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Winter Weather Batters Wide Area In Western U.S.

VERNON, Tex. (AP) — Winter battered a band of the wheat belt from north Texas through Oklahoma and Kansas into Missouri with snow, ice and bitter cold Wednesday. The death toll was nine. Oklahoma had seven deaths blamed on the weather—five killed on highways, one stricken while shovelling snow at Tulsa and another stricken in a stalled car near Oklahoma City. Texas and Kansas each had one death. The Oklahoma snowfall, up to 11 inches in spots, began thawing slowly under clearing skies as the storm blew itself out in the north-east. Near zero temperatures were expected again early today. A number of cities virtually isolated by highway were open to traffic late Wednesday as roads cleared. Stranded bus passengers and motorists were on their way home more after jamming hotels, motels or doubling up with families wherever stranded.

Huge Tax Arrears Case In Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, (CP) — Certificates of judgment amounting to \$2,230,235 have been filed with the Manitoba land titles office preventing the disposal of the property of eight Winnipeg residents and three businesses which some of them control. The certificates were issued out of Exchequer Court, Writs of seize and writs, known as "seize and hold" orders, have been issued by the sheriff's office. The Free Press says the disclosure that the writs have been filed follows its report Tuesday that Winnipeg investigators had uncovered what is believed to be Canada's largest case of alleged non-payment of taxes. Tax arrears reportedly amount to as much as \$1,714,123 of the amount claimed for in the certificates of judgment," the newspaper says. The firms named in the certificates, filed here Dec. 16 in favor of the minister of national revenue are: St. Boniface Abattoir Ltd., St. Boniface, Man.; Slotin, Fainstein and Trepel, livestock agents; and St. Boniface Hide and Wool Co. Ltd.

RIGHT TO APPEAL The individuals named are Moses Levin, Sonia Slotin, Moses Cohen, Sam Slotin, Louis Fainstein, Elia Trepel, Harry Fainstein and Bertha Levin, formerly Bertha Slotin. Those concerned have the right to appeal against the action by the Exchequer Court preventing disposal of the real property which they own or control. A. E. Hoskin, Winnipeg lawyer, has been retained by the justice department to represent it. He is to determine whether there are grounds for prosecution against those listed in the Exchequer Court judgment.

Call Meeting Of 30 African And Asian Countries By EDWARD W. TAN BOGOR, Indonesia (AP) — Five South Asian prime ministers Wednesday called for a meeting next April of 30 Asian and African countries to promote world peace and co-operation. Nationalist China was omitted. The prime ministers concluded two-day talks here to plan the larger conference which will convene in Bandung, Indonesia. The ministers who planned the conference are India's Jawaharlal Nehru, Pakistan's Mohammed Ali, Ceylon's Sir John Kotelawala, Burma's U. Nu, and Indonesia's Ali Sastroamidjojo.

The new Asian-African group they contemplate ostensibly would serve as a buffer bloc between Russia and the West. A joint communique issued by the premiers at the end of their talks said the following countries would be invited: Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Central African Federation, Red China, Egypt, Ethiopia, the Gold Coast, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Nepal, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, the Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, South Viet Nam, North Viet Nam (Vietminh), and Yemen, plus the five sponsoring powers. The African Federation is composed of Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

Two Survive Plane Crash NEW HOPE, Ala. (AP) — A U. S. Air Force courier plane was torn open by a terrific disturbance while flying through bad weather Wednesday and crashed with a loss of nine lives. The airman who were sitting near the rear of the big C-119 Flying Boxcar survived, although injured, when they parachuted after doors at the back of the plane were torn off. Witnesses on the ground said the crippled plane was trailing flame as it plowed into a Stony ridge southeast of here.

Yarmouth Has Weather Record YARMOUTH, N. S. (CP) — This western shore fishing town reported a temperature of 61 Wednesday morning, an all-time high for Dec. 29.

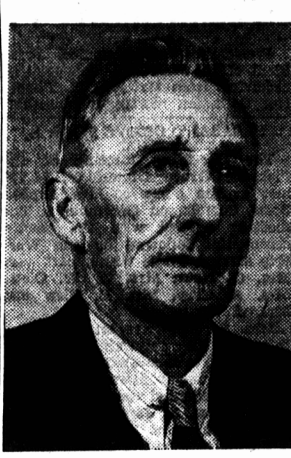
Ont. Family Has Bad Luck On Trip But Police Help MONTMAGNY, Que. (CP) — An Ontario family whose trip from Fruitland, Ont., to Campbellton, N. B., was halted last week by an accident, hopes to continue its journey today with the help of Quebec provincial police. Earl Stafford, 44, an unemployed welder and painter, and his brother George, 24, hope to find work in lumber camps around Campbellton. They left Ontario Dec. 2 in a 1941 model car, bringing along Earl's wife Marje, 44, and his children John, 11, Jimmy, 8, and five-month-old Harold. But last week, after two other breakdowns, the car was demolished by a truck and they've been in Montmagny Hospital since.

Coming Events *New Year's Eve Dance, Fortune Hall, Friday, December 31st. *Rackham's Mill, Wheatley River closed for repairs till Jan. 3. *New Year's Eve dance, Murray River potato warehouse, in aid of river. *New Year's dance, Beaver Hall, Montague, Thursday, Dec. 30th. Burns Orchestra. *Variety concert Marshfield hall Dec. 30th. Sponsors Marshfield W. I. *Unloading car oil-treated Acadia nut coal at Vernon Thursday and Friday, Sterling S. Ings. *New Year's Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, January 3rd. Novelty. *Special New Year's Dance, St. Peter's Hall, Saturday night, Messers Orchestra. *Bingo, 20 chickens, tonight 8 p.m. in North Rustico, 50 cents for 20 chances. Turkey bingo 10 cents. *The annual meeting of the Farmers Hockey League will be held in the Stanley Bridge rink hall Thursday, Dec. 30. *Dance in Morell hall Friday night. Dancing 10 till 1. Burke's orchestra. Sponsored by the Canadian Legion. *Our Store will be closed Monday and Tuesday, January 3rd and 4th for stocktaking. R. L. Dickison, New Glasgow. *Special Christmas Dance, St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Thursday, December 30th. Good music. Canteen service. *Dance at Long Creek postponed until Friday, Dec. 31. In aid of Long Creek Rovers. Refreshments. Music by the Kentucky Bluebirds.

POLICE HELP Earl Stafford said in a telephone interview provincial police are making arrangements to get the Staffords to Campbellton. The Staffords' money supply ran out three weeks ago. Earl recalled in the interview his attempts to get work in Quebec province to carry the family on. After their first arrival in Quebec City, the Staffords headed for Rimouski, Que., 200 miles east, where Earl thought he could get a job at the Canada Wire and Cable plant. But the plant was closed.

COLLECTIONS MADE He was told he should go to Forestville, Que., to work on the Bernis river hydro-electric development. So the family headed back for Quebec City, broke and counting on police to give them food and a place to sleep. The car broke down at Beaumont,

APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE LOCAL CNR PASSENGER SERVICES APRIL-DEC.



Re-elected

As a result of the mail vote for directors in British Columbia and the Maritimes, Percy Olney of Chilliwack, B. C. and Almon Boswall of Charlottetown, P.E.I. (above) were re-elected as directors for Canadian Swine Breeders' Association for 1955. The other directors are: A. H. Dyck, Borden, Sask. president; X. N. Rodrigue, Quebec, Que. vice president; E. J. How, Baldwinton, Sask.; Peter Wylie, Leduc, Alta.; G.B. Crow, Hespeler, Ont.; L.E. McNeill, Fraserburg, Ont.; Werner Romahn, Petersburg, Ont.; A. R. Tolton, Oak Lake, Man.

Buildings At Fair Grounds Collapse FREDERICTON (CP) — Damage was estimated up to \$50,000 Wednesday night following collapse of two large buildings at the Fredericton exhibition grounds. They caved in under the weight of snow and ice piled up during a storm Tuesday night. One building was empty and the other was used for storing cars, including four new models.

Canadians Smoke More Cigarets OTTAWA (CP) — Indications are that Canadians smoked more cigarettes this year than in 1953, a bureau of statistics spokesman said Wednesday. He said in the first 11 months of this year cigarettes released for sale in Canada totalled 20,200,000,000 compared with 19,152,000,000 in the comparative period a year ago, an increase of about five per cent. He said that would work out at between 1,400 and 1,500 cigarettes a person on a per capita basis. The Canadian trend is opposite to that reported in the United States. A tobacco industry spokesman in New York said Tuesday cigarette smoking in the U. S. was down about 4.3 per cent this year at an estimated 369,000,000,000 cigarettes.

Pensioner Tells Story Of Torture; Landlord Is Held OTTAWA, (CP) — A 73-year-old pensioner's grim story of days of torture, including the ramming of red-hot wires through his ears, has brought a police charge against his 65-year-old landlord and long-time friend. Hospital authorities said Wednesday night that the pensioner, Ivan Onowrichuk, will recover. He has injuries to his ears, face, mouth, arms and hands which he told police were inflicted by his landlord, Alex Keninski, in an attempt to wring from him a "confession" concerning \$800 in missing rent money. Keninski, Russian-born former potato-chip operator, is charged with causing grievous bodily harm. Onowrichuk has been living in his home and the two shared the same bedroom. The 265-pound landlord was remanded to Jan. 3 and freed on bail of \$1,500 when he appeared before Magistrate Glenn Strike for preliminary hearing. He made no plea to the charge.

ANONYMOUS CALL Police said they found the slightly-built Onowrichuk in a pitiful condition in an upstairs bedroom of Keninski's home Monday

after an anonymous telephone call sent them to the two-storey brick residence in central Ottawa. They took him to hospital. Later they said the pensioner, a Ukrainian who speaks no English, told them through an interpreter a grim story of torture between Dec. 13 and Dec. 27. Onowrichuk claimed, police said, that he was forcibly detained in Keninski's home where he has lived for years. He claimed his mouth was burned with a hot poker that red-hot wires were passed through his ears, that his teeth were broken off with pliers and that he was kicked and beaten and his fingers and wrists hammered.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE The torture, Onowrichuk told police, was continued from day to day as no trace was found of the missing rent money. Keninski accused him of taking. Police said they had no witness to the torture but that hospital authorities told them Onowrichuk's injuries were consistent with his story. From his hospital bed Onowrichuk continued to deny knowledge of the missing money which represented rents collected by Keninski from various Ottawa properties.

No Place For Financially Anaemic Parties Will Be Gay And Expensive By The Canadian Press The busy round of year-end partying by Canadians winds up Friday night with the biggest blow-out of them all—the New Year's Eve celebrations. Starting anywhere from around noon Friday until on towards noon Saturday, Canadians will whoop it up in what will probably be the country's most costly party yet. For the people who want the best, including dinner, dancing, noisemakers, drinks and all the rest, the bank account will take a \$35 to \$75 beating, depending on whether a baby sitter, taxis and champagne are included, a Canadian Press survey shows. To get into a plush party at one of the country's leading hotels will cost an average of \$15. A reservation at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto

Vital Decision Scheduled Today

French Assembly Postpones Vote

By HAROLD KING PARIS, (Reuters) — The French National Assembly in a surprise development today decided to put off its vital vote on West German rearmament once again—until late this afternoon. The assembly voted for the postponement—until 5 p.m. (11 a.m. EST)—after its steering committee had recommended the vote be delayed as the result of a procedural technicality. Prime Minister Pierre Mendès-France said he bowed to the ruling of the steering committee, but he insisted that the assembly should vote at once on a second motion of confidence on its agenda. Voting then started immediately. An unofficial count gave the premier victory on this important test. This vote gave approval to (1) the Paris agreement providing for West Germany's admission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and (2) simultaneous ratification of both the Paris treaties and the France-German agreement on the Saar territory. Both these provisions were approved by the assembly separately on Monday. But parliamentary procedures had required that the bill must pass as a whole. The dramatic reversal of procedure to postpone the crucial vote on the question of rearming Germany as a partner in the Western European Union defences came just after Mendès-France, in a final appeal for ratification, asked the assembly how France could explain a rejection of West German treaties to the rest of the world. The premier stressed once again that rejection of the treaties brings (Continued on page 5, col. 2)

Says Geneva Tariff Talks Going Badly

OTTAWA (CP) — Trade Minister Howe said Wednesday that Geneva talks aimed at revising and lightening international trade rules under the 37-country General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are going badly. He told a press conference on return from a month-long overseas trip that he can not rule out the possibility that the tariff pact may collapse. However, he still hopes the talks can be pulled out of the fire. He said he can not tell whether it will be necessary to return to Geneva to renegotiate the pact if it would do any good. GATT was built up in 1947, partly under the leadership of Canada, to get countries to agree to tariff reductions and to abide by certain international trading rules to prevent throat-cutting tactics. Tariff concessions under the pact are bound formally until mid-1955. An attempt now is being made at the Geneva conference to get member countries to agree to tighten the pact to close escape clauses and other loopholes and to reduce the use of import restrictions which block international flow of goods.

No Danger Of Bedford Blast

HALIFAX, (CP) — The navy moved swiftly Wednesday to reassure this metropolitan area of 120,000 that a morning explosion at the Bedford magazine does not mean there is any chance of 1945's bone-jarring blast being repeated. Rear Admiral Roger Bidwell, flag officer Atlantic coast, issued a verbal statement only a matter of hours after what was described as a "minor" explosion ripped through the interior of a storage building at the big munitions dump on Bedford basin north of the city. The statement said in part that "there is absolutely no danger of any major explosion occurring at the navy's magazine." Harold L. Andrews and Arthur Greene, civilian workmen, were injured in the blast which went apparently undetected among residents of the district. Both men suffered superficial burns and Andrews was discharged from Victoria General Hospital after being treated.

Missing Rabbit Hunters Safe

SYDNEY, (CP) — Rabbit hunters Sydney Doucette, 15, and David Langille, 17, walked safely out of the woods at Cow bay Wednesday, two hours after a search for them got under way. The youths had gone hunting Tuesday.

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TORONTO (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: Location, Min, Max. Locations include Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP) — The Dominion weather office says a storm centred near St. John's, Nfld., is moving rapidly east. It is followed by cold northerly winds. The cold snap will be of short duration. Wet weather will move into the Maritimes on Thursday, along with strong southeast winds and rising temperatures. Indications are that Friday will be sunny and colder again.

Forecast: Prince Edward Island: Cloudy; snow beginning in afternoon; milder; light winds increasing in afternoon to southeast 25. Low-high at Charlottetown 15 and 30. New Brunswick: Cloudy; snow beginning about noon; milder; southeast winds 25. Low-high at Moncton and Fredericton 10 and 25. Saint John 15 and 30. Edmundston 15 and 20.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:20 a.m. and 2:26 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:40 p.m.