

ISLAND MESSAGE

Western And Central Districts

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Plea For Fire Safety At Christmas Is Made

In a message issued Saturday the fire prevention bureau of Charlottetown urged all citizens to observe a "fire-safe" Christmas.

The bureau lists a few simple rules that should be followed in regard to the use of trees and decorations generally in the home.

Pick a tree that is fresh, one that has firm, green needles and have it no bigger than you need, the bureau advises. The larger the tree, the greater the fire hazard. Stand the tree in water while it is in the house and check the water daily. Support the tree firmly and keep it away from sources of heat. Do not locate it where it may block an escape route from the house. Keep trees in the house for the shortest time possible.

ELECTRIC HAZARD
Metal trees, the bureau states, are not a fire hazard but may be an electric shock hazard. Use only indirect lighting with them if lighting strings are placed on the tree. Otherwise it may be over-charged and dangerous.

In the use of decorations, householders are urged to make sure that they are of noncombustible materials. Untreated cotton

baiting and paper tulle easily and may burn intensely. Make sure the decoration is flame proof.

In regard to gift wrappings it is advised to dispose of them promptly and safely, but do not use the fireplace.

In the decoration of the Christmas tree the bureau stresses to avoid the use of wax candles as they are dangerous. Check the light sets and extension cords and all holiday lighting equipment for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Use only approved lighting equipment. Do not overload the electric circuits and make sure that no higher than a 15 Amp fuse is used. Turn off all trees and other indoor lighting equipment before retiring or leaving the house.

The bureau strongly cautions against smoking near the tree. Have plenty of large safe ash trays around and use them. "Above all," the message concludes, "have a fire safety emergency plan. Fixing alternate routes out of every room. If fire strikes, clear everybody out of the house but call the Fire Department. Fight the fire only if you can do so safely, keeping an exit route open."

PROUD QUINT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fischer proudly hold two of their quintuplets just before taking them home from St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, E.D., Saturday. Mary Magdalene

(left), and Mary Margaret joined their brother James at home. Two of the other quintuplets, born Sept. 14, will go home later. The Fischers now have

10 children. At center is Mrs. Elmer Brady, Mrs. Fischer's mother, who is helping care for the children. (AP Wire-photo).

POTATO

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nadians are white-fleshed. Last year there was a severe shortage in local production in Europe and Canadian potatoes were imported to help make up the deficiency. This year the European crop is back to normal.

Mr. Malahy was advised that the department has been carrying on an extensive search for markets, in particular for table stock and results of this survey have been reported to the trade wherever sales prospects have been found.

The department's report summarizes the situation in a number of countries. In Portugal production is 20 per cent over 1962 and Canadian prices are considerably higher than those of local potatoes. Spain continues to prohibit the import of North American potatoes because of the danger of disease. Efforts to convince the Spanish they have nothing to fear have not met with success.

The Italian market has been fully supplied from Common market countries but two major importers have asked for quotations from Canada. As local crops appear adequate, no imports are expected by Venezuela. Opportunities in Central America are very small at current prices. Retail prices of local potatoes range from two to five cents a pound and up to 15 cents for each 2.2 pounds.

Chilean authorities indicated a temporary shortage might develop here and the official buying agency asked for quotations on five to ten thousand metric tons and shippers were asked for prices. Mexico is not a large consumer of potatoes and is self-sufficient. The Jamaican government does not permit the import of table stock potatoes while local supplies are available.

Imports into Nigeria are relatively small and potatoes have been imported recently from Cyprus at 8.75 cents a pound and from the Netherlands at about 4.5 cents. Canadian prices appear competitive and shippers have been asked to quote to potential Nigerian importers.

Cuba said there were no prospects in the foreseeable future for cash purchases of Canadian potatoes as they indicated they obtained their requirements of some 36,000 tons from the USSR. Since that time it was reported that the Netherlands sold potatoes to Cuba.

The department's office in Moscow discussed with the State Trading Agency the possibility of selling Canadian potatoes to Russia but was advised there are no prospects as Russia is the world's largest producer of such commodity.

Borden Council Votes \$700 For Centennial

BORDEN — It was decided Saturday at the regular meeting of the Borden Town Council that a sum of \$700 would be donated to the Centennial Committee to be used in financing Centennial projects next year.

Mayor G. C. Bell presided at the meeting which was attended by Councilors Bernard Fleming, Jack MacIsaac, Reg.

McAleer and William MacIvor, Town Clerk Frank Westhaver and town policeman W. J. Crane.

The various committee reports were given by the chairman and the police report showed that \$164 in fines had been collected during the past month.

Coun. McIvor announced that the town Christmas tree was in readiness for decoration at the town hall.

At the request of a large number of citizens of the town it was decided that the Mayor and Councilors would hold a levee at the Town Hall on New Year's Day at a time to be announced later.

All salaries for the current year were ordered to be paid.

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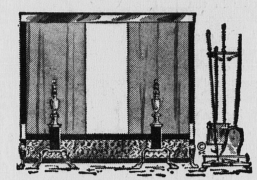
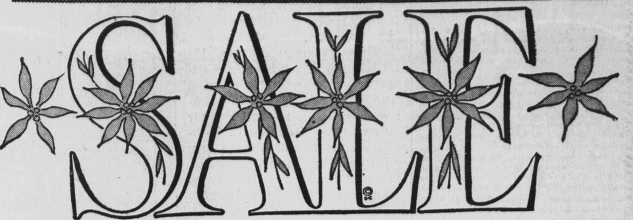
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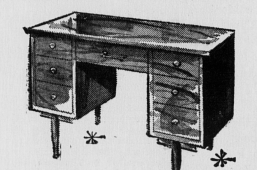
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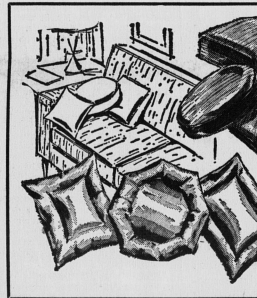
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Resurces Division To Be Strengthened

By DON MACLEOD

Following Friday's meeting of the cabinet, Premier Walter R. Shaw, in announcing the appointment of marketing director Reid Sanzster, in the post of temporary director of research, said that it is intended to seek a replacement for Mrs. Audrey Conroy to further augment the staff.

In addition, the over-all development council, which consisted of about 40 members, will be re-organized and development councils set up in each county. Premier Shaw said "this will work much more satisfactorily than the previous organization, which was too cumbersome."

FIELD WORK

Premier Shaw said Mr. Sanzster will work "chiefly in the field," keeping in close contact with the cabinet committee on development. The cabinet committee will hold regular meetings, possibly, in monthly, with Mr. Sanzster and the deputy minister of the departments involved to review progress of development projects undertaken.

Premier Shaw said "the advance of the development program is predicated on a more comprehensive knowledge of developments in the field, and also the contacts with various federal departments associated in any way with the program."

"The cabinet committee feels that these changes will allow the development program to work more satisfactorily than a previously."

According to the premier, his government is "one of a few with its associations with ARDA and other departments of the federal government, whose policies fit into the development program."

SOME TARDINESS

"There is some tardiness," he said, "on the part of ARDA in giving a definite decision on about 20 projects we have submitted for approval, particularly those which deal directly with development."

"We expect to confer with an official of ARDA here later this month on the matter, and have made representation to federal agriculture minister Hays, asking that prompt action be taken so we know where we stand on our projects."

S'side JCs Induct Six

SUMMERSIDE — Six new members were inducted in the Summerside Junior Chamber of Commerce Saturday night when the Jaycees held their annual Christmas party at the local curling club.

Newly-inducted members are Wendell Morrison, Phil Murphy, Don Sheen, Gordon McNeill, Peter Greene and Alf Green.

Attending the induction ceremonies were Peter Daniels, Summerside, Atlantic province president and Harvey MacKinnon, president of the Charlottetown Jaycees.

Summerside president is David Darby.

IS PATIENT
Mrs. Harry Pichman, Montserrat, is a patient in the Westerg Hospital.

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