

### Many Crippled Children Aided

During the year 1950, 387 Prince Edward Island children were treated through the Junior Red Cross in Prince Edward Island at a net cost of \$12,228, reports Miss Vera D. Darrach, Red Cross director of crippled and handicapped children's service. The following is a classification of cases: Orthopaedic, 154; non-orthopaedic, 233. The orthopaedic cases treated were suffering from the following disabilities: deformities resulting from poliomyelitis and cerebral palsy; tuberculous bones, rickets, curvatures and such congenital conditions as club-feet, dislocated hips, wry-necks, hare-lips and cleft palates.

A breakdown of the non-orthopaedic cases shows the following: Fitted with glasses 161; tonsil and adenoid op. 29; other cases 43. Other cases were: Cardiac 2; leukemia 2; ear 4; nephrosis 1; brain injury 2; diabetes 1; speech 1; cystic bone 1; plastic surgery 2; skin grafts 1; extra nourishment 19; special dental 7.

502 children were examined at the severe regular and two special clinics. The two special clinics were for cerebral palsy and polio children, when thirty of the former and 42 of the latter reported for examination.

Department will be eagerly watched. "The Red Cross Society owes a special debt of gratitude to the orthopaedic and plastic surgeons who, during the year, have contributed so much in correcting the anomalies of nature and producing a 'straight child'."

"We extend our grateful thanks to all doctors especially the eye, ear, nose and throat and heart specialists, optometrists, public health nurses, hospitals, the Charlottetown Rotary Club, Montague Masons and Junior Red Cross members and all others who assisted in any way, that there might be more light in their eyes, and gladness in their hearts, and that the better things of life might be shared by the crippled and the handicapped."

### U. K. Buys Beef At High Price

LONDON, Feb. 6 — (AP) — The Food Ministry said Monday it has bought 4,100 tons of beef from France at £177 (\$531) a ton to help relieve Britain's severe meat shortage.

The meat will all be used for making sausages and meat pies. The Daily Express complained in a front page story on the deal that this is the most expensive meat ever purchased by the Labr Government under its bulk-buying of all fresh meat imported from abroad.

It cost \$57 more per ton than the £120 a ton Argentina is asking in the statements talks for a new contract to ship meat to Britain.

### INTER-CHURCH GROUP MEETS AT TRINITY SOCIAL HALL

The National Inter-Church Youth Fireside Group held its annual service Sunday evening in the Trinity Church Social Hall.

A welcome to all young people from the several churches was extended by Stewart Smith; and a zealous sing-song, with Leith Stetson directing and Louise Cox at the piano, followed.

Ian McNevin, member of the Maritime Boys' Parliament, gave a short sermon on the theme of National Youth Week, "To Serve Christ — Give Thyself."

For the programme, each of the churches contributed a special number, as follows:

A solo by Shirley MacKay, Baptist Church, "Sunrise to-morrow."

A violin solo by Carol Marie Coles, St. Paul's Anglican, "When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day."

St. James Presbyterian Church, Girls' Chorus: "Lift Thine Eyes Unto the Mountains."

A duet by Norma Dalziel and Joan Large, Zion Presbyterian Church, "Ivory Palace."

A duet by Mary Morrison and Carol MacRae, Trinity, "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Baptist Church Trio, consisting of Mrs. Vic Runtz, Marguerite Burhoe and Barbara Rupert, "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Salvation Army Band trio and a duet by Major and Mrs. Hutchinson.

After a few appropriate words by Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, a delicious lunch was served and the evening came to a close with "Abide With Me."

### Discovers Help For 5-Year Kidney Trouble

Mrs. Frances Dawson of Brentwood Bay, Van. Isle, B.C., makes this comment: "I recommend Sarnak highly and would not be without it, after suffering with a minor kidney disorder for five years and trying many things. Sarnak brought me quick relief."

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### Outpost In China

By Val Gleigud  
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Wu's expression did not change. "I will do it," he said. "As you say truly in England, Justice is blind. The man was within his duty. Yesterday, for Mr. James, Mr. Havelock would have shot me. Today he draws a weapon in front of my bodyguards. What could you expect?"

"Frankly," said Leslie Dale. "I don't care a hoot about that."

"Nor do I," agreed Wu, with a shrug. "We must all pay for our mistakes. Mr. Havelock has paid—and my man will pay. Does that satisfy you?"

"No," said Dale flatly. "I must be there to see the sentence carried out. You will then give me a reliable escort to take Mrs. Havelock and myself as far as Chungking."

"You intend after all to run away from 'Tan Fu'?" he suggested, with the suspicion of a sneer.

"No," repeated Dale, and you ought to know as much! Mrs. Havelock can't stay here in the circumstances. But I'll be back within a week. And if you or any of your ruffians have as much as set a foot in Tan Fu while I'm away, I'll raise and arm a party myself and send you all to blazes! Understand?"

Wu sighed softly.

"True words, we say in China, are not fine. Fine words are not true. Your words are not fine, I understand."

"Very well. I shall ride out to your camp this evening."

"I shall be honoured to see you," said Wu Tao Ling.

He saluted gravely; bowed his head ceremoniously towards the door behind which lay Gerald Havelock's body; saluted again, and walked out to his pony.

Leslie remained staring incredulously at the staid matron evening Gerald had fallen. But for that staid, the persisting reek of powder, and Sheila's strangled sobbing which he could hear through the closed door, he could not have believed that the tragedy had happened. Almost for the first time in his life Leslie Dale realized that competence without imagination might be inadequate for all purposes.

### CHAPTER XXIII AFTER A MURDER

The twenty-four hours immediately ensuing did little to clarify the situation for him. Of Sheila he saw nothing, for Janet James immediately took charge of the girl, forgetting everything except the fact that she was a woman and a woman who had suffered what on any count must have proved a fearful shock. The missionary himself had hurried over to help Leslie get the house in order, and attend to Gerald's burial.

With James, Leslie had had something of a dispute. The padre refused to countenance Leslie's intention of the hanging of Gerald's murderer. He quoted Scripture and was not pleased when Leslie retorted with "an eye for an eye."

He maintained that the execution would do no good, and might justify Wu in taking extreme measures by way of retaliation. But Leslie was not to be moved. He snatched four hours' sleep in his clothes and rode off into the sunset, his jaw set like granite, his brain in the most exasperating condition.

During his ride home he came to the conclusion that the missionary was probably right. But when he reached Wu's camp the guard's body was already dangling from the branches of the nearest tree, and the General greeted him with the blandest of smiles.

"Your escort will be ready for you at ten in the morning," he assured Leslie.

And there was nothing for the latter to do, but express his satisfaction, and ride back to his house in an extremely bad temper indeed.

He slept badly, when he got back, weary to death though he was. He was alone in the house for Sheila was sleeping at Janet's, under the merciful oblivion of morphia. Leslie was not a fanciful man but sometimes he got the impression that Gerald Havelock had possessed an influence which he had never had during his life. As he tossed restlessly on the bed which had been Gerald's, Leslie could have sworn that the boy was still somewhere about the house. He cursed himself for a fool. He counted sheep. He did a crossword puzzle in a three months' old magazine. But still he could not sleep; still he thought of Gerald's account. Though he did not know it, Leslie Dale was at long last completing his education. It had waited for a long time, that completion. In proportion it was proving unpleasant.

Finally he fell into an uneasy slumber, troubled with fantastic nightmares, and it was a little after nine in the morning when he awoke. He dressed and shaved hurriedly, and was amazed when at last he entered the sitting-room to find Sheila sitting there. A novel lay open on her lap. She looked tired but calm. But her eyes were big, as if unshed tears were not very far away.

"You oughtn't to have come over," he began awkwardly. "Pat and I got everything fixed. I was going

### Emphasis On Ack-Ack Program

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 — (CP) — The army's anti-aircraft program was placed under a full-time director for the first time Monday, indicating intentions to make it as important part of developing plans to defend Canada against air attack.

Informed quarters said appointment of Col. H. E. Brown, 38, originally of Brandon, Man., underlines plans to make the ack-ack program a big element in Canada's defence effort.

Col. Brown is being promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and assigned to "special employment in connection with the over-all anti-aircraft effort."

### Consider Meyer's Clemency Plea

OTTAWA, Feb. 6 — (CP) — Defence Minister Claxton said Monday the Government is considering an appeal for clemency from Maj. Gen. Kurt Meyer, former German S.S. commander imprisoned for war crimes involving the slaying of Canadian prisoners-of-war.

He told Donald Fleming (PC—Toronto Eglinton) in the Commons that Gen. Meyer, now serving a life sentence in New Brunswick's Dorchester penitentiary, made his representation to the Government through legal counsel.

### Princetown United Church Has Enjoyable Parlour Social

A very enjoyable parlour social was held on Wednesday evening Jan. 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riley, under the auspices of the Princetown United Church.

After all had assembled and a short time passed with a sing-song, the following program was presented with Rev. Mr. Cross, as chairman.

Monologue — Mrs. Gordon Cousins.

Solo — Miss Jean Murray.

Geography Contest — presented by Mrs. Wm. H. Burns.

Instrumental Music — Campbell sisters.

Monologue — Mrs. James Hickey.

Solo — Mrs. Horace Paynter.

Life Saver Contest with Mrs. Cross.

To put your things in a bag and call for in an hour or so—

### DEALING WITH SHEILA

Sheila broke into a hysterical laugh.

"Don't Sheila, please! It's all right, my dear—"

"All right!" she repeated. "You're wonderful, Leslie. Wonderfully matter-of-fact."

"Surely," said Leslie, "it is a matter of fact?"

Sheila stopped laughing. "You think it awfully odd of me to think of it as a matter of sentiment?" she demanded. "I don't want to be brutal," said Leslie quietly. "I know the thing must have been a ghastly shock for you. But are you going to let Gerald dead mean something to you that alive he never meant at all?"

Sheila winced as if he had struck her.

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### Great - West Life Business in Force Reaches \$1,671,000,000

Total business in force reached \$1,671,000,000 at the end of the Great-West Life's most successful year. H. W. Manning, vice-president and managing director, announced in his report to the Company's fifty-ninth annual meeting in Winnipeg, on Feb. 6.

Record new business of \$259,000,000 was placed during the year and assets grew to \$385,000,000. More than 470,000 policyholders in Canada and United States are now served by the Company.

"The past year was an extremely satisfactory one," Mr. Manning said, "because of the continued favorable mortality, the moderate improvement in the gross rate of interest, and the fact that our expenses were restrained in a period of rapidly rising costs."

During 1950 more than \$28,000,000 was distributed in benefits to policyholders and beneficiaries. This is the largest sum ever paid out in a single year. The majority of these funds went to living policyholders in the form of retirement income, matured endowments, and disability benefits. In addition, a further \$23,000,000 was added to the reserves for future payments to policyholders and beneficiaries.

Mr. Manning declared that the Company's group operations experienced marked expansion. New group business of \$88,000,000 was at an all-time high and was eight times the figure of five years ago. In commenting upon the growth of group business in force, which is now \$349,000,000, Mr. Manning said, "Although welfare plans have long been recognized as an integral part of sound employer-employee relations, it is only recently that they have assumed major importance in union-management negotiations."

The Company's assets increased \$27,000,000 and totaled \$385,000,000 at the end of the year. A feature of the investment policy of the past five years has been to increase the number and amount of city mortgages and corporate securities, and they now form 50 per cent of total assets. This investment of funds in higher yield-



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This was but one important phase of the most successful year in the Great-West Life's history.

The carefully invested assets, which are held to meet all obligations to policyholders, grew by \$27 millions during the year and amounted to \$385,000,000 at the end of 1950.

The figures, which appear below, are indicative of the development and progress achieved by the Great-West Life in 1950.

	1950	1949
New Business	\$ 259,000,000	\$ 228,000,000
Business in Force	1,671,000,000	1,503,000,000
Assets	385,000,000	357,000,000

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CAPETOWN, South Africa, Feb. 5 — (Reuters) — Dr. Albert J. Stals, South Africa's Minister for Health and Social Welfare, died here early today. Stals, 71, had been ill in hospital since December. He was elected to Parliament in 1924.

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