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WEST PRINCE OFFICE

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—CHIPMAN selected builders hard red brick in stock at Brace's.

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—NOTICE. — All kinds of carpenter work and odd jobs done at reasonable rates. Alfred Stavert, Margate.

—BUYING live chicken and fowl daily at my home. Paying highest market price. If you want service give us a call. Eddie MacDonald, Kensington.

—OLEARY STORES DECORATED — The merchants of O'Leary have their stores nicely decorated in keeping with the Yuletide season. A fine assortment of goods for all the family is shown in the different stores.

—DONATIONS TO BIBLE SOCIETY — The sum of fifty five (\$55) dollars was donated by the residents of O'Leary, Mount Royal and Unionsville to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The President of the O'Leary branch of the Bible Society is John Moreshead and the active secretary is Mrs. L. G. Dewar. The collection has just been completed and was organized by Mrs. Dewar.

—SYMPATHY EXTENDED — Deepest sympathy is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Ellis of Central Royalty, Charlottetown, on the death of their four month old daughter Freda M. Ellis on Dec. 12th. Funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 13th from the McLean Funeral Home in Charlottetown with interment in the People's Cemetery. Mrs. Ellis was formerly Miss Eva Shaw daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of Cape Wolfe.

—OLEARY Y. P. U. ELECTS OFFICERS — All the officers of the O'Leary United Church Young People's Union were re-elected at their meeting on Thursday night, Dec. 13th at the Church with the minister, Rev. W. G. Dickson presiding. The slate is as follows: President, Miss Hester Boates; vice-president, Harold McNeill; secretary, Olive Jelly; treasurer, Eva J. MacLennan. Two conveners were appointed, Miss Eva J. MacLennan and the minister. The recreation will be in charge of Donald Matheson and Harold McNeill. The temperance studies will be given by Mrs. Therin Ellis. The Y.P.U. voted to give fifty dollars to the Missionary and Maintenance Fund of the Church. They decided to have their Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 20th. Then followed a sing-song of Christmas carols and games.

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Santa Enjoys Work, He Tells Reporter



For the benefit of all the little children who were unable to visit Santa Claus on one of his numerous appearances in Prince Edward Island the Guardian recently visited Santa in his dressing room near Holmans Toyland in Summerside.

It was dinner time, and Santa while resting in his dressing room, was having a light lunch and a cup of coffee.

Santa was in his usual good humor, and never seems to tire of talking about the little boys and girls that he loves so dearly; he said that most of them have been very good, and hoped that they will not forget to be good when Christmas is past.

Hundreds of Letters Santa has received hundreds of letters this year. He had been busy reading the ones that had just arrived, and had only two more left to read.

The other letter said, "Dear Santa: If you think we have been good enough to get anything from you at Christmas we would like a pair of skates, a pair of bunny fur mitts, a pastry set, and a game of Chinese checkers."

Santa spoke very highly of his busy helpers on the staff of Holman's Toyland in Summerside and Charlottetown where he occupies his nicely decorated throne on his visits to these two cities.

He has distributed thousands of apples and booklets to the happy children who have been fortunate enough to have visited him since he arrived on Prince Edward Island.

Santa has many stories to tell about his experiences with the little boys and girls who come to visit him. Some are sad stories about little ones who are sick, or who, for other reasons, are not able to enjoy Christmas as others do.

Recently a little girl who came to visit Santa asked him if she might have an apple to take to her little sister who was sick in bed at home.

Santa was so touched by the thoughtfulness of this little girl for her little sick sister that he gave her a big generous supply of apples as a kindly reward for being so kind and thoughtful to her sister.

Many of his stories are filled with mirth and humor; for example, one little boy recently came to visit Santa and told him he had looked their chimney over, and thought that it was too small for Santa to come down; he then handed Santa the key to the front door of his home, complete with a tag and the address, so that Santa would be sure to call. Santa, however, returned the key to the little fellow, and assured the little lad that he would not need the key.

Santa will not have any trouble to get into the home of every good little girl or boy, he said, but his greatest worry is what he is going to do with all the lunches the children tell in their letters, they are going to leave for him on Christmas eve.

Santa said he hopes there will be show for Christmas eve, because he would prefer to make at least part of his journey with his big sleigh and reindeer, but, he said, I have never failed to make the trip on Christmas eve, and, regardless of the weather, I will call on every good little boy and girl, so I would like them all to go quietly to bed when mommy or daddy tells them it is time, and have a nice long sleep so they will have a big day to play with their toys on Christmas.

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Heavy Drifting On Roads In S' Side Area

Government snow plows were kept busy over the week-end in their attempts to keep the main highway open between Summerside and Alberton and east of Summerside to Borden and Charlottetown. An official said last night that the Borden-Summerside highway was passable and also the road as far east as Summerside. However, due to constant cross drift the highway filled in to some extent after each trip of the plows and cars were reported stuck at various points along the highway.

Island Motor Transport officials said last night at Summerside that all their buses were cancelled at 5:30 P.M. yesterday, except the airport bus. Bus drivers report heavy ground drift on most roads. Two buses, one at Tryon and another at Cains Hill near O'Leary Corner were stuck in snowbanks throughout Saturday night. The one at Tryon was still imprisoned in snow late last night. Bus drivers report the road between Alberton and O'Leary closed by snow at Bloomfield Corner and that between Richmond and Wellington there is a solid drift throughout which fills in as soon as a plow passes through. Very few cars have ventured out against the continuous drift and two snow plows, one at Tyne Valley and one at Elmsdale were stuck in ditches over night on Saturday but have since been freed.

LONDON — (CP) — Margaret Goodfellow, 27, has just received a card for her fifth birthday. Sent 22 years ago by her grandfather, it had been lost in the post.

FORT FRANCES, Ont. — (CP) — More than 40 rinks of curlers will be sweeping the rinks at the Fort Frances Curling Club this winter. The increased membership is accommodated on 10 sheets of ice.

HEAVY WORKER Jacob Ayer, German dramatist of the 16th century, wrote more than 100 plays in a 10-year period.

BESFORD, England — (CP) — The historic bells of St. Martin's Church have been restored after 40 years' silence. One of the bells at the Worcestershire County church is dated 1261.

TRAVELLERS REST School Concert Thursday evening, December 20th.

UPPER FREETOWN Christmas School Concert in Birch Grove Hall, Thursday, December 20th.

MOOSE JEWELLERS are prepared for last minute shoppers. Give Gifts that last from Moose Jewellers.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR NAME in yet to win the new 15 Jewel Watch given away Christmas Eve by Moose Jewellers.

SUNBEAM SHICK and Remington Shavers make fine Christmas Gifts. 110 and 6 volt models sold by Moose Jewellers.

THE AUCTION sale on the premises of the late Mrs. Bessie Martin, Lower Newtown, will be postponed until Thursday, December 20th, at 1 P. M.

C. G. I. T. PARTY — On Friday night, Dec. 14th, the members of the Canadian Girls in Training of the O'Leary United Church held their annual Christmas party in the Sunday School room of the Church. Gifts were exchanged by the girls and games and contests were enjoyed and candy, fruit etc. were passed around. The girls presented their leaders, Mrs. W. G. Dickson and Mrs. Herbert Vatcher with appropriate gifts and also Mrs. Lewis Bernard who is the organist for the C. G. I. T. when they present their Christmas Service in the O'Leary United Church on Sunday evening Dec. 16th. This active and energetic group of teen age girls is one of the most enthusiastic youth groups in the village of O'Leary and vicinity.

PERSONALS — Master David Morrell, Alberton, is a patient in the Western Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Gordon White, manager of the Princess Pat Theatre, Alberton, has arrived in Calgary, by plane Tuesday morning. Mr. White expects to enjoy the winter sports in Banff and vicinity.

TRAFFIC AT STANDSTILL IN WEST PRINCE The snow storm which started Saturday morning and continued over the week-end brought all traffic to a standstill in the West Prince area. Some roads were passable on Saturday but with very heavy going and large banks of snow piling up in all sections. A very quiet Saturday night was observed in Alberton as drifting snow and freezing temperature kept most Christmas shoppers at home and stores closed early in the evening. Government plows were out on Sunday but with a heavy drift continuing through the day roads continued to fill in immediately after the plow passed and many motorists were stuck on the main roads.

CRAPAUD-VICTORIA BOARD OF TRADE MONTHLY MEETING The regular monthly meeting of the Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade was held in Crapaud hall, Monday, Dec. 10.

The president, D. R. Hart, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Victoria, presided at the meeting which was well attended by board members.

Lloyd Rogers reported on the first Maritime secretarial conference, which was held in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on October 1st.

Robert Dawson reported on the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade held in Sydney in October.

A discussion was held on matters pertaining to the snow plow, and snow fence for this area. It was decided by the board that they would hold their annual goose supper in February. Ways and means of increasing the memberships were discussed, and it was suggested that each member try to bring in a new member, particularly one of the young men who have not as yet become interested in the work of the board. The next regular meeting of the board will be the annual meeting on January 7th, at which election of officers for 1952 will take place.

Musical Comedy Smashing Success At Summerside

A new play "Romance at Random", a three-act musical comedy, written and directed by Norman MacDonald, C. D. A., vice-principal of Summerside High School, was a smashing success in its premiere presentation before a full house in the Baptist Hall in Summerside on Friday evening.

This play, from the pen of a talented Island teacher who has previously written other successful plays, ranks with the best of the imported plays which are produced by theatre groups each year throughout Prince Edward Island.

"Romance at Random", starring nineteen high-school students and two teachers, is a sparkling light comedy, into which musical numbers are skillfully woven by cast and chorus, and further enhanced by excellent solos, duets, and dances between acts.

The story begins in New York at the reading of the will of the late head of Westover Ltd., a giant retail dry-goods firm, who to test the ability of his son to make a success of business under unfavorable conditions, states in his will that the business will descend to his son only on the condition that he transfer the business to strange surroundings, the locality of which is to be established by chance.

The family lawyer, blindfolded, advances to a map of the world with a pointer which his Prince Edward Island, a place, up to this point in the story, unheard of by anyone present.

The result of this was the arrival of young Wade Westover and his chum, in the little village of Sunset Corners in Prince Edward Island where he tells an enquiring local girl that he may stay for "Days and days", and his chum, looking amorously at another local girl, adds, "And nights and nights".

After many mirth provoking experiences in Sunset Corners, the story ends happily when Wade and his chum win the affection of the local girls that they had first met upon their arrival, and prepare to settle down in "Sunset Corners".

The excellent specialties between acts rounded out a superb evening's entertainment, and in the order of their appearance were: solos by Mrs. Clarence Mercer, "Last Night" and "White Christmas"; tap dancing by Paula Schurman and Robert Sheen; duets by Meryl and Carol Elderkin, "Vienna Life", and "O Come All Ye Faithful"; the Elderkin sisters as part of the chorus routine sang, "They Go We Forth To The Dairy", and "Busy Day" and three little girls, Greta Dunbar, Natalie Johnston and Catherine Harper sang two little numbers as part of "On The Farm" chorus, having to do with working in the kitchen.

Musical accompaniment was by Miss Ruth Heustis, and Mr. Gabriel Chaisson.

The play discloses originality in plot, and offers something refreshingly different from the run-of-the-mill plays, by its use of cast and chorus in lyrics sung to familiar tunes.

Mr. MacDonald has previously written four full length plays, "Says, Mrs. Carewe", "Lucky Holiday's Son", "The Swastika Betrayal", and "Those Little Tif Gods".

On the same day in which "Romance at Random" was presented, a radio play, "The Modern Christmas Carol", also written by Mr. MacDonald, was presented over CJRW from Summerside.

URGES FIRE PRECAUTIONS Santa asked that both children and parents take special precautions to prevent fire during the Christmas season when decorations and other festivities of the holiday season tend to create unusual fire hazards.

Santa being a veteran fireman, with a distinguished long service medal, said that if people are careful and heed the suggestions of the Fire Marshal, Christmas need not be marked by tragedy as the result of fire.

The time passed very quickly in talking to Santa, and soon it was time for him to go back to his big throne.

All that Santa Claus has meant to the millions of "grown-ups" who perhaps feel that a very dear part of Christmas is missing for them, now that Santa Claus thinks they are too old for him to visit, was vividly recalled when Dear Old Santa picked up his apples and candy and went happily on his way to Toyland to meet and treat all the children who had come to visit him.

VERSATILE PERFORMER He is, indeed, a versatile performer and can hold the spell-bound attention of the children for hours with his songs and dances, accompanied by the music of his big accordion.

In other years he used to play his magic flute, but now his whiskers have grown so long that he finds it difficult to play the flute, and he has left it at home.

It is a great sight to see Santa and his accordion, and all the children gathered around and joining with Santa in the songs.

When asked how he enjoyed hearing the children's voices in the sing-songs, old Santa smilingly said there was nothing sweeter than the voices of children singing Christmas hymns, and mentioned particularly "Silent Night, Holy Night".

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Legion To Sponsor Santa At Alberton

The Alberton Legion branch is sponsoring a visit from Santa Claus for the children of Alberton and vicinity this year. The Legion "Santa Claus" committee is very busy decorating the Legion Home and arranging a Christmas tree for Santa's visit on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at three o'clock. Santa has promised to bring treats for all the little boys and girls and no one is to be overlooked.

Many citizens have offered to help Santa in his first pre-Christmas visit to Alberton in many years. It is hoped that it will be a special day for the children of Alberton and surrounding districts.—FW.

HISTORIC PIPES WINNIPEG (CP) — One of the oldest church organs here is being taken down after 60 years' service at All Saints' and St. Alban Churches. Three ranks of its pipes will be used in a new organ at St. Albans but the rest are beyond repair.

High School. Included in the cast of "Romance at Random" were: Ray Morrison, John Fredrick, Norman MacDonald, Margaret Shaw, Beth Harper, Ross Lefurzey, Elizabeth Strong, Malcolm Palmer, and Layton Schurman.

Chorus Girls—Shirley Barras, Betty Gay, Helen Gay, Joyce Jenkins, Shirley Morrison, Joan Morrison, Shirley Poole, Joanne Smith, Mary MacGowan, Dorothy Cannon, Meryl Elderkin and Carole Elderkin.

Chorus songs were: "Hail To Prince Edward Island", "Happy-Hol", "Summerside", "On The Farm", and "So Long".

Advertisement for Blouse featuring a large illustration of a woman in a blouse and the text: "the Blouse launches a dozen outfits! Give Blouses for Christmas... They're the 'Better-Half' of so many, many costumes. Choose tailored Blouses for active sportswear, choose lacy Blouses, choose heavenly nylon Blouses. There's a simply wonderful selection here including Blouses to wear with everything from slacks to cocktail skirts... dress them up with jewels or posies—dress them down with brief scarfs. Blouses are wonderful to give and exciting to receive! Moderately Priced 1.98 to 8.95 HOLMAN'S Summerside

The Neighbors By George Clark. Illustration of a woman in a coat and hat standing next to a mailbox. Text: "If he has left his wife again don't leave it at this address. Just send it back to me."

CORRECTION SUNBEAM SHAVEMASTER AD Appearing in The Guardian, December 15th, THE PRICE SHOULD READ \$36.00 GEORGE T. CLARKE Jeweller Summerside

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