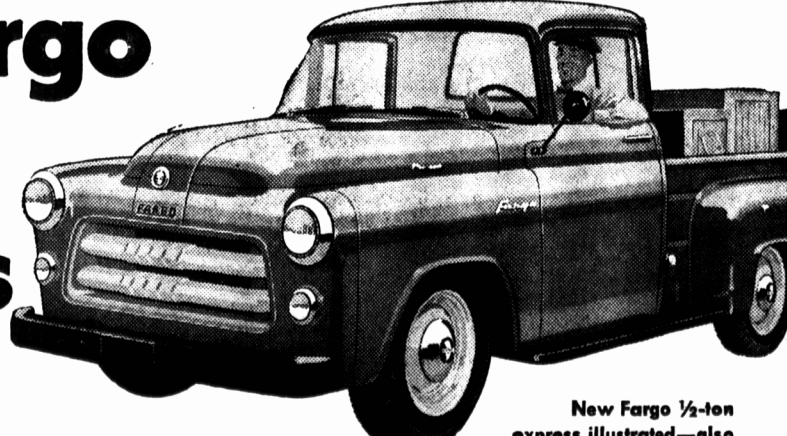
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