

Attend Christmas Ball led by Local Pulpworkers

The social highlights of the Christmas weekend was the annual Boxing Day Ball by Local 708, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphate and Paper Mill Workers. The 400 Columbia Cellulose workers and their escorts were in the armories for the event at which Pat O'Neal, president, and other members of the executive played

Well-Known Canadians in '53

The Canadian Press known figures in the political scene were the prominent Canadians during the year.

John Graydon, who died at age in Brampton, Ont., was the Progressive Conservative party's chief spokesman on external affairs at the United Nations founding conference at San Francisco in 1945 and was Opposition leader in the Commons from 1942 to 1945.

Stirling, former minister of national defence in the Benbow government, died at Kelowna, B.C., last January. Two Liberal premiers of Ontario during the year—Bill F. Hepburn, who drew attention by his vigorous premiership from 1924 and Gordon D. Conant, Hepburn's successors.

Long-time champion of civil rights, Senator Wilfrid Duff of Lunenburg, N.S., one of six Liberal senators died during the year. Duff was the oldest and had in the Senate since 1936 and six terms in the House of Commons that started in 1917.

Senators who died this year were H. Lacasse, L. A. David, J. Doane, Donald MacLennan and J. C. Davis.

CHURCH LEADERS
The Church of England in Canada was hard hit by deaths in 1953. They included most Rev. Sherman, 66, Archbishop of St. John's, Nfld., Rev. A. L. King, first Anglican Bishop of Yukon.

H. L. Roy, 78, a pioneer of the Church of England in the Northwest, who was also president of the British Federation of Canada, died at Vancouver. Others were Rev. H. A. Haslam, missionary educationist, and Rev. H. A. Morrison, missionary to Baffin Island.

The United Church lost its general secretary and secretary of general council, Rev. Gordon Sisco who died in December, aged 63.

T. E. Holling, United Church pioneer who helped to found about church union in British Columbia, died at Victoria, aged 86.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Ottawa, Most Rev. Andre Vachon, died at age 71 in Dallas, Tex., while en route to Australia for an eucharistic congress. Henry Somerville, editor of the Canadian Register, died at Toronto.

Justice M. B. Archibald, 86, of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, died at Halifax, Ontario, who died this year in the United States. Justice W. T. Henderson, 79; Mr. Justice H. D. Halliday, 65, and Mr. Justice R. G. Halliday, 87.

BUSINESS WORLD
K. Johnston, 64, president of the Imperial Bank of Canada, and Sidney H. Logan, former president of the Canadian Bank Commerce, died at 71.

Communication circles lost Dr. H. L. Hart, 71, emeritus professor of philosophy at Dalhousie University and well-known radio commentator on current affairs who died at Halifax.

The newspaper world lost A. D. Kenzie, former part owner of the western Ontario daily newspapers who died at Sarnia, aged 70. Clifford M. Sifton, member of the well-known Canadian newspaper family, died at Saskatoon. Arthur Partridge, former manager and secretary of the Canadian Daily News Association, died at Toronto. The 1953 list also includes J. Craig, 66, who was editor of the Edmonton Journal.

Well-known women who died in 1953 included Mrs. M. J. Gold, 64, the wife of the national leader of the CCF party; Dr. MacMurchy, internationalist known for child welfare work in Toronto at age 91; Mrs. Tilly Rolston, 66, minister of education in British Columbia's Social Credit government.

Nick Gurvich was master of ceremonies for the big Christmas party which saw Mr. O'Neal welcome the guests with a wish for a happy festive season. Dozens of prizes were awarded, capped by presentation of the Jones waltz trophy, won this year by Neil Stromdahl and Mrs. Nick Gurvich. The winners were chosen by Roy Evans and the trophy was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nuttall, last year's winners.

W. C. R. Jones, mill manager of Columbia Cellulose, who put up the trophy, and Mrs. Jones, were among guests at the ball.

Another feature of the event was presentation of a gift, a pair of slippers, to Jack Fuller, one of the longest-time residents of Prince Rupert. Mr. O'Neal made the presentation.

Prince Rupert Bethel of Job's Daughters catered for the affair and attended the check room.

New-Type Mail Distribution In Effect Here

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia is being used as a proving ground for a mail distribution system which may be adopted as a Canada-wide process.

The experiment embodies a string of four terminal post offices in Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Prince George and Nelson. All mail for the districts surrounding these points is "rough sorted" and sent directly to the terminal points for distribution to the addressee.

Under the previous system, mail was critically sorted according to final destination, a more complicated process.

Unemployment Not as Severe

Winter unemployment conditions in Prince Rupert are not as severe as were expected earlier in the year, it was reported to the local branch of the Employment Advisory Committee at its last meeting. The meeting, attended by R. H. Davidson, Bob McKay, Cliff Gilker, J. S. Black, W. H. Brett, Edgar Woodward, D. Walker and Alex Haig, decided to hold another meeting early in the new year to review conditions.

Dignitaries Congratulate Peter Leighton at Ceremony

City, church, provincial and federal dignitaries were on hand to congratulate Peter Leighton when he received the Queen's Coronation medal from Indian Superintendent F. E. Anfield.

Present at the memorable occasion were Bruce Brown, M.L.A., Rt. Rev. H. G. Watts, Bishop of Caledonia, Inspector Taylor of the RCMP, Aid. H. F. Glassey, and Mr. Anfield. Also present was Cecil Ryan, chief counsellor of Metlakatla, Mrs. Susan Cook, sister of Mr. Leighton, Robert Leighton, brother of the long-time Metlakatla patriarch and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, the latter a niece of Mr. Leighton.

In making the presentation, Mr. Anfield said that "there was nothing greater in life than to serve one's people."

He said he was sorry that the vision of Metlakatla hadn't been fulfilled, "but time will see all things come to pass." Peter Leighton was the unanimous choice of his people when he federal government sought a man to head up the presentation of Metlakatla's fight for enfranchisement.

"This medal which the Queen has ordered bestowed upon you, has been well and truly earned," said Mr. Anfield. "I know of no one who would have struggled so patiently year in and year out as you have, trying to solve the problems of your people," Mr. Anfield said.

In reply, Mr. Leighton, overcome with emotion, said he would convey from the bottom of his heart a thought echoed throughout the British Commonwealth: "God Save the Queen."

Transportation for the girls was provided by F. E. Anfield, P. P. Bird, Mrs. W. Rothwell, Dr. W. S. Kergin, Bob Parker and Frank Skidmore.

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MEMBERS of the Merry Menders Club for polio patients at Winnipeg's King George and Princess Elizabeth hospitals help themselves and fellow victims back to health. The picture shows four couples in a wheel-chair square dance. Clock-wise from bottom are: Norma Crew and Stu Millett, Ellen Shaw and Les Chambers, Elsie Jordan and Ben Fawley, Freda Edwards and John Bryant.

Winnipeg Merry Menders Club Helps Polio Patients on Road to Recovery

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Merry Menders, polio victims on the road back to health, roll through hospital corridors in their wheel chairs with gifts of courage. As they give, they receive.

The Merry Menders Club was started by polio patients convalescing at Princess Elizabeth Hospital here. Their aim is to help other polio victims, as well as themselves.

Princess Elizabeth patients who have graduated to wheel chairs pay visits to the more than 50 iron-lung cases at King George Hospital. They read to them, gossip with them and write letters for them.

TWO-WAY DEAL
The visits pay off in two ways.

"The iron-lung patients see how much we have recovered and how we are improving," says Stu Millett, visiting committee chairman. "That gives them courage."

"We see how much worse off some polio patients are than we ourselves, and that gives us courage. It's a two-way deal."

The Merry Menders keep busy in other ways, too, and one of their interests is square-dancing.

The dancing is done sitting down and the command of "Swing your partner" is complicated by an occasional interlocking of the front wheels of the wheel chairs.

ORGANIZE RECREATIONS
Organization of nightly entertainment in the hospital is

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TERRACE—A series of Christmas parties for youngsters has featured pre-Christmas activities here.

Parties staged by Columbia Cellulose, St. Matthew's Sunday School, Church of the Sacred Heart and Rebekahs and Odd Fellows have provided Santa Claus visits for most youngsters in the village, and at the last three parties, an additional treat was showing of films by Claude Dale.

Another popular pre-Christmas event was the traditional service of nine lessons, with Christmas carols, held at St. Matthew's Anglican church Sunday night with Rev. M. W. O'Connell officiating.

Readers were Joan Dale, Melissa Panasuk, Muriel Pruden, Ann O'Connell, Larry Pruden, Claude Dale, Ralph Cory and the rector.

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Crafts Make Life Interesting For Busy Ontario Housewife

FORT FRANCES, Ont. (CP)—Mrs. Frank Eeles has fascinating hobbies that provide relaxation between household chores. In addition to weaving rugs and drapes, painting pictures and teaching art, she makes pottery from clay she digs herself and bakes in a kiln she made herself. And soon she plans to attend night classes in jewelry-making.

Mrs. Eeles, whose husband is a customs inspector in this town bordering the Minnesota line, started the extensive handicraft activities for amusement and relaxation and discovered they were money-makers opening up a part-time career in craftsmanship.

She started making pottery a year ago and now sells her works to florists; a loom she

bought in 1942 soon paid for itself, and she also sells paintings. In 1945 she won a prize at the international textile exhibit at the University of North Carolina.

In her living room hang drapes she has woven and the chairs are covered with a fabric she made on her loom. Some materials are free for the picking. Mrs. Eeles says that dogwood strips, golden-rod stalks, straw or rushes can be used to weave into place mats or window shades.

As a summer project, she made an outdoor kiln to fire her pottery.

For painting, Mrs. Eeles has an attic studio where she conducts a Saturday afternoon class.

"The recreation and relaxation derived from an afternoon of painting is worth as much as a finished product," the housewife says.

Shower Honors Terrace Girl

TERRACE—Miss Norma J. Kenney, bride-elect of this month, was honored here at a shower at the home of Mrs. J. Sandhals.

Some 20 friends attended the pre-nuptial party at which many useful gifts were presented to the honoree and refreshments were served by the hostesses.

The bride-elect is daughter of former lands minister E. T. Kenney and Mrs. Kenney. Her fiancé is Nelson Morrison of Terrace.

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