



5 SUPPLY DEPOT GETS NEW OC FOR DAY

Following the usual service tradition, Group Capt. F. E. Smith relinquished his position of commanding officer and for a short while became plain Aircrewman 1st class Smith. A.C.I. George L. Poland, of Graham Road, P.E.I., the youngest airman at 5 Supply Depot, Monton, assumed the rank of group captain and the position of CO. The event occurred at the annual airman's Christmas dinner held at the depot Tuesday. Following the tuning ceremony, the airman proceeded to the mess-hall where Christmas dinner was served by the officers of the depot.

Recounts Sought
In Two Districts

Two unsuccessful Liberal candidates have asked for recounts of results of the voting in two districts, it was announced yesterday, the last day on which recounts could be requested under the provincial Elections Act. The application of William Acorn of Souris for a recount of Ballots cast at the election held in the first electoral district of Kings County, Dec. 10 was filed, and a deposit of \$100 as security for costs was posted with J. W. Lawes, clerk of the Kings County Court at Georgetown yesterday.

Mr. Acorn contested First Kings as a Liberal assemblyman candidate and Declaration day's proceedings showed him to be behind by 25 votes in the count which will be held in the court house in Georgetown. The Liberal Party has also asked for a recount in the Third District of Queens, where Liberal candidate Cecil Miller was defeated by Agriculture Minister Andrew B. MacRae in the Dec. 10 election. The official Declaration Day count gave MacRae a 16 vote edge on his opponent, 1,848 to 1,832. Judge C. St. Clair Trainor has called for the recount to take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Charlottetown Court House.

OTTAWA (CP)—Abuse of the unemployment insurance plan by pensioners has been drawn to the attention of the government. "We are convinced that there is some degree of abuse of the basic intention of the plan on the part of persons who have retired from their normal employment and are in receipt of adequate pensions," said the report of the GII committee on unemployment insurance tabled in the Commons Thursday. The report recommended that a pension received on retirement under an employer-employee pension plan be treated as earnings in determining benefits under the unemployment insurance program. To the extent that the pension exceeds allowable earnings, a deduction would be made from the payable insurance benefit. Care would have to be taken to see that retiring employees don't have their pensions deferred until they've had an opportunity to exhaust available unemployment insurance benefits. "It is our view that unemployment resulting from compulsory retirement pursuant to an employer-employee pension plan is not a type of unemployment that was even intended to be covered by an insurance plan," said the committee.

WASHINGTON AP)—The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission said the Soviet Union exploded another atmospheric nuclear test shot in the Arctic. The explosion was described as a low-yield shot, in the vicinity of Novaya Zemlya. This would mean an explosive force of up to 30,000 tons of TNT.



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Returns to date for the 1962 Red Cross campaign were reported as 98.6 per cent of the objective by W. R. Jenkins, campaign chairman, at the December meeting of the P.E.I. Red Cross executive, held this week at the society's headquarters in Charlottetown under the chairmanship of the president, Mrs. H. L. Palmer. Mr. Jenkins said he felt confident that it may still be possible to reach the 100 per cent mark for 1962 as there are still a few canvassers to report. The 1962 Red Cross campaign was held in March but none will be held next year as the campaign has been integrated with the United Fund appeal for 1963.

Mr. Jenkins also announced that the following collectors had achieved the highest percentage of increases over last year among the Queens County canvassers: Miss Josephine Bradley in Iona West, Mrs. John A. Ross, Fiat River, and Mrs. Emmett Wisner, Waterville. Ms. Palmer gave the highlights of the semi-annual meeting of the Central Council, Canadian Red Cross Society which she attended in Toronto in November. She referred particularly to the opening session of the council which took the form of a ceremony of special tribute to the late Dr. W. S. Stanbury, national commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society who died so suddenly while attending an Inter-American Red Cross conference in Puerto Rico early in November. The official tribute of the Canadian Red Cross was given by Col. Arthur Bishop, an honorary vice-president, and on behalf of the League of Red Cross Societies by Henrik Bior of Geneva, the secretary-general who was visiting the Canadian Society at the time, and who told of the very high esteem in which Dr. Stanbury was held by the National Red Cross Societies around the world. Messages of tribute were read from a great many of these countries, and at the luncheon meeting that day, Governor-General George P. Verner, the honorary president of the Canadian Red Cross Society, guest speaker for the occasion, also spoke in glowing terms of Dr. Stanbury's outstanding accomplishments in Canada and abroad.

WISHING WELL
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The Charlottetown Police Department is composed of men who are your friends and neighbours. Both in their official and unofficial capacities they want you to enjoy the holidays.

We do not want to inject a grim note into this festive picture, but the fact remains there are many major and minor tragedies at this time of year. We urge you to use extreme care, to let someone else drive if you have been drinking and to use common sense in your celebration of the holidays.

To all of you, we of the Charlottetown Police Department, wish you a Happy, and Safe Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
C. W. MacARTHUR
Chief
Charlottetown Police Department

... From Your Fire Department

DEAR CITIZENS:

The Yuletide season is at hand... one of the happiest, most joyous seasons of the year. It is the time when most families are reunited to enjoy not only the social activities of the season but to observe the real meaning of Christmas in the church of their choice.

It is also the season of the Christmas tree, at home and in public parlours. The Charlottetown Fire Department urges you to observe the rules for a fire-safe Christmas. Buy a fresh tree or non-flammable one. Locate tree away from exit doors and passages and keep it watered or in damp sand. Use non-combustible decorations and approved type of wiring in good condition. Turn off your Christmas tree lights when retiring or leaving house unattended. Dispose of Christmas gift wrappings as soon as possible. Do not keep your tree after it has dried out. The Charlottetown Fire Department will be alert to help you if fire will make it unnecessary.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
H. H. JEWELL
Chief
Charlottetown Fire Department

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