

Christmas Party Yesterday At Queen Charlotte

More than 100 children were made welcome at the gala decorated H.M.C.S. "Queen Charlotte" yesterday afternoon for the annual Christmas party.

12 Orphanage Children Guests Of Kiwanis

Twelve children, six of them from the Mount Herbert Orphanage and the other six from St. Vincent's Orphanage, were guests of honor at the Kiwanis Christmas luncheon party held Tuesday at the Charlotte-

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c per insertion

BIRTHS - At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on December 16, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Forsythe, Charlotte, a son, Douglas Hugh.

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising on a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

HEAR THE girls choirs on Saturday night at the Kinsmen, Tree.

SEE SANTA Claus and hear the choirs singing Christmas carols 7:30 to 8 at the Kinsmen Tree.

KROY HOSE—Unshrinkable — Boxed for Christmas at Jack Cameron's.

MEMBERS of any and all church choirs are invited to join in the singing on Thursday and Friday nights at the Kinsmen Tree.

REDDIN BROS. will be open from 10:30 until 11:30 this morning from 3:30 until 5 in the afternoon and from 7 until 9 in the evening.

WINSLOE Pastoral Charge, Christmas service Friday 8 p.m. Princeton Road; Christmas gift (envelopes) for the Missionary and Maintenance Fund received.

MORE CALENDARS — Several nice calendars have been received recently by The Guardian, T. G. Ives "Silver Dawn", Vance Strickland, Murray River.

CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, a man charged with reckless driving was fined \$10 and costs \$20 days.

HOLY NAME DANCE — A well-attended dance was held in the Holy Name Hall last evening under the sponsorship of the Basilica Youth Club.

PRIZE WINNERS — Three-year-old Robin MacGulgan of Charlottetown was the first prize winner in the recent St. Dunstan's Basilica Altar Society lottery.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Willard G. Spencer was held from Trinity United Church yesterday afternoon.

KINSMEN TREE — Last night the Kinsmen completed erecting and decorating a new Christmas tree on the corner of Queen and Grafton Streets.

PERSONALS — Miss Mabel MacLeod of Charlottetown left yesterday to visit relatives in New York City.

MARRIAGES — DOWNE — At Trinity United Church, Charlottetown on Saturday, December 9th, 1950, by Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, Miss Jean MacKinnon to Clifford Keith Downe.

DEATHS — MacDonald — Suddenly at the Charlottetown Hospital for Crippled Children, Montreal, on Wednesday, Dec. 20, Althea MacDonald, aged 13th year, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacDonald, of Grafton Road. Funeral notice later.

DEATHS — Mullen — At her home in Scotchboro on Tuesday, Dec. 19, Mrs. Jane Mullen, widow of the late Edward T. Mullen in her 79th year. Funeral from her late residence on Friday morning at 10:30 to St. Bonaventure's Church, Grafton. Interment in the church cemetery.

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HELP THE Kinsmen to help the kiddies by your voluntary contributions of gifts or cash at the Kinsmen Tree. Remember Santa can forget some of the little ones.

CRAPAUD-SPRINGFIELD Services, St. Elizabeth's Church, Springfield, Evensong, Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and Christmas Communion on Sunday at eleven a.m. St. John's Church, Crapaud, carols by candlelight this Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The rector at all services.

MINOR ACCIDENTS — There were two minor car accidents in the City yesterday afternoon. A car travelling south on Weymouth struck another car backing out of a parking space on the west side of the street at 2:05 p.m.

Y GRADS MEETING — The "Y" Grads held their weekly meeting Wednesday evening with Andrew Likely as chairman. The winners of the turkey lottery in aid of Holland Cove Camp were drawn for by Lt. Col. P. S. Fleiding and are as follows:—George Hardy, 168 George St.; Ernie Diamond, 49 Elm Ave.; Mrs. J. D. Smallwood, 41 Grafton St.; S. C. Raymond, 20 Cumberland St.; G. Raynor, M.C.; Lloyd McNeill, A. Horne & Co.; James Strain, 36 Brighton Ave.; C. MacLean, Co-op. Store; Alfred McNeill, Upper Prince St.; Wendell Worth, 183 Euston St.; H. Josey, 8 Stewart St.; Tom Brown, 111, Halifax, N.S. Lt.-Col. P. S. Fleiding gave a very interesting talk on Civil Defence and was thanked on behalf of the club by James MacLeod. Percy Simmonds led a lively sing song with Richard Hurst at the piano.

Prize Edward Island fishermen during the seven months from May 1 to Nov. 30 this year have realized nearly two and a half million dollars from a net catch of 32,762,900 pounds of fish and other sea products.

The 1949 catch during the same period was 31,650,000 pounds or 112,300 tons, less than the catch for the past season and returned to the fishermen from the 1949 catch amounted to \$2,028,112 against \$2,446,021 for 1950.

Lobster fishermen alone made nearly \$2,000,000. They caught 9,097,800 pounds of lobsters which were valued at \$1,935,986. The 1949 catch was 6,843,000 lbs. at a value of \$1,421,899.

The North Shore fishermen, with their catch of 7,386,600 lbs. were responsible for 81 per cent of this year's total catch and the \$1,568,888 they received was more than 64 per cent of the total value of all fishery products landed by Island fishermen for the seven months beginning May 1 and ending Nov. 30.

The South Shore fishermen caught 1,711,200 lbs. lobsters at a value of \$367,097. Last season they caught 1,560,100 lbs. to realize \$378,093.

The codfish catch for this year was 4,341,400 lbs. with a value of \$32,682. The 1949 catch was 6,078,800 lbs. valued at \$166,579.

Hake also showed a decrease. There were 2,259,400 lbs. caught this year against 3,235,400 lbs. in 1949. Value of the catch this year was \$32,050 against \$65,287 in 1949.

The 1950 haddock catch amounted to 121,500 lbs. at a value of \$5,978. One year ago the fishermen caught 76,400 lbs. haddock for which \$2,012 were received.

36,900 lbs. of flounders were caught at a value of \$678 this year. The 1949 catch was 47,500 lbs. and it brought the fishermen \$520.

The mackerel catch shows a decrease of 197,800 lbs. compared to the catch last year. The 1950 catch was 1,445,000 lbs. valued at \$31,476. The catch last year totalled 1,612,200 lbs. and \$61,597.

Island fishermen caught a total of 5,846,100 lbs. of herring this year as compared to 4,277,300 lbs. last year which shows an increase of 1,468,800 lbs. The value of this year's herring catch was \$64,397 compared to \$45,572 last year, or an increase in value of \$19,825.

Smelt catches totalled 861,700 lbs. this year against 773,000 lbs. a year ago. The 1950 catch was valued at \$112,287 against \$81,409 for 1949. Thirty ton of silversides was sold at \$20 a ton or \$600.

22,600 lbs. of eels brought \$2,133 this year while last year's catch of 24,700 lbs. only brought \$1,869. 24,000 lbs. of bar clams sold for \$330 this year while 14,400 lbs. last year brought \$159.

Soft shell clams were dug to the amount of 1,072,400 lbs. and brought the diggers \$22,018 this year. Last year 1,146,000 lbs. were dug at a value of \$19,273. 977,900 lbs. of quahaug were taken this year at a value of \$4,476 compared to last year's catch of 274,500 lbs. valued at \$3,183.

The 1950 oyster catch amounted to 3,021,100 lbs. and brought \$93,981. The 1949 catch was 2,402,700 but it brought \$100,324. The scallop catch of 18,700 lbs. this year brought \$9,870.

Irish Moss this year brought \$43,476 to the gatherers. The take was 2,358,000 lbs. Last year's production on the island was slightly higher at 4,516,600 lbs. which brought \$53,974.

COASTAL LANDSLIDES — Sandgate, watering place in Annapolis parish, was the scene of landslides from the coastal hills.

New Curtiss Commander Plane Arrives In Ch'town

Captain Carl Burke, Manager of Maritime Central Airways brought his recently purchased Curtiss Commander aeroplane into the Charlottetown airport yesterday afternoon at 4:30 to complete the last lap of the trip from Los Angeles. Capt. Burke and Capt. H. S. Jones brought the large aircraft into Summerside in the storm Monday night.

The newly bought plane with its seating capacity of between 56 and 60 people is the first of its type in Canada and has the largest seating capacity of any plane in the Dominion.

The Curtiss Commanders are the largest type of twin engine plane built and are widely used in the U. S. A. The new M. C. A. plane has a cruising speed of 200 m. p. h. with a range of 1500 miles.

The new plane is expected to be in operation here in about a month. It will be employed in ferrying both passengers and freight but will not be used on the schedule services.

Capt. Burke and Jones made the trip from Los Angeles to Summerside in a little over two days. They averaged 197 m. p. h. over the route, despite the fact they met a 45 m. p. h. head wind during the latter part of the trip. They brought back two engines and other spare parts with a total weight of four and a half tons.

Notre Dame Students Present Christmas Concert

Students of Notre Dame Convent presented their annual Christmas Concert before a capacity audience on Tuesday night of this week, and exceeded past successes with the excellence of their performances.

Pupils of Grades 1, 2 and 3 opened the program as they presented their holiday play "Frosty, the Snowman," and charmed the audience completely with their naturalness and enthusiasm. Played against a white background representing hills of snow, the production centred around the story of "Frosty," and how he came to life and eventually melted.

Charming costumes which were worn by the groups of Star, Frost, Snowflake and Sunshine fairies added greatly to the production, and the dances which performed their dances with much grace. "Frosty" was in appearance a real snowman, and brought the play to an amusing close when he sank to the floor, melted by the sunshine fairies.

Second production to be presented was a Christmas Masque "The Crib at Crecco", and was a lovely religious story of how and why St. Francis and his friars made the first crib. Presented by grades 4, 5 and 6; it was played in a setting representing a monastery garden and the singing of the children was most appealing. Miss Virginia McDougall as St. Francis turned in a most sincere performance.

The Notre Dame Choir were also present and repeated the program of Christmas Carols which they had broadcast the evening previously. Their numbers by the audience with much applause by the girls speaks extremely well for the excellent training they are receiving.

Miss Jean Zakem was narrator for the choir, and Miss Maureen Blake was soloist, as well as performing a group of piano solos.

Windsor Star Acclaims Recital By Walter MacNutt

For musical grandeur and power an organ is unsurpassed when skillfully handled. Walter MacNutt, organist at All Saints' Church proved the fact to a large audience gathered last night in the church for the recital which introduced the newly-acquired memorial organ. The recital was sponsored by the Parish Workers' Guild of the church.

Truly it is a magnificent instrument and Mr. MacNutt's program was carefully chosen to display the many facets of its character. At the same time the organist's ability was equally on display.

It was an interesting evening as well as a musically satisfying one. For some time now, Windsor has been hearing snatches about Mr. MacNutt's Canada-wide reputation as an organist of outstanding ability. Until very recently the condition of the organ made impossible any program that would give an audience an opportunity of hearing a sound, worthwhile program.

Last night Mr. MacNutt ensnared all the rumours floating around and poured them out in a glorious musical program that proved beyond a doubt they were true. Mr. MacNutt is a brilliant organist who brings to the console a sense of tonal beauty that keeps each tone pure without giving the melody a disjointed quality, or at the other extreme, a slurred effect.

Illustrious Men — Mr. MacNutt was assisted by a number of illustrious men including: Bach, Handel, Purcell, Couperin, Corelli, Caspar Franck, Oldroyd, Willan, Vaughan-Williams, Karg-Elert, Percy Whitlock and Verne.

Highlight of the evening was the Bach. Few organists tackle Mr. Bach's works, at least they seldom offer them for public consumption and for the very good reason that they require the touch of the master when it comes to playing the organist of his day and with no rival yet named to replace him, did not write for the ordinary run of

Male Chorus At Morell

A very delightful musical evening was held last evening in the Morell Memorial Hall under the auspices of the Marie United Church and featuring the Charlottetown Male Chorus under the direction of Mr. Stan Lancaster with Mrs. Allison MacRae, accompanist. Two Christmas trees beautifully decorated on the stage set a beautiful background to the chorus. The concert was enthusiastically received by the large attendance which was within the musical appreciation of those present and was enjoyed by all.

Leith Sweeney, the guest artist, took the audience by storm with his impersonation of "Clancy Lowered the Boom" and other humorous numbers.

The Cornwall Trio was in attendance with their college songs. Dressed in clothes far from being presentable caused considerable laughter from the crowd.

Other features of the evening were solos by Mr. Lancaster, and piano selections by Mrs. MacRae.

The singing of "God Save the King" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

The chorus was right on key after the concert when all partook of the delicious refreshments served by the ladies. Mr. Even Nicholson, president of the chorus, thanked the ladies for the grand lunch. Rev. R.A. MacLeod, on behalf of the Marie congregation, thanked the chorus for the fine presentation.

Enjoyable House Party Held At Experimental Farm

Employees of the Experimental Station and their wives were guests of Mr. R. C. Parent, Superintendent, at a house party held at Ravenwood on Tuesday evening.

The house was gaily decorated in the Yuletide manner, and a bough of Mistletoe hung in an archway caused much merriment as many a fair maiden was caught unaware. Seventy guests were present and the evening was spent in dancing and card games. Prize winners included Miss Mary Murnaghan, Mrs. George Reynolds, Lloyd Yeo and Harold Storey.

Towards the close of the evening a presentation of flowers was made to Mrs. Parent by the Recreational Club of the Experimental Station. Mr. G. B. Whiteside voiced the appreciation of all those gathered as he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Parent for their kind hospitality.

Graduates From Chicago College

Among the graduates of George Williams College Chicago, at the Christmas Enceania, was William Frederick Hine, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hine of this City.

Mr. Hine received his Master of Science degree in social work.

A graduate of University of New Brunswick in Arts, and of Toronto University in social work, Bill will best be remembered here as Drum Major of the West Kent School Boys' Band and later of the Reece Band in which capacity he performed expertly. He was also supervisor of playgrounds here for several years.

Bill has accepted the post of Boys' Secretary with the Ottawa Y. M. C. A. and will take over his new duties early in January following his brief holiday in Charlottetown.

He is expected to arrive home tomorrow.

News In Brief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 — (AP) — Congress rushed action today on a \$20,000,000 defence bill, but Republican leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives balked at reviving some of President Truman's sweeping Second World War powers. The House passed and sent to the Senate the defence bill by a vote of 247 to 1.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. Dec. 20 — (CP) — H. M. C. S. Magnificent, in dry dock here since Dec. 8, will leave for Halifax tomorrow morning. After a cruise in European waters, the 18,000-ton aircraft carrier came to Saint John for painting and a clean-up, including hull scraping.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 — (AP) — A master plan for civil defence designed to prepare the United States to deal with the dangers and problems of atomic attack — was approved today by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate.

The first color photograph method was invented in the United States in 1861.

LONDON, Sussex, England — (CP) — Frank Whitehead suffered head injuries when his bicycle collided with an air-liner stationary on the ground at the airport.

organ player. He wrote very deftly for the virtuoso and Mr. MacNutt's handling of the Bach group was magnificent.

(Mr. MacNutt is son of Major T. Edgar and Mrs. MacNutt, Brighton Road.) (Windsor Star.)

Around The Armouries

The biggest event of the year so far as the kids were concerned was the first annual Christmas party given them by members of the Garrison N.C.O.'s. Mess last Sunday afternoon.

It was a gala affair with over 100 youngsters cramming the Mess to receive their gifts of toys, fruit and candies from Santa Claus. The frolic and it proved a large afternoon for everyone. For one very small girl who received a lovely doll with 'real hair, Daddy', the party even overshadowed the coming Christmas. She was thoroughly delighted and still dips regularly, though frugally, into the large bag of candy she so proudly carried home with her.

Members of the N.C.O.'s can feel justly proud of their effort. Anything which brings so much pleasure to so many people is indeed something worthwhile. In these troublous times it is especially important to provide happiness in a world which knows so little of it.

There will be many faces missing from the ranks and the Orderly rooms after the first of the year. Various courses will take many of the forces here for varying periods from one week to six months.

Staff Sgt. Doug Moreside of the 28th L.A.A. Regiment Orderly Room will leave here early in January for Esquimault B.C., for a four months Group 2 Instructional Course. Doug will be greatly missed while he is gone and the boys will be anxiously waiting for his friendly smile to brighten things when he returns. He has been a great help to many people, not the least of whom is the writer of this column who owes him countless favors for his continued efforts to aid in gathering the weekly news we are able to bring you.

Another leaving next month for an even longer period will be Bdr. Steve McCabe of the same regiment. Another very friendly member of the A. and T. Staff Stevie is heading for the Winnipeg Technical School for a Drivers and Mechanics Course. It will take him away for six months and he is another who will be greatly missed by his host of friends on all ranks.

Bdr. Carl Brown is going to Esquimault for a short course on ceremonial drill late in January. He will be gone from the 21st to the 27th and will be at the Garrison Barracks, Eastern Command, Halifax.

During this week Lt. Col. H. Gordon Williams paid a short visit to the 180th Battery of the 26 L. A.A. Regiment, in Stellarton, N.S. Also there this week was Capt. A. E. Farquharson who called to take care of the annual Pre-Christmas parade. While there the officers joined the officers and men of the 180th in a chicken shoot and social function at the Experimental Station.

Sometimes it is easy to overlook those who do a particularly swell job. Perhaps it would be easy to forget that a great deal of the work in connection with the children's Christmas party was done by a group of women whose only connection with the Armouries is through their husbands' participation in drill.

The women involved this time did a really splendid job and cannot be too highly praised for their efforts. The vast number of gifts for the children were individually bought by these women and later were beautifully wrapped and sealed for the big party.

Those responsible for an outstanding effort were Mrs. Eric Jessome, Mrs. Warren Farrah, Mrs. Clifford Orford, Mrs. W. Henry and Mrs. M. J. Darte. It was no easy task they took on, but it was one completed to the entire satisfaction of every child at the party. Greater praise cannot be given.

Officer Cadet Frank B. Clarke, of the 28th L.A.A. Regiment will leave next month for Esquimault, B.C., for a six-months course in Method B of the C. O. T. C.

The first serious casualty of the hockey season since the Garrison Hockey League began operations occurred this week when the F Troop from Souris played the Medical Corps. They won the game by a 4 to 3 score at the Forum but lost one of their better players, Gnr. C. S. Lavie suffered a fractured wrist during the game.

The League is attracting wide interest from the men of the various service branches and keen competition is developing as the squads seek the various trophies which will be awarded when the season ends.

At this season of the year we would like to say "Thank You" to so many people who have made our job easier by doing so many of the things which make life worthwhile. Among them are all commanding officers—Brig. W. W. Reid, Brig. G. G. K. Peake, Lt. Col. A. W. Rogers, Lt. Col. H. G. Williams, Lt. Col. K. M. Johnston and Lt. Col. J. K. L. Irwin.

To that list would have to be added the officers and men of the A. and T. Staffs—people like Smokey Shaw, Doug Moreside, Bert Bowles, Charlie Ryan, Hines, Gallant, Check Storey, Bill Appleton. Among the many others are the various Seconds in Command, Messing Officers who saw that we were fed on manoeuvres, majors who helped us to pass pleasant hours playing cribbage, Charlie Toole for his never failing friendliness and last but not least the Armouries caretakers who do so many favors which are too frequently taken for granted. They are Percy Keenan, Rene Gallant and Con Peters.

To the many others in the Armouries who always make our visits there pleasant we extend a special seasonal greeting. To Ernie Farley, Bob King, Lloyd Ross, Husky McCabe, Emmett Martin, Bill Case, Bill Hughes, Eric Jessome, Buzz Wellner, Danny McCormack, Hawk Gallant, Red Darte, Joe Peters, George Orford, Len Arsenault, War-

Religion and Life

By Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., L.L.D. First Moderator of the United Church of Canada (Copyright)

A favorite thought in Christmas poetry is the birth of Christ in the soul.

Phillips Brooks completes his Christmas hymn with the prayer: O holy child of Bethlehem... Be born in us today."

Angelus Silesius, in the 17th century wrote: "Though Christ in Bethlehem A thousand times be born, And be not born in thee, Thy soul is still forlorn."

And Mary Lathrop in our own time: "Tis not enough that Christ was born Beneath the star that shone... He must be born within the heart."

Before He finds His Throne." Now what is there in Christian experience to warrant that version of the Christmas message?

The indwelling of Christ has startling consequences when it becomes a reality in the soul. It means that I do not have to call to the heavens above nor cry to the earth beneath for help from an absent Deity, but in the secrets of my own soul, "closer than breathing and nearer than hands and feet" Christ dwells as a living presence in the fullness of His power and grace.

Once a teacher of teachers was disturbed over the unsteadiness of his own spiritual experience—one day his soul afloat with enthusiasm, the next nothing but gray ashes and blackened fingers. Then Christ as a personal presence entered his conscious being and took command. He found Christ guiding him in his work and giving him joy and effectiveness in doing it. He accounted for the change by saying that he found Christ living out His life through His servant.

This was what Paul meant when he prayed for his spiritual children in Ephesus: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith," and when he described his personal religion in these terms: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me, and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20.)

ren Farrah, Cliff Orford, Tom Davies, Doc Barrett and countless others so our grateful appreciation.

Canada Eases Ban On Hong-Kong Trade

OTTAWA, Dec. 20 — (CP) — J. C. Lessard, Deputy Minister of Transport, has been appointed chairman of the Canadian Maritime Commission, Prime Minister St. Laurent announced yesterday. He will continue as deputy minister.

Mr. Lessard will fill the remainder of the term of J. V. Clynne of Vancouver, who was appointed to the British Columbia Supreme Court last summer. The term expires Oct. 31, 1952.

The prime minister said the government has asked Mr. Lessard to take on the double job "because of his intimate knowledge of transportation matters."

The commission, established in 1947, has the purpose of promoting Canada's shipping and shipbuilding industries. It also administers federal subsidies to shipping.

LONDON — (CP) — E. N. Griffith, president of the British Agricultural Engineers Association, without giving figures told a luncheon meeting that Britain has more tractors on its farms than "the whole of Canada."

WIDELY SCATTERED

Skeletons of the Mastodon, primitive elephant of the Pliocene age, have been found in many parts of the world.

HOLMAN STORE NEWS

FOR THE "LAST MINUTE" CHRISTMAS SHOPPER... Beautiful EVENING GOWNS with that Holiday sparkle have only just arrived in the Ladies' Wear Department. They've never, never been so lovely — so glittering with rich holiday touches. These Evening Gowns of net, satin, taffeta, velvet and other smart fabrics will take you dancing and romancing through the festive season! They're in sizes 12 to 18 — priced from \$49.95 up... Come in today and see the Evening Gowns in the Ladies' Wear Department.

FOR THE LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER... There are simply wonderful displays of Fine ENGLISH CHINA, sparkling CRYSTAL GLASSWARE and gleaming SILVER to be found in the China Departments of both the Charlottetown and the Summerside Stores. Gifts galore for your selection, each and every one a thing of beauty and a joy for years to come. Shop Now for your "Last Minute" Gifts in the China Departments of either Store.

FOR THE LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER... In the Men's Wear Department you'll find a fine selection of DRESS SHIRTS, beautifully tailored of the finest broadcloth, in plain white, solid colors or attractive stripes. There are a number of collar styles from which to choose, and the Shirts are in a full range of sizes. Then too, right here you'll be able to choose a smart TIE to go with the Shirt that you buy, these are at a variety of prices. Don't leave this "Last Minute" one minute longer—Shop NOW for "that man" in the Men's Wear Department.