

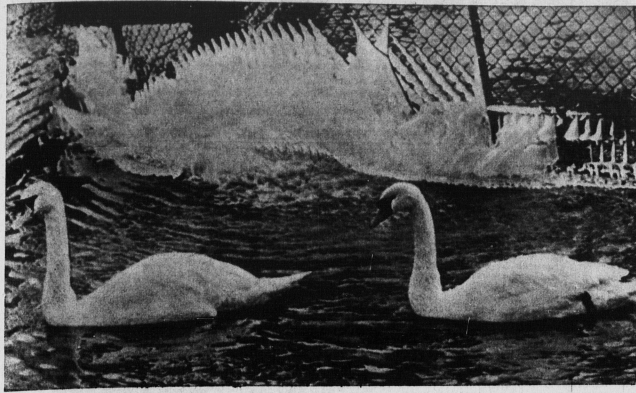
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CHICAGO COLD FORMS SEA SERPENT
A couple of swans swim past a formation of ice resembling a sea serpent on the pond of Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. Temperatures dropped to an even zero, making it the coldest day on record for Dec. 11. (AP Wirephoto)

Five Children And Aunt Lose Lives In N.B. Fire

DOAKTOWN, N.B. (CP) — Five children and their teenage babysitter died Thursday after fire ripped through the two-story wooden frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Parker at nearby Bealburg.

Four of the Parker's eight children and the baby sitter died in the blaze. Another child died later in hospital at Newcastle, about 50 miles northeast of here.

Dead are Glenwood Wayne, 11, Carol Anne, 8, Shirley Mae, 4, and Benny Louise, 2, who died in the fire and baby-sitter Sandra Parker, 17, an aunt of the children who died after she returned to the burning building in attempts to save other children.

Thomas Parker, 7, died later in hospital at Newcastle. He had suffered first degree burns to more than 75 per cent of his body.

None of the bodies in the house had been recovered later Thursday night.

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Thought Of Election, Reports Aft

OTTAWA GRANT TO INCREASE
Hospital Care Free To All, Premier Says After Meeting

By DON MACLEOD
Guardian - Patriot Staff Writer
Free hospital care is now available to all residents of Prince Edward Island.

Premier Walter B. Shaw announced yesterday following a meeting of his cabinet that the government will instruct the P.E.I. Hospital Services Commission to "begin immediately to carry out the plan of free hospital care," and that the government will pay the cost of the province's general revenue.

The premier said that all hospital insurance premiums paid in advance to cover subscribers after Nov. 30, will be refunded.

Dr. Hubert McNeill, minister of health, said last night that under the premium system about 90 per cent of the province's residents were covered.

Under the new arrangement, he said, "everyone will be covered and the province will qualify for an additional \$300,000 yearly from Ottawa to help pay part of the cost."

The minister said that all that is necessary for a resident to be admitted to hospital is that he identify himself. Admittance, of course, is on recommendation of the patient's physician.

Premier Shaw called it the main issue of the election. He said that the premium system had been given a "fair trial" by his government "and this trial convinced us of the immediate need for a change."

The Liberals also promised to abolish the premium system if elected on Dec. 10, pointing out that the system was unnecessary "now that the Conservatives have imposed a four per cent sales tax."

Abolition of insurance premiums will save each individual \$24 per year and will mean a yearly saving to families of \$42.

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Manitobans Vote Today

WINNIPEG (CP) — A general election vote today in Manitoba that may be drawing more than the usual amount of attention in federal political circles.

Premier Duff Roblin is testing the appeal of the Progressive Conservative Party he first led to minority power in 1958 after 48 years of playing second fiddle to Liberals and associated groups. His government became entrenched solidly in an election in 1960.

In recent weeks there have been increasingly frequent reports that Mr. Roblin, a 44-year-old politician, is a possible successor in the near future to Prime Minister Diefenbaker as national leader of the Progressive Conservative party.

Mr. Diefenbaker hasn't said anything about retiring, and Mr. Roblin said in a published interview: "As far as I am concerned, I have no other plans (than to continue as premier) and I can think of no greater task or challenge of leadership in the position I now have the honor to hold."

Such speculation rose to its peak last week but it is in fact, he said, "no basis in fact."

The government intends to carry on its program, including election, seeking a stronger mandate in the House of Commons.

Mr. Diefenbaker made the statement to reporters who asked for his comments on the decision of the North Atlantic Council to have its 1963 spring meeting in Ottawa in April. He said he welcomed the decision.

A reporter asked whether the decision made in Paris Thursday "might mean next spring's election possibilities."

"I know of no suggestion in that regard," Mr. Diefenbaker replied. "Speculation continues from time to time, and that speculation has no basis in fact."

The government intends to proceed with its program but economic and fiscal and at the moment there is no suggestion or intention of a general election.

The prime minister's preference to the government's program in regard to Mr. Diefenbaker's cabinet was taken as an indication the cabinet does not intend to call a general election on its own volition before another budget is presented to Parliament.

SPECULATION ON DATES
There has been speculation in the capital that Mr. Diefenbaker might dissolve Parliament during his Christmas recess, scheduled to run from Dec. 20 to Jan. 21, and call a late winter or early spring election.

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Mariner's Big Date Is Today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mariner II, a 447-pound package of measuring devices and radio equipment, brushes past Venus at 4:31 p.m. AST today, a mere 20,000 miles or so from the planet.

Crossing their fingers against any last-hour difficulty, scientists on all U.S. coasts prepared to cavendrop on Mariner's 42 minutes of special news reports.

The coded signals, as received by the jet propulsion laboratory's Goldstone, Calif., tracking station, will be relayed by telephone and amplified over a public address system at a press conference here.

The special data itself will take four weeks or more to analyze.

Scientists hope to gain the first close-at-hand information ever achieved on the temperature of Venus, both at the surface and in the thickly fogged Venusian atmosphere.

The messages also should shed light on the planet's magnetic fields and on its radio wave emissions.

CLUES ON LIFE
They should provide far better clues than have yet been found as to whether any kind of life form can exist on Venus.

After speeding past Venus, the 12-foot-long spacecraft with its 16-foot spread of solar panels will rush on towards the sun.

Launched last Aug. 27, Mariner already has sent back a treasure trove of information from four instruments that have been measuring magnetic fields, radiations and dust particles flying between the earth and Venus.

Tommy Tymoczek, 56-year-old bachelor who teaches accordion music at his north-end Winnipeg home, said he had listed his occupation as musician when the enumerator came to his place to collect names for St. John's riding in today's Manitoba general election.

Later, he said, he started receiving telephone calls from people asking for liquor.

"Look, I've never sold liquor in my life," he protested to one caller. "Why do people keep bothering me?"

"Well, why are you on the voters' list as a bootlegger?" the caller replied.

Liberal Senator Scornful Of Proposed Atlantic Bd.

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Parliament At A Glance

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Flora. Faces Easing Of Cod Snap

CHICAGO (AP) — Temperatures moved slightly upward Thursday from the record-breaking winter storm. In the southern United States, but remains being treated nearly everywhere east of the Mississippi River.

In the northeast, battered for nearly a week by near-continuous snow, bitter cold and powerful winds, a few growers already were assessing their losses in millions of dollars.

Balloon Tries For Space Edge

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. (AP) — A balloon 200 feet in diameter soared off to the fringe of space Thursday with two men who plan to get a look at the stars from above the earth's atmosphere.

The men rode in a 15-foot-tall gondola suspended from the glistering white plastic balloon, which was launched from the Holloman Air Force base runway.

The launch was delayed by a small electrical explosion earlier in the day which opened electrically controlled snaps on ballast bags, sending fire steel dust to the ground and discharging all batteries on the gondola.

Mr. Parker, at work in nearby woods, returned to find his home ablaze but he was unable to enter the building.

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Doctor Found Negligent In Baby's Death

HULL, Que. (CP) — Dr. J. Conrad Simard of Hull, Que., Thursday night was found guilty of negligence in the death of a three-day-old infant.

A jury in Quebec Court of Queen's Bench convicted the 49-year-old doctor but recommended leniency. He was sentenced to \$200.

Defence lawyer Raymond Dameson said he will appeal the conviction.

The infant was born in a private clinic in nearby Aylmer, Que., to an unwed Ottawa mother, Geraldine Bussiere, 27. It later was admitted to the Ottawa General Hospital at the request of Dr. Simard.

Fierce Storm Hits Ontario

TORONTO (CP) — A fierce winter snowstorm struck wide areas of Ontario Thursday, tying up traffic and taxing snow removal equipment to the limit.

Southwestern Ontario was the hardest hit. Several inches of snow were piled into drifts by high winds and about five miles of drift ice was piled up on the north shore of Lake Erie, marooning the disabled tug boat Arlene and her owner in 10-foot high floes.

The snow extended from the lakes north to North Bay, east to Kingston and west to Windsor.

A pocket in the centre including Metropolitan Toronto, Hamilton, London and Barrie areas escaped much of the bad weather.

Princess Sets Wedding Date
LONDON (AP)—The wedding of Princess Alexandra and Royal Olgivly will be in Westminster Abbey April 24, the Royal Family announced Thursday night. The princess is 25. Her fiance, a 34-year-old son of the Earl of Airrie, is a financier.

Brunei Mop-Up Being Pushed
By PETER SMARKE
BRUNEI TOWN, BRUNEI (Reuters) — Britain's 3,000-man force is pushing mop-up operations against scattered bands of Borneo rebels Thursday, but many soldiers feared the military "clean-up" might prove long and costly.

Distillery Plant Planned In N.B.

FREDERICTON (CP) — A project exceeding \$2,500,000 at Richeville, N.B., was announced Thursday by Premier Robichaud.

He said that Morgan Martineau, an affiliate of the House of Seagram, Montreal, will establish in the Kent County area a distillery north of Moncton a distillery, bottling plant and farm, the latter to contain 1,000 head of cattle at a time. Distillery waste products and additives are used for finishing cattle.

The plant will produce a full line of rums, whiskies and gins for the Maritime provinces and Ontario, New Brunswick, the premier said.

Bottling is scheduled to start April 3 and production of industrial alcohol, for all provinces east of the Rockies, will be underway by the end of next year.

Premier Robichaud said the plant will have 33 to 38 employees at the start. Local produce would be used, local cattle bought and a training program instituted for employees.

THE TALL AND THE SHORT OF IT
Carmel weighs 543 pounds and is still growing. (Wirephoto)

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