

S'side Mayor Issues New Year Greetings To Citizens

Mayor Henry Wedge yesterday issued the following New Year's message to the people of Summerside:

After a successful year of consolidation in the affairs of the town in 1953 it was hoped that the same program to some extent could be carried out in 1954. However, as the year progressed it was found that due to extensive building activities in the town, the program of financial consolidation had to be changed in many respects.

To keep abreast of building activities this necessitated large water and sewage extensions, a department which came under the control of the municipality during the year. New streets and extensive repairs to existing pavement came in for large expenditure, and it is hoped that a suitable program on a small scale will be carried out each year to protect the investment made in our streets.

This past year again the Town of Summerside co-operated with the Provincial Government in its rural electrification program, when approximately 30 miles of new lines were built in rural areas.

I believe this will be of great benefit to rural districts near Summerside and will reflect to the benefit of the town.

The welfare of Summerside, a trading centre, depends on a happy and prosperous surrounding rural area.

Due to the over-crowding in our public schools, additional classrooms were provided. This was done by converting the auditorium into six new classrooms which has relieved the congested situation at least for the present, but which leaves the community without an auditorium. It is expected that this problem will be faced early in the new year and that a civic cultural centre will be erected which will be a credit to our citizens.

At a recent meeting of my council, the purchase of a valuable block of land was approved which in years to come, I believe should prove a very serviceable asset to this community, and consideration is already being given to a section of this area as the site of the proposed community centre.

I am pleased to note from statistics the employment in our town has improved as compared with the previous year, and with the noted general improvement in

economic conditions throughout the province we look forward to the future with confidence.

I would like to express to the citizens of Summerside my sincere



thanks for their splendid co-operation in all matters of progress and welfare to the community, and extend to them and the people of the surrounding areas, best wishes for health, happiness and prosperity in the year ahead.

Fire Destroys 8-Room House At Mt. Pleasant

A late afternoon fire yesterday destroyed the 8-room farm home of Mr. Reginald MacLeod, Mt. Pleasant. Due to disrupted communications, as a result of the storm, details of the fire were not easily accessible but it is understood the blaze originated in the attic from a burning flue around 4:30 p.m. When first noticed flames were shooting through the rooftop, fanned by high winds and the fire was beyond control. Neighbors came running to give assistance and it is understood that most, if not all furniture and other belongings were saved. It is not known if the dwelling was insured. Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod have three children.

Wholesale Price Index Increases

OTTAWA (CP) The general index of wholesale prices rose by one-half point in November to 214.8 from 214.3 in October. However, the price yardstick, based on 1935-39 prices equaling 100, was still down by 3.9 points from 218.7 last year, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

Animal products led the advance with increases in butter, livestock, cured meats, fowl, fish, hides, skins, lard and tallow outweighing declines in eggs, leather and men's shoes.

New Year's Message From Group Capt. W. H. Swetman

The following New Year's message has been received from Group Captain W. H. Swetman, D.S.O., D.F.C., C.D., commanding officer of R.C.A.F. Station Summerside.

A few short months have elapsed since I assumed command of R.C.A.F. Station Summerside. However, during this period I have personally formed a close and pleasant association with the people of Summerside. This association, I find, is also prevalent amongst our servicemen and women. I therefore genuinely hope that we as your military neighbors have at the close of 1954 left with you a feeling of co-operativeness and goodwill. Our primary task towards civil relations in the New Year will be for even greater co-operation within the powers at my disposal.

The people of the Town of Summerside have impressed me greatly by their friendliness and spirit of progression. Even during my short tenure of office I have watched with interest your new structures rise and improvements materialize. Such augurs well for 1955.

The year 1954 past has, in part, brought doubts and disappointments to many minds as to the future of this station and the possible effect on the economy of the Town of Summerside — these I believe are gradually being dispelled as more and more information is being released concerning material expansions contemplated for R.C.A.F. Station Summerside. With this thought in mind I



deem it an appropriate moment to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

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Premier Matheson

fillment of a long felt need for a rural electrification program.

More than 100 miles of power lines were constructed in outlying districts of the province bringing a higher standard of living to hundreds of farm homes. This was the beginning of a program which, when completed, will bring five times that mileage of electric lines to rural areas.

It is hoped that the rural electrification program will be one inducement to our young people to remain with us and to further develop the potentialities of our Garden Province. Possibly it might also help to bring back to us some of the young people who have gone other places to seek their fortunes.

S'side Council Approves Brennan Property Purchase

A special meeting of the Summerside Town Council last evening gave approval to the proposed purchase of the Brennan Property by the Town of Summerside.

This property, bounded on three sides by Central, Beaver and Summer Streets, is located near the Summerside High School, Queen Elizabeth Park and the Prince County Hospital.

No indication of the price to be paid was made either in the resolution or in a brief referring to the matter by Mayor Wedge, who was the only one to comment on the proposed purchase.

with by the council rescinded a part of a motion passed at the last regular meeting in which Monday, Jan. 3, had been proclaimed a civic holiday.

The rescinding motion, which now makes this date a normal working day, was moved by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Clark.

Councillor Clark raised the question of garbage disposal in Summerside, and Councillor Steele said a report on this matter would be given at the January meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Wedge, and all councillors were present.

Name Guest Speaker For Week Of Prayer

The Rev. John W. MacBride, minister of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Springhill, N.S., will be the guest speaker for the Week of Prayer services to be held in Summerside from January 3rd to January 7th, inclusive.

The Rev. Mr. MacBride is a native of Galashiels, Scotland. He was educated at Glasgow University and Trinity College. He has served as assistant minister in Cambuslang old parish church (Church of Scotland) under the Rev. John Kennedy, M.A., B.D., Ph.D., well known writer and churchman in 1950 Rev. Mr. MacBride became the minister of the Kirk O' Shots.

In January of this year Rev. Mr. MacBride and family arrived in Canada to take up residence in Springhill, where Rev. Mr. MacBride was inducted as minister of St. David's Presbyterian Church.

A few weeks ago he was elected as Moderator of the Halifax and Lunenburg Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. He is a member of the Maritime Synod's committee for Christian education.

The opening service will take place on Monday evening in the Church of Christ's Disciples. Rev. Mr. MacBride's subject will be "The Vastness of Prayer." On Tuesday evening the service will be held in the Summerside Baptist Church, on Wednesday in Trinity United Church and on Thursday and Friday evenings in the Presbyterian Church. All services will commence at seven thirty o'clock.

Receives Award Of Permanent RCAF Commission

The commanding officer of R.C.A.F. Station Summerside announced yesterday that Flying Officer Paul N. Poirier, D.F.C., Missouche, P.E.I., has been awarded a permanent commission in the R.C.A.F. Flying Officer Poirier's career as a pilot in the R.C.A.F. began in 1942, when as a sergeant, he began flying in the Royal Air Force Bomber Command. During his tour of operations against the enemy, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry and bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

Since re-enlisting in the R.C.A.F. in 1951, Flying Officer Poirier has flown Lancaster aircraft in Maritime Air Command. First as a captain in 404 Squadron, Greenwood, N.S., and presently as pilot instructor at Number Two (M) OTU, Summerside.

Flying Officer Poirier is married to the former Lorraine Daigle, Moncton, N.B., and they have five children. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Poirier reside in Miscouche.

The resolution moved by Councillor Clarence Steele and seconded by Councillor Donald Lidstone, read as follows: "Resolved that the arrangements made between the Town of Summerside and the Brennan interests regarding the purchase of the Brennan property on Central Street known as 'Parkdale' be confirmed, and that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to have the necessary documents completed."

Information on the exact size of the property which also contains a large residence was not available last evening, but it was thought to contain between two and three acres.

Before the introduction of the resolution, a letter from Mr. W. R. Brennan was read by the Town Clerk, Mr. John E. Cameron, accepting the offer of the Town of Summerside to purchase this property.

At the beginning of the meeting the council approved payment of the unpaid bills for the various departments up to the present date.

The only other resolution dealt

Having purchased controlling interest in MacLean Motors Limited, Summerside, I wish to solicit the continued patronage of all old customers during the re-organization period.

M.S. WILLET PRES.

Due to the change of ownership of the company we will operate on a cash basis for the next few months. All charge accounts are hereby cancelled. All outstanding accounts are to be paid promptly at our office in Summerside.

MACLEAN MOTORS LIMITED
FORD - MONARCH DEALER
SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

"ROYAL" BORDEN

Saturday 7:15-9:15: Matinee 2:30
"MONEY FROM HOME"
Starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

"CAMEO" KENSINGTON

Fri-Sat. 7:15-9:15: Matinee Saturday 2:30. Marge and Gower Champlin. Debbie Reynolds in musical comedy.
"GIVE A GIRL A BREAK" (Technicolor)
Tonight—Big Midnight Show—Beginning at 11:30 p.m. "GEORGE FORMBY ON CIVIL STREET". Matinee today (Friday) 2:30.

NOTICE

I have opened an Office in Borden for Medical Practice in the Office formerly occupied by Dr. Hellmich. Office hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. and by appointment. Phone number Borden 53.

DR. J. P. KELLY

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

For Legion members and wives only in
BORDEN LEGION HALL
8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, DEC. 31

Western Guardian

MALPEQUE UNITED CHURCH. There will be Service of Worship in Malpeque United Church on Sunday, January 2nd, 1955, at 11 a. m. Rev. Alexander MacKay, Minister.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA — Services for Sunday, January 2nd, Freetown 11:00 a. m. Kelt Memorial, Malpeque, 3:00 p. m. Kensington, Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Divine Service 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Rev. E. H. Bean, B. A., B.Th., B. D., Minister.

BEDEQUE UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE. — Services for Sunday, January 2nd, as follows: 11 a. m. at Bedeque, special Young People's Service. 7:30 p. m. at Borden, special service conducted by the Social Club. Week of Prayer Service in Bedeque on Thursday evening, January 6th, at 7:45 p. m. Speaker, Rev. C. A. Britten, Minister, Rev. Geo. K. Ward, B. A., B. D.

CRAPAUD AND SPRINGFIELD PARISHES. — St. Elizabeth's Church, Springfield, 11:00 a. m. Morning Prayer. St. John's Church, Crapaud, 7:30 p. m. Evening Prayer. The Community Choir will present the Christmas Cantata "The Infant Holy" at the Evening Service in St. John's Church, Crapaud. Rev. George R. F. Ebsary, Rector.

ANCIENT EMPIRE covered roughly the modern states of Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium and Czechoslovakia.

Drive out ACHES
JUST RUB IN
MINARD'S
"KING OF PAIN"
LINIMENT

WEEK OF PRAYER SERVICES

BEDEQUE AREA
January 4-5-6th
TUESDAY, North Bedeque United Church.
WEDNESDAY, Central Bedeque Baptist Church.
THURSDAY, Bedeque United Church.
All Services 8:00 P.M.

TRYON COMMUNITY SINGERS

present
THE INFANT HOLY
in
CRAPAUD ANGLICAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd, AT 7:30 P.M.
Piano: Mrs. Allison Lea.
Organ: Dr. Peter MacDonald.

CAPITOL Summerside

Tonight 7:15-9:15; (New Year's Day) 2:30-7:15-9:15
TO ONE AND ALL A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Hilarious Story of History's Greatest Wolf!

BOB HOPE
JOAN FONTAINE
CASANOVA'S BIG NIGHT
Color by **TECHNICOLOR**
and Co-starring **BASIL RATHBONE** **AUDREY DALTON** **HUGH MARLOWE**
Produced by Paul Jones - Directed by Norman Z. McLeod
Written for the Screen by Hal Kanter and Edmund Hartmann
Based on a Story by Aubrey Webber - A Paramount Picture

REGENT

Today 2:30-7:15-9:15
Saturday 7:15-9:15

ALAN LADD
NELL BLOW ZERO
Color by **TECHNICOLOR**

MACLEAN MOTORS LIMITED

Having disposed of my interests in MacLEAN MOTORS LTD., effective JANUARY 1, 1955, I will have no further connection with the firm, and take this opportunity to thank all our past customers for their business, and wish you all the best for the New Year.

BRENTON V. MACLEAN

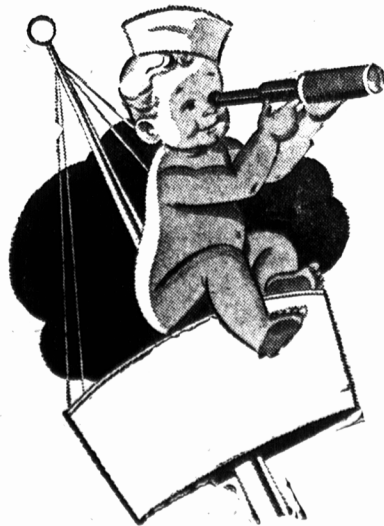
HAPPY NEW YEAR
for a live 55

FOR THE BEST YEAR OF YOUR LIFE — May the stars shine most favorably on your every endeavor during the New Year.

TOWN OF SUMMERSIDE
HENRY W. WEDGE, MAYOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Greetings to all our friends and customers we've had the pleasure of serving in the year past. We thank each of you for your loyalty, and we pledge that we will endeavour to deserve your continued support in the year ahead.



SMALLMATT'S