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K.L. Waite in Kensington.

WEST PRINCE OFFICE
Alberton: Frank Weeks, Representative.
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CARD PARTY and dance.
Darnley Hall, Wednesday evening. Cards 8.00 o'clock.

PICKS STRAWBERRIES -
Mrs. Fred Gallant, Nail Pond, while strolling through her strawberry patch in the latter part of November was surprised to find some berry plants in full bloom. She transferred some of these plants indoors and cared for them. Her work was not in vain, for on Christmas Day she enjoyed ripe red strawberries which were the fruit of her own garden.

COME TO the parlor social at George Mayhew's, Margate, Friday, January 2nd.

SPECIAL New Year's skate.
Bedeque Rink, January 1st, 8.00 to 10.15. Adults 35 cents. Children and adult promenaders 25 cents.

HOCKEY Bedeque Rink, first game, South Shore League, Friday, January 2nd, Freetown Royals, Albany St. Pats, game to start 8.00 o'clock. Admission 25 and 35.

Former S'ide Man Dies At Neepawa, Man.

FUNERAL AT TIGNISH -
The funeral of the late Joseph F. Perry, who died Wednesday, December 24th, was held Saturday morning from his residence in Sea Cow Pond to St. Simon's and St. Jude's Church, Tignish, where Requiem High Mass was sung by his pastor, Rev. John A. MacDonald. Interment took place in the church cemetery where Rev. Dennis Gallant officiated at the grave. The pall bearers were Messrs. Emmett MacCarthy, Earl Gallant, Marvin Hackett, Leo Dorgan, Edwin Doyle and Gregory MacInnis.

Mrs. Robert W. Wood Summerside, has received the sad news of the death of her uncle, on December 7th, at Neepawa, Manitoba. The following is copied from the Neepawa paper:
Citizens of Neepawa and a wide territory surrounding the town mourn the sudden passing, early Sunday morning, December 7th, of Dr. George H. MacDonald, in his 73rd year. He had practised dentistry in Neepawa since 1908.

FUNERAL AT ALBERTON -
Funeral services for Carl H. Weeks, Alberton, were conducted Tuesday afternoon by his minister, Rev. A. R. Wallis. A private service was held at the home at noon followed by service in Alberton United Church at 2 p.m. Hymns sung were "The Lord's Prayer" and "Abide With Me." The choir rendered "Come Ye Disconsolate." Pall-bearers were Messrs. H. D. Corbett, J. W. Don Campbell, James A. Hunter, Cedric Hunter, Herbert Matthews, and Harry O'Brien. Interment was in Wood-awn Cemetery.

Keenly interested in sports as well as civic affairs, he had served on the Neepawa Town Council from 1935 to 1943. He had participated in curling, golf and ten pin bowling in the earlier years, being considered one of the best bowlers on the local league. He is survived by his widow, the former Violet Lang, a son Bruce, who is a civil engineer in Toronto, a daughter, Ruth, private secretary to Hon. William Moton, two sisters, Effie and Henrietta (Mrs. William Ward) in Boston, a brother Robert of Vancouver and two grandchildren.

Most Profitable

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Last year's crop was cleared away and when our early potatoes became available the last of July they met with a very keen demand and this condition has since been maintained.

Growing conditions during last summer were exceptionally good in Prince Edward Island and we have had the best average yields in our history. It is gratifying to realize that every farmer who grows potatoes has a fair volume to market and can take advantage of this year's profitable price levels.

Potato acreage was increased from 29,600 acres in 1951 to 33,400 in 1952. A year ago we shipped about 6,000 carloads and present indications are that we will market around 10,000 carloads during this shipping season. About half of those have already gone with every indication of a substantial movement continuing during the early part of next year.

Last year's acreage in Canada and the United States has produced just about enough potatoes to properly supply our market needs at price levels which are profitable to the producer and fair to the consumer. Any further increase is liable to cause an over supply and unprofitable price levels. During the coming months the production trend in other potato growing areas should be closely watched. We are in a favoured position because of the fact that when our planting season arrives we already know what the acreage has been in other areas and can govern ourselves accordingly.

For the past two years our potato industry has been the major factor in our Island economy. The value of the production this year has been estimated at almost \$18,000,000 and that kind of money is certainly what we need to raise our standard of living. We must continue our efforts to control disease, to advertise, to produce a good product, and above all to strengthen our marketing position so that we can take full advantage of our ability to produce the best potatoes on the North American continent.

Funeral Of Deputy

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to pay him tribute. Cabinet Ministers mingled with clerks and university professors, bank executives, with railway officials, filling Chalmers United Church to overflowing in memory of the 63-year-old Deputy Finance Minister.

With bowed heads they paid tribute to the one-time Queen's University professor who for 20 years as Deputy Minister helped steer Canada through economic perils to a strong and forward world position. His body was taken to his beloved Kingston for burial at historic Cataract Cemetery.

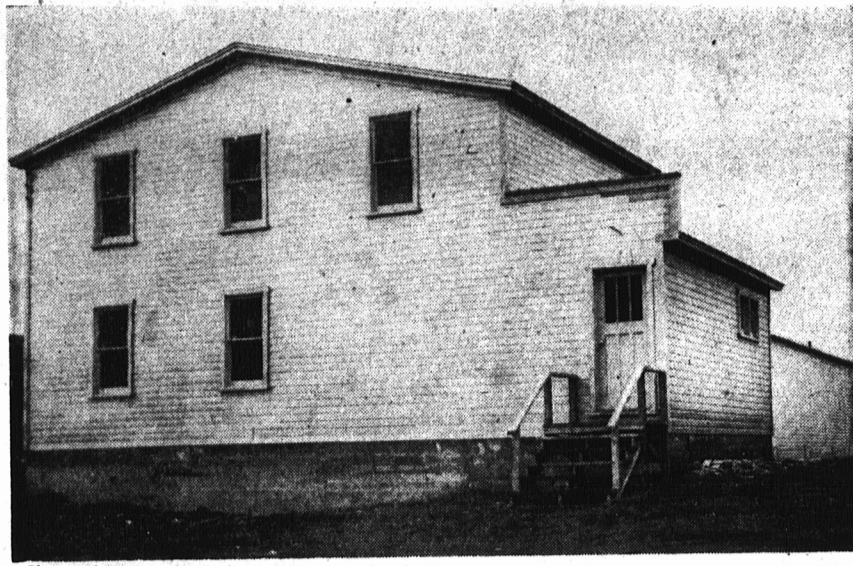
ARCTIC OIL

OSLO, Norway - (CP) - The world's northernmost oil tanker depot has been completed at Honningsvåg, a fishing port in Norway's province of Finnmark. Located near the 71st latitude, Honningsvåg is farther north than Point Barrow, Alaska.

HIGH POINT

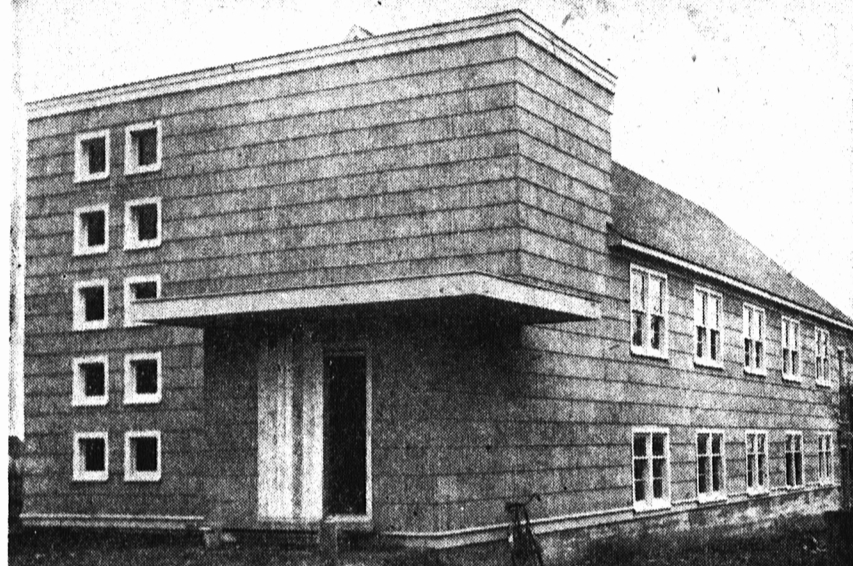
The highest land in Quebec's upper town, the crest of Cape Diamond is 333 feet above the river St. Lawrence.

New Alberton Curling Rink



Shown above is a front view of the new Alberton Curling Rink, construction of which is expected to be completed very shortly. Following sixteen years of active curling this is the first rink to be the property of the club. It is a very modern building complete with two sheets of ice, a large observation room, club room, and banquet hall. A unique feature of the new rink is that steam heating for the club rooms, etc. is being piped in from the West Prince City Cleaning Plant adjoining the rink. Present officers of the club are: President, Jack Matthews; Vice President, Arthur Wilkie; Secretary, J. H. Myrick, and Treasurer, R. E. MacDonald.

New Tignish (Legion) Community Centre



Above is shown a front view of the Tignish Legion Community Centre. This very modern building, one hundred feet long by thirty two feet wide, houses a bowling alley, billiard room and Legion club room in the basement and a theatre, dance hall projection booth and stage on the ground floor. It is finished on the outside with birch grey insul shake siding with black asphalt shingles on the roof. Interior work is expected to be completed in about six weeks. Mr. Hubert Gaudet of Tignish is in charge of construction. Blue prints were drawn by Mr. Gordon Walsh of M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd., Summerside.

Holman 25-Year Club Holds Annual Banquet

Two new members were admitted to the Holman 25-Year Club at the second annual banquet of the club held at Robsons Restaurant last evening. They were Mr. Claude Hopgood and Mr. Borden Connell, who have now completed a quarter of a century service with the largest small town store in the world. The banquet was presided over by the vice president, Mr. Harry Holman, who extended a welcome to all present and introduced the president of the firm, Mr. Robert Holman. Mr. Holman in his remarks expressed his regret that Mr. Arthur MacDowell, the oldest member of the club, was unable to be present due to illness. On behalf of the firm he presented to each man a beautiful engraved wrist watch as a token of appreciation for long and faithful service. Mayor Henry W. Wedge congratulated the new members and pointed out that it could be taken for granted that these two men were of the best type of citizens for it would naturally follow, he said, that any man who has served an employer so well for so long a time must be a good type of citizen. Short and appropriate speeches were delivered by the new members, both expressing their appreciation of membership in the club and the gift bestowed. At the conclusion of the banquet Mr. Donald Baker produced his harmonica and gave out with several down-to-the-floor selections while Gabe Gallant demonstrated his well known ability with a short and sweet display of heel and toe dancing which brought down the house. The enjoyable get to gether was concluded with a sing song with Mrs. L. Robson at the piano.

Seoul Blacked Out As Raid Threatens

SEOUL, Dec. 31 - (Wednesday) - (AP) - The South Korean capital of Seoul blacked out for 40 minutes Tuesday night and Allied anti-aircraft guns on the western front roared into action when two unidentified planes flew over but dropped no bombs. Radar screens picked out the slow-moving craft as they penetrated south of the battle line, appeared briefly over Seoul then disappeared to the northeast. Only last Thursday what the air force described as the "largest jet force seen in months" swept far south to near the battle line. This force, whose numbers were not announced, reached to about 40 miles north of Seoul before it was driven off by Allied Sabre jets. Meantime a Communist propaganda broadcast beamed to Allied troops on the frigid central front Tuesday night declared the Reds would launch a "general offensive" Sunday. The broadcast was made by a woman. An Allied corps spokesman told about the Red propaganda offensive but declined to speculate on the threat. Only a week or so ago the Reds boasted they would be in Seoul by Christmas. The 155-mile fighting front was relatively quiet Tuesday. Marine and air force fighter-bombers hit two Red supply depots behind the western front Tuesday but results were concealed by heavy cloud banks.

Canadians Had Big Christmas Dinner At Sea

TOKYO, Dec. 30 - (Reuters) - Reinforcements for the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea who arrived here during the weekend were still chortling today about the Christmas celebrations they enjoyed at sea. Twenty-four officers and 200 men landed in Yokohama in the U. S. troopship Gen. H. B. Freeman. They sailed from Seattle Dec. 12. American troops on board crowded round and gaped as Canadian officers and senior NCOs served their boys Christmas dinner. "We told the Yanks it was going to happen," explained Pte. W. E. McMillan of Gainsborough, Sask. "but they just wouldn't believe it. The mess hall on Christmas Day was packed with Americans watching our officers and sergeants waiting on us." Said Pte. Vgerald Rolf of Duncan, B. C. "The bill of fare Christmas Day was something to write home about—turkey and all the trimmings. The American Red Cross also presented every soldier on board with a package including cigarettes, candy, gum and a present. My present was a pen and pencil set."

Let's Talk It Over

We have had our first snow storm, and our Summerside streets have been transformed overnight from a safe pavement high in friction to a slippery treacherous surface of snow. All this is inevitable, and we can only be thankful that the treacherous conditions were postponed so long, even if we had to accept a "green Christmas" as part of the bargain. Double parking on our Summerside back streets in the winter months is not inevitable, however, and should be rigidly controlled by those in authority. The matter will probably be looked after in the near future, but there was evidence of double parking after this first storm, unnecessarily increasing the hazards of driving in the town. Correcting examinations leaves, in addition to a headache or two, at least one definite impression: Sixty per cent, or more of our pupils make a pretty sorry mess of putting down on paper the answers that are in their heads. Many of the simplest words are constantly misspelled, proper nouns are not capitalized, and the apostrophe is, among a surprisingly large number, as extinct as the dodo. Many pupils do not even put down on paper what they apparently intended to put down. This may be due to a feeling of being rushed for time, but with proper drill very few of these errors would be in evidence even when the writers are in a hurry. We can't give you a cure-all remedy for this state of affairs. But if teachers in general will admit the condition, a good honest, coordinated effort might be made to control it. Are we over-emphasizing in the early grades a lot of other less important skills at the expense of a thorough grounding, both oral and written, in our mother tongue? Are we careless in the upper grades so that the writing habits once formed are being dropped? We believe that if correct forms are drilled thoroughly through as many as three consecutive early grades, the habits formed from this drill, with a reasonable amount of refresher work, should stay with the pupils for life. As the pupils advance from grade to grade, it becomes progressively difficult to erase incorrect form habits, and put correct ones in their places. The secret may be to establish the correct forms well in the early grades, and call attention to them as much as time will allow in the later classes of school life.

HISTORIC SETTLEMENT

The first settler at Rimouski on the south shore of the St. Lawrence was Germain LePage in 1696.

Premier Jones

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reach our markets by schooner. Then the schooners declined and the railroad tried to take their place. It is my opinion that trucks could restore all and more of the trade we formerly enjoyed by schooners if the Federal Government, whose responsibility it is, would provide adequate ferries across the Strait of Northumberland. Also they might subsidize freight steamer traffic to Newfoundland and the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, which also is their duty as defined in the Confederation agreement.

"We note with pleasure the number of immigrants who are coming to live with us. This new migration will supply us with citizens who will acquire farms and put into operation new ideas. They are most welcome and should be encouraged in every possible way.

"This is the tenth time I have, as Premier, wished you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and I feel that the possibility of achieving happiness and prosperity is greater now than it was ten years ago. It may be that the Government had nothing to do with it, but there has been improvement in transportation (not enough of course), in provincial roads, in education, in fisheries and our progress in comparison with adjacent provinces has been equal. Let us hope you will all carry on to provide a Government that will not hinder you and may light the way in some respects."

Year Of Abundant

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demand, particularly from Newfoundland, the supply for local requirements has scarcely been adequate. Good prices have prevailed, particularly for North Country Cheviots. Crossing with this breed has proven successful, and a vigorous crop of lambs that show up well in rail grading has resulted. Practical experiments in crossing North Country Cheviots with the grade of "Down" breeds and an occasional infusion of "Leicester" is now under study. Under the impetus of intelligently directed crossing and breeding practices greater interest has been noticeable in sheep nutrition and care. Departmental assistance in the form of rail grading and ram grading subsidies, and detailed field work has been conducted. In collaboration with the Sheep Breeders' Association sheep field days, dipping and pilling demonstrations, care of wool, and general improved sheep husbandry practices have been undertaken by the Field Representatives of the Department. A number of successful Field Days were conducted, particularly in the Western end of the Province. Remedies for control of parasites were provided at reduced costs. Over 19,000 pounds of wool were marketed through the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Association. Returns have been made to producers on the bulk of the wool at thirty-eight cents per pound, with higher grades at forty-two cents. These prices, it should be noted, are well above current prices in the open market. At the same time an extra bonus of four cents per pound was paid on wool sold through the Co-operative last year.

Poultry

The poultry industry, particularly toward the end of the year, struck rough going. The price of eggs, Grade A Large, sagged to thirty-three cents, while the price of geese and ducks in the trade averaged little more than twenty-eight cents with Grade A at about thirty-two cents per pound. The level of prices for most of the year was down from 10-15 cents per dozen for A.L. It is just possible, however, that prices will improve after February. Turkey prices held well, as did also well finished chicken. The general conditions, however, toward the close of the year have not been favourable in relation to feed and other costs. The number of chicks hatched during the year amounted to 738,476, and in addition 31,536 turkey poulters were hatched. The chick hatch in 1952 was over 860,000.

During the year a new poultry director in the person of Mr. Harry Robbins, a graduate in poultry husbandry from Macdonald College, was employed by the Department. Mr. Robbins has applied himself diligently to his duties, and has spent his time in field work.

Junior Work

Special attention has been given to Junior organization and the framework of Junior activities has been established on a strong basis throughout the Province. Representatives of Clubs who were pre-eminent in their respective fields received the reward of their endeavours in the various field competitions, and finally in trips to the Maritime and Royal Winter Fairs where they disposed of their responsibilities with credit to themselves and their communities. The following groups were organized and directed during the season by officers of the men's and women's divisions of the Department of Agriculture:

- Sewing Clubs 75
Garden Clubs 11
Food Clubs 7
Poultry Clubs 8
Calf Clubs 26
Total 124

The Junior Youth Fair, held on the grounds of the Provincial Exhibition Association, in September, gathered together the youth of the Province in friendly competition. This was a two-day event, well arranged, and in all aspects balanced in practical, educational, social, and athletic features, and well patronized by an estimated attendance of 2,000 people. The youth project is considered to be of vital importance to our agriculture, and in every district

Mayor Of Summerside Extends Best Wishes

Mayor Henry Wedge (right) yesterday on behalf of the Town Council extended greetings and best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year to citizens of Summerside and to the Commanding Officer, Group Captain A. G. Kenyon and personnel of the R.C.A.F. Station.



His Worship reviewed some of the accomplishments of the past year and looked forward to still greater progress in the year just dawning. Among the projects cited were the opening of Queen Elizabeth Park and the present campaign to provide the town with a suitable closed arena. While the former had been achieved, he was confident the latter would soon become a reality. He pointed out that the past year had been one of conservation with a minimum expenditure of public funds. Mayor Wedge commended the splendid relationship existing between the people of the town

and the personnel of the R.C.A.F. Station.

of the Province older leaders should recognize the binding and broadening value of this type of work and enlist mature services in the extension of youth organization.

Dairying

A great wave of interest has swept the Province in dairy work, and has centered chiefly on the processes of centralization. Very ambitious programs have been launched with a view to greater efficiency, lowered cost of operation, and in the light of modern competition and demand the expansion, under centralization control, of the character of dairy products processed.

There is no doubt the dairy industry is in a transition stage. Competition from vegetable oils has changed, to a very great extent, the form and character of future dairy products. Whether we can, at the present moment, detect with clarity detailed future trends is a debatable question. The question of centralization too, with a view to operational efficiency, may not necessarily mean extra large centralized plants and a great variety of products under one control. Efficiency and success may very well be secured by smaller plants dealing with one or two products in which the full facilities of the plant and every dollar invested is producing desired results. In any event small dairy concerns hesperately equipped, and not operating at full-time high-gear efficiency cannot possibly hope to meet the competition and conditions of the day. The problem facing the dairy industry at the present moment must be considered, however, very carefully, and sound judgment should not be influenced too much by the temporary enthusiasms of the moment, but rather by the long term effects. The following figures show the production of dairy products for the year and represent a contraction in volume, particularly in cheese.

Butter Production

January to end of December 1952-4,889,000; 1951-5,002,292. Decrease about 113,000 lbs. or 2.2%.

Cheese Production

January to end of December 1952-575,000; 1951-877,307. Decrease of 302,307 lbs. or 34.4%.

Ice Cream in Gals.

January to end of December 1952-208,000; 1951-198,916. Increase 9,084 gals. or 4.5%.

Veterinary Service

Some changes have taken place in the personnel of the Veterinary Service and Dr. Henry at Kensington and Dr. Curry at Neepawa, who resigned to take positions elsewhere, were replaced by Dr. J. I. Higgins at Kensington, and Dr. John Mustard at Neepawa. An office was also opened at Souris and Dr. A. E. Ings placed in charge. This service under the direction of Dr. George C. Fisher with headquarters at the Provincial Laboratory, has been of inestimable benefit to the livestock interests of the Province.

Extension Services

Various projects conducted under the Extension Departments have been well cared for by the Field Staff, and in women's work through the Women's Institute Branch. Leadership Courses were developed for women associated with Women's Institute work, and with young people—boys and girls. A Seed Survey was conducted and an elaborate program of soil analyses was carried on through the Soil Laboratory. Subsidies were also paid on 2,4-D for weed control. Assistance was also rendered in brooder house construction, and in housing cockerels for Approved Flocks.

Breed Associations were subsidized to assist in constructive programs of expansion, and in many other respects financial support and Extension Service was provided. A feature that has been well established in the Province, and which is looked upon with great favour, is that of the radio broadcast on markets and other current topics. This reaches many homes,

not only on the farms but in the villages and towns of the Province, and in a large area throughout the Maritimes and Quebec. Those in authority estimate that thousands of people listen in to the Market Broadcast every Thursday evening.

As we reach the end of the year it is only natural that we should look ahead and ponder over the prospects of the year now being ushered in. A quick glance will indicate, as already stated, that from a broad agricultural viewpoint production has been well taken care of. From this standpoint alone the year has been successful, but unfortunately it is not the total value of farm production that tells the story. It is the financial returns after all disbursements have been taken care of.

Farm prices have gone down in the vicinity of 25% for livestock, poultry and associated products. At the same time production costs have undoubtedly increased. Labour costs have advanced, while feed costs are approximately the same as at the same period last year. The excellent situation in industrial centers throughout Canada is draining off valuable farm labour and the picture for the future in this respect is not pleasant to contemplate. A survey on Prince Edward Island would indicate a serious situation with regard to the number of farms vacant or under the process of semi-production. These general adverse conditions then change to some extent the rosy picture of farm production. If they were not for the value of one particular crop on Prince Edward Island during the past and present season, farm people would find themselves faced with financial embarrassment.

Looking Ahead

In looking into the next year, with industrial centers going full tilt and labour unions pressing for, and getting, increased rates of pay, the position of agriculture can readily be stripped of an atmosphere of optimism. The prospects are for lower farm prices, increased costs of equipment and operation and a lesser supply of farm labour. Even with these temporary disadvantages, however, and again looking toward the long pull (for agriculture is not a year by year task, but a lifetime work) farm people should not, even under difficulties now eminent, feel discouraged in their dealings with the good earth.

The year that we have just brought to a close is a year that has been filled with many blessings which after all more than outweigh any reverses or discouragements. The year that is just opening is another year which will have its opportunities and its achievements and its discouragements too. With the experience applied in the planning of a constructive farm program our farm people as always will take up the burdens of their work, and achieve that high record of faith and accomplishment which has always been a singular and encouraging factor in the progress of agriculture in this Province. Associated as I have been for many years with agricultural policy and development among the rural people I can look back and trace agricultural progress with a firm faith and pride in the ability of the farmers of Prince Edward Island to solve their problems and direct their destiny with honour and progress.

To all my farm friends on Prince Edward Island for whom I bear feelings of warmest regard and respect I extend the wish for a year of outstanding progress, peace and good will.

Crapaud Theatre

Motion Picture Shows Are Being Discontinued Until Further Notice

VETERAN'S NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL SUMMERSIDE CANADIAN LEGION HOME Reservations must be made By 6:30 this evening \$2.00 per couple - Phone 2091