

# Island News Page

Eastern and Central Districts

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## Drama Festival Dates Are Given

The Dominion Drama Festival, Prince Edward Island region, is scheduled for Confederation Centre Theatre, Charlottetown, March 17-19.

Lillian M. Duchemin, secretary-treasurer of the local region, in making the announcement, stated that at least three plays (all three acts) must be entered in order to have an adjudication here. Miss Duchemin was looking with optimism toward receiving entries from St. Dunstan's University Dramatic Club, Vagabond Independent Players and Charlottetown and Summerside Little Theatre Guilds.

The island is in Zone 6 which also includes Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland.

One winner will be selected from this zone and go to Victoria for the Dominion finals slated for May 15-21.

Last March "Mama is All" presented by The Circle Theatre Players, Vera Millar director, topped top honors in this region. The zone victor was St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

No announcement of an adjudicator has as yet been made, Miss Duchemin stated that the Dominion Finals for 1967 have already been set for St. John's, Newfoundland where all Canadian plays will be presented.

—ohn R. MacKinnon, Charlottetown, is regional chairman.

## Capital Punishment Debate Seen Tough Commons Battle

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN OTTAWA — The government is clearing the parliamentary decks for what could be the toughest Commons' battle since the flag.

Prime Minister Pearson has promised early debate on the issue of capital punishment. The difference between this and the flag debate is that capital punishment is to be settled by a free vote. The flag issue was almost totally partisan.

Government house leader George McIlraith said in an interview that the debate will be conducted through the medium of a private member's bill—the only way a free vote can be arranged.

"The government will ask the

house to debate the private bill but on time normally allotted for government legislation," Mr. McIlraith said. "If there is any time limit on debate, it will be by agreement among all parties."

SNAG OVERCOME One snag has been overcome. The sponsor of a private bill to abolish capital punishment in the last parliament was a young lawyer from Hastings South in Ontario, Robert Temple. His bill was to have been reintroduced as the basis for the debate, but Mr. Temple was defeated on Nov. 8.

Another Liberal, James Byrne of Kootenay East, British Columbia, is sponsoring a similar bill and has already filed it with parliament. Normally, private members' bills are drawn by lot and come up for debate in that order. In this case, it is expected there will be an agreement to bring the Byrne bill forward as soon as the government is ready to tackle the controversial subject.

"NO DETERRENT" "If we are going to establish the value of human life throughout the world, the state has to stop taking life," Mr. Byrne said in an interview. "Statistics prove capital punishment is not a deterrent to murder but is simply revenge."

The Byrne bill would amend the Criminal Code to abolish capital punishment and substitute a minimum sentence of life imprisonment. The B.C. MP says he is also considering a bill to outlaw prize fighting which he calls legalized murder.

Mr. Byrne is confident of a Commons' majority in favor of his measure, but forces favoring retention are strong. They were given a boost this past week when the attorney-general of Ontario and Quebec were on record as being opposed to abolition.

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Another will demand a commitment that Britain consider using force if the sanctions proved inadequate within "a reasonable time."

TWENTY TO ATTEND Of the Commonwealth's 22 countries, 20 were expected to attend. Ghana and Tanzania — two of the strongest critics of Britain's Rhodesia policy — have said they will not attend.

The host country, Nigeria, first nation besides Britain to take the initiative in calling Commonwealth leaders together has said it does not intend to put Britain on trial.

Nigerian Prime Minister Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa has said his aim is to give the Commonwealth the opportunity of discussing ways of helping Britain bring down the Smith regime.

British Prime Minister Wilson is expected to put before the conference evidence to show sanctions against Rhodesia will be enough to topple Smith.

Informed sources said Wilson also may announce still tougher measures.

EXPECTED TO RESIST Observers also expect some delegates to press Britain again to set a time limit for bringing down the breakaway regime by economic methods, but Wilson is expected to resist firmly such a move.

There have been disturbances for the two days in Western Nigeria.

Sunday's rioting in outer Lagos was between gangs of men armed with machetes shouting western opposition slogans and groups believed to be sympathetic to the Nigerian National Alliance (NNA).

Eyewitnesses said these rioters also used poisoned arrows.

The NNA comprises the Northern People's Congress, which rules Northern Nigeria and dominates the federal coalition government, and the Nigerian National Democratic Party (NNDP), the ruling party in Western Nigeria.

Opposed to the NNA is the United Progressive Grand Alliance comprised of the National Council of Nigeria Citizens, which rules in the East and mid west, and the Western Opposition Action Group, which claims the NNDP rigged recent Western elections.

STEWART FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. Charles D. Stewart was held Saturday, Jan. 8, from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to the Central Christian Church. Service was conducted by Rev. W. O. Weale. Hymns sung were Just As I Am and Safe In The Arms Of Jesus. A solo, The Lord Is My Shepherd, was sung by Preston Beck. The Melody Circle of the King's Daughters attended in a body. Pallbearers were Martin Currie, Alfred Webster, James L. Enman, Percy MacLeod, Irwin L. Miller and Emerson Ford. Flower bearers were Stuart MacKay, Alton Younker, Borden Ford, Howard Hobbs, Roger MacLeod and David MacLeod. Interment was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

MACLEOD FUNERAL — The funeral for Bertha S. MacLeod was held Sat., Jan. 8, from the MacLean Funeral Home where service was conducted by Rev. John G.E. Ball. Remains were placed in the MacLean Memorial vault, later to be interred in Norwood cemetery.

SUN BURNS SMOOTHLY The sun's output of energy does not vary by so much as one per cent.

## General War In Asia Seen As Grave Threat

WASHINGTON (AP)—A five-senator team said here war in Viet Nam will climb toward general war on the Asian mainland if peace efforts fail. They said chances of a negotiated settlement are slim.

The group, led by Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Senate Democratic leader said despite the over-all situation in South Viet Nam stands much as it did a year ago.

"What was controlled by the Viet Cong is still controlled by the Viet Cong," LATEST 35 DAYS Their report on a 35-day, 30,000-mile mission came as the Johnson administration pressed the quest for peace talks.

On peace overture aimed at Hanoi, the report said: "Even though other nations... we are willing to play a third-party role in bringing about negotiations, any prospects for effective negotiations at this time (and they are slim) are likely to be largely dependent on the initiatives and efforts of the combatants."

The senators said there is no reason to think the Soviet Union is anxious to play a significant role in peace efforts.

"They have emphasized repeatedly in public statements, as well as in other ways, they have no intention of taking an initiative for peace in Viet Nam at this time," the report said.

The senators said as the war intensifies, North Viet Nam becomes more dependent on Chinese support—and the likelihood increases Hanoi will not be able to negotiate a settlement without at least the tacit consent of China.

"In fact, that point may already have been reached."

MANPOWER MOUNTS The senators' report told of mounting Viet Cong manpower despite increasing casualties, of supplies for Saigon being taxed by the Viet Cong, and of a possible strain of U.S. alliances at the war continues.

It painted a bleak picture of U.S. prospects should negotiations come now: "Negotiations... if they are

## Dec. Skyfall Below Norm

The total amount of precipitation for Summerside during the month of December was 1.23 inches below the normal accumulation of 3.46 inches.

A record of observations compiled by the meteorological branch at the RCAF station in Summerside reveals that the area received a total precipitation of 2.23 inches. This included 1.03 inches of rain and 15.8 inches of snow.

The highest temperature recorded for the month of December occurred on Dec. 4 when the mercury read 46 degrees.

The coldest temperature recorded was six degrees above zero on three consecutive days from Dec. 23 to Dec. 30. The average temperature for the month was 23.1 degrees.

The strongest wind blew from the north at 60 miles per hour on Dec. 28.

## Gifts Presented For Church Work

At the close of Marsfield — Dunstaffnage church service yesterday an address was read by Mrs. Wallace Wood and a gift was presented to Mrs. Irving Thompson, Dunstaffnage, as a small token of appreciation for her time contributed over the years.

Making the presentation was Mrs. Borden Boswell on behalf of the United Church Women and Wilfred Dennis on behalf of the congregation.

At a church service the previous Sunday, a presentation was made to Ruth Lacey on her retirement as organist and choir leader of the junior choir.

A plaque was presented to Mrs. Wilfred Thompson in appreciation of her work in making gowns for the junior choir.

An intermediate choir has recently been organized in the church.



## P.E.I. DELEGATE

One of the Maritime delegates attending the 1966 Annual Furniture Show in Toronto will be Charles A. MacPhee representing Matthew and MacLean Ltd., Souris. This year's Furniture Show will be held in the Queen Elizabeth Building at the Canadian National Exhibition Park from Jan. 10 to 15. Mr. MacPhee leaves for Toronto by plane on Jan. 12.

accompanying by a ceasefire and standstill, would serve to stabilize a situation in which the majority of the population remains under nominal government control, but in which dominance of the countryside rests largely in the hands of the Viet Cong.

"What might eventually materialize through negotiations from this situation cannot be foreseen at this time with degree of certainty," the senators said. "That is not to say the least, a very satisfactory prospect."

"The viable alternative... is the indefinite expansion and intensification of the war, which will require the continuous introduction of additional U.S. forces.

"The end of that course cannot be foreseen, either, and there are no grounds for optimism that the end is likely to be reached within the confines of South Viet Nam, or within the very near future."

FIRES (Continued from page 1) army convoy of about 100 troops and as many vehicles at Port Hawkesbury, on the Cape Breton side of the Canso Strait, and forced a second convoy to hold up at Camp Debert near Truro.

An army spokesman said the first convoy, carried snow-clearing equipment but was ordered to halt in the face of Cape Breton's blocked highways. The 100 vehicles were parked in a shopping center parking lot at Port Hawkesbury to wait out the storm. The soldiers are part of a 1,200-man force destined for 10 days winter training in Newfoundland.

The fire which killed the four children near Halifax completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dorrington. Dead are their daughters Barbara, 17, Phyllis, 15, five-year-old Noreen and one-year-old Pauline. Mr. Dorrington and four other children were burned slightly. The mother was in hospital when the blaze broke out.

Elmer St. Clair Joudrey died in the fire at Milton, near Liverpool. Harold Lowe, a resident of the home, was burned slightly. The boy was visiting at the time. In Halifax, police closed a one-block section of South Street to traffic when pieces of framework and covering began tearing off an addition being built to the Victoria General Hospital.

ASKS SESSION IN BERLIN BERLIN (AP)—Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin urged the West German government at Thursday to hold more Bundestag (parliament) sessions in Communist-isolated West Berlin. The Bundestag met in West Berlin last April.

EASTERN FUNERALS MACDONALD FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. Malcolm MacDonald was held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9, from the home of her son-in-law, Augustus Ross, Flat River to Valleyfield United Church. Rev. Donald Nicholson conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Graham M. Fraser. Organist was Mrs. Preston Peardon. Hymns sung were The Lord Is My Shepherd and Abide With Me. During the service, a duet, Where We Never Grow Old, was sung by John Beers and Willard Bruce. Pallbearers were Stewart Ross, M.L.A., Gordon Nicholson, William MacRae, Martin MacDonald, John K. MacDonald and Malcolm MacKinnon. Flower bearers were Alexander MacRae, John A. Ross, George MacPherson and Harry Lane. Interment was in Valleyfield cemetery.

MERCURY SHOWS SPEED Mercury is the solar system's smallest and fastest planet.



OFFICERS OF THE P.E.I. Shorthorn Breeders Association were re-elected at the annual meeting held Saturday at Crapaud. Sterling Wood

LEFT, is the secretary-treasurer; Keith Barrett, SECOND FROM RIGHT, is the President and Richard Smith, New Glasgow, at RIGHT, is

the vice-president. George Phelan, Morell, SECOND FROM LEFT, was named as a new director.

best shorthorns at Charlottetown this year. Bill Black, Moffat, Ontario is the reserve. The Dual Purpose breeders chose Dick Huggard, Truro, N.S. with George Wiggins, Kempville, Ontario as alternate. For the local Island shows Athol Roberts, Southport, was named to judge both Shorthorn breeds at Summerside; Keith Barrett at Egmont Bay; Keith Dixon, Clyde River at Souris and Stanley Hurry, Winsloe, at Dun-

## Group Names Committee To Discuss Hays Formula

By NEIL MATHESON A committee headed by Mr. Justice R.R. Bell was named Saturday by the Prince Edward Island Shorthorn Breeders' Association to discuss changes or modifications in the classifications under the Harry Hays formula at livestock exhibitions.

The Angus breeders named a committee — it's headed by Irving MacDonald, York — at their annual meeting last Thursday night — and it is expected the Hereford breeders may do the same when they meet in annual session Tuesday evening at the North River Junior Farmers hall. The idea in mind is that committees from the three beef breeds will make joint recommendations.

The Shorthorn breeders held their meeting in the Community Curling Club quarters at Crapaud. The ladies of the club served a tasty dinner which drew the appreciation of everyone present, and the warm thanks, on behalf of the association, by Mr. Justice Bell. Mrs. Barry Dawson replied.

Speakers at the meeting included Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae, Dr. H.H. Kelly, director of veterinary services; Glen Cotton, provincial beef fieldman; Livestock Director David Peacock who discussed the benefits of participation in a program of record of performance (ROPP) testing for beef sires, the sire-progeny tests, and Neil A. Matheson, Guardian farm editor.

ALL RE-ELECTED The entire slate of officers was re-elected. Keith Barrett, Belmore, Lot 16 who presided, was re-elected as president. Richard Smith, New Glasgow was re-elected vice-president and Sterling Wood, Mt. Herbert was chosen again as secretary-treasurer. George Phelan, Morell was added to the board of directors.

Mr. Wood was warmly praised for the work he has done for the club and George Nicholson, Crapaud received the thanks of the club for the fine job he did in arranging the annual meeting.

The thanks were voiced by Mr. Barrett who also welcomed George MacMillan, Cornwall, representing the Jersey breeders, and Mrs. MacMillan, and Jim Williams, Charlottetown, representing the Ayrshires, and Mrs.

Williams. Mr. Barrett himself was commended warmly later in the meeting when the members prevailed on him to accept the office of president for still another year.

The Shorthorn breeders discussed a suggestion that there is too wide an age spread in the second class for bulls under the Hays formula. Last year, for example, it called for bulls born April 16, 1964 to February 28, 1965. The Angus breeders had suggested it's not fair to the judge, or to the breeders to put young bulls in the same class of such a great variation in age.

HAS OBJECTION Judge Bell objected to the fact that the Hays formula does not permit the showing of bulls beyond two years of age. "I don't suggest that old bulls should be shown," he explained, "but I do feel that animals older than that should be shown. A bull has not nearly reached his full development at two years of age," he suggested.

In a brief review of the year's developments, Mr. Barrett noted with pride that Shorthorn steers had won the grand championship at the Easter Beef Show and at the provincial exhibition. James Cudmore, Winsloe showed the winner at the Easter show and Judge Bell owned the grand champion of the provincial exhibition in August.

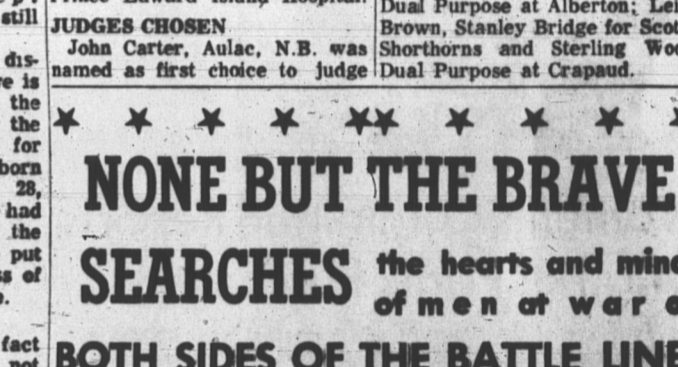
In addition Dual Purpose Shorthorn breeders from the Island cleaned up practically all of the major prizes last November at the Atlantic Winter Fair. They were Sterling Wood and Son, Mt. Herbert — they took the premier breeder and exhibit banners — Keith Barrett, Dan Jewell, East Wiltshire and Waldron MacPhee, Elmwood.

Gerald Dollar, Winsloe, took the reserve grand female honors in the Scotch Shorthorns. Unfortunately Mr. Dollar was not able to be present Saturday as he is reported to be a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

JUDGES CHOSEN John Carter, Aulac, N.B. was named as first choice to judge

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