

### Thanksgiving At Cathedral

Two Hundred and Twenty Persons Turn Out For Fine Anglican Dinner

Thanksgiving Day dinner was enjoyed last evening by 225 persons in St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral Hall when the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary served a delicious and bounteous repast and presented a jolly informal musical program following the meal. Not only were Anglicans out in good number but representatives of all other denominations in the city were in evidence.

Turkey and steaming vegetables topped with pie a la mode comprised the dinner fare on long, attractively arranged tables. Many ladies had been marshalled under the leadership of Mrs. G. S. Reade to insure that the catering was carried out without a hitch.

Rev. Canon Basil S. Prockter opened the proceedings by calling for the doxology. F. Earl Anfield, as expediter, was the spirited leader of community singing. The program included violin duets by Master Robert Jensen and Master Murray Boas. Little Healer MacDonald's "Sailor's Hornpipe" was the popular second item on the program. Peter Lien was accompanist. Rt. Rev. James B. Gibson, Bishop of Caledonia, pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Reade, in her capacity as general convener, was assisted

by Mrs. F. E. Anfield, Mrs. R. Farmer, Mrs. L. A. N. Potterton, Mrs. J. H. Bulger, Mrs. Basel S. Prockter, Mrs. A. L. Holtby, Mrs. T. D. Johnstone, Mrs. J. R. Carr, Mrs. Hubert Ward, Mrs. Peter Lien, Mrs. Alf Rivett, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mrs. J. P. Cade, Mrs. J. B. Gibson, Mrs. M. G. Gormely and Mrs. W. J. Nelson.

Other women and girls of the church acted as serviteurs. They were Mrs. Mark, Mrs. Matson, Mrs. Pearl McGinnis, Mrs. T. B. Black, Mrs. A. F. Martin and Mrs. Peter Geoffrey McDonald; Miss Honora Silversides, Miss Hardy, Miss Holmes, Miss Beverley Nelson, Miss Nadia Beketov, Miss N. Hill, Miss J. Potterton and Miss M. Mark.

G. S. Reade, Mr. W. L. Hitchcock and Eric Faure were among

the men of the church who also lent assistance. R. E. Mortimer presided at the door.

**THE DRIVER ESCAPED**  
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**EXPANDING NAVY**—Navy Week this year finds the Royal Canadian Navy adding to its strength to become larger than ever before in its peacetime history. To accommodate the large number of new recruits, the naval training base at Cornwallis, N.S., one of the largest naval bases in the British Commonwealth during the war, is again in operation. This Royal Canadian Navy photo shows some of the new sailors receiving their equipment there. (CP PHOTO)

### Teacher-Airman Heads Thriving Okanagan Co-op

by DAVE MCINTOSH

(Canadian Press Staff Writer KEREMEOS) — When Bert Munden got out of the R.C.A.F. after navigating with a pathfinder squadron in Europe, he looked around for a place to let his wheels down.

A native of Edmonton, he had taught schools on the prairies for 11 years. During the war, his wife became ill and, on doctor's advice, moved to this town of 1,200 in the south end of the Okanagan Valley, not far from the U. S. border. She started up an auto court.

When Munden, now 37 and father of three, came home, he settled in Keremeos. In five years, he has become owner of a 10-acre fruit ranch and general manager of the Keremeos Growers' Association Co-operative. As such, he plays a small but vital role in the Valley's \$25,000,000-a-year fruit and vegetable industry.

Keremeos—An Indian word meaning "meeting of the winds"—is one of the oldest towns in the B.C. interior. The old Hudson's Bay Company post, with an ancient grain grinder, still stands on the side of one of the mountains which overhang the town.

So enclosed is the town by the mountains that the sun is shut off early in the evening and darkness falls much sooner than on the coast.

Fort Munden started keeping books for the Co-op: "I had book learning and the growers had a hard time finding such a guy here." When the secretary became ill, he took over and three years ago he became general manager. Through the Veterans' Land Act, he acquired his own ranch.

Munden's job is looking after the business affairs of the 236 grower-members of the Co-op. The ranches lie on the narrow tablelands just above the river banks and under the sheer mountain cliffs. Their owners have names like Wesenberg, Malsoncuve, Shmunk and Hencheroff. Many of them came here from the prairies.

**BIG ANNUAL TURNOVER**  
The Co-op owns two packing plants, a hardware store (for orchard supplies) that does a \$50,000 annual business and a feed store that does an \$80,000-a-year business, selling to cattle ranchers whose herds roam the mountain slopes.

The packing plants employ 150—nearly all women—at season's peak. A packer can make between \$8 and \$12 a day and a sorter gets around 62 cents an hour. A fast packer can fill 200 boxes a day, 150 apples to the box. They wear adhesive tape at the ends of their fingers to protect them against the paper wrappings. The tape wears out so fast it has to be replaced three times a day.

Munden doesn't worry about marketing the fruit. It's done by R.C. Tree Fruits Ltd. at Kelowna, the big co-operative that is the "link" agency for all 3,700 valley growers.

The Co-op cleared \$200,000 last year after all expenses and this was returned to members—an average of about \$1,000 each.

In a good crop year—and when prices are good, too—a rancher with a 10-acre lot can gross between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

However, the picture isn't as rosy as that right now because last year's hard winter killed off between 25,000 and 30,000 of the valley's trees—roughly one quarter.

Incidentally, if you have ever wondered about those roadside fruit stands. They are a boon to growers. They can often sell a good deal of fruit this way that ripens too early for the packing plant to handle.

### Naval Wedding At Cathedral

Saturday evening St. Andrew's Cathedral was the scene of a full naval wedding when Lois Anne, daughter of Mrs. Delma E. McGregor of Vancouver became the bride of Stoker Gerald Arthur Long, H.M.C.S. Chatham, son of Mrs. Mildred Long of Prince Rupert. Rev. Basil S. Prockter officiated. Peter Lien was organist.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride was adorned with floor length white satin with a Peter Pan collar adorned with bugle beads. Her floor length veil was bordered with lace. She carried a white prayer book with pink carnations on top and rose buds in streamers from the prayer book. She was married with her grandmother's golden wedding ring. The cross of the Anglican church belonging to the groom's mother was also worn by the bride.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Mae Phillips, wore a gown of mauve net with a short matching veil and a nosegay of white and mauve chrysanthemums.

Constable Ross Gibson, R.C.M.P. was groomsmen. Ushers were Leading Seaman A. W. Eastman, Able Seaman J. Trudgeon, R.C.N.; Able Seaman I. Thompson, R.C.N.; and Able Seaman W. G. Flett, R.C.N.

Following the ceremony there was a reception at the naval drill hall.

The bride's mother wore a grey gabardine suit with black shoes and hat and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

The groom's mother wore a black dress, shoes and hat and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

The reception at the Drill hall was delightful with many well wishers gathering to wish the happy couple good luck. Dancing was to the music of records broadcast of the navy's public address system.

The couple are making their home in Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Ralph Browne and two sons, who have been visiting in the city for the past ten days following their return from a trip to Fort William, sailed on the Princess Louise yesterday for their home in Juneau.

### Medicos In Annual Meet

With prominent medicos from the south in attendance to participate in the proceedings and conduct clinical lectures, annual meeting of the Prince Rupert District Medical Association will be held in the city this Wednesday and Thursday. Doctors from district points will also be here for the occasion. Sessions will be held Wednesday afternoon and evening except for emergencies.

The visiting doctors will include Dr. Stewart Wallace, president of the British Columbia Medical Association; Dr. Lynn Gunn, secretary; Dr. Peter Lehmann, neurologist surgeon, Vancouver; Dr. MacKay Whitelaw, Vancouver, internist, and Dr. Wise, also of Vancouver.

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