



NORTHAM School chorus, winners of the group singing competition, grades 4, 5 and 6, in the 1 to 3 classroom division, in Schurman's School Parade for the 1956-57 season, form left to right, are: FRONT Shirley Dymont, Marjorie Paugh, Brian Colwill, David Moore, Betty Colwill, Glenn Ellis, Jean Rodd. SECOND ROW Terry Ellis, Marjorie Ellis, Elwood Ellis, Valerie Ellis, Carol MacKay, Linda Colwill, Johnny Colwill, Raymond Paugh, and Jean Rodd.



INDIVIDUAL first place winners in the 1 to 3 classroom division, in Schurman's School Parade, in the 1956-57 season, are, from left to right, SEATED Helen Linkletter, Anne Leard, Kathleen Ellis, Valerie Woodside, Astrid Millar, Mbercia Simmons. STANDING William Ramsay, Carl MacLeod, Victor Chaisson, Sharon Crozier, Donald Linkletter, Edith Birch.

Search For Oil & Gas Handicapped In Quebec

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 QUEBEC (CP)—Historic land grants and subdivisions, some dating back to the era when Canada was New France, complicate the search for oil and natural gas in this province.
 Exploration is expected to be intensified this year following the discovery of natural gas at Batiscon, 90 miles southwest of Quebec City, by the Bald Mountain Oil Company Ltd. The well flowed under good pressure at about 3,500,000 cubic feet daily.
 Arpent, seignories, parishes, lots, concessions—these are words in the Quebec oil seeker's vocabulary which his western counterpart rarely hears.
 "A western land man would be lost here," said one Quebec oil man. "On the Prairies, land divisions are fairly orderly. But not here."
 and the 19th and 20 century Canadian all had a hand in making the land subdivisions picture what it is today.
 "What complicates things even more than the lack of uniformity is the vagueness of the boundaries of the old subdivisions, some of which date back three centuries," said Dr. I. W. Jones, a native of Edmonton and head of the province's geological service.
 He is one of the government officials responsible for the administration of the mining act which governs mineral exploration and development.
 In the days of early French settlement, land grants, or seignories, stretched back from the St. Lawrence River and frequently were irregularly shaped.
 Parishes were also formed. These were divided into concessions, which in turn were carved up into lots. Towns and villages were established by government decree.
 Later the British made an effort to subdivide regularly the land south of the St. Lawrence River. But even the eastern townships, as this area later became known, are not absolutely regular. However they were the result of the first attempt in Canada to divide land into regular ranges and lots.
TOWNSHIPS FORMED
 More recently, the provincial government has formed townships, each 10 miles square, in many areas. Practically none of the land considered worth exploring for oil and gas, however, lies in this area.
 "What adds to complications are subdivisions made by individual farmers. A father who wanted to give each of his sons some land subdivided his farm into strips," said Dr. Jones.
 Mineral rights — the ownership of the oil, gas and other minerals

found, are another headache.
 "In most cases the mineral rights belong to the crown," said Dr. Jones. "But every title has to be checked. In some cases the French King reserved only the gold and silver for himself when he made the land grants. In other cases he kept all minerals."
 Generally, the owner of the land also owns the minerals found on it if it was patented before 1880. But seignories are in exception. Invariably the king reserved all minerals for himself when he made these grants.
MOVES CAREFULLY
 An oil man must know who owns the mineral rights and make appropriate arrangements before exploration. If the farmer owns them, the oil man must make a deal with him individually.
 If the crown owns the rights, companies must deal with the provincial government — a process most oil men prefer. Until three years ago, companies wanting to drill merely staked claims, but staking was withdrawn because it created many problems and became a nuisance in the heavily-populated lowlands, Dr. Jones said.
 An exploration company that wants land now applies to the provincial government for a mineral exploration licence covering a specified area.
 Oil companies have also simplified the land phase of their operations by obtaining licences only on the old seignories, on which mineral rights generally are owned by the crown.
 Few Quebec landowners will make fortunes in the oil business unless they own the mineral rights. The farmer who owns the surface rights receives payment for the value if the land on which the drilling rig is located plus compensation for crop damage, severance and inconvenience.

IN MEMORIAM

J. CLARENCE CAMPBELL
 The unexpected death of J. Clarence Campbell occurred on Monday, April 23rd, in Somerville, Mass. He was in his 57th year. Although in poor health for nearly two years his death came as a great shock to his family and friends. He was a former resident of Summerside, P.E.I.
 He leaves to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father, his wife, the former Aiona Gallant of Wellington, P.E.I. two sons, James Clarence Jr. Somerville, and David at home; seven daughters, Florence, Mrs. Lewis Dubbs; June, Mrs. Louis House; Jean, Mrs. Charles Foster; Marie, Mrs. Orville Gillis, all of Somerville; Ruth Mrs. Gus Householder of Cleveland, Ohio; Joan and Lind at home.
 Two sisters also survive him, Aletha, Mrs. Morton Larkin, New Glasgow, P.E.I.; Vera, Mrs. R.H. Michael Somerville, Mass. A brother Earle passed away three years ago. Mr. Joseph MacDugall of Summerside, P.E.I. residing in Charlottetown is an uncle.
 The funeral took place from the

DOUBLE DUTIES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Tunisian Ambassador Mongi Slim leaves here Thursday for Ottawa to present his credentials as his country's ambassador to Canada. Slim also acts as Tunisia's ambassador to the United States.
 McKenna Funeral Home to St. Benedict's Church where requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Brennick who also officiated at the grave.
 Interment was in the Church cemetery by his daughter Peggy who predeceased him many years ago.

Plan For Red Cross Water Safety Week

"Water Safety is one of the prime Red Cross programs in Prince Edward Island," stated Mr. Keith Lapp, at a Red Cross Provincial water safety meeting at the Rendezvous on Tuesday evening.
 Mr. Ian Rankin was chairman of this meeting in the absence of Rev. M. D. Dunbar. Mr. Walter R. Shaw, President of the P.E.I. Red Cross welcomed the Water Safety Committee chairman who represented towns and communities throughout the province. Mr. Shaw, wholeheartedly supported the recommendation that the Red Cross Water Safety Service put forth every effort to support the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in their efforts to have the fisherman of this province comply with the regulations of the Canada Shipping Act regarding life jackets, ring buoys and fire lighting equipment for their boats.
 Water Safety Week, June 16-22, was one of the main items for discussion. Plans were formulated for demonstrations in many centres of artificial respiration and other safety skills during this week.
 Mr. Wendell Birt and Corporal Sanford represented the Souris Lions Club, and Mr. Donald Gordon, the Kensington Lions, Mr. Keith Lapp and Mr. Ralph MacFarlane spoke for the Summerside Y's Mens Club and Mr. Joe Kelly for the Morell Legion. Chief MacArthur from Charlottetown and Mr. Birt Blacquire from North Rustico each contributed to the various plans for the summer program.
 Mr. Frank McNitt brought to the meeting the experience of thirteen years as local chairman of the Malpeque Water Safety Committee. This community was one of the earliest organized units in the province.
 Mrs. Dermot MacLean of Milo spoke with contagious enthusiasm of the swimming classes in her area. Mrs. Fred Gates, West Royalty, Mrs. Fulton Sanderson and Mrs. Grodon MacEwen of York Point, Mrs. Crosby of Bunbury, Mrs. Charles Hyde of Meadowbank, Mrs. Earl Lowther and Mrs. Herbert Scott of Cornwall, all represented committees which carry on Swimming and Water Safety courses under the sponsorship of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Wilfred Thompson of Dunstaffnage made arrangements for a film show and demonstration in her community during Water Safety Week. Mrs. Eugene Cullen spoke as chairman of the summer colony at Keppoch. Several other men and women who are active in the Water Safety Services were present.
 Mrs. Harry W. Cudmore, director of the Red Cross Water Safety Services stated that last year P.E.I. lost 13 people through drownings. So far in 1957 there has been no loss of life. She appealed to the Water Safety Committees in the 65 centres to do everything possible to "Water-proof" their residents and thereby keep up our fine record of NO DROWNINGS in 1957.

Cheddar Cheese Imports Banned "For The Present"

OTTAWA (CP)—The government, by order-in-council, has banned all imports of cheddar cheese "for the present" put it under import control for one year.
 The action was announced Tuesday by Trade Minister Howe in a statement which added that "claims of special hardship or loss arising from this action by the government will be investigated and appropriate recommendations will be considered."
 He said the move was decided upon to help support the Canadian price of cheese, protected by a federal-Ontario price guarantee.
 Canadian cheese producers had tried for some years to have the government control imports, but without success. They also had asked that the duty rate on New Zealand-Australian cheese be increased to protect Canadian production.
NEW ZEALAND CONCERNED
 Canada, producing a lot of cheese itself, imports only small amounts of it, mostly from New Zealand, which was reported

deeply concerned over the Canadian action.
 Taken in the wake of a previous announcement that Canada was renegotiating its trade agreements with New Zealand and Australia. Cheese is allowed in from these two countries at a special tariff of one cent a pound. The rate for non-Commonwealth countries is three cents a pound.
 Mr. Howe said Ontario cheese producers have negotiated to sell cheese to buyers and processors at 34 cents a pound.
 To help keep cheese at this price, the federal government has guaranteed the Ontario cheese producers co-operative a price of 24 cents a pound. This was supplemented by another 10-cent-a-pound guarantee by the Ontario government.
 Canada's cheese stockpile on May 1 totalled 28,600,000 pounds, Mr. Howe said, up 2,000,000 from last year. Canadian production was five per cent higher than a year ago and was expected to continue at that level for the rest of the year.

BRISTOL

Mr. Alfred Sinnott, of the staff of Chandler Brothers, has just returned to his home in Charlottetown, after a lengthy stay in Gander, Newfoundland, where his firm put in the interior and furnishings for a new Eaton's of Canada store. Mr. Sinnott, whose old home is here said it was quite an experience to fly there with their tools and equipment to do the big job and the trip home was an all night flight. Mr. Sinnott is a brother of Joe Sinnott, Mail Driver.
 The very serious illness of Mr. Mike McCarthy, is very much regretted by his many friends. Mr. McCarthy, a life long resident of this vicinity is about ninety and until his present illness was very hale and hearty. Mr. McCarthy, who has been known as Pa, for many a day had a visit from his former pastor, Rev. Phalen McKenna, on learning of the grave illness of his old neighbour and friend called at his bed side Tuesday to bring his blessing at this hour.
 The sudden passing of Mr. Ernest Tobin at his home in Morell East on Sunday was a shock to this vicinity despite the fact that Mr. Tobin, had suffered a heart ailment that caused him to resign

his position on the C. N. Railway some time recently.
 His funeral was held on Tuesday morning to the church of the Little Flower where funeral Mass was sung by his pastor Rev. E. Robin, who also conducted service at the grave. The funeral was largely attended the sincere sympathy of this vicinity is extended to his dear mother and several sisters and brothers.
 Mr. Joe MacDonald, who has returned from Camp Hill Hospital recently will replace the late Alfred Jay on his fish route.
 Mr. William MacDonald was here from the city last week to look over his property that is vacant.
 Joe Sinnott, has been reported as in poor health for quite some time this spring. With warmer weather his friends all hope to see him in top health again.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapierre, who returned to this vicinity from Montreal to reside last summer have moved into their new home near the Little Flower Church. Mr. Lapierre's father who is retired, will reside with them.

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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. G. ARSENAULT
 The death occurred at her home in Egmont Bay Friday, April 19, of Mrs. Genevieve Arsenaault in her 82nd year. Following a lengthy illness she leaves to mourn her passing, her son, Gerard on the homestead, 2 daughters, Mrs. Stanley Gaudet, (Hermine) Bloomfield, and Mrs. Leah Gallant, Montreal, who arrived home to be with her mother in her last moments; also 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.
 The late Mrs. Arsenaault was the wife of the late Azade J. Arsenaault who predeceased her 3 years ago. The funeral was held Monday morning in Egmont Bay Church. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by the curate Rev. W. MacIntyre and pastor, Rev. J. N. Poir-