CONGRATULATIONS from Premier Alex Campbell are extended to G. Claude Smith at a recent Christmas party on the occasion of his retirement as director of town planning for this province. Appreciation for years of service was extended at the staff gathering held in the department of municipal affairs. FROM THE LEFT are Premier and Mrs. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Provincial Town Planning Director Retires Here

Prince Edward Island's director of town planning, G. Claude Smith, Sherwood, retires today after 14 years service with the department of municipal affairs.

Mr. Smith, who has gained a wealth of experience in the planning field, first became interested in town planning through his association with the Community Planning Association of Canada in 1950.

During his years of service, Mr. Smith organized and implemented town planning projects throughout the province. He has been called the 'Father of the Village Commissioners Association of Prince Edward Island

BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

Mr. Smith also organized the roadside beautification program and was a prime mover in the rural beautification program.

Since 1951 he has been a member of the national body of the Community Planning Association of Canada and became provincial president of the body. Mr. Smith is presently secretary of the provincial planning board.

Mr. Smith became director of town planning in February of 1953. At that time the jurisdiction of the department of town planning included the suburban areas of Charlottetown which took in the districts of West, East, Central Royalty and the Southport area.

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction of the town planner's department today includes Alberton, Montague, Georgetown, Borden and all areas within a mile of towns, villages and parks and on both sides of the Trans Canada highway for distance of 540 feet. The town planner is also responsible for lands adjacent to all Island beaches as well as the all-weather road between Albany corner and Miscouche.

Reviewing the growth of his department since its establishment in the early fifties, Mr Smith said that in 1950 there were four villages incorporated, today there are 22 incorporated villages.

The first year the office of town planner was established, there were nine building permits issued which included six dwellings and three garages. This year, over 400 buildings have been issued through the department, he said.

BORN AT CASCUMPEC

Born at Cascumpec, Mr. Smith is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Smith. His wife is the former Amy Stewart of Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a daughter, Mrs. William Reynolds, Alberta, and a son, Stewart Sherwood.

Educated at West Kent School and the Provincial Vocational School, Mr. Smith, in his younger day took an active part in farming, fox ranching and for a time he was engaged as a telegrapher by the railway.

Upon retiring Mr. Smith said he hoped to spend some time at his woodwroking hobby, which includes boat building as well as enjoying his favorite sport of fishing.

Sunday School Concert Given

The annual Christmas program of St. Peter's Bay United Church sunday school, was presented recently.

Mr. Don Anderson, superintendant, presided and called on Rev. Donald MacLennan to present the attendance certificates and the certificates of merit.

The program included a hymn, a motion song by the nursery class, exercises by the kindergarten and primary classes and carols by the junior class. A candle lighting exercise was given, followed by a solo, by Gail MacKinnon. The program ended with "The Christmas Story" read by Ann Sutherland, slides of the Nativity and carol singing.

Treats were given to all Sunday school pupils and children in the audience.

Sunday school classes will resume on the 8th of January at 10 a.m.

FUNERALS

GALLANT FUNERAL — The funeral for J. Austin (Ott) Gallant took place on Thursday morning from the Hennessey Funeral Home to St. Dunstan's Basilica where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Leonard MacCormack, who also conducted the service at the grave. The pallbearers were: Henry Woolridge, Fred Moore, John Gordon, Walter Carver, Sr., James Strain, and Bruce Wonnacott. Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Atlantic Wholesalers and the Horsemen's Association attended the funeral. The Legion graveside service was conducted by Harry Mortimer with the Last Post and Reveille sounded by Frank Smith. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

RAMSAY FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. Adelide Ramsay was held Thursday afternoon at the Compton Funeral Home, where service was conducted by Rev Dr. C.R. Webber. Hymns sung were The Lord Is My Shepherd and Lead Kindly Light. Organist was Mrs. Eric Sheen. Pallbearers were: Cliff Ramsay, George Spears, Russell Kelly, Bruce Riley, William Ramsay and Bruce Crozier. Flowerbearers were Ralph and Garth MacFarlane. Interment was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

Gay Spirit In Georgetown

Hundreds of decorated and lighted Christmas trees, both inside and outside of homes added to the spirit of the Christmas season in Georgetown and gave a gay and festive appearance to the town, but Mrs. Ella MacKinnon had perhaps the most unique and beautiful decorations in her home when a three-foot high Easter lilly chose Christmas eve to break into bloom, with two large and beautiful blooms opening up.

Each of the blooms measure about 6 inches across in this rather unique feat of nature.

December Meet Is Held At St. Peter's Bay

The December meeting of St. Peter's Bay Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mrs. K.E. MacCallum, with 16 members present. Roll call was answered by an exchange of gifts.

It was decided to request the services of the W.I. Handicraft Van for the district.

Forty dollars was donated to the teachers to buy treats for the students at the Christmas concert.

Plans were finalized for a buffet luncheon at the official opening of the new elementary school.

A layette is being completed to send to the Unitarian Service.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Colin Jackson. Refreshments were served by the hostess and catering committee.

St. Peter's School Holds First Concert

St. Peter's Elementary School presented their first Christmas concert in the new school auditorium, to a large number of parents and friends. Don Anderson acted as Master of Ceremonies. Music was supplied by Sandy Clark at the piano.

Pamela MacKenzie, Grade 1, gave the welcome, and the program included carols, exercises, a square dance, skits, step-dancing by Dianne O'Hanley, and a monologue by Clara King. The origin of some favourite carols were explained by Grade 8 boys, and solos were sung by Shirley MacKinnon and Gail MacKinnon.

Michael MacInnis, Grade 1, gave the closing address, and Santa Claus paid a visit. The teachers helped distribute treats to the children.

Father Bennett MacDonald, and Mr. Francis White, principal of the school, both spoke briefly, to the pupils and guests. The singing of the Queen brought the evening to a close.

Traffic Cases Make Up Docket

SUMMERSIDE — Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald heard a light court docket made up of highway traffic cases in Prince County Magistrate's Court here yesterday morning.

Joseph John Gallant, Summerside, charged with concealing a material fact when applying for a driver's license, had the charge dismissed by the magistrate. Registrar of motor vehicles J. A. Gallant was a crown witness in this case.

Harold Craig Woodside, Summerside, was fined $10 and costs for driving without due care and attention, as was Harold Douglas Berry of Summerside.

Belonie Andrew Gallant, St. Chrysostome, was fined $10 and costs for making an unsafe turn on the highway.

Children Given Treats At Breadalbane

On a recent Sunday morning, in the Christian Church, Breadalbane, Christmas carols were sung and recitations given by four of the smaller children, Rickey and Donna MacSwain, Heather and Marlene Morrison.

The superintendent, Eldon Hickox, and the secretary, Mrs. Cuyler Matheson, presented the children with gifts and treats. The two organists Kathy Matheson and Allen Hickox (Jr.) were also given gifts, and Faye Hickox was rewarded for perfect attendance.

In the evening, both the junior and senior Bible School children participated in a program of scripture readings, duets, Christmas carols. The pastor Merle Zimmerman, spoke on the subject "God with us; God for us; God in us".

Mrs. Robert Weeks and Mrs Harold Sharpe were the organists, and Mrs John Hickox, the director of the program.

Ferry Traffic Shows Increase

An increase over traffic figures in 1965 was shown this year by Northumberland Ferries Limited.

Passenger traffic during May-Dec. '65 was 229,448 and for Apr-Dec. this year, 248,931 for an increase of 19,483. For the same period, automobile traffic was up from 73,164 to 79,403, an increase of 6,239 and truck traffic from 12,412 to 15,279, an increase of 2,867.

Traffic for the month of December this year was heavier than last December. The increase in passenger trafic was 1,500, automobiles 643, and trucks 190.

Georgetown Man On Maintenance Crew

Residents of Georgetown will learn with interest that a former Georgetonian, Staff Sergeant Wesley S. "Sonny" Yorston, of the United States 5th Bomb Wing, Organizational and Field Maintenance Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, was one of the men who kept the Wing's competetition aircraft in top shape, when it competed in the annual Strategic Air Command (SAC) combat competition, which was held October 2 to 8, at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.

Staff Sergeant Yorston was a member of the actual air craft ground crew maintenance squadron, and saw that the B-52G aircrafts were properly "recovered" after each flight. "Recovering" includes refuelling the aircraft, checking for malfunctions and putting a re-packed parachute into the tail of the air craft for help in braking at high speed landings. The SAC competition was world wide in scope.

Big Five of Deputy Commander for Maintenance Colonel Duane A. Aamoddt, "These men were selected for their skill, knowledge and demonstrated relisbility." Staff Sergeant Yorston, who formerly resided in Georgetown, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Yorston who now reside at Port Maitland, N.S.

WEATHER

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures:

	Low overnight	high Thursday
Dawson	10	11
Vancouver	36	47
Victoria	41	48
Winnipeg	5	14
Kapuskasing	0	5
Toronto	28	36
Ottawa	7	26
Montreal	10	31
Quebec	0	28
Fredericton	13	34
Saint John	19	39
Halifax	20	44
Charlottetown	18	35
Sydney	22	36
Yarmouth	21	47
St. John's, Nfld.	25	29
Boston	19	47
New York	29	49
Miami	62	84
New Orleans	35	45
Tucson	23	46
Los Angeles	42	62

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says a wild storm was battering the Maritime provinces late Thursday evening. Driving rain was falling in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and southern New Brunswick with wind gusts as high as 60 at exposed locations.

Almost a foot of new snow had already accumulated in northern New Brunswick, where the temperatures were still below freezing. In southern Nova Scotia, the mercury had risen to the high 40s.

The storm was centred over southern Maine and moving rapidly northeast. Behind it today cloudy weather with scattered snowflurries is expected in all regions. Temperatures should fall steadily during the course of the day, as colder air moves in from the west.

Saturday is expected to be sunny and colder in all three provinces.

Regional forecasts:

Northern Nova Scotia, Eastern Shore, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island: Winds warning continued; cloudy with scattered snowflurries; colder; winds southerly 30, gusts to 35 becoming westerly 20. Temperatures near dawn and mid-evening at New Glasgow, Goshen, and Sydney 35 and 28, Charlottetown 35 and 30. Outlook for Saturday: Mostly sunny and colder.

High tide today at Charlottetown 1:22 p.m. At Rustico at 9:37 a.m. and 7:28 p.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:35 a.m. and sets at 4:56 p.m.

Rain, Snow And High Winds Are Forecast

SUMMERSIDE — Rain and snow were being driven by winds of 30 miles per hour with gusts of 40-45 in this area, at approximately 9:30 last night according to the forecaster at the Meteorological section, CFB Summerside. The wind from the south-east was expected to hit 50 in gusts last night, turn to south-west at 25 with gusts to 35 in the morning, and to west at 30 with gusts to 40 in the afternoon.

Temperatures at 9:30 was 30 degrees, and this was expected to drop gradually through the night and this morning, to a low of 28 this afternoon.

The rain with snow was expected to change to snowflurries after midnight, and today is expected to be generally cloudy with snowflurries through most of the day.

Heavy Rain Fell Last Night

Charlottetown and surrounding areas were having heavy rain last night. At 11.30 the winds were from the south, south east at 35 gusting to 50 miles per hour.

Snow was reported heavy in the Alberton area earlier in the evening but by 9 o'clock it had tapered off to rain.

LOCAL BRIEFS

CARD PARTY RESULTS

Following are the results of the regular Monday evening card party held at Dunstaffnage School. Ladies high, Mrs. Allison Stewart. Gent's high: Norman Dunning. Door prize: Winston Anderson. Freeze out: Albert Boswell and William Rhynes.

FINED $10

Queens County Traffic Court had a light docket yesterday morning. Justice of the Peace Albert Dinnis fined Blois MacPhail, Cornwall, $10 and costs for speeding and Harold Gould, DeSable, $10 and costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Appointed General Manager Of P.E.I. Flax Industries Limited

H. Douglas Barry has been appointed General Manager of P.E.I. Flax Industries Limited, Freetown, by the Executive and Board of Directors of the Company, on a three-year contract basis and has been given full authority. Horace M. Wright, Lower Bedeque, president of the Company, made the announcement yesterday.

The new General Manager pointed out that he, through the cooperation of the Executive and Board of Directors along with farmer shareholders in the Company, is faced with the task of revitalizing an Island industry which shows tremendous potential.

Mr. Barry said that it is expected that about 2,000 acres of flax will be grown during the 1967-68 season.

He said that another task the company is immediately faced with is the profitable processing and marketing of all flax on hand at the present time.

Mr. Barry stressed that three things are essential if P.E.I. Flax Industries Limited is to become a profitable operation and fulfill its potential: (a) active participation by farmers from all sections of the Province; (b) capital ... p art of which has already come from farmer shareholders; (c) increased agricultural acreage of flax to assure a ready supply of raw material as the Island-owned industry becomes revitalized and expanded.

The new General Manager, a native of Toronto, now resides at 218 Commerce Avenue in Summerside. He is married and has a family of three daughters. Mr. Barry is a graduate of Western Technical School in Toronto and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. Mr. Barry's first position was with the Ontario Research Foundation in 1939 and later he went to McLarens Limited Food Products where he was employed in the Quality Control and New Products Division. He served with the Canadian Army from 1940 to 1946 and during this period also served with the National Research Council. Mr. Barry has had an active career in successful business management and has been employed with such firms as Crosse and Blackwell, Canada Starch Company, Corn Products Company and more recently has been employed as Assistant Plant Manager of Seabrook Farms Frozen Foods Limited in Kensington.

Members of the Executive of P.E.I. Flax Industries Limited are: Horace M. Wright, Lower Bedeque, President; Fred H. Paynter, Freetown, Vice-President; Herman Mayne, Emerald, Secretary-Treasurer; H. Douglas Barry, Summerside, General Manager. Company Directors are: Horace M. Wright, Lower Bedeque; Fred H. Paynter, Freetown; Herman Mayne, Emerald; Loman MacLean, Arlington; Austin Pendergast, Kensington and Zeger Salome, Ross Corner.

Salvation Army To Sponsor Film

"Centerville Awakening" a religious motion picture so popular that clergymen have darkened the Sunday morning sanctuary to show it to their congregations, will be shown Saturday, December 31 at the Salvation Army Citadel. The film's appearance in this area is being sponsored by the Salvation Army.

Winner of the national film foundation "Oscar" as the outstanding production of its kind, Centerville Awakening shows how any local congregational can find a new spiritual lease on life by meeting divine conditions. It's the story of Ed and Laurie Damon, missionaries forced home by ill health, who take that pastorate of a church in "Centerville", finding their congregation made up of church members who have permitted their lives to be molded by the materialistic philosophies of our modern world.

MLA To Light Centennial Fire

ALBERTON — Hon. Robert E. Campbell, MLA, will light a Centennial bonfire at Memorial Park in Alberton at nine o'clock New Year's evening with fire from the Centennial Flame in Charlottetown.

The parades of cars to the park will be led by both fire trucks, with sirens sounding and the main fire alarm siren will be sounded at nine o'clock to open Centennial celebrations in Alberton.

On Monday, January 2, Mayor Roy Leard and Mrs. Leard will be receiving at a levee in the council chambers from 2 to 4 in the afternoon.

Week Of Prayer One Of Features

ALBERTON — The beginning of Centennial Year at Alberton will have as one of its features the annual interdenominational week of prayer services.

The first service in the series of four will be on Monday evening in St. Peter's Anglican Church, with A.R. Murray, as speaker. On Tuesday, in the Presbyterian Church, the speaker will be Rev. E.L. Linton. on Wednesday in Elmsdale Church of the Nazarene, the speaker will be Rev. Maxwell Nesbitt, and the concluding service will be in Alberton United Church, with Rev. W.C. Wilcox as speaker. At all services, the singing will be led by a massed choir, under direction of Rev. W.J. Phillips. The hour of meeting is 8 p.m. offerings will be for the bible society.

CURLING DRAW

Curling draw for Montague Friday, December 30th, 1966: 7 p.m.

Ice 1 — G. Worth, Ken Sullivan, Hugh Robbins, J. Cairns vs G. Nicholson, J. Murphy, Arnold MacLeod, J. Edgecombe.

Ice 2 — Ken MacKenzie, Doug Sorrie, L. Munroe, C. MacKinnon vs A. Robertson, Eric Duvar, Ned Wolfer, Lloyd Furness. 9 p.m.

Ice 1 — Dr. P. MacIntyre, R. Ferguson, Jim Couse, N. Thompson vs Dr. L. Johnston, Ellery Shaw, Rodd MacDonald, R. Leard.

Ice 2 — D. McGowan, S. MacNaughton, Justin McNeil, H. Matheson vs C. Nicholson, Jim Cudmore, Al Coneen, C. VanIderstine.

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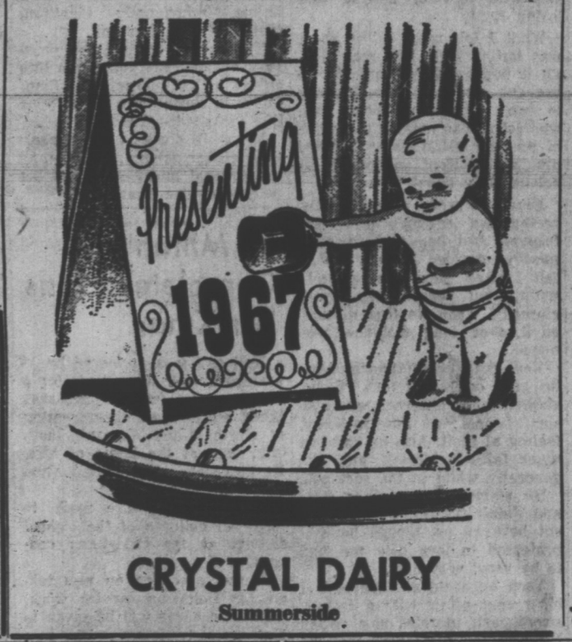

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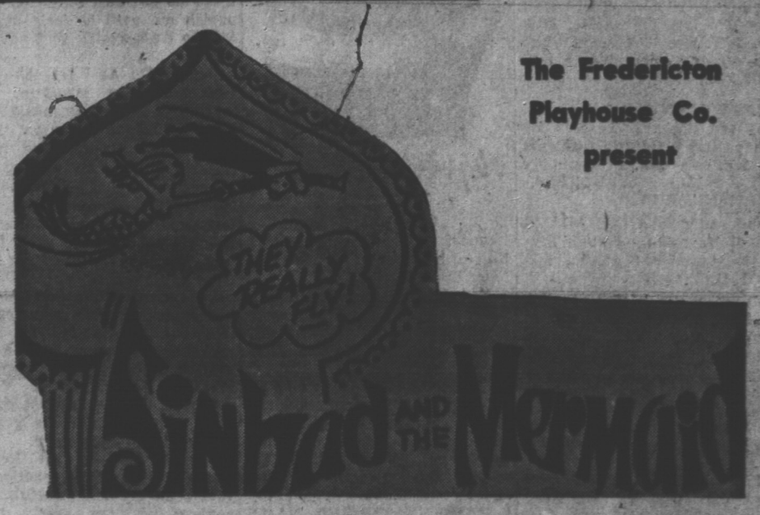

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