

Keen Interest Shown By Public In Drama Course

The Adult Education Council is sponsoring a very interesting drama course, conducted by Mr. Donald Wetmore, dramatic adviser, Nova Scotia Division of Adult Education. Classes are being conducted each day this week in the rooms in the Market building occupied by the Art Centre and in the Empire Theatre. These classes are attended by quite a number of representatives from out of town points, including members of Women's Institute branches interested in entering groups in the Drama Festival to be conducted later in the season, as well as many Charlottetown citizens who are concerned in the production of drama in the city. Mr. Wetmore is a very competent teacher and is making the course extremely interesting to all who attend. The course covers all phases of play production, including benefit of drama clubs in a community organization, play-writing, choosing and casting plays, directing, rehearsing and acting, scenery design, construction and painting, and stage lighting. Those attending the course have written a play of sorts which is to be staged before the end of the classes. A chosen play will also be enacted and directed by Mr. Wetmore's pupils. Mr. Wetmore and the Adult Education Council are receiving the full co-operation of the Art Centre, Spencer Theatres, Ltd., and the Little Theatre Guild. Yesterday afternoon, during the classes on scenery, Mr. J.A. Lawson, managing director of the Little Theatre Guild, gave a talk on scenery construction and a very interesting demonstration, using the Guild set which was made by him last winter.

St. Peter's Cathedral Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the St. Peter's Cathedral congregation was held on Jan. 19, and in spite of after-effects of stormy weather, the attendance was good. Reports were presented by the warden, the treasurer, the A.Y.P.A. branches of the W.A. and the Ladies Guild. Mr. F.W. Hyndman, reporting for the Church warden, spoke on the activities of the property committee, giving concise detail as to what had been accomplished in repairs and renovation. Action on the rebuilding of the church front, while receiving the attention of the committee, is postponed pending discussion at a special meeting of the congregation to be held at a later date. Col. Paton, speaking with regard to the organ fund, made known that full payment has now been made, due to the generosity of the congregation and friends and the late Miss Mae Trautwick, a former member of the church. A new vestry was elected consisting of Messrs Stanley Bryant, F.W. Hyndman, J.E. Harris, George Michael, Judge Palmer, Col. Paton, Major Peake and W. Emith. Other elections were—Auditors: Colin Bimmore, A.E. Cosh and H.L. Sears. Synod Delegates: A.H. Peake, T.E. Sherren, substitutes, Major MacNutt, F.W. Hyndman. Delegates to D.C.S.: Stanley Bryant and H.L. Sears. A vote of thanks to Rev. E.M. Malone, Mrs. Malone, Miss Brenton and choir was unanimously carried.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS 50c Per Insertion

BIRTHS: DRAKE—At the P. E. I. Hospital on Jan. 18, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorrin Drake, Millview, a daughter, Marilyn Doris. DEATHS: JAMIESON—At the P. E. I. Hospital on Wednesday, Jan. 21, J. G. Jamieson in his 79th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home. Funeral notice later. ALLAN—At Covehead on Wednesday, Jan. 21, Mrs. John R. Allan in her 86th year. Short funeral service at her late residence, this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, then to the MacLean Funeral Home where her remains will rest until Friday. Funeral service in Zion Church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Internment Sherwood Cemetery. CHAISSON—At the Provincial Sanatorium on Wednesday, Jan. 21, Mrs. William Chaisson, aged 30 years. Her remains will be forwarded by train this afternoon from the Frank Hennessey Funeral Home to the residence of her father in Bear River, from where the funeral will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to St. Alex's Church, Rollo Bay. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery.

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RETURN FROM FUNERAL—Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shelton and Mrs. Forbes Kennedy returned to Charlottetown Tuesday night from Moncton where they attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Emery Almain, nee Alice Campbell of Charlottetown.

VISIT POSTPONED—Word was received by Provincial Scout Commissioner Lt.-Col. W.W. Reid Wednesday evening advising that due to the illness of Mr. Jackson Doid, Dominion Scout Commissioner, his proposed visit to Charlottetown on January 29th has been postponed until a later date.

ROAD CONDITIONS—Officials of the Public Works Department report the highways to be in good travelling condition in most sections of the Province. An exception is cited in case of the road from Hunter River to Kensington, which is being held up by heavy snow. In several sections workmen and machines are engaged in widening operations.

SEND FRIENDSHIP BOXES—The T. N. T. group of Trinity Church have completed mailing 41 boxes which they recently collected by driving a friendship car through the city. Twenty-five boxes were sent to Holland, eight to Labrador, ten to England, and two were given to the Larkin family which suffered a tragic loss last Sunday. Cash collected amounted to \$67.82 and \$74.20 was expended in postage.

CITY POLICE COURT—At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, two persons charged under the Prohibition Act was each fined \$20 and costs or 30 days, while a third case under the same act was adjourned for one week. Two men charged with being drunk and incapable were dealt with, one being fined \$10 and costs or 10 days, and the other \$5 and costs or 10 days.

SEEKS CORRESPONDENT—His Honour Lieutenant Governor Bernard has received a letter from a young lady in Wales, seeking a correspondent of her own sex in this Province. "I am nineteen years of age and would very much like to write to some girls living in Prince Edward Island," she writes. "Perhaps you could put me in touch with a few girls who would like to have a pen friend in Wales, or, if not, would it be possible for this letter to be printed in one of your local papers." The letter is signed Miss Olive Piper, 91 Whitechurch Road, Heath, Cardiff, South Wales, United Kingdom.

Personals

The many friends of Mr. W.H. Beaton will regret to learn he is confined to his home with a severe cold.

STATE DEPT.

Continued from page 1 that Molotov is known for his somewhat stubborn manner." 2. A "very secret" memorandum on a discussion in Moscow among Ribbentrop, Stalin and Molotov the night of Aug. 23-24, 1939, quoting Stalin as remarking that if Britain dominated the world "this was due to the stupidity of other countries that always let themselves be bullied." 3. Terms of the German-Soviet trade agreement by which Russia for two years helped the Nazis defeat the British blockade. A Foreign Office memorandum showed that even in April, 1941, when relations between Hitler and Stalin were becoming strained, the Nazis received from Russia 206,000 tons of grain, 80,000 tons of petroleum, 8,800 tons of cotton, and 6,340 tons of copper, tin and nickel. Four thousand tons of raw rubber were shipped across Siberia.

LEGION FUNERAL NOTICE

All War Veterans are requested to meet at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home at 2 P.M. Thursday to attend the Funeral of our Late Comrade Ralph Douglas Carr. F. W. SMITH, Sec'y-Manager, Charlottetown Branch Cdn. Legion B.E.S.L.

Donations To B. I. S. Fire Victims Fund

- Following are contributions to date received in the Benevolent Irish Society's appeal for funds for the family of Mr. Joseph Larkin, victims of the tragic early morning fire last Sunday: Benevolent Irish Society 100.00, Redemptorist Fathers 100.00, City of Charlottetown 25.00, Hon. W. J. P. MacMillan, O. B. E. 20.00, Patriot Pub. Co. 20.00, Mrs. S. R. & Hilda Jenkins 15.00, E. M. Justice G. J. Tweedy 10.00, R. M. Blanchard 10.00, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Turner 10.00, Sidney T. Glyn 10.00, Senator J. P. MacIntyre 10.00, H. R. Large 10.00, Ella B. Cummings 6.00, Dr. D. T. Wayne 5.00, Mr. Thomas Curran, (St. Theresa) 5.00, E. A. Foster 5.00, Claude S. MacMillan 3.00, Wendall MacDonald 2.00, L. D. MacPhee (Clyde River) 2.00, Percy Keenan 2.00, A. Friend 2.00, W. E. McInnis 1.00, James Alfred Egan 1.00, Russell Alfred Egan 1.00, John MacLean (Veterans' Wing) P.E.I. Hospital 1.00, W. E. Bryant (Veterans' Wing) P.E.I. Hospital 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dillon 2.00, Mrs. Fulton Thompson 3.00, Charles Earle 5.00, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jenkins 10.00, Merrill Walsh 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. C. Blanchard 1.00, Percy Gay 5.00, William Grimes 2.00, A. J. DeCoste 5.00, Catholic Women's League 10.00, Boys' Jimmies Taxi 4.00, George Whitehead 1.00, Morrissey Family 4.00, Lt. Col. J. D. Stewart, D.S.O. 1.00, Rev. Bernard Gillis 1.00, J. P. McAleer 1.00, Buddy McAleer 1.00, J. P. Kelly 1.00, A. MacKenzie 1.00, James E. McAlister 2.00, Bob Stevenson 2.00, David Sellick 1.00, Muriel McCaskill 1.00, Frank Coohsey 1.00, Patrick Doyle 5.00, Mrs. Geo. MacCormac 1.00, E. B. Arnfast 5.00, Kiwanis 50.00, Guardian Pub. Co. 25.00, Major T. B. Rogers 10.00, Neg. Brighton 2.00, F. E. Barber Shop 2.00, Mrs. Benjamin 1.00, Garrison's N.C.O.'s Mess (Reserve Army) 18.20, Helen Ramsay 2.00, Mrs. Frank Hogan 1.00, Kinsmen 50.00, William Reddin 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Robertson (Mermaid) 5.00, Employees Prowse Bros. 13.25, Jimmie Lannin 2.00, Ambrose Smith 1.00, Mr. and Mrs. Amby Atkins 4.00, Mr. and Mrs. James Atkins 2.00, Marlon MacMillan 2.00, Jack Callaghan 1.00, Louis Dolron 1.00, Dr. T. E. E. Robins 10.00, Harry Herman 2.00, A. Friend 5.00, F. E. Christopher 1.00.

JURY FINDING

Continued from page 1 holes in the pavement. "After that, I don't recall much. "After that, I don't recall much. "After that, I don't recall much. The accused said he had worked at the Halifax shipyards in 1944 and 1945. He left the shipyards in May, 1945. After that he worked in Chatham, Ont., and was home for a week last August for a holiday. The accused had not been involved in any motor accident in Ontario. The tires and the brakes on his father's car were good. It was Buchanan who had told the accused of the shortcut to the shore. After having a swim they had left Beach Grove about 6 o'clock. Accused intended to take the car home around 8 o'clock. He was going to have supper then. The curve where they turned to go into the field was quite sharp. On the way out the second time the accused did not see three boys on bicycles nor did he see any empty bottle being thrown out of the car. The pit holes were in the pavement as one came to the curve. The accused did not see them but he felt the front wheels jerk. The car was in the centre of the road going around the curve. The accused said he drove slowly through the City and no more than 30 or 35 miles when going to Beach Grove.

Defense Arguments

Mr. Campbell, before addressing the jury, cited several English cases in which constituted criminal negligence. The burden of proof, Mr. Campbell maintained, was on the Crown. It was for the Crown to prove that the accused was a "bad man", that he "mens rea", that is to say, that he had guilty intent when driving the car around the curve at Beach Grove. It is not enough for the Crown to think the accused was in that position; it is for the Crown to prove it. If, Mr. Campbell said, the jury had any reasonable doubt in their minds as to the felonious intent of the accused, then they did not need to examine the facts. Whether the car turned over three times or more had nothing to do with the charge against the accused, Mr. Campbell said, unless the Crown proves the accused is a felon. Otherwise, he was entitled to an acquittal.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Campbell briefly reviewed the evidence as to the speed of the car and the sobriety of the accused. All evidence pointed to the fact, he said, that the accused had been sober and there was no evidence, except that of one boy, to show that the accused had driven more than 35 miles an hour. The evidence of the Crown's own witness, Cpl. Lionel Strong, R.C.M.P., had been that there were two pit holes in the road near the curve and that the cause of the accident could have been that the car had struck them and, out of control, had landed where it did on its side. The Crown, in the person of Mr. Large, was now attempting, Mr. Campbell said, to convict and send the accused to the penitentiary for having struck pit holes on a road whose condition was the responsibility of the Government of which Mr. Large was a member.

There was no evidence to show that the accused had shown any criminal negligence in the driving of the car and he would ask the jury for an acquittal.

Stability With Economy

Mr. Large, addressing the jury, said that while the administration of justice in the Province was in the hands of his Department, the conviction of any person for a criminal offence was solely in the hands of a jury. That fact, Mr. Large said, was the crowning glory of the English law. The Crown charged that on August 5th last, "George Green did unlawfully kill and slay Shirley Biggar and thereby did commit manslaughter" because she was a passenger in a car driven by Green with criminal negligence. That charge, Mr. Large said, had been proven by the evidence submitted to the Court. It is true, Mr. Large admitted, that the curve on the Beach Grove Road was much too sharp. But it had been built for war purposes and was a thoroughfare not greatly used. Moreover, no accidents had happened there before. Mr. MacBachern's evidence was that he had driven the ambulance out there on the evening of Aug. 5th at 50 miles an hour and had had no difficulty.

Mr. Large contended that the evidence of the three boys, had shown that the car had been travelling at an excessive rate of speed even at Government Pond. He would ask for a verdict of "Guilty."

Judge's Charge

After defining the different kinds of homicide, Mr. Justice MacGuigan, in his address to the jury, said it was the duty of the jury to forget everything but the facts of the case. Sympathy, or other sentiments favourable or unfavourable to the accused, should be blotted from their minds. It was his duty to acquaint the jury with the law bearing on the case. It was not for the jury to question that instruction. If he were wrong in his instruction, the accused had a remedy. It was, therefore, their duty to take the law as given to them.

On the other hand, the jury were the sole judges of the facts. The judge has the right to express his opinion on the facts of a case but the jury are not bound to accept that opinion.

There was little or no evidence, His Lordship said, to show that the accused had been under the influence of liquor on Aug. 5th last. There was no apparent reason for the accident. There was no traffic on the road; there was nothing wrong with the car; and the accused knew the road for he had been on it previously that day. The speed, however, was not a determining factor with reference to the road. Even if the accused were only travelling at 35 miles an hour, that speed at that curve was too great, His Lordship said. But one way of determining the speed is by what happened to the car. The body of Miss Biggar

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