

Canada Lost Many Familiar Figures By Death In 1956

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Thousands stood in the hushed streets of Toronto as a great military funeral parade paid final tribute last September to the greatest of air aces Air Marshal W. A. Bishop VC.

The famed aviator who was 62 was one of many distinguished figures in varied fields of Canadian endeavor who died during 1956.

Veterans of a previous era were Maj. Gen. S. C. Mewburn 93, Minister of Militia in the First World War; Lt. Gen. E. C. Ash Gordon C. Warren, 72, first president of the Baptist Federation of Canada, who died at Sydney, N.S. Meyer Levy, 84, was former chief Orthodox rabbi of Toronto.

FINANCIAL WORLD
Sir James Hamet Dunn, millionaire head of Algoma Steel Corporation and director in many other enterprises, died at St. Andrews, N.B., at 81. The business world also lost John T. Hepburn, 78, founder and president of the Hepburn Steel Company at Toronto; Roy Davis, 71, head of Atlas Steels at Fonthill, Ont.; S. L. de Carteret, 70, former board chairman of Canadian International Paper Company, at Vancouver; and Stanley H. Young, 63, board chairman of Christie Brown and Company, Toronto.

TOLL IN PARLIAMENT
Parliament lost seven senators and five members of the Commons. Senator Iva Falls, 72, who died at Peterborough last March was the only woman Progressive Conservative in the upper chamber. Other PC senators who died this year were J. A. Calder of Saskatchewan, 87; and John T. Hackett of Quebec, 72.

Adelard Godbout, 63, one of the four Liberal senators who died, was premier of Quebec in 1939-44. The others were J. J. Stevenson, 84, of Saskatchewan; George H. Ross, 78, of Calgary, and F. W. Pirie, 83, of New Brunswick.

LEGAL FIGURES
A stickler for courtroom decorum, Mr. Justice E. R. E. Cheyvre, who died at age 68, was the first French-speaking member of the Ontario Supreme Court. Mr. Justice James Estey of the Supreme Court of Canada died at 66. Quebec Judge Henri-Romuald Fiset, 67, was a former mayor of Riviere du Loup. Mr. Justice Maurice Lalonde of the Quebec Superior Court was 54 at his death in Montreal. Mr. Justice Arthur Gagne of the Quebec Appeal Court was 74. Auguste Lemieux, dean of the Ottawa and Hull legal fraternity, died at 74 and Robert Henry Graham, retired Nova Scotia Supreme Court justice, at 85.

SCHOLARS, DOCTORS
In the world of education Prof. John Charles Robertson, emeritus professor of Greek at Victoria College, Toronto, was 92 at his death last February. Charles R. Sanderson was Toronto's chief public librarian, and Dr. J. G. Alt-house, chief director of education for Ontario, was 67 at his death last August. Lionel FitzGerald had been principal of Winnipeg School of Art for 25 years.

Heart specialist Dr. John Hepburn, 67, of Toronto, was one of the medical leaders who died this year. Dr. R. M. Wansborough, 56, was surgeon-in-chief at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. Dr. George Lyman Duff, 52, was dean of medicine at McGill University, and Dr. John Emil Hett, who long maintained he had a serum cure for cancer, died at Windsor, Ont., at age 85.

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SPORTS PERSONALITIES
A noted figure in the sports world, Hector Rachine, president of Montreal Royals of the International Baseball League, died at Miami at age 69. T. H. C. (Tommy) Alison, veteran executive of Toronto Argos Football and Rowing Club, died at Toronto. Elwood Hughes, former manager of the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, was 71.

NEWSPAPER LEADERS
Prominent and familiar figures were lost to the Canadian newspaper scene. Harry C. Hindmarsh, president of the Toronto Daily Star, died at 69 a few hours after he had been working as usual in his newspaper's offices in Toronto.

Howard Fleming, publisher of the Owen Sound (Ont.) Sun-Times, died at 73. Hon. John S. Currie, veteran publisher of The Daily News at St. John's, Nfld., died at 79. C. O. Knowles, retired editor-in-chief of the Toronto Telegram, the first general manager (1917-1920) of The Canadian Press, died at age 81.

John Macpherson, 88, was the last surviving member of three who founded the Edmonton Journal in 1903. J. Emile Castonguay, 62, was general administrator of L'Action Social Ltee., publishers of L'Action Catholique at Quebec City.

Well-known also were Percy J. Philip, New York Times correspondent at Ottawa, who died there at age 70; W. W. Murray, 65, former parliamentary reporter for The Canadian Press and a colonel in Canadian military intelligence; and J. W. G. Clark, 60, director of public relations for armed services in the Second World War.

J. P. Cowan, editor of the Niagara Falls Evening Review, died at age 49. Matthew Dalton, chief European correspondent of the CBC, died in London at 52. Eddie O'Meara, former sports editor of the Ottawa Journal, was 56. Edwin (Eddie) Allen, long-time sports editor of the old Toronto Mall and Empire, was later with the Ontario Racing Commission. Sidney Norman, former mining editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail, was 85 at his death in Santa Rosa, Calif.

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The damsels too were busy. Veteran star Ruth Gordon achieved the standout hit of her career in The Matchmaker. Jayne Mansfield outdistanced all rivals for personal publicity with a figure and persistence. Judy Holliday rocketed as a new queen of musical comedy in "Bells Are Ringing" and Slobhann McKenna's Saint Joan became unforgettable experience.

Shelley Winters came from Hollywood and established herself as an important new star. Ethel Herman ended her long absence, lustily-voiced as ever. Ros Russell was the dazzling triumph of Auntie Mame.

Altogether 48 dramas and musicals arrived on the main stem during the year, and 17 remain to face '57. . . . The Diary of Anne Frank swept all prizes and carried 17-year-old Susan Strasberg to stardom.

The playwright getting the lion's share of attention was Bernard Shaw (four of his items were playing at one moment) but there were stirrings of interest in the words of Sean O'Casey, and most of all a new wave of popularity arose for Eugene O'Neill as the result of the unvelving of his Long Day's Journey into Night.

Tunes tinkling and stirring emerged from the white way's stages to be whistled, hummed and spun on jukeboxes. There were Standing on the Corner and other engaging items in The Most Happy Fella; The Street Where You Live and the rest of lively My Fair Lady. The parade continued in late season with Mutual Admirability Society of Happy Hunting and Namely You from L'il Abner.

My Fair Lady became an all-time entertainment epic with ticket buyers sleeping through the night on the curb to get standing room.


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The Younger Pearson Is A Serious-Minded Diplomat

By ALAN HARVEY
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PARIS (CP) — When Geoffrey Pearson finished school, his first thought was to become a newspaper man.

Instead he entered Canada's foreign service and began to "report" to the government through diplomatic channels, much as a foreign correspondent might report to Canada through newspaper stories.

"In some ways," one expert said recently, "the jobs of newspaper man and diplomat are much the same."

The expert is External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson, who happens to be Geoffrey's father—and his boss.

PARIS EMBASSY
When young Geoffrey Pearson reports to Ottawa from his present post in Paris, his observations on foreign politics may be assessed by his father.

Geoffrey is a shade sensitive about his position. He feels it has advantages and disadvantages. He meets interesting people perhaps more easily than he would otherwise, but fears it might be felt he has an inside track.

In France, where he serves as second secretary in the Canadian Embassy, he seldom worries about family links. The French have a tradition of family diplomacy, and nobody finds it odd for son to follow in father's footsteps.

At 28, Geoffrey is a soft-spoken, quiet man, bearing a facial resemblance to his father but lacking some of his ebullience. An intellectual, he is fundamentally serious and does not try to emulate the easy charm which has made the minister known everywhere as "Mike." There probably isn't a single bow-tie in his wardrobe.

"I'm not very much interested in the public side of politics," he says. Colleagues say he does not care greatly for hall-fellow martini-circuit politicking.

EXPECTS TRANSFER
Due shortly for transfer to another post, he has lived in Paris some three years, specializing in French politics. His second-floor office in the embassy building on the Avenue Foch is always piled high with clippings from newspapers and magazines, many of them erudite and off-beat.

He and his fair-haired wife, Landon, formerly of London, Ont., live in an apartment on the Boulevard Malesherbes laden with swords and musketry of an ancient vintage, which they feel impart a certain French quaintness.

They have two daughters, Hillary, 2, and Katharine, 1. The godfathers are newspaper men with Canadian backgrounds — Len Beaton of Montreal, now in Britain with The Times, and Trinidad-born Ron Bryden, formerly of Toronto.

Pearson was born in Toronto, attended preparatory schools in Canada and Britain, graduated from the University of Toronto and went to Oxford on a scholarship. He passed the regular civil service examinations before joining the external affairs department.

When the minister comes to Paris on NATO business, he usually finds time to drop in on son and daughter-in-law and play with his two granddaughters. There's a family joke that they get together more often now, despite the distance between Ottawa and Paris, than they would if Geoffrey were stationed in Winnipeg or Vancouver.

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