

# Legion Sponsors School For Retarded Children

A day training class for retarded children is now on the forward march in Charlottetown, due first to the careful planning and arduous interest in such children by a small group of Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L., which has taken on the sponsorship of this worthy project, and thirdly to the deep interest and co-operation of governmental departments and the City School Board.

The idea was received favourably at the first Legion meeting at which it was proposed, about a year ago. The pros and cons were discussed and well weighed at this and succeeding meetings. Committees were formed; contact was made with the Department of Education, Department of Health and City School Board, etc. All were sympathetic to the idea. All were willing to co-operate, but all felt that the project should be the special responsibility of some particular organization. That organization was the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion.

**SCHOOL ROOM REMODELLED**  
The City School Board agreed to provide a room in one of the City Schools. This room was remodelled and redecorated by the free services of Legion members. The Department of Education provided financial assistance. The Kinette Club contributed generously in furnishings and equipment, and everything was beginning to shape up well.

Much thought had been given to a suitable teacher for such a class. The Parents Association had heard about the work of one, Miss Sue Hollett, and they decided to write to her to see if she knew of anyone whom she could recommend as teacher. They were indeed more fortunate than they had anticipated when Miss Hollett, herself, decided to come and organize the school. She proved to be the ideal person for this important work. She had been a former nursery school teacher, and received her training at the Institute of Child Study at the University of Toronto. She also had considerable experience in establishing programs for trainable children. Furthermore, she had just completed a three month study of special classes and institutions in the United States before coming to Charlottetown.

**BOARD APPOINTED**  
Soon after Miss Hollett's arrival in February, a meeting was called and a representative group assembled in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. At this meeting a board of directors was formed with members chosen from the Parents Association, the Legion and the Kinette Club. The Superintendent of City Schools is also a member. The teacher of the school and the child psychiatrist of the Mental Health Clinic serve as professional advisers to the Board of Directors. Preparations began immediately and the class opened after the Easter vacation, with six children attending a morning session. Children who are not ready for a group experience receive special help in the afternoon. Since that time others have been added while others are prepared for group experience by visits to the homes. These too will be added to the groups as they become trainable. The Mental Health Clinic plays an important role. The children are screened and parents are receiving help and guidance in being able to discuss their common problem with Dr. Malcolm Beck, Child Psychiatrist, at the Clinic. Dr. Beck keeps up to date on the development of the group through weekly conferences with the teacher. The school also has the services of the Department of Public Health, and Miss Ida MacKay, Superintendent of Public Health Nurses has been added to



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the board as a Consultant. The children's entry to school was happy and free from strain because of frequent visits in the home by the teacher which resulted in a good teacher-child relationship. Also the children had visited the school with their parents before the opening day.

**PERSONAL ATTENTION**  
Each child is receiving personal attention, according to his needs, and through creative play equipment, development of finger dexterity and muscular co-ordination is being aided, the span of attention increased, and the children are experiencing joy in being able to complete a task. Emphasis is being placed on the development of speech and music is an important part of the program. A child sometimes experiments with words for the first time, when he is relaxed and happy in a music circle. It takes time and patience to teach children who are retarded and progress is often slow. They are taught to function at their own mental level. With consistent training they will, in time, be capable of looking after their own personal needs. By learning to get along with others they will find life in the community more pleasant and their lives will be more useful.

Parents and teacher are working together in an effort to establish relations and create hobbies in the home, whereby the children will learn to use their leisure hours more constructively. Miss Hollett, during her stay in Charlottetown, has accomplished a great deal. The foundation has been well laid and a good teacher-parent association established. She has made many visits to the homes of retarded children, has talked over many problems with parents and has instituted many rules of routine which have left the parents in a better position to understand and cope with the particular problems of the children.

**WORK IN GOOD HANDS**  
Feeling that her work of organization was completed here, she has now gone to establish a similar school in Dartmouth. The local board feels that she has left the work in good hands—those of Miss Jacqueline Cummiskey who has been associated with Miss Hollett in the school since September of last year. It is thought that because she is a graduate of Prince of Wales College, because of her experience in a class of a similar nature in Montreal for one year and also because of her teaching at the provincial school with Miss Hollett, Miss Cummiskey is well fitted and qualified for the position. She is an intelligent and accomplished young lady who is deeply interested in the problems of retarded children. Her ability as a musician will stand her in good stead as music has proved an important factor in the instruction of such children. She will continue to hold weekly conferences with Dr. Malcolm Beck, who spares neither time nor energy in the interest of these children. Miss Cummiskey

## Annual Concert Held At Stanhope Church

Stanhope United Church was decorated in keeping with the festive season for the annual concert, presented by the children of the Sunday School, assisted by the members of the church choir, on the evening of Dec. 18th. A large audience filled the church and listened very attentively to the members as they were called by the minister, Rev. W. Forsythe. Included in the program was an address read by Mrs. Harry Lawson, with the presentation of gifts by Rev. W. Forsythe to Mrs. Warren Marshall, church organist, also to Mrs. Fred Brownning, assistant organist for the mid-summer months.

Following is the program:—  
Opening hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful.  
Prayer—Rev. W. Forsythe.  
Welcome—Doris Chappell.  
Drill: Christmas—by nine boys.  
Solo: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child—Barrie Ross.  
Recitation: We Love Him—Charlotte Youland.  
Song: Here We Come to Bethlehem—Kindergarten girls.  
Recitation: Your Part—Brenda MacLauchlan.  
Song: The First Noel—Senior girls and boys.  
Recitation: Television—Donnie Johnson.  
Reading: The Search—Ronnie Higgins.  
Quartet: "Softly the Night is Sleeping"—Mrs. Harry MacLauchlan, Mrs. Warren Marshall, Ray

Carr and Lloyd Shaw.  
Play: Set Upon a Candlestick. Solo: Under the Stars—Audrey Douglas.  
Anthem by the Choir: The Angels Song.  
Recitation: World Harmony—Linaus Misener.  
Duet: Blessed Babe—Heather and Donna Marshall.  
Recitation: Your Guest—Donnie Ellis.  
Christmas Message—Rev. W. Forsythe.  
Song by Sunday School: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Closing hymn: Joy to the World.  
After the closing hymn fudge was passed around while the gifts were distributed from under the tree by the Sunday School teachers. Rev. W. Forsythe spoke very highly of the superintendent Harry

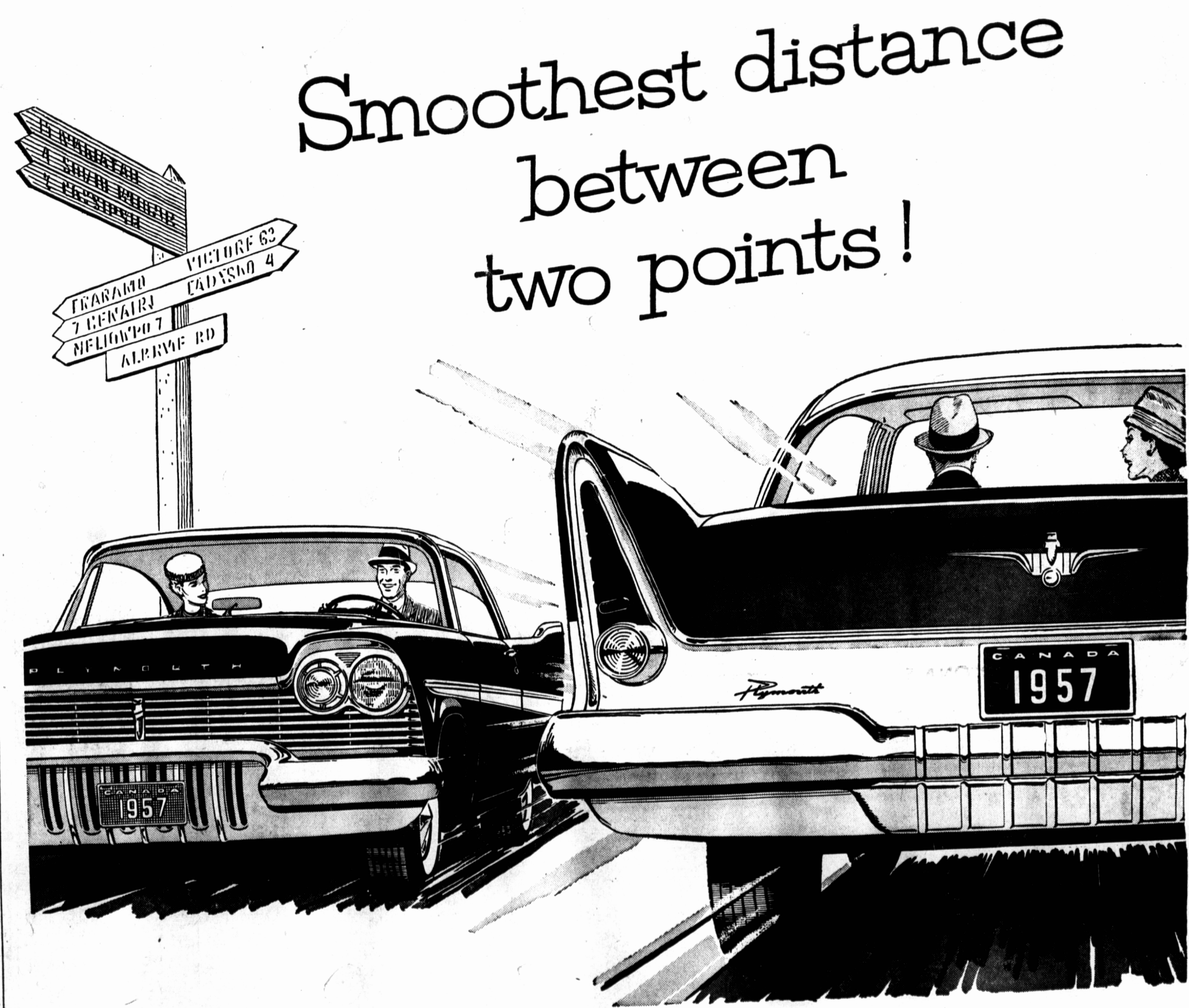
## WEST COVEHEAD W.I.

The regular meeting of West Covehead W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Leith MacKinnon on Dec. 4th with eleven members present. Meeting opened with the Ode followed by the Collect. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. An appeal was read from the T.B. League and it was moved and seconded that \$5.00 be donated to that. It was also decided that \$5.00 be donated for treats for the school children at Christmas. There was a discussion on having a bazaar in the Community Hall and it was decided that each member bring several articles and five lunches for sale to be held on Dec. 12th. School committee reported, brushes be purchased for school. Sick committee no report, a letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Victor Deacon. Sewing course reported one dress and two sweaters handed in. Next place of meeting Mrs. Ro-

land Bearisto's. Roll call to be answered with 10 cents for cards, Lunch committee Mrs. Orr McCann, Mrs. George Bell, Mrs. Roland Bearisto. Collection for the evening \$2.25. Birthday box \$7.70. Bingo for next meeting, Mrs. Walter McLure, Mary Forsyth and Mrs. R. Bearisto.  
After a delicious lunch served by hostess and committee in charge, meeting closed with the Queen and all enjoyed a social hour together.

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## Coming Events

- Married couples dance Corran Ban Hall, Friday January 11th.
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- Brookfield annual church meeting will be held in the church Tuesday, January 8th, at 2 p.m.
- Cards, Dance in Vernon River Hall, Wednesday Jan. 9. Cards 8-9:30. Webster's Orchestra.
- Strathalbyn District L.O.L. will meet in Rose Valley, Wednesday, January 9th at 2:30. All members requested to attend.
- Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rolie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service, 9:30 to 12:30.
- Big Bingo at Morell Community Hall, Wednesday. The prizes will be good. The Jack Pot is \$100. 8 o'clock.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Webster's Orchestra. P. A. System and Canteen service.
- Week of Prayer Service, Milton Anglican with Winsloe United, at Highfield Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock; Milton Friday evening at 8.
- Special meeting regarding new killing plant and meat packing plant, Montague Co-op. Board Room, Wednesday evening, January 10. Farmers Abattoir Co. Ltd.
- Cherry Valley Y.P.U. variety concert featuring a one-act comedy, in Millview hall, Wed. January 9. Sponsored by Vernon River Women's Institute.
- Double-Header Hockey game at North River tonight. Milton vs. Cornwall. 7:30 sharp. York vs. Hampshire 8:45. League games. Admission 25 cents. Skate after.
- Shur-Gain Amateur Calvacade in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Sours, Jan. 16th. Sponsored by Chapstow W.I. Send entries to Mrs. Syl A. MacDonald P.O. Box. 171, Sours.

## Concert Is Held In Hazelbrook Church

The Hazelbrook Sunday School children presented their annual Christmas concert in Hazelbrook Church on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Rev. C. W. Passey acted as chairman and the program opened with the Christmas carol "O Come All Ye Faithful." Chorus "Little Snowflakes" was given by the Sunday School with a "Welcome" recitation by Brent MacKinnon. A Christmas exercise was done by Gladys Farquharson, Alan Wood, Edison Wood, Valerie Crane, Donnie Wood, Melvyn Crane, Lowell Carver, David Jenkins and Byron Jones.

Little Jeanie Farquharson, aged three years, entertained with a song. A Christmas recitation was given by Donnie Jenkins and Bruce Pippy. A lullaby was sung by Diane Jones and Valerie Crane. The members of the C.G.I.T. sang the number, "There's a song in the air." Recitation was given by Donnie Farquharson.

A Christmas pageant "The Littlest Shepherd" was presented. "Joseph" was portrayed by Donnie Jenkins, "Mary" by Beatrice Farquharson, "Three Shepherds," by Brian Crane, Leigh Jenkins, Horace Carver, "Three Wise Men," Charles Passey, Gary Passey, Bobby Farquharson. "The Littlest Shepherd" Lowell Farquharson. "Mother and two children" Jean MacKinnon Kenneth Jones and June MacCabe.

"Away in a Manger" was sung by Phyllis Jones and Sharon Passey while rocking chair pantomime was presented by Nancy Pippy, Beverly MacKinnon, Jeanie Farquharson, Marlene Jones and Linda Crane. Recitation was given by Norman Pippy and the closing recitation by Jackie Farquharson.

The children were treated with candy and oranges and the gifts were passed to the children from under the gaily decorated Christmas tree.