

Says Camp Canteen Hurting Sale Of Merchants' Goods

TORONTO, Dec. 19 — (CP) — E. F. K. Nelson, manager of the Canadian Retail Federation, said the organization has asked Defence Minister Claxton to close gift shops operated in armed service camps. It claims the shops are hurting Christmas trade.

Mr. Nelson said a gift shop at the R. C. A. F. station near Summerside, P. E. I., has been selling household goods, toys, clothes and electric appliances at cut rates and that some of the merchandise is reaching civilians. Canteens in other camps also were blamed.

"Armed service canteens were never meant to sell such things as electric refrigerators, toy trains or washing machines," he said. "This unfair competition is hitting the merchants."

Canteens were necessary for the morale of service camps but they should confine their sales to such things as beverages, cigarettes and shaving gifts, he said.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21 — (CP) — Defence Headquarters said Saturday that the policy of the armed forces is to avoid competing with civilian retail stores.

Headquarters issued a statement on this policy following a protest in Toronto Friday by E. F. K. Nelson, manager of the Canadian Retail Federation, who said a gift shop at the R. C. A. F. Station near Summerside, P. E. I., has been selling household goods at cut rates and that some of the merchandise is reaching civilians.

The headquarters statement said the Defence Department's policy provides that the officer commanding a station may authorize a store having the same facilities as would be available if the community were a civilian one.

"This is mainly done when facilities in the nearest urban centre are inadequate or not easily accessible to the majority of the station personnel."

The R. C. A. F. has ordered its Summerside establishment that prices in the gift shop must conform with prevailing prices in the town of Summerside.

This reminder of government policy is being brought to the attention of stations in similar positions.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS WOOD—At the Prince County Hospital on December 20, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wood, Travellers Rest, a son, Gordon Richard, weight 9 pounds 9 ounces.

MARTIN—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Dec. 21, 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Martin, City, a daughter, 8 lbs. 14 ozs.

BOWNESS—At the Prince County Hospital on Saturday, December 20th, 1952, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Bowness, Bedeque, a daughter.

HAWKES—At the P. E. Island Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 20th, to P/O and Mrs. Peter Hawkess, Olive Downe, a daughter, Catherine Dora.

DEATHS BECK—At New Bedford, Mass., on Sunday, Dec. 21, 1952, David J. Beck, Funeral notice later.

RIGGS—At Ottawa, on December 18th, 1952, Bruce E. Riggs, aged 43 years, son of Harry and the late Mrs. Riggs. Funeral to be held in Ottawa.

HALLIDAY—At Charlottetown on Saturday, Dec. 20, Mrs. J. F. Halliday in her 71st year. Remains were forwarded from the Gillis Funeral Home to the residence of her son James Halliday, Eidon, Funeral Monday, Dec. 22nd from St. John's Church, Belfast, service commencing at 1:30 p.m. Burial in the Belfast Cemetery.

BEARSTO—At Charlottetown on Dec. 20, Mrs. George F. Bearsto, formerly of Malpeque, in her 88th year. Remains resting at Davison's Funeral Home, Kensington, until today (Monday) at 1 p.m., thence to Keir Memorial Church, Malpeque, where funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment People's Cemetery, Malpeque.

HOOPER—At her late residence in Central Bedeque, on Sunday, December 21, 1952, Bessie Hooper, wife of the late Edward Hooper of Central Bedeque, in her 89th year. Forwarded from the Bowness Funeral Home to her late residence on Monday, December 22nd, from where the funeral will be held on Tuesday, December 23rd, at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Lower Bedeque Cemetery.

ARSENAULT—At her home in Summerside on Sunday, December 21, 1952, Mrs. Archie Arsenault, in her 89th year. Remains were transferred yesterday from the Compton Funeral Home to her late residence, 370 Water St., Summerside, from where the funeral will take place Tuesday, December 23rd, to St. Paul's Church for Requiem Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery.

PERSONALS Mr. F. J. Wells, Alberton, is visiting his sister, Miss Nellie Wells, East Royalty.

Mrs. Robert Nicholson, Green Street, has as her guest Miss Phyllis Murray, Newfoundland. Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Murray and daughter, Wendy, will arrive Christmas Eve from Dartmouth, N. S.

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Christmas Buying Nears Peak



A recent despatch from New York stating that this city had exceptionally high buying power is amply borne out by the above picture showing part of the huge crowd which Saturday literally invaded the store of Moore and McLeod Limited. Despite the tremendous pressure created by so many people there was a gay and cheerful atmosphere prevailing; courteous clerks waited on the gift-laden customers and made their task easier as the tail-end of the Yuletide shopping season approached.

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MINOR DAMAGE — A Meteor truck and a Dodge sedan were in collision at 10:30 Saturday morning at the intersection of Kent and Pownal Streets. Only minor damage resulted.

CAR ACCIDENT — The only car accident reported over the week-end, despite the treacherous driving conditions comes from Iona where a car slid into the ditch off the icy pavement yesterday morning. There were no casualties.

WINS JACKPOT — The Christmas tree jackpot, a lottery conducted by the Junior League of the Charlottetown Hospital was won on Saturday night by Mr. Herb Steele, 278 Grafton St. The lucky ticket was drawn by Sergeant Duncan MacPhail.

FUNERAL SERVICE — The funeral of the late Mrs. Ewen Cameron, who died in Wolfville, N. S., on Thursday, was held yesterday afternoon from the MacLean Funeral Home to the People's Cemetery where committal service was conducted by Rev. T. H. B. Somers.

HELD LUCKY TICKET — The holder of the lucky ticket, No. 3747, on the huge Christmas stocking, which has been on display at the Tighish Co-operative Toyland for the past four weeks, was Mr. Leo Doucette of Palmer Road. The stocking contained toys valued at over \$30.00.

FIREMEN CALLED — The city firemen were called out at 6:00 a. m. on Saturday to a fire in the home of Roy (Buck) Whitlock on Elm Avenue on the outskirts of the city. Fortunately the blaze was confined to a large clothes closet, due to a heavy door which was kept closed until the firemen arrived. Considerable wearing apparel of the family was totally destroyed.

LEAVING FOR TORONTO — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Player leave for Toronto today where they expect to take up residence. Mr. Player has been organist and choirmaster at Trinity United Church here for about a year during which time both he and Mrs. Player made many friends. They were recently the guests of a choir function as a farewell gesture in the Church hall.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION — On Saturday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A., Miss Norma Duvar, on behalf of the Scotch dancing class, presented Christmas gifts to Mrs. Gordon MacMillan and Piper Bruce MacLaren in appreciation for their help with the music and the patient care in Mr. MacLaren's teaching of the pipes. The teacher, Mrs. Evelyn MacKinnon treated all to ice-cream and candy and she was presented with numerous gifts by the pupils. A lovely time was enjoyed and classes will be resumed after the holiday season.

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Children At Mt. Herbert Orphanage Are Entertained

It was a big day for the children of Mt. Herbert Orphanage on Friday when the Oddfellows took over the job of entertaining and showed the youngsters a first-rate party.

Taken by cars to the city, their first big treat came when Santa Claus was waiting at Holman's to greet them and give each of the wide-eyed visitors a personal treat. They then visited several other stores here, where they did some shopping of their own, and then went to the lodge room of the Oddfellows where the ever willing Rebekahs had a splendid lunch prepared.

The boys and girls took an active part in the day by staging a splendid program of songs and music for the benefit of their hosts and hostesses. This part of the activities was highlighted by a presentation by Mr. Jack McNair, on behalf of the children of the orphanage, of a beautiful record cabinet to Mrs. Wright, Matron of the Orphanage. The recipient of the gift expressed her deep appreciation of it and also thanked the hosts for their great interest in the children and their efforts to show them a good time.

TORONTO, Dec. 21 — (CP) — Augustus Birdie, 83, art, music and drama critic of the Toronto Daily Star for many years, died in hospital today of injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

He suffered head and face bruises when he was knocked down by a truck Nov. 19.

Widely known as a critic and author, Mr. Birdie had a unique skeletal style of writing, characterized by tight editing, brevity and omission of articles. He used words, often invented by himself, to express the impression a production had made on him. He taught school for a time and then became a newspaper writer.

Until about six weeks ago, he contributed a regular weekly art and music column to the Star.

Mr. Birdie, a native of Dorset, England, presented the first Canadian stage production of Carols at Massey Hall here in 1922.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter and two sons.

Other Islanders returning over the weekend included Walter West-haver, Bordet; Francis Cullen, Charlottetown; Vernon Steele, Montague; Leo Boutt, St. Louis; and Joseph Blaquiere, North Rustico. Expected to arrive on December 30 is Leading Seaman Donald Bruce, 54 Chestnut Street, also a crew member of the Nootka.

H.M.C.S. Iroquois Sails For Halifax

VICTORIA, Dec. 21 — (CP) — The destroyer H. M. C. S. Iroquois left Esquimalt Saturday for her home port of Halifax by way of the Panama Canal. She is scheduled to reach her destination Jan. 7. More than 100 members of the crew disembarked here following her arrival from the Far East, and will travel cross-country to their homes in Eastern Canada, to spend Christmas.

WHAT CHRISTMAS DOES TO ME Alfred G. Walton

Bring the candles, light the tree, There's something Christmas does to me. It weaves a charm, it casts a spell, It sheds a warmth I cannot tell.

It melts the years with magic art, It makes me young again in heart; I long to give where pity pleads, I think of friends and human needs

I thrill with joy as from afar I hear a song and see a star; Thank God! Whatever else may be— For all that Christmas does to me.

WISHING ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

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Christmas Spirit Reflected In Local Church Services

The spirit of Christmas dominated the services in the city churches yesterday, with the junior choirs adding their songs and carols of praise and thanksgiving, following the well established custom.

Without exception, large congregations took advantage of the occasion to attend at least one service, where in addition to a sermon in keeping with the occasion, they were privileged to hear music of exceptional worth and beauty.

At the Kirk of Saint James, the Rev. T. H. B. Somers, M. A. conducted the Church School Service at 10:00 a. m. and also the Festival of Christmas Worship at 11:00 a. m. when he preached on "Christmas and the secret heart".

The musical service included: Introit: "And the Glory of the Lord" (Handel), Bass Solo: "Cantique de Noel" — Mr. Ruel; "Reymond, Reclatave and Chorus: "The Messiah" (Handel). "There were shepherds, And lo, the Angel of the Lord, And the Angel said unto them, And suddenly there was, Glory to God" (Miss Barbara Rogers and Chancel Choir). At 4:30 p. m. the carols of Christmas by candlelight service was largely attended. Ten carols were sung and a soprano solo "The Christ Child" by Miss Nancy MacNevin concluded the service prior to the Benediction by Rev. Mr. Somers. Miss Lillian MacKenzie, Mus. B. FCMC was organist and choir director.

At the United Baptist Church services were conducted by the Minister, James D. Davison, B. A., B. D. at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. At the morning service, the Church School joined the regular congregation at which time the Sunday School also presented their "White Gift" offering of money which was designated as for the needy. The senior and junior choirs blended their voices at the evening service in a Christmas Festival of hymns and carols. This was the initial appearance of the young girls' choir. Organist and

choir director, Royston F. Mufford, ARCO. Rev. G. C. Webster took for his theme at the morning service at Zion Presbyterian Church, "Immanuel" and the junior choir sang "Christmas is Come", followed by the anthem "The Little Road to Bethlehem", by the senior choir. At 2:30 p. m. the Church School observed "White Gift" Sunday. At the evening service Mr. Webster spoke on "God's Unspeaking Gift". Six anthems were sung by the senior choir including, "And the Glory of the Lord" (Handel). Solos were sung by Mrs. A. MacDonald, Mrs. Ralph Burdett and Miss Norma Dalziel, the latter being accompanied by a violin obligato by Basil Phillips. Messrs H. Crawwell and W. Phillips. Continued from page 8

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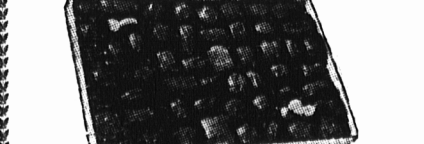
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