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COME TO the dance on Thursday evening, May 11th at Bruce Crozier's Ballie, Lot 18.

BRADALBANE HALL, Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, Federation of Agriculture Meeting. Special speakers.

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KINSMEN MEETING—George Olsamp was chairman of the regular meeting of the Kinsmen Club of Summerside held last evening in the Olympia and two new members, Bob Ross and Keith Mollison, were initiated and presented with Kinsmen pins. The ceremony was carried out by past president Charles Hogan, president Elmer Offer and vice president, George Olsamp. The sum of \$17.00 was voted to help defray the cost of transporting children to Charlottetown for the Musical Festival.

TO LECTURE HERE — Mr. Zaner H. Mack, Truro, N. S., the Maritime representative of the Mission to Lepers will give an illustrated lecture on the work of this mission in the Presbyterian Church Hall on Wednesday, May 10th, at 8:00 p. m. This meeting is open to the public and it is hoped that a large crowd will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear about the wonderful work this mission is doing among the lepers.

Small Deficit For S'side Is Forecast

A deficit of \$2904.00 was forecast for the year 1950 at the regular meeting of the Summerside Town Council last evening, Councillor J. L. Gorrill, chairman of the finance committee presented the estimates and announced that there would be no change in the tax rate this year.

Estimated revenue for the year is \$186,496.00 and estimated expenditures are \$189,400.00. Councillor Gorrill said that an increase in expenditures over the previous year was estimated at \$9,097.92 and that it was estimated that revenue will decrease by \$5,403.00. This decrease is anticipated even though the assessed real estate value has increased by \$169,521.00 and personal property has also increased in value.

Councillor Gorrill said, "It is to be noted that we have to depend on the electric light plant revenue to balance our budget and although all material, such as oil, wages, etc. have doubled in the past number of years, owing to the steady increase in electrical energy used, the favourable rate charged has not been increased.

The tax rate of \$17.00 per thousand and the poll tax of \$4.00 will not be changed this year. "I will venture to say that this is the lowest rate of any town in Canada of the same size with the same conveniences," the Councillor said.

"I must stress to the chairmen of the different departments that this budget has been very carefully prepared and the amount shown for expenditure in each department must not be exceeded."

Mayor Wedge thanked Councillor Gorrill for his report and said that he could almost forecast an increase in the tax rate for 1951 so that the debentures for street paving can be taken care of. — S

MacNaught Comments On Fish Prices

OTTAWA, May 9—(CP)—J. W. MacNaught, Parliamentary Assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew, told the Commons today 1950 prices for Newfoundland salt codfish will be determined by output in other producing countries and by overseas demand.

However, he told G. F. Higgins (PC-St. John's East), the Fisheries Price Support Board "has and will continue to have this situation, as it may affect the Canadian salt fish trade, under the closest review."

"In the light of unfolding conditions and any needs that may later arise, the Board will recommend to the Government the course of action it believes the situation then calls for."

He said Board officials are keeping in "constant touch" with the situation in Newfoundland. "World prices for salted codfish, he continued, remained above wartime levels throughout 1949 while prices of other primary products moved downward.

STUDENT NURSES

Applications are now being received for the September class. Entrance requirements Grade XI Maritime Board certificate or second year Prince of Wales certificate. Apply Superintendent Prince County Hospital, Summerside, P. E. I.

S'side Town Council Gives Rink Decision

The Town of Summerside will not build a rink and will not hold a plebiscite to determine the feelings of the citizens on the matter but will give substantial financial assistance to any private enterprise that undertakes to build one.

This decision was made at the regular monthly meeting of the Council last evening after members of the citizens committee had spoken and some blunt words had been uttered by Mr. J. K. Curran, one of the committee spokesmen.

In passing the resolution the unusual procedure was followed of the Mayor leaving the chair to move the motion which was passed unanimously.

After the passing of bills, Councillor T. D. Morrison arose to say that some members of the citizens' committee on the rink were present and as they were busy men he would like to have them heard at this time.

Mayor Henry Wedge said that the proper procedure to be followed by citizens wishing to address a Council meeting is to give three days' notice but if a motion were passed giving them leave to speak he would have no objection.

Mr. Curran Speaks Immediately on the motion being passed, Mr. J. K. Curran started to speak. He said that this matter of a new artificial rink or community center has been much talked of, and he understood that this committee of public men has done some work on it but they have not got anywhere.

"Any time they came before the Council they got the brush-off". He said that elsewhere rinks are being built by a community effort and Summerside should not be any different. All citizens should be taxed for it. He stated that the committee has asked the Council twice to hold a plebiscite.

"You fellows are giving us the run-around or something. I have a hanger which I will give if you want it. Why give us the run-around? This hanger must be moved during the next month. It is up to you fellows. We have all put a lot of time on it and some dough too. I'd like to know how many of the council are in favor of it and how many are against it."

At this point Mayor Wedge said that the Council would hear the committee and give a decision immediately.

Dr. H. E. Clark, chairman of the committee said that in other places such things are being done by a community effort and the committee thought that the citizens should be "felt out" on the matter. "Our objective is that we must have a rink at all costs."

Mr. T. L. Linkletter asked if the Council thought it was necessary to have a plebiscite before proceeding.

Mayor Wedge thanked the committee for the thought, interest and time put on the matter and said that the Council has given much consideration but "we feel that a real attempt has not been made to organize a company to do the job."

He then asked Councillor J. L. Gorrill to take the chair and he moved the resolution given below which was seconded by Councillor Gorrill. The meeting then proceeded with regular business but in a few minutes Councillor Morrison brought up the matter again and said he would like to ask Dr. Clark if the resolution just passed was what the committee wanted.

He said he felt that if a plebiscite were held the proposal would be turned down by the citizens.

Mayor Wedge said that as the matter was disposed of he saw no point in bringing it up again. At this point Mr. Curran said, "the rink is out then", and the members of the committee left the meeting.

Text Of Resolution

The following is the resolution: "Whereas the citizens' rink committee have by resolution addressed to the Town Council requested that a plebiscite be held forthwith to learn if the taxpayers are in favor of the Town erecting an artificial ice rink.

"Resolved that it is the considered opinion of this Council that the town should not undertake the construction of a rink or should it become owners or operators of same.

"But this Council hereby go on record as being prepared to assist any incorporated company of citizens that may be organized for such a purpose to the extent of providing free electric power, water and taxes for a period of five years.

"And further this Council is prepared to enter into a satisfactory arrangement with such a company to provide financial assistance up to an amount not exceeding 50 per cent of the cost of such a rink, the maximum sum to be provided by the Town not to exceed \$50,000, providing plans and specifications submitted meet with the approval of the Town Council."—S.

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CHICAGO, May 5—(AP)—Carmen Mauro, 23-year-old rookie outfielder, today was optioned to their Springfield, International League farm club by Chicago Cubs.