

# Wishing Everyone A Very Merry Christmas

Maxims of a Mere Man

Hark how all the welkin rings, Glory to the King of Kings!

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### Legislature Meets Next Year Feb. 8th

The sixth session of the 47th General Assembly of the Province (and the fourth regular session) will be opened on February 8th next by His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse. Announcement to this effect was made by Premier A. W. Nathan following a meeting of the Executive Council this week. The date set for the opening is one of the earliest in the long history of the Assembly. The House met last year on March 2nd.

The session will find two changes in the membership with six Progressive Conservatives and twenty-three Liberals taking their seats. There is one vacancy, due to the resignation of Hon. Walter E. Darby, Q.C., as Attorney General, to accept the appointment as Judge of the County Court, for Prince County. One new member, Mr. J. A. Gallant of Summerside will take his seat as Assemblyman for the Third District of Prince, in succession to Hon. J. Wilfrid Arsenault who resigned. Mr. Gallant won his seat as the Liberal candidate at a by-election on Nov. 29.

#### STORM KILLS 17

MANILA (AP)—A freak storm in the southern Philippine province of Isumis Oriental killed 17 persons Wednesday and left about 1,000 homeless. Philippine news service reported.

### Egg Support Price To Be Continued

OTTAWA (CP)—The government's 38-cent-a-dozen support program for eggs, which cost taxpayers about \$700,000 in 1954, will be continued unchanged in 1955.

But Agriculture Minister Gardiner, announcing this Thursday, indicated that egg handlers who do not co-operate fully with the agricultural price support board in disposal of surpluses may become ineligible for federal support.

## FRENCH ASSEMBLY BEGINS ALL-NIGHT DEBATE ON GERMAN REARMING ISSUE

### BULLETIN

PARIS, (AP)—The French National Assembly early today voted approval of the Paris treaties on German rearmament by a margin unofficially reported at 270 to 245.

(By Harvey Hudson)

PARIS, (AP)—The French National Assembly brushed aside a move for delay by a vote of 430 to 181 early today and plunged into a final round of oratory on the question of rearming Germany. The session was expected to last until dawn or later.

The vote defeating the measure to defer the question four days was not considered a real test of what may happen when the series of Western defence treaties comes up for ratification. But it showed the deputies want to get the job done soon.

It followed a new plea by Premier Pierre Mendes-France for a big vote for his solutions to the problem. The premier was so confident of the outcome on that vote that he did not pose this question as a vote of confidence. Even the Movement Republicain Populaire, which has been attacking him and has announced it will abstain on ratification votes, went along to keep the debate going.

#### ASK SAAR FACT FIRST

The motion for delay was made by Radical Socialist deputy Vincent Badie, who contended ratification votes should be deferred until an agreement is reached with Germany on the Saar.

After the vote the oratory began from several members who wanted to record their views on rearmament. Mendes-France might make the final ratification vote an issue of confidence in an effort to rally as

much support as possible. As soon as the interlocking treaties — which would bring 500,000 German soldiers into the Western camp — are voted, Mendes-France promised to press immediately for a Big Four conference where he would try to "force the peace" between East and West.

### 13 Ottawa Girls Adopt Family

OTTAWA (CP)—Thirteen young Ottawa girls adopted a needy family this Christmas. They will be supplying the mother and five daughters with a turkey dinner, presents and clothing. The family's father will spend Christmas in a sanatorium.

The girls, all under 16, got together three months ago to knit and make over spare clothing. Calling themselves the Three-T club, they planned at first to give the clothes to a service group. Then they decided instead to adopt a family, and got its name from a charitable organization.

"The girls used to sit around wondering what to do with themselves until they got this idea," said one of their mothers.

The young benefactors, who decline to make public the name of the family they are helping, are giving the clothes and also a turkey dinner and basket of presents, purchased with \$31.75 collected through carol singing.

TOKYO (AP)—Brig. Geoffrey R. D. Mussen, commander of the United Kingdom 1st Commonwealth Division in Korea, Thursday named British member of the United Nations command military armistice commission. Brig. Mussen succeeds Brig. M. A. W. Rowlandson.

### Unexpected Death Of Dr. F. Charles Dougan

Dr. F. Charles Dougan, prominent Charlottetown dentist and one of Canada's outstanding harness racing authorities, died early yesterday afternoon in the Charlottetown Hospital, following an illness of one week.

Born in Charlottetown fifty-five years ago the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dougan, the late Doctor Dougan received his early education at Queen Square School before entering Saint Dunstan's College. Later he enrolled at Tuft's Dental College, Boston, graduating from that institution in 1923.

Upon his return to this city, he began private practice and has continued at this until one week ago.

The genial Doctor displayed a great interest in all types of athletics but harness racing was his greatest love. By his death the race game lost one of its most outstanding officials.

As a race starter, Dr. Dougan was licensed by the United States Trotting Association with full authority to officiate as such anywhere in the United States or Canada where the United States Trotting Association had affiliations. He was connected with harness racing as an official for twenty years, and over that period of



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### Flood Victim Went Home Thursday

TORONTO (CP)—Little Nancy Thorpe went home Thursday. Not to the home of her parents, however. It was washed away in the flood last October and her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thorpe, her brother, Bobby and her grandmother, Mrs. Ben Johnson were swept away with it.

Nancy's mother handed her to a fireman during the height of the flood and the fireman brought her to safety.

For two days the four-month-old girl lay unclaimed in hospital. Then she was identified.

Now she'll live with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thorpe, and their baby daughter, Janet.

### Last Vessel Down The St. Lawrence

QUEBEC, (CP)—The last vessel of the season left here Thursday, 250 miles downstream, and shipping is over for another winter.

The little ship Savoy was the last vessel to leave Quebec harbor, heading for Sept Iles, Que., with a load of steel. Late Wednesday the government icebreaker d'Iberville crunched her way to Quebec, bringing home for Christmas the lighthouse keepers from remote posts with names like Le Piquelette, Cap-aux-Chiens, Le Rouge.

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### Pope Plans To Broadcast Brief Christmas Greetings

VATICAN CITY, (Reuters)—The Pope today will broadcast brief Christmas greetings to the world and from his sickroom will give pontifical blessing.

The 78-year-old Pontiff, subject to insomnia and occasional hiccup and still very weak, has cancelled his usual Christmas party for his 10 great nephews and nieces, and for the first time in 50 years he is not expected to celebrate Christmas mass himself.

It was understood that the Pope made a five-minute recording Thursday of his greetings, but he himself will broadcast his benediction, speaking into a silver microphone in the bedroom of the papal apartments on the top floor of the Vatican Palace.

The Vatican announced Thursday night that the Pope's usual Christmas message to the world, which

he has always delivered up to now in a Christmas Eve broadcast, will this year be issued as written text.

#### NO CHRISTMAS TREE

A member of the papal court said there would be no Christmas tree and no crib in the papal apartments.

In previous years, the Pope's great nephews and nieces, children of two nieces and two nephews, have met him once a year in a decorated room where the Pontiff gave each of them a present and his blessing. It usually took place on the afternoon of Christmas Day, but this year it has been called off.

Thursday, for the fifth day in succession, the Pontiff was driven for a brief outing in the Vatican gardens, where he strolled for a few minutes along a covered walk supported by two doctors.



### 200,000 Reds Threaten Tachen Islands

#### Claim Chinese Poised For Invasion

TAIPEI, Formosa (Reuters)—A force of 200,000 Chinese Communist troops is poised to launch an invasion against the Nationalist-held Tachen island group, off Chekiang province, Nationalist military sources said here Thursday.

These sources believe the Communist troops would have the support of 403 Russian-made planes and 65,000 tons of naval vessels, including gunboats, landing craft and submarines, if they decide to attack.

Taipei newspapers Thursday quoted a former Chinese Communist naval officer, Wen Hsin Ling, as saying the Chinese Reds believe they can capture Formosa, and "wipe out" the protecting U.S. 7th Fleet with the help of promised Russian submarines.

Nationalist military sources think that the Communists are most likely to attack the Tachen islands first. The Communists tried twice last October to take Yichangshan, northwest of Tachen, and Pishan, to the southwest. The Nationalists repulsed both invasion attempts.

The Communists are moving more land forces into Chekiang to reinforce the 200,000 troops now there, the Nationalists say. More planes have arrived in Shanghai, Hangchow and Ningpo, they claim, while Communist warships have

moved 30 miles south from their bases in Shanghai and the Chusan islands, about 60 miles southeast of Shanghai.

Communist artillery units on the mainland facing the Tachen islands also have been reinforced. A Nationalist briefing officer has

told observers here that the Communists have almost finished construction of an airfield at Luchiao, on the southern Chekiang coast.

The Tachen group of islands, the briefing officer said, is strategically valuable to the Nationalists as a listening post on Chinese Communist naval and air activities. They could also serve as an advance base and an ideal springboard for a counter-attack against the Communists mainland, he stated.

These islands stretch for more than 100 miles from north to south.

### 10 Drowned When Big Plane Out Of Gas Lands In River

By JOE BRADIS  
PITTSBURGH (AP)—An airliner pilot in a desperate, clipped voice, called the airport control tower: "I'm out of gas... both engines feathered... I'm at 750 feet... can't make it... going to ditch."

Seconds later silence. Then a big splash. "That was the grim dialogue Wednesday night shortly before a DC-3 airliner, carrying 28 men—23 of them soldiers homeward bound for Christmas—crash-landed into the icy Monongahela river, 15 miles south of here.

Six bodies were recovered Thursday. Four others are missing and believed drowned. Eighteen were saved—four of them crew members.

#### PILOT AMONG MISSING

The twin-engine chartered airliner was en route from Newark, N. J., to Colorado and the west coast.

The pilot, Harold Poe, 33, of Seattle, skillfully guided the big ship to a crash landing near the shore. He is among the missing. Everybody got out, but not everybody made shore. The plane floated for about 15 minutes, slipped back into midstream and sank in about 12 feet of water.

The victims scrambled for shore. Volunteers, forming human chains, attached the oil-soaked men up the slippery river bank.

All 18 saved were taken to hospital. The chief ailment was exposure to cold.

PILOT PRAISED  
Capt. Robert Walker, 35, of Seattle, led one of the five crew members aboard, praised Capt. Poe. He said:

"Someone hollered 'brace yourself.' There was no panic—no excitement. We were buckled down. The pilot made a beautiful landing. "She settled down just like on an airfield. We all got out on the wing. We were wet and cold... "It was a long, cold swim to shore. I helped pull a couple guys ashore with some other fellows. The people on shore were terrific. They helped a lot."

In Washington, a Civil Aeronautics Board spokesman said the board had been informed by its investigators that the plane had run out of fuel.

He said whether this was due to a slow leak, poor flight planning or other reasons had not yet been learned.

### Greetings From Moderator

TORONTO (CP)—In a Christmas message, Rt. Rev. George Dorey, moderator of the United Church of Canada, Thursday extended greetings to Canadians.

"Christmas is a family festival and I wish that all who celebrate it in the family circle may indeed have a merry day," he said.

"There will be some for whom it cannot be merry. For these may it nevertheless bring happiness.

"May faith, hope and love find a place in all our hearts."

### Charge Policemen Robbed Store

SARNIA, Ont. (CP)—Two Sarnia policemen charged with breaking and entering and theft were remanded Thursday to Dec. 31 on bail of \$5,000 or \$10,000 property.

Sidney Blinks and Douglas Morgan were arrested Wednesday in connection with the theft of \$2,250 worth of meat and groceries, clothing, luggage and appliances from four Sarnia merchants.

Crown Attorney S. A. K. Logan said there will be at least five more charges laid against the men. Police who raided the homes of the two men and a snowbank cache said they found enough merchandise to fill a half-ton truck.

### Accomplices Of Beria

## Four Executions In Soviet Union

LONDON (AP)—Moscow radio said Thursday night V. S. Abakumov, former Soviet minister of national security, and three others have been condemned to death as accomplices of the executed police boss Lavrenty Beria.

The other three were identified as Leonov, Konarov and Likhachev. Their first names were not given in the broadcast heard in London.

Beria, former deputy Soviet premier and minister of internal affairs, was a member of the triumvirate that ruled the Soviet Union immediately after Stalin's death in 1953.

Beria lost in the power struggle with Premier Georgi Malenkov and was arrested as an "imperialist agent." He was expelled from the Communist party and arrested in July, 1953, accused as a traitor.

### Dionne Plan Quiet Christmas

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—The Dionne family plans a quiet Christmas this year in view of the death last August of Emilie, the jolliest of the famous quintuplets.

Olivia Dionne, the quint's father, said Thursday the family will spend a good part of Christmas Day praying for Emilie who died Aug. 8.

"We will try to make it as gay as possible under the circumstances."

### Opening Of New Hope River Church Tonight

The celebration of the Christmas eve Midnight Mass tonight by the parish priest, Rev. E. J. Dalton, in St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church at Hope River (above) will mark the opening of this splendid and beautiful new church.

An excellent creation of modern architecture, its design is believed to be unique in the Maritime Provinces.

The church is built in the form of a cross, and large clear glass windows with colored plexiglass design from the ends of the nave, and transepts, providing brilliant natural illumination throughout.

The low ceiling finished in ten-

test tile facilitates rapid heating of the building through a thermostatically controlled forced hot air system of nineteen ducts placed in the floor throughout the building.

Seating accommodation for 450 persons is provided in the main part of the church, while upwards of 100 can be seated in a smaller chapel which forms part of the building.

The interior of the church, the seats, and fixtures are finished in blond, and the side windows around the nave and transepts are made of tinted cathedral glass arranged to depict a cross in each

the exterior of the building is finished in plywood, and the basement is excavated under the entire building to a depth of nine feet, and here also the heating plant is located in a fireproof room.

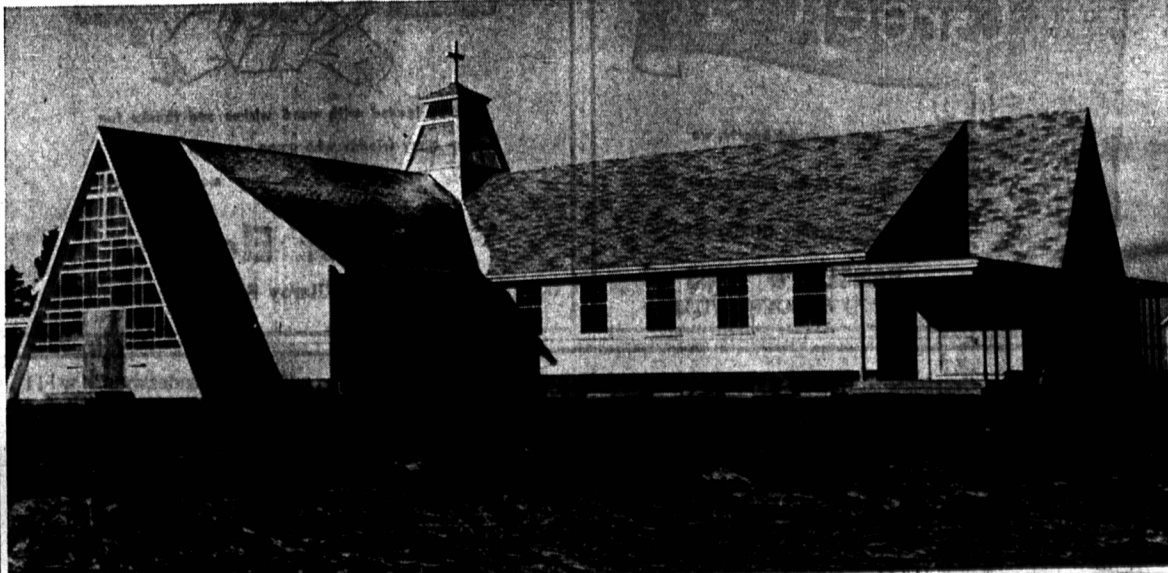
The general contractors in the construction of the church were the M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd., the architect was Keith Pickard; the designer, Gordon Welsh; the superintendent, Gleason Williams; the foreman, Ken Stewart; and the painter, Jack Rawek; all of the M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd.

The heating plant was installed by the Irving Oil Company, and

the electrical wiring was done by Lawrence Kelly.

Tonight the first service of worship held in the new building which is the 6th church in the history of the 110 year old parish will be just four months and seventeen days after construction of the building was begun.

This parish, under the charge of Rev. Father Dalton for the past seventeen years, consists of about 120 families comprising about 600 persons who may well be proud of this magnificent, modern church which will be visited and admired by many persons from this and other provinces.



(Photo by Wotton)

### TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	26b	15b
Vancouver	41	49
Victoria	43	49
Edmonton	19	27
Calgary	14	28
Regina	26	29
Winnipeg	29	34
Toronto	24	33
Ottawa	2b	27
Montreal	2b	—
Quebec	3b	20
Fredericton	0	20
Saint John	8	29
Moncton	8	22
Halifax	26	33
Charlottetown	18	27
Sydney	29	38
Yarmouth	—	38
St. John's	35	42

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says snow spread across the Maritimes Thursday from the west in advance of a disturbance centred over Ontario. The snow is expected to change to rain showers in Nova Scotia Friday with the arrival of milder air from the south, but the heaviest snow is forecast for most of Friday in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and eastern Quebec, with snowfall amounts ranging from two to four inches.

The outlook for Christmas Day places the disturbance over Newfoundland, with colder air flowing over the Maritimes and snowfalls in most regions.

Regional forecasts:  
Prince Edward Island: Intermittent snow milder; east winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 32.

Outlook for Christmas Days Snowfalls and colder.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10:51 a. m. and 9:51 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:49 a. m. and sets at 4:36 p. m.

Tomorrow being Christmas Day, the next issue of The Guardian will be Monday, Dec. 27.