## Farmers Look er Dry Fall and

nter Precipitation Below Nor. District of Prairie Provinces.

EG, March 30-Fall and winter precipiwestern grain belt was below normal as except the northern portion of Sas-Prairie province farmers are anxiously ring rains which they hope will make up in part the moisture deficiency. Manitoba's average decrease from nor-

per cent.

mal for the six-month period

was 31 per cent, Alberta's 23

per cent and Saskatchewan's 13

Official figures issued by the

meteorological division of the

Aug. 1, 1943, to Feb. 29, 1944, re-

normal. The only exception was

Similar conditions generally

prevailed in all three provinces

during March, it was stated un-

officially. Precipitation contin-

ued negligible early in March

but towards the end of the

month reports showed a slight

found in the stream run of the

Assiniboine River, which flows

Of the six months under offi-

averaged nearly 50 per cent.

Smaller gains of 20 per cent

to 30 per cent occurred in

southeastern Saskatchewan and

throughout the agricultural

September rainfall generally

ported for southern and central

cent below normal.

Waitress Dance

Featuring modern and old

time music, the annual dance of

Saskatchewan

Flon From Com- federal department of transport Allan Cup to covering the period between Arthur. vealed the largest average de-

creases below the normal of 25 March 30 (P) per cent to 35 per cent occurred er Lodesters de- in Manitoba and in southern on thirteen goals and central Alberta. There was light and won the a slightly smaller deficiency in Port Arthur Ship- southern Saskatchewan while in western senior northern Alberta precipitation for the Allan Cup. was less than 10 per cent below in Flon three vic- the northern portion of Saskat-The Westminster- chewan's farming area where

Passengers on improvement. essel Are Feared

March 20 (P) Minhui sank in through and overloading, cent normal. jursday and it was cial review. August was about more papssengers point of view. In northern Alberta excesses during the month

## Housing Council

eports Presented at northern Saskatchewan and 10 eld Two Days Ago. | per cent above normal in cen-

tral Alberta. However, in southreports were pre- ern Alberta only about half the meeting of Wartime normal fall was recorded and in ints' Council which southwestern Saskatchewa ew days ago. Other there was a 30 per cent deficialso carried out ency. airman Guy Brahair in the absence was light over the entire prairie grain region with losses as high R. Smigelski.

aney, the secretary, as 50 per cent in some sections. report from the In October precipitation wa amittee and told of variable with more than twice the school children the normal fall being recorded resh milk with their in northern Saskatchewan and 75 per cent more than norma

committee reported hitting southwestern sections o cossful evenings held the province . . . Below normal house dining hall figures, however, were still re-

was present from Alberta and Manitoba. kers' Union asking | Practically normal rainfall of the staff house was reported from northern on April 29 in con- Saskatchewan in November but a boxing show. This deficiencies were noted elseby the council. where. In December, January

is to co-operate and February deficiencies rangcial service survey ed from 10 per cent to 55 per the city.

## BOOKS DEMAND Was Successful

Distribution Was of Tuesday's

the Waitresses' Union, held in distribution of the I.O.D.E. Hall on Tuesday ber Four ration night was a highly successful 3292 books, over function. Music was by Roy distribution cen- from furious jitterbug tempo to is admitted here. day, the opening old time dance tunes led by 74 books were is- Freddie Williams and featured

hall yesterday 2932, Dancing was from 9 o'clock unre claimed by citi- til 2 o'clock. d 672 in the even- dancing John Mulroney spoke

we distribution for to the waitresses. ernoon and evenas 360 books.

,000 given out at and Mrs. Rae Pirie. n of ration book suggests that

al vision.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1944

# Russian Victories Continuing



large railway junction somewhere in Italy, illustrates the accuracy of Allied bombing. The town is now in Allied hands.

## there was an excess of less than Overwhelming Confidence Vote Accorded Churchill

LONDON, March 30-The British House of Com- Keverseo mons gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to Prime Minister Winston Churchill's government to-An example of the sub-nor- day. The division was 425 to 23. Cheers of a packed DV mal moisture conditions was house greeted the result.

The Prime Minister had demanded that the House rescind an amendment to the Education bill to equal-River because of Manitoba. This was only 75 per lize salaries of men and women teachers and also pass the vote of confidence.

A political observer said today there might be a najority of four the best from a precipitation general election in September or October.

## Bulletins

area of Manitoba. August rain-CHURCHILL'S CHALLENGE fall was practically normal in LONDON - British newspapers anticipated that Prime Minister Winston Churchill would receive a substantial majority for his government in the vote of confidence he had demanded following the government's reverse on an amendment to the Education Bill. The newspapers were critical, however, of Mr. Churchill taking the question as an issue, the Manchester Guardian describing it as +++++++++ making a mountain out of a molehill. The government Partizans Wreck took no chances and marshalled all its strength. An overwhelming vote of confi-

> Slovakia to rise up against the Germans.

dence resulted.

NEW YORK QUADRUPLETS NEW YORK - The first quadruplets in years have been born in New York. Mother and babies are report-

ed to be doing well. PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

STOCKHOLM- Peace negotiations between Finland and Russia are reported to have been resumed.J. K. Paasaviki is reported to be in Moscow.

DANGER OF ATTACK SAN FRANCISCO—There is still a real possibility of enwere given out at Proverbs' orchestra and ranged emy attack on this coast, it

## Mrs. Myra Gilchrist as vocalist. Yank Bombers taken in the During an interval in the Ranging Near on the importance of the union And Far Now

The committee which assisted in making the dance a success | PEARL HARBOR, March 30he first two days was composed of Miss Ann Tar- Allied bombers ranged yesterday books distributed ku, Mrs. Esther Musto, Miss Ann from the Marshall Islands in basis of slightly Terpsma, Mrs. Myro Gilchrist the central Pacific all the way to the Dutch East Indies, one of the largest being a Japanese Night fliers breathe oxygen base 420 miles from Truk. Posinew books have from tanks while still on the tions on the Caroline Islands at the half way ground since it improves noctur- were raided and much-hit Rabaul received another 93 ons.

+ Wednesday that Angelo + Sernaiotto, Canadian Paci- + + fic Railway section fore- + + man at Waleach, died from + + wounds caused by some + + person or persons unknown. • A doctor told the inquest + + that the murderer had ex-+ pertly inflicted three major + + wounds, two of which punc- +

MOSCOW CALLS ON CZECHS troop trains on the Zagreb- missing. MOSCOW - Moscow calls Belgrade railway line have been upon the people of Czech- attacked by YugoSlav partizan forces which are becoming bolder and bolder as the German situation generally in the Balkans deteriorates.

## Inquest Finds Expert' Murder

+ tured the heart.

# Japanese

Casualties Inflicted on Enemy With Stopping Drive Toward Imphal.

Road along which the enemy cut off. had been moving north tothe Japanese ground troops to each of the playgrounds. are maintaining strong pres-Impahl.

Allied planes joined the ar- raffle was W. M. Watts. tillery to blast a Japanese It is estimated that 2500 HOSPITAL Japanese have been killed on the Burma front since the FENT HIT present offensive began.

Thirty Japanese planes have been knocked from the North Burma skies and six others planes dropped fire bombs on an probably destroyed in two days American hospital tent on the of furious aerial combat accom- Anzio beachhead yesterday, panying the Japanese four- killing eight men and wounding pointed invasion of India from 12 others. Six of those killed Burma, Allied headquarters an- were men lying wounded on cots. nounced yesterday. Only three and among the injured were a Allied aircraft were listed as number of German soldiers being

IDENTIFIES ELECTRON The electron, smallest unit of matter, first was identified 1874 by an Irishman, C. J. Stoney.

"HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE"-ITALY VERSION-This is what spring rains do to roads and

trails in Italy. Here Canadians of an armored regiment of the British Eighth Army help out

when the 4x4 drive of a 30 cwt. has failed.

## Italian Gov't \* To Be Ousted

MOSCOW, March 30 (9)- + \* A front page editorial in \* + the government newspaper + + Izcestia explained that an + + exchange of envoys with + + States for a change of gov-+ ernment in Italy.

## CARRYING ON PLAYGROUNDS

enue to Continue Service.

for raising the necessary funds, CzechSlovakia. the Prince Rupert Gyro Club, on Other Soviet gains were an- hitting targets in Rome, Turin ground committee, W. D. Lam- southern Ukraine. bie, chairman, decided at a specplayground activities in the city centre north of Odessa. for three months this summer. The plan is to have the play- KEEP UP BOMBINGgrounds staffed with supervis-ors in the usual manner. The TARGETS IN NEW DELHI, March 30 (CP) | club decided to go ahead in spite The Allies have driven the of the fact that its principal WEST EUROPE tage point on the Oiddim ground work which has been

The club will co-operate with ward the Indian communica- the city parks committee which tions centre and Allied base has been appropriated the sum were inflicted upon the en- the year which contemplates emy. Despite the casualties carrying out some improvements

sure in their advance toward in the chair at yesterday's luncheon. Winner of the luncheon

NAPLES, March 30. — German treated for wounds by the Allies.

REACHES MATURITY From its establishment in August 1941, the Canadian Women's Army Corps had reached a total of 16,200 by December, 1943.

## Are Latest Conquests By Reds In Sweeping March

LONDON, March 30 (CP)-Evacuation of Czer-+ the Badoglio regime of + nowitz, capital of the Rumanian province of Buco-\* Italy did not mean full rec- \* vina and described as the gateway to the Balkans, \* ognition of his government \* was announced today by the Germans who admitted and in effect called on that German troops had "disengaged" themselves also from the lower Bug River in the Ukraine on the

+ eastern approaches to Odessa. + Other Russian forces are driv- WAR IN ITALY-+ ing through the Carpathian

the Prut River in Rumania on Wednesday at two points—one REPULSED Gyro Club Devising Special Ways had fought by that time into and Means of Raising Rev- the northern outskirts of Cer-

With a financial ways and ed Kolomea, a Prut railway Fifth Army repelled two small means committee, headed by W. town in the Carpathian foot- enemy attacks on the Anzio F. Stone, having in hand plans hills only thirty miles from beachhead yesterday while Allied planes ranged over Italy,

recommendation of its play- nounced in Bessarabia and the and Bolzano areas and bombing Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria,

ial business luncheon yesterday man dead were counted in the to again carry out supervised streets of Balta, newly captured was hit and twenty-two enemy

Royal Canadian Air Purce Planes Took Leading Part in The Western Air Command. R.C.A.F., Vancouver, announces Attack Yesterday.

ef Imphal. Heavy casualties of \$2000 by the city council for Air Force and Royal Canadian Sergeant Air Bomber from Air Force bombers smashed at Number Seven Air Observers' railway targets at Vaires east school at Portage La Prairie, of Paris last night while other | Manitoba. President Frank Skinner was British planes raided Lyon in southern France and mosquitoes bombed Kiel and other objec- Inspector Of tives in Western Germany.

One Canadian bomber was lost from the force which raided Steamships Vaires of which more than half were Canadian aircraft.

left the air this morning, this post of Senior Steamship Inspecbeing the usual sign that Allied tor under the Department of Transport has been announced. bombers were over the Reich. Mr. Stephen's appointment took

### Red Cross Donations

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head-Rome, Turin and Bol-

An airdrome north of Rome

Allied loss of eleven.

Graduates As

Air Bomber

zano Areas Bombed.

Mountains toward the Czech NAZIS ARE The Russians stormed across

of them a bridge the Germans had neglected to destroy-and Two Attacks on Anzio Beach-Upstream other units captur- NAPLES, March 30 (P) - The

More than two thousand Ger- across the Adriatic.

planes were destroyed during the day's operations against an

that R. M. Henderson, Prince

LONDON, March 30 (P-Royal Rupert, recently graduated as a

The German radio system Stephen of Vancouver, to the

place last week, and is effective

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clay,

Miss Currie, Port Simpson 5.00

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of February 24. BEAVER CLUB-

5.00 Thousands of Fighting Men Overseas Revel in Surroundings at Big London Centre. By MARGARET ECKER

The promotion of T. M.

Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, March 30, (P)-The 10.00 big, tough Canadian soldier who may have given his mother a 5.00 good many headaches and heart-Miss B. French, Pt. Simpson 5.00 aches in his time, does a lot of thinking about that same pa-5.00 tient little woman when he is Miss M. Scott, Port Simpson 5.00 over here thousands of miles away from home. The Beaver 10.00 Club in London, just off Picca-

dilly, can prove that. 500 Last year before Mother's Day, 87.50 Canadian servicemen sent more 161.00 than \$11,000 worth of cables 5.00 home, and that's a lot of love 5.00 and good wishes at reduced 5.00 cable rates. This Christmas they 5.00 spent more than \$13,000 for 5.00 cables home, most of them ad- 4 5.00 dressed to mothers.

10.00 There's probably something 5.00 about the Beaver Club that gets 5.00 men thinking about home. The lounges are big and friendly 10.00 and the men usually meet someone from their own home town. Island Camp employees 200.18 In the reading room there are 884.00 newspapers from more than 80 69.80 Canadian towns and cities, and 5.00 no one who hasn't been over-10.00 seas can know what a home-5.00 town paper means.

The other day when the club celebrated the fourth anniver-

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