

B. C. Thunderbird In Br. Press Club

LONDON (CP) — A miniature British Columbia totem pole holds a place of honor in the trophy room of London's Press Club.

The gift, a fine example of primitive art, was presented to the Press Club situated just off Fleet Street, by Mac Reynolds, a member of the Newsman's Club of British Columbia, as a gesture of friendship from the B.C. organization.

Reynolds, formerly of the Vancouver Sun, is studying journalism in England under the Kemsley scholarship plan.

The totem pole, about 18 inches high, was carved by Mrs. Ellen Neal, well-known Indian carver in Vancouver, and personifies the traditional Thunderbird.

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WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS

NEW YEAR'S WISHES

"Merry Christmas" we say. Happy New Year and often even when we know that recent bereavement, heavy misfortune make this highly improbable. Yet perhaps the sincere hope of a friend helps in some subtle way. The situation may remain the same, but the courage to bear it may be greater because of the friendly hand-clasp. —Happy New Year—to all of you!

NEW YEAR'S GAME

Here's a game for a quiet hour during the holidays. You can play it by yourself, or with any number of people. It consists of one question—and one strict rule. The rule is: Answer the question without a moment's thought or consideration. Say whatever pops into your head. The question is: what would you wish if you were promised one wish for the coming year? Now remember the rule! If you cheat, if you substitute another wish for the one that first entered your mind — you're disqualified!

ROMANCE

I've thrown the question (after explaining the rule) at a variety of people this past week and found the answers fall into several classes that understandably enough bear a relation to the age and condition of the answerer. What is generally uppermost in the minds of the unmarried—the young and not so young? Romance of course—the perfectly natural and desirable wish for Love—for the Right Man (or woman) for Marriage! Yet even in this bolder age, some disown their first wish. However, they didn't say "No" when I suggested that it was — Romance! May the New Year bring them their heart's Desire.

HEALTH

When ill health strikes, all other wishes, as we know, are submerged. Where there was personal illness, or the illness of a member of the family, there was no hesitation. "May the New Year bring Health" was the fervent wish of all. And why not? What secrets of Healing, the New Year may disclose!

MONEY

Ah, Money! The young unmarried wished for Romance—the young married folks, wished for money! Nor can we accuse them of Materialism. Some day, we shall simplify our lives, but at present it costs much money to raise a family! Well, patience, dear parents, Soon, too Soon, Johnny and Mary will be on their own!

HIDDEN WISHES

Some who played the game, undoubtedly "cheated"—and why indeed make public your secret wishes? But play the game by yourself—and watch that unac-

knowledge wish! For example, did you wish to harm someone? Then—why has that person such power over you? Can you make him a friend? Or can you plan emotionally, or actually to get away from his influence? The first wish that rises within should be faced and dealt with—not hidden from yourself!

DON'T WASTE YOUR WISH!

And whatever you do, don't waste your Wish or make others waste theirs, like the foolish old man in the fairy tale. Remember? An old couple were huddling over their tiny fire, on Christmas Day, cold, hungry. A fairy appeared. "I'll grant you each a wish," she said, and vanished. "Oh," cried the hungry old man, "I wish for a big Christmas Pudding!" Whereupon, there it was! (But before he could grab it, his wife cried out, "You foolish old man, how you've wasted your wish. You could have had riches enough to buy a thousand puddings—and more! I wish the pudding would stick to your stupid old nose!") And alas, that's exactly what happened! No matter how they tugged at it, the pudding wouldn't budge! And the poor old woman was distracted between her wish to rescue her husband from his awful plight, and her wish to wish for riches etc.

In the end, being a loving wife, she wished her husband free of the pudding! And I can't recall whether at least they were allowed to eat the pudding, but I sincerely hope so!

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MANY STRESSES BUT

New Year Will See 2 New Commonwealth Members

By ROBERT RICE

Commonwealth Press Staff Writer
LONDON (CP)—The Commonwealth year in one piece. In a period of tests and trials, some eared the partnership was breaking up; others felt it was growing up. The resilient, multi-racial association will enter 1957 prepared to admit two new members, the Gold Coast, to be the Dominion of Ghana, and Asia's rich Malaya federation in August. At least 10 nations will then be in the majority.

In the last months of 1956, however, the Commonwealth was disturbed by events in the Middle East. The concept of consultation, a traditional tie among members, seemed injured by the lone Anglo-French armed action in Egypt—an act that was "regretted" by Canada, criticized gravely by India, Pakistan and Ceylon, and supported by Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia.

GRAVE VIEW
At one point, said Canadian External Affairs Minister Pearson, the Commonwealth appeared on the "verge of dissolution." He later made it clear that he did not think there ever was any danger of the older members of the Commonwealth breaking up; but if the fighting had gone on in Egypt it might have been difficult for India to remain in. If India left, Pakistan and Ceylon might also have withdrawn, he said.

During the crisis, some observers said Canada, because of her stand and actions in the United Nations, had assumed the moral leadership of the Commonwealth. Certainly Canada's stature increased and more than ever her diplomats were middlemen between Britain and the United States.

Elsewhere in the Commonwealth, the slow evolution of dependencies continued. The islands of the British West Indies, flung across 1,000,000 square miles of the Caribbean, agreed in February to form a federal government, and earmarked early 1958 as target time for general elections.

In March, a constitutional commission was established to prepare for Malayan independence in August, 1957, and as the year ended, it was at work in Rome. SINGAPORE TROUBLED
Progress was not so painless for Singapore, an island port off Malaya's southern tip. In April, Chief Minister David Marshall failed to agree on who should control internal security during talks with the British in London. Lim Yew Hock, a 42-year-old union leader, replaced Marshall, and ultimately quelled, race riots in Singapore. His chances of winning self-government appeared better.

In Cyprus, too, a glimmer of optimism was evident early in December, with signs of accord among Britain, Greece and Turkey heralding hopes for a new constitution in the offing, the local population—predominantly Greek-speaking but with a large Turkish minority—may be given self-government soon, with a promise of self-determination later.

But Malta, Mediterranean neighbor of Cyprus, faltered in its intention to integrate fully with Britain. Maltese Premier Dom Mintoff squabbled with the United Kingdom over economic aid, and the idea of integration—three Maltese MPs in the Commons at Westminster—seemed put aside for the moment.

In Africa, regional difficulties retarded the movement to political maturity. The Gold Coast, due to self-government and full independence within the Commonwealth March 6, 1957, as the Dominion of Ghana, saw the Ashanti, an inland tribe, dispute centralized government, as advocated by Kwame Nkrumah's all-African administration.

Coming Events
Dance Corran Bann Hall Friday Dec. 28th.

Old time and modern dancing, South Rustico Hall, December 26.

Dance Millview Hall, Friday December 28.

Auction and dance, Vernon Hall, Thursday, December 27th.

Dance Flat River Hall December 27. Sponsored by South Pictette W.I.

St. Andrews Hall, Mt. Stewart bingo cancelled for tonight. Will be held Thursday night.

Cherry Valley Y.P.U. Concert in Eldon Hall December 27th sponsored by Eldon Ladies Aid.

New Glasgow and district. Junior Farmers meeting New Glasgow School Dec. 26.

Dance Flat River Hall December 27th Sponsored by South Pictette W.I.

Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, Thursday, December 27. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.

South Winsloe Pantry sale at Moore and MacLeod Ltd., on Dec. 28 at 2 o'clock.

Dance Flat River Hall, December 27. Sponsored by South Pictette W.I.

Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service. 9:30 to 12:30.

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NIGERIAN PROBLEM

A similar situation existed in Nigeria, Britain's largest dependency which is divided into three regions, each with a chief minister. None seemed willing to support the wider interests of the federal government at the expense of regional desires. The eastern region Prime Minister, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, was involved in an inquiry over his relationship with the Federal Bank. This delayed plans to hold constitutional talks in London until early next year.

Other items from the Commonwealth's 1956 calendar:
In June, Commonwealth prime ministers met in London, discussing, among other issues, international affairs in the light of Russian developments. Ceylon's new premier, Solomon Bandaran-

aike, announced his country planned a republican form of government on the Indian pattern, still remaining in the Commonwealth.

In November, Britain and Australia agreed on a new trade pact, replacing the 1932 agreement which established Imperial preferences. Some saw the agreement as the beginning of the end for preferences, a Commonwealth plan of mutual tariff concessions. Lord Malvern, Rhodesia's veteran prime minister, resigned in October and was replaced by Sir Roy Welensky who will represent the federation at the next Commonwealth conference.

A group of British MPs advocated in a pamphlet their idea of an "expanding Commonwealth"—an association that could grow to include several European countries and other nations.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

THE NEW YEAR

As we look back over the year 1956 the first thing that comes to mind is the immense crop that our farmers have harvested during the past year. I doubt if we have ever before harvested a crop which approached the 1956 crop in quality and quantity and this was accomplished by a farm labour force that has been reduced by over 25 per cent since 1941. We look back with pride on the prizes that our Island farmers have won at the Maritime Winter Fair and the Royal Winter Fair, and the continued progress of our young people in 4-H Club work is a source of great satisfaction. Our regret is that prizes for some of our primary products have not been adequate, considering the prices our farmers have to pay for what they buy.

Looking forward to 1957 we have the utmost confidence that our farmers can and will produce the very best, and we hope that they will receive prices for their products that will enable them to maintain a standard of living comparable to that of people employed in other industries. May all have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

50 GOOD — 40 BETTER

Cooling is one thing; cooling promptly is quite another when it comes to effective cooling of milk and cream. According to the Superintendent of the Dairy Division for the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture, the optimum temperature for maintaining quality in milk and cream is 40° F. Fifty degrees is good but forty is better. The most harmful bacteria do their best work at temperatures from body temperature down to the lowest possible temperature without freezing will keep quality and cream to a quality standard. If the milk or cream is kept at this temperature until it reaches the dairy plant the producer will get the grade and price his product deserves.

Promptness in the cooling is the point Mr. MacDonald stresses. Cooling should be done immediately after milking if you are a milk shipper and right after milking if you are a shipper. It is important too, not to overdo the cooling—freezing can hurt grades as much as bacteria. Mr. MacDonald points out that a good thermometer is a must on a dairy farm. Cool—don't freeze; but do cool promptly.

FEEDING THE HERD

Cattle feeding requires more emphasis if the maximum return is expected. Some time ago, Bob Collier in the Short Horn World wrote on the feeding of the Herd as he saw it from his own operation. The first, and by far the most important purpose of a breeding herd, is to reproduce. The second, but not the less important, purpose of the breeding herd, is to raise the calves to weaning age with enough condition to meet the eye well and to give them a start for further conditioning or adequate growth to winter well in order to make replacements in the breeding herd. A third purpose is to maintain enough natural flesh to be a joy for the owner and to leave a pleasing impression with the prospective purchasers to look upon.

The most natural food for cattle and the most economical feed to cattleman will plan ahead for pasture crops and pasture improvement as much as he will for crop production.

One must keep in mind that all pastures are not the same and some pastures, although they may have an apparently lush growth of plants, will not condition cattle as readily as others. Your pasture plants cannot furnish the essential nutrients for growth and development if these essentials are not found in the soil on which they are grown. I am speaking now of mineral need for bone development and essential body function as well as for growth of the fetus and milk production for the calves.

CREEP FEEDING

Most calves will develop satisfactorily on good pasture if their dam is a good milker. To insure that all calves develop rapidly, assuredly one should creep-feed them. I like to use whole oats in my creep and one can add up to one-quarter shelled corn in the mixture, but if plenty of oats are available, leave off the corn. You will find corn more economical to fatten livestock but too much can damage the reproduction of your breeding herd.

We have found our creep feeders to be an especially good equal-



HON. EUGENE CULLEN
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izer for our calf crop. The calf who does not get a good flow of milk will do some better on creep feeding; but the calf whose dam is a light milker will do a lot better if creep-fed. This tends, of course, to make your calf crop much more uniform at weaning age. It also prevents calves shrinking so much when weaned, as they have already learned to eat grain.

WINTER FEEDING

We are all faced with a portion of the year when no pasture is next most economical feed for the available. During this period the breeding herd is plenty of good quality roughage. Most ranchers and some purebred men depend on dry pasture grass and cottonseed cake for winter feed.

Undoubtedly this is good if one is fortunate enough to have the available dry grass and is willing to feed enough cake to supply the protein need of the cow. A great many of us, however, are farmers rather than ranchers and do not have more native pasture than is needed for the summer grazing season.

One should estimate his maximum winter feeding and should store enough hay and silage or other good-quality roughage for his herd. If available, alfalfa is the one best roughage for winter feeding but has some disadvantages. Unless produced at home it will prove too expensive many times. Also, if fed as the only roughage to cows with young calves, it sometimes will cause a lot of trouble with some protein to feed alfalfa with some protein roughage as part of the ration to avoid this latter trouble.

Silage is the most succulent and most economical of our roughages but must be fed with some dry roughage and must have a source of protein added. Either alfalfa hay which furnishes both protein and dry matter or some low protein roughage, such as prairie hay to furnish the dry matter and one of the oleiferous for the protein supply.

Also the carotene content of the winter ration should not be overlooked as recent experiments have demonstrated that carotene is an important factor in the general health and reproduction of the breeding herd. Carotene is found in higher concentration in the greener feeds such as pea-green alfalfa hay.

I have no great use for grain with the breeding herd. Given a sufficient amount of pasture or good roughage the herd should need no grain at all other than a protein supplement with some roughages. Of course you always will have a few cows that are a little old or heifers that have milked rather heavily with their first or second calves that will be a little thin. These should be separated and fed some grain to get them back in condition for the next calf. Another part of the herd that can receive some grain is weaning calves and yearling heifers. It is essential to get a good growth on these in order to start them into the breeding herd with enough condition to stand the roughing to which the main herd will be subjected.

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As there was no further business the meeting was then adjourned.

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The prize money from the Achievement Day was distributed to each of the different club members. After the business part of the meeting Mr. Keith Clay showed a film entitled "Rural Youth," which was enjoyed by all. After thanking Mr. Clay the meeting was brought to a close.

GREEN TEA
In making green tea the plucked tea leaves are subjected at once to heat to prevent fermentation, which destroys the oxidizing enzymes in the leaf tissue, leaving it green and containing a greater quantity of tannin than is present in black tea.



NEW SUBMACHINE GUN

The sterling submachine gun, a nine millimetre, fully automatic and single shot weapon, will replace the Sten gun in the Canadian

army. The six-pound, compact gun is capable of firing 550 rounds a minute with accuracy up to 200 yards. Here, demonstrating the

weapon is Guardsman Bob Clark of Quebec City.

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NEWSY NOTES

By J. A. Clark, D.Sc.

TEA

Tea (Camellia thea, Linn.) belongs to the family Theaceae, and is closely related to the flowering shrub Camellia that has such a beautiful symmetrical flower, where we saw it blooming about the homes of Altadena, California. Historically tea was first recorded in Korea during the 4th century B.C. and was introduced into Japan during the 3rd century B.C. Tea was unknown in Europe until the 16th century, when it was mentioned by the Portuguese historian Maffei in his work (Historiae Indicae) as a product of Japan and India. A member of the East India Company mentioned in 1615 that tea was sold in London, England at from 15 to 100 sterling per pound. The American Encyclopedia mentions that tea has been cultivated in China and India for two thousand years.

LOCATION

While there is some doubt concerning the original home of the tea plant, it is indigenous in Eastern Asia and flourishes in all parts of the tropical and sub-tropical zones where the rainfall exceeds 60 inches, and is distributed throughout the year. This includes the whole monsoon region and in particular the Assam-Yunnan area. In Ceylon it grows from sea-level to an altitude of 7,000 feet. Tea requires a warm, wet tropical climate with a moist, steamy atmosphere and frequent copious rains.

The rows or hedges are cultivated, weeded and pruned to increase new leaf production and ease in picking the leaves. In pruning the two-year old plants are raised to within one foot of the ground to form four lateral branches. These are again cut back two years later to induce more branching. Old bushes are cut back to fifteen inches in height, the stumps put forth numerous branches. Bushes 30 years old are generally removed.

DESCRIPTION

Tea, as cultivated in China and India, is a shrub from 3 to 5 feet high. The stem has numerous very leafy branches. The following is a botanical description: "The leaves are alternate, leathery, elliptical, obtusely serrated on short channelled foot-stalks." The young leaves are densely covered with fine, soft, short hairs on the underside. The tea leaves have a cellular structure that differentiates them from other leaves. The flowers are white, axillary and slightly scented. They are usually in groups of two or three on separate flower stalks.

CLUB NEWS

The St. George's Junior Farmers held their regular meeting at the home of the president, Laura McLellan, on Thursday night, November 29.

The president called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last meeting and of an executive meeting were read and approved.

Business began with the members presenting their belated farm plans and a discussion about them followed. The secretary then read a letter received from Mr. Keith Clay concerning material for soil testing. Papers with instructions on how to soil test and the necessary forms to be filled out were given to each member. As there were not enough forms the secretary was asked to write to Mr. Clay for more and to invite him to a meeting on December 13.

Members are to finish collecting their soil before the next meeting.

Due to the fact that groups are to plan their own winter projects this was the next discussion. It was decided that more stress should be put on public speaking and debating. Two debates were planned consisting of two teams of three speakers each. Topics are to be selected at the next meeting.

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U. C. C. Christmas Closing Held

Mr. Robert Younker, manager of the P. E. I. Agency of the Canada Life Assurance Company, was the guest speaker at the annual Christmas closing of Union Commercial College on Friday evening, December 21. Mr. Younker gave the address to the nine graduating students before a capacity audience, and presented the Diplomas and Certificates.

The following students completed their training and received Diplomas in Stenography:

Violet Cairns, Kinkora
Glenie Ford, Ebenezer
Ruby Ford, Oyster Bed Bridge
Muriel Henry, Vernon Bridge
Heather MacLeod, Bonshaw
Lorna MacPhail, Argyle Shore
Annette Morrissey, Orwell Cove
Jennie Mayhew, Kinkora.

A Certificate in general clerical work was received by Natalie MacKinnon, Alexandria, and a Certificate in typewriting by Marlene Balderston, Southport, R. I.

The staff of the College, Mr. W. D. Fraser, Principal, Miss Barbara Dunsford, and Mrs. S. W. Willis, were each the recipient of a much appreciated gift from the student body.

The following is the program: Carols by school chorus: O Come All Ye Faithful; Angels We Have Heard in High.

Remarks by Principa, Address to graduates: Mr. Robert Younker

Presentation of Diplomas
Vocal solo—Joanne Lilly: Gesu Bambino; Star of the East.

Reading—Marlene Balderston: In the Dark of the Honeycomb.
Songs by school chorus: Silent Night; Silver Bells.

U. C. C. film—Channel to Success.
Santa Claus.
God Save the Queen.
Pianist: Mr. Horace Coles, Milton.

INDIAN RIVER W.I.

The D-ember meeting of the Indian River W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Peter MacLellan. The vice-president presided and opened the meeting by singing "Jingle Bells", followed by repeating the Mary Stewart Collect. Eleven members answered roll call by an exchange of Christmas gifts. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Committees gave their report and correspondence was read. \$5.00 was voted for the T.B. League, and \$10.00 for a Christmas treat for pre-school and school children. It was voted to give Mrs. Ramsay \$10.00 for expenses for the Handicraft course.

The members then decided to hold a banquet at the Summerlea on December 11th, their fifth anniversary.

Lunch was served by committee in charge and meeting closed with God Save The Queen. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Keith Mann; roll call to be answered by school memories.

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