

2,000 Drawing Benefits At Employment Office

Hundreds of claims are being filed at the National Employment Office at the present time, and at least 2,000 people will be paid benefits this week. The biggest problem confronting the office, is to pay all of the claimants, who are due to receive payments this week, in time for Christmas shopping.

In an all-out effort to achieve this objective, the regular office staff is being helped by 191 extra workers and this working force was on duty throughout Monday until 11 o'clock at night. Yesterday the same routine was carried out, and all hands remained at their desks till a late hour in the evening.

The job of paying city claimants by cash over the counter in time for Christmas, is only one side of the problem. The people in the country must have their cheques mailed at the earliest moment if they are to reach them in time for Christmas spending.

It was explained by officials of the office, that the task which confronted the staff as the week commenced, was to carry out five days work in two days. Yesterday afternoon, the office was keeping pace with its program, and it was felt that every claimant to whom money was due would have a cheque or cash by today, Wednesday.

Every National Employment Office in Canada has had the same problem thrust upon it this year, with Christmas coming in mid-week, and the day after Christmas, Boxing Day, a holiday. Every office has had to organize well beforehand to meet the emergency, and the Charlottetown Office is not alone in being under pressure.

More than a month ago when the number of benefit claims started to rise rapidly, the office was able to call on a number of people who had been employed as workers in the office in other years; some of the men much as three years in succession. Around these people a nucleus of new casuals was trained to assist the office in the work which arises from the annual rush of seasonal unemployment.

Several people were trained to take claims, others were instructed in filing duties, still more were trained to work in the postal payment section. The postal payment section looks after the payment of country claimants.

It was also necessary to bolster the records department and the cash payment section of the office. The cash payment section carried out the payment of Charlottetown residents, who are paid by cash over the counter once a week. Country claimants on the other hand, are paid by cheque every two weeks.

Practically all of the people in the office except the senior officers, specialize in their various duties. At times, when necessary, people can be transferred from one task to another, but these must be well qualified people.

The number of people drawing benefits now is well over 3,000; between 300 or 400 more than was the case a year ago. It is difficult to say, according to the officials, whether the total claim load will go higher than last year.

It is possible that the cold weather has forced people out of employment earlier than a year ago when the weather was mild. There is one encouraging factor; construction is at a fairly high level for this time of year, and most of the jobs which are now underway will go forward during the winter. Some of them have closed down for the Christmas holidays, but will resume after the New Year.

Need For Caution Stressed By Fire, Police Officials

The need for caution to prevent both highway tragedies and fires in the home over the holiday season was emphasized yesterday by senior police and fire officials.

Inspector E. L. Martin, in charge of the P.E.I. Detachments of the R.C.M.P., advised motorists going to holiday parties to leave their vehicles at home.

The inspector noted the splendid record the province made during "Safe Driving Week" when it was accident free and quoted from a recent report of the highway safety conference in which it was stated, "There has been a reduction in accidents over the last year and the improvement is encouraging."

City Police Chief C. W. MacArthur pointed out the co-operation of the public in the city to date this year as an example of what can be done to protect both motorists and pedestrians.

"We have had a minimum of accidents with no fatalities," he said. "I hope this type of co-operation will continue to the end of the year, and for many more years."

Provincial Fire Marshal Earl T. MacLeod stressed the necessity of great care where Christmas trees are concerned. He said that fire is a constant danger unless proper precautions are taken.

Standing a tree in a pail of water was suggested as a good way to reduce the possibility of fire. The tree should also be inspected frequently to see that needles are not turning brown in the vicinity of decorative lights.

He warned that in case of fire outbreaks in public places the fire department should be called immediately. He called for calmness rather than panic when leaving such buildings.

The fire marshal solicited the co-operation of everyone in making this a Merry Fire-Safe Christmas.

WEDLOCK — At 37 Churchhill Avenue, Charlottetown on Monday, December 22, 1958, Mrs. Everett Wedlock in her 72nd year. Resting at her late residence. Funeral to be held on Wednesday, December 24th, with service at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown at 3:00 p.m. Interment in People's Cemetery.

BOYLE — At Kensington December 24, 1958, Mrs. H.D. Boyle in her 73rd year. Remains resting at Davison's Funeral Home until Friday morning, then to the Church of the Holy Family, Kensington, for Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in Free-land Cemetery.

MACMILLAN — Suddenly in Brookline, Mass., on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1958, Mrs. Joseph B. MacMillan of St. Peter's Bay in her 72nd year. Her remains arrived in Charlottetown last evening by train and will rest at the Charlottetown Funeral Home until noon today, at which time they will be forwarded to the residence of her son, William MacMillan, St. Peter's Bay. The funeral will be held Friday morning, leaving the house at 9 o'clock for Requiem High Mass at St. Peter's Church at 9:30. Interment in the church cemetery.

ST. STEPHEN CP — Tree exports through St. Stephen from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were reported by the Canadian Customs here Tuesday.

From New Brunswick, a total of 372,404 trees, valued at \$168,879, passed through St. Stephen, compared with 265,739 trees at an estimated value of \$145,343 last year. Second largest exporter was Nova Scotia which moved 205,596 trees, estimated at \$107,448, through the border town. Prince Edward Island exports dropped from 19,813 trees in 1957 to 5,568 trees this year, valued at \$2,983.

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Grade VIII: 1. Carol Matheson

Grade VII: 1. Marion MacEachern; 2. Gail Gordon; 3. Kaye MacEachern.

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Grade V: 1. Hartley Corney.

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Grade II: 1. Lea Farrar; 2. Paul MacEachern; 3. Jimmie Condon.

Grade I: 1. Dianne Gass.

Teacher: Earl Molyneux.

OTTAWA (CP)—Controller Wilbert Hamilton said Tuesday there wouldn't be so many complaints about Ottawa's snow-clogged streets if all automobiles had snow tires and women wore "sensible" winter footwear.

He suggested that a city bylaw be enacted requiring all motorists to equip their cars with snow tires or other "traction" equipment.

As for women, "the ladies should wear good substantial footwear such as low heel shoes and galoshes."

Mr. Hamilton admitted that "my wife doesn't wear the right footwear in winter."

Mrs. Hamilton said her husband's car has no snow tires.

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Patriot Features Choirs of City

In keeping with the season, The Evening Patriot today is devoting special attention to the singers who carry the message of Christmas — choirs in the city's churches.

More than a dozen pictures of these groups are among the highlights in this special Yuletide presentation.

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WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	-2	-9
Vancouver	36	48
Victoria	41	50
Edmonton	20	22
Calgary	17	42
Regina	13	22
Winnipeg	10	14
Toronto	37	39
Ottawa	17	35
Montreal	-11	35
Quebec	-1	23
Fredericton	-9	26
Saint John	6	29
Moncton	5	23
Halifax	16	34
Charlottetown	7	22
Sydney	22	39
Yarmouth	9	23
St. John's	6	23

and Fredericton 5 and 15, Saint John 8 and 15, Edmundston and Campbellton zero and 10.

Outlook for Christmas Day: Sunny. Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 25; cloudy with a few snowflurries; visibility 10 miles except three miles in flurries; colder. High tide today at Charlottetown at 2.54 a.m. and 3.57 p.m. At Rustico at 4.23 p.m. Summer-side tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7.49 a.m. and sets at 4.38 p.m.

Each of us here send to each of our many loyal customers the warmest wishes of the Yule Season . . . "Serving you has been a real pleasure."

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The Prince Edward Island Hospital is inaugurating a one year course for Nursing Assistants, beginning February 16, 1959. Basic Education: Grade 9, Age 18 - 40 Years Good Physical Health. A generous living allowance will be provided. Applicants apply to

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

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B.Y.C. MEMBERS HOLD PARTY

The Junior B.Y.C. members part of the entertainment of the held. Following the arrival of had a lively time last night at party, held at the Holy Name Hall Santa Claus the boys and girls their annual Christmas party. As on Richmond Street, a dance was exchanged gifts. A lunch followed.

CITY AND CENTRAL

LADIES! LOOK YOUR loveliest this Christmas with a hair-do from Eileen's Beauty Salon, opposite Eaton's. Phone 7141.

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings, entertainments, etc., are requested to place these announcements in the name of the sponsoring organization.

WE TREAT the sick well. Giggey's Pharmacy open 8.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

GANONG'S DELECTO Chocolates—Canada's Finest Gift Package—Price, \$2.00.

AUCTION "45" Score Cards for sale at Guardian-Patriot Central Printing.

A SPECIAL Christmas Eve Service will be held this evening at 7.30 in the sanctuary of the Charlottetown Baptist Church. All welcome.

THE WINDMILL Restaurant will be closed Christmas Day, but will be open Boxing day from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight. Call 7131 for orders to take out.

PALMER ELECTRIC open this evening. Christmas tree sets and lamps, with generous discounts on all appliances.

PROVINCIAL Vocational School—There are a few vacancies in Carpentry day classes beginning January 6th, 1959. Interested young men apply at once to the Principal or phone 3774 or 4647, Charlottetown.

CHRISTMAS Cantata, Crapaud Anglican Church, Sunday, December 28 at 8:30 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETS—The regular meeting of Alberton Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion was held recently. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Leberte Pridham. Plans were made to hold a teenage dance in the legion home the Tuesday before Christmas. The sum of \$30 was voted for the Springhill Disaster Relief Fund and another sum of money is to be given to a resident of the community who recently lost her home by fire.

HOLD PARTY—The staff of the Charlottetown Hotel held their annual Christmas Party at Parkdale Hall recently. After a turkey dinner the guests were welcomed by Lorne Casford. Grace was said by Morley Smith. Music was furnished by Al Blanchard and Alfred McKerney.

CARD PARTY—The winners of the card party at the Block Building sponsored by the Mothers' Auxiliary of the Basilica Scouts and Cubs Tuesday night were: Ladies first, Mrs. Sylvia Bowness; second, Mrs. John MacIsaac; gent's first, Vernon Gay; second, Dan Chipman; consolations, Mrs. Harry Murphy and Earl Carragher; freeze-out Mrs. Sylvia Bowness and George Larter; door prize, Ruel McCormack. Tournament winners, John Coady and Mrs. John MacIsaac.

PERSONALS

Miss Thelma Walsh, R.N., Miss Patricia MacDonald, R.N., and Miss Marina Arsenault, R.N., arrived by plane last evening from St. Boniface, Manitoba, to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives and friends.

Miss Leah Moore of the staff of Central Royalty School has resumed her duties after a recent illness.

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