

### Island Man On Executive Com. Tourist Ass'n



George V. Fraser, (above) Director of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau, has been re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Canadian Tourist Association, it has been announced following a meeting of the C.T.A. Board of Directors.

Others elected to the 1954-1955 Executive Committee include: Col. C. D. Crowe, M.C. Deputy Minister of the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity, Gerard DeLage, Executive Secretary, Province of Quebec Hotelkeepers Association; Joseph G. Fisher, Passenger Traffic Manager Canada Steamship Lines; John E. Gibson, Merchandising Manager, Retail Sales Division, Imperial Oil Limited; George E. Herman, Director, Nova Scotia Bureau of Information; George A. Martin, Wigwagam Lodge, Ontario; M. Louis Pare, Director, Quebec Municipal Tourist Bureau; Edwin G. Rowbottom, Honorary Life Member from Victoria, B.C.; Robert A. Tweedie, Director, New Brunswick Travel Bureau; Ian Warren, General Passenger Traffic Manager, Canadian Pacific Railway Company; John T. Whiteford, General Passenger Traffic Manager Canadian National Railways.

#### NORTHERN LAKE

Reindeer lake on the northern Saskatchewan-Manitoba boundary has an area of 1,765 square miles.

#### HISTORIC ISLAND

Sable Island 170 miles east of Halifax is shown on a map of 1565 as "Santa Cruz."

#### HOWARD McINNIS

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#### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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#### BIRTHS

MACLEOD—At Greenwood, N. S., on December 5th, 1954, to P.O. Douglas H. and Mrs. MacLeod (nee Jean Cullon, R. N.), a daughter.

#### DEATHS

HOOPER—On Nov. 24, 1954, Benjamin Lemuel Hooper, Kneehill Valley, Alberta, in his 81st year, formerly of North Milton, Prince Edward Island.

#### NICHOLSON

At Tryon, Dec. 11, 1954, Barbara Ester Nicholson, aged 50 years, formerly of Craupud, funeral was held Monday, Dec. 13, from the United Church, Interment Craupud Cemetery.

#### SHERREN

At Moncton City Hospital, Dec. 12, 1954, Mrs. Sarah Sherren formerly of Bedouque in her 59th year. Remains will be forwarded from Davison's Funeral Home to Central Bedouque Baptist Church, Wednesday noon when funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

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### City and Central

#### FIREMEN CALLED

Firemen responded last evening at 6:45 to a call at 83 Cumberland Street. There was no damage, except from smoke.

#### HARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN

Church. The annual Christmas Sunday school concert will be presented in the hall at Hartsville tonight, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. A cordial welcome to all.

#### FUNERAL AT HIGHFIELD

The funeral of the late Robert B. Weeks was held yesterday afternoon from the MacLean Funeral Home to Highfield United Church, where service was conducted by Mr. Heber Hardy and Rev. A. F. MacLean. The pall bearers were Messrs. Stewart MacKinnon, Lemuel MacKinnon, Joseph Curley, Stewart MacFarlane, George Peters, Stillman Prizell.

#### DIES IN REGINA

Mrs. Nelson Du Russell, the former Florence MacFadyen, passed away in hospital at Regina on Saturday, Dec. 11 according to a telegram received in Charlottetown on Sunday. Messrs. Millar MacFadyen and Norman MacFadyen are brothers. Mrs. Dr. Taper of MacDonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que., and Miss Ena MacFadyen, R.N., Montreal, are sisters.

#### CONDITION SATISFACTORY

Mrs. Peter Oliver, 87-year-old Charlottetown woman who was struck by a truck on Saturday evening, is resting comfortably at the Prince Edward Island Hospital following the accident. Her physician reports that the only factor not in her favor is her advanced age.

#### THREE ACCIDENTS

Three automobile accidents occurred in the city yesterday. The first at 10:50 a.m. was when a car travelling south on Hillsboro Street collided with a car travelling west on Water Street. Damage to each vehicle was to left front and rear fenders. At 12:45 p.m. two cars collided at the intersection of Upper Queen and Bayfield. There was considerable fender damage to both cars. At 5 p.m. a car travelling south on Hillsboro Street was in collision with a truck travelling north on Water Street. The truck badly damaged in the front end while the truck had its springs and drive shaft broken.

#### Construction Work For Oil Co. To Start

The Irving Oil Company will commence the construction today of a new service station on the southeast corner of Prince and Gratton streets, and of a new storage plant near Hillsboro bridge.

Only recently the site of the new service station was cleared by the demolition of an old residence, and preparatory filling and leveling has been carried out at the location of the storage plant. The latter will be built near Hillsboro bridge on the Charlottetown side of the river, and just west of where the shoreline and the bridge meet. Already considerable, the construction of the new plant will represent a considerable expansion of the Irving Oil facilities in the province.

The two jobs will provide considerable employment at a time when seasonal unemployment is approaching its annual peak. At the Hillsboro bridge site crib work will be constructed to prevent erosion of the shore line property by the sea. Mr. William Connolly of Euston Street, Charlottetown, is the local manager of the company.

### Probe Break At Railway Wharf

City Police are investigating a break which is reported to have occurred late Sunday night or early yesterday at the warehouse on the Railway Wharf. Mr. Ralph Stewart, an employee of the Imperial Oil Ltd., noticed the break early yesterday morning and reported it to police. Entrance to the warehouse was effected by breaking the lock on the door of the office. Wharfman William Brown states that there was butter, eggs and canned chicken stored in the building to be loaded on the Newfoundland boat. It is not known exactly how much of these goods is missing, but some has definitely been taken. No arrests have as yet been made.

### Fredericton Man In Hospital

Chester Weeks of Fredericton who entered the P. E. Island Hospital on Saturday suffering from injuries received in a car accident, was reported last evening as resting comfortably.

The accident occurred as Mr. Weeks was in the act of removing some parcels from the truck in which he had been visiting the city with a neighbour. It is said that a following car crashed into the rear of the standing truck inflicting painful leg injuries on Mr. Weeks.

### Civil Defence Chiefs Confer

ARNPRIOR, Ont., (CP)—Civil defence chiefs from various parts of Canada began a three-day conference Monday to discuss the close relationship between wartime and peacetime disaster and some of the aspects of financial responsibility for welfare in such calamities.

The meetings are being attended by Canada's civil defence co-ordinator, Maj. Gen. F. F. Worthington. Most of the provincial civil defence organizations are represented.

Civil defence chiefs hope the conferences may produce some pattern for the greater integration of CD forces for work in peacetime floods and fires.

### Local Women's Business Club Enjoys Party

Members of the Charlottetown Business and Professional Women's Club thoroughly enjoyed their annual Christmas party at the December meeting held last evening at the Charlottetown Hotel. Charming Christmas table decorations lent a very festive air to the occasion which was graced by Santa (effectively impersonated by Agnes Hoyt) who had as his helper in distributing gifts to all present Ireta Sutherland, dressed as a little girl, brought gales of laughter with her recitation of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". The singing of Christmas Carols rounded out the social part of the meeting which was arranged by the December committee under the chairmanship of Margaret Collings.

During the business session which preceded the party the president, Dorothy Cullen, occupied the chair and the following committee was appointed to bring in plans at the next meeting in connection with the celebration of Charlottetown's centennial: Helen Dunbar, Marguerite Bell, Ella Connelly, Dorothy Rogers.

The sum of \$50.00 was voted towards the Gaylene Craig Fund which is being sponsored by a committee of the P. E. I. Music Festival Association.

As their Christmas project the Club also set aside donations to "Charlottetown Free Dispensary and the Salvation Army."

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### Clarion Call

prices for agricultural products.

The MFU convention agreed to join in the March, march against the wages of convention chairman Neil Simson, who said such a drive would only turn the country against the unions.

In refusing to march Alberta convention delegates said they felt they could rely on the strength of their own membership to bargain in the ordinary fashion.

### MANITOBA PROBLEMS

Manitoba is currently embroiled in its own organizational problems. A joint committee from the 31,838-member MFU and the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-Operation, which claims a 45,000 farm-family membership, is talking amalgamation.

John L. Canart, chairman of the MFU sub-committee, said that while substantial agreement has been reached within the joint committee on nearly all issues, "some matters remain to be resolved."

Heading the list of unsolved issues is the makeup of the board of directors of the organization, tentatively called the Organized Farmers of Manitoba.

### DELEGATE FROM EACH

Mr. Canart said it is proposed that the board include one delegate from each of three farmer-owned and controlled co-operative marketing organizations—the United Grain Growers Ltd., Manitoba Pool Elevators, Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-operative Ltd.

Observers see this problem arising: How can a grassroot farm group like the MFU team up with Manitoba's business co-operatives? And after amalgamation how can either survive as a farm association on the one hand or as a mountaineer of the UGG, the Manitoba Pool Elevators and the Dairy and Poultry Co-Operatives on the other?

### Protest No Holiday Dec. 27

OTTAWA (CP)—The National Association of employees of the veterans affairs department Monday protested the government decision not to grant civil servants a holiday Dec. 27, the Monday after Christmas.

A telegram to Prime Minister St. Laurent from the association's secretary, W. Hewitt-White, said: "Action of cabinet does seem rather out of line with the spirit of Christmas."

The Prime Minister said last Wednesday the cabinet had been advised that a holiday Dec. 27 will not be the general practice in private industry.

### Electric Heater Starts Fatal Fire

NEWCASTLE, N. B. (CP)—An elderly woman died in hospital Monday from burns received the night before when her clothes caught fire from an electric heater as she was bathing her young grandson.

Mrs. Catherine Flood, 71, was bathing her grandson in the home of her son-in-law, Joseph Delano, when her housecoat caught fire.

Delano broke down the bathroom door with an ax when he heard her screaming but was not in time to prevent fatal burns.

The young grandson escaped injury.

### Reporter Called Valiant Warrior

NEW YORK (AP)—The reporter is a "valiant warrior for the truth that makes men free," President Eisenhower said Monday night.

The president paid this tribute to reporters during a 90-minute television show climaxing the dedication by the Overseas Press Club of its new building to men who died abroad searching for news.

We are here tonight to salute the eyes and ears of our free nation—the men and women of our free press," Eisenhower said in a recorded speech for the NBC-TV show "Dateline."

### Cites Community Value Of Amateur Dramatics In Talk



Judge H. L. Palmer as guest speaker at the Rotary luncheon held in the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday emphasized the value of amateur dramatics as a community activity and stressed their worth on three groups: educational, cultural and as a hobby.

"From the educational viewpoint," Judge Palmer said, "if the study of good plays is taught in our colleges for their literary and historic value, and to get a reflection of the conditions of the times, then the taking part in acting in plays is bound to create a direct interest in them, and make the pupils not only more attuned to the study of drama but also give them a desire to study and become acquainted with much of our classical literature they would otherwise know little or nothing of. Taking part in a play is a splendid way to teach the participant to express himself and become accustomed to expressing himself before people. He is given confidence, and develops his personality, gives him a more rounded character, and helps him play his proper part on the stage of life."

"I think it is not disputed that the cultivation of the dramatic art is a development of the cultural side of life and the same advantages that accrue to the individual in his formal education are also available to the adult who is looking for ways of enriching his leisure hours.

"As a hobby, there is no age limit to those who are interested in playing a part on the stage. You may never know until put to the test what hidden talent you may have."

The speaker described the possibilities open to those who do not actually want to appear before the foot-lights. Assistance is welcomed in such essentials as director, members of stage crews, make-up, properties, lights, prompting, sound etc., for the children.

### Parking Meters Touch Off City Council Discussion

Parking meters came in for considerable discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council held last night. Councillors Johnstone, McCormack and Keefe were not present for the meeting.

Councillor Elmer MacDonald brought up the matter of parking meters and felt that it was a very unsatisfactory condition to have some 127 meters in poor working condition. He inquired from the police commission, "who was Mr. Crockett's boss" and why the servicing of the meters could get so far behind that 127 were out of working order at one time. Councillor MacDonald made the suggestion that police officer Bishop be assigned to supervise the working of the meters and that Mr. Crockett be responsible to him.

Councillor Hutcheson informed the meeting that in a recent survey of the meters, especially the newest type installed, were of an unsatisfactory type. He felt that the condition of some of them was not the fault of the man looking after them but in the machines themselves. Councillor Gaudet expressed the opinion that it was wrong to censor Mr. Crockett for not giving satisfactory service until the findings of the police commission are more complete. Councillor Gormley, chairman of the Police Committee explained that many of the meters became corrupt and that it was impossible for one man to keep them all working properly under these conditions. He said that in other cities where there were over 200 parking meters there were over 200 in Charlottetown there are 450 meters. He told the Council that the Police Commission had the matter in hand and that it would be taken under advisement at a meeting of the commission. His Worship expressed confidence in the Police Commission and suggested that the matter be left in their hands.

### FOUNDATION FOR SCALE

Councillor Gaudet, chairman of the market committee announced that the foundation had been placed for the city scales and that they were waiting for a representative of the company to arrive for the installation of the scales which are now here. He said that the cost of erecting a new scale house on the new location at the foot of Prince Street led the committee to believe that it would be wiser and cheaper to move the present scale building onto the site. Councillor Gaudet pointed out that the new 20-ton capacity scales would require a building 10 feet longer than the old one but that this could be easily arranged by adding on to the original structure.

Councillor Gaudet reported that preliminary plans for changes in the market building have now been made and asked that a special meeting be called at a later date to consider the proposed alterations.

Councillor Rogers in reporting for the Fire Committee made note of the fact that the Department

effects, all working in the background and for whom much credit must go for an effective presentation of every production, personnel for the executive and administrative work can always be used if competent.

Judge Palmer then described the situation in the city and Province, tracing the origin of the movement from just prior to the first war up to the present time.

Touching on the Dominion Drama Festival which was formed to hold annual competitions for groups, he recalled that it was founded in 1932 by His Excellency the Earl of Bessborough and since that time has had each succeeding Governor-General as its patron. All Provinces are represented in the Board of Governors and includes from P. E. Island, Mrs. Fred Gates, Mr. Harry Morris, Mr. Tom DeBlais, Mr. Barry Bugden, Judge Paine, Miss Jessie Fraser, Summerside, and Mrs. Douglas MacGowan, Montague.

Because of bilingual requirements it has been deemed advisable to secure the services of an adjudicator from England nearly every year as most of those qualified in Canada are too intimately connected with the work of the D.D.F. to be eligible.

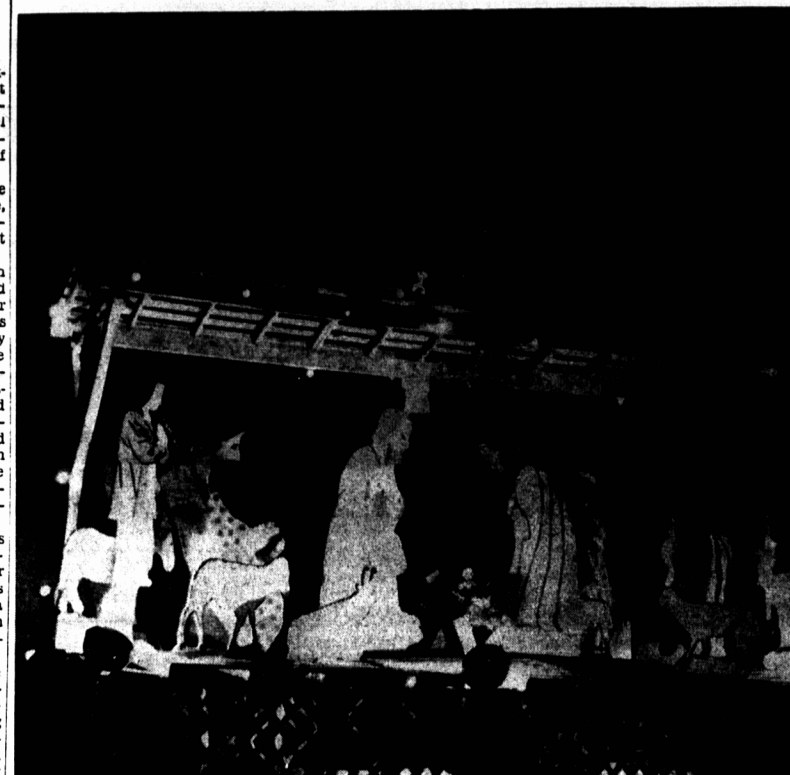
Marked success has followed the Little Theatre Guild in Charlottetown beginning with its first competition in 1936 when playing against five New Brunswick entries at Saint John, the Guild won second place. In the following year the Guild again at Saint John was the regional winner which sent them to Ottawa on the finals, and again in 1939 as regional winners they went to London, Ont.

The Federation of Women's Institutes formed a P. E. Island Drama Festival Association about seven years ago and they have an annual festival for the encouragement, primarily, of rural groups. Considerable interest and activity in each County, marks the work of this organization.

For the last few years St. Dunstan's University has had an active and successful drama-minded group and Rev. Fr. Arsenault, their present head, is entering the tragedy "Antigone," a Greek classical play, well known to students of drama or literature. The Little Theatre Guild's entry will be also "The Haird Boy" in the Regional Festival.

The speaker was introduced by chairman Sterling Giddings and thanked by co-chairman Don Gass. Rotary Auction receipts were reported by chairman Russell Sellar as \$5,792 and the sum of \$4,500 was voted the Junior Red Cross from this fund to aid in the work for crippled children. Other items were Free Dispensary \$150, Playground Commission \$200 and the Sanatorium a sum sufficient to provide the usual Christmas treats, etc., for the children.

### Community Centre Christmas Scene



The brilliantly lighted adoration scene pictured above, recently erected atop the Community Centre, was viewed by hundreds last evening and marks the efforts of the Teena Liguorian Club of Holy Redeemer Parish to make an outstanding contribution to a bright and animated Christmas season. The production is 24 ft. long and 14 ft. high and is illuminated by 26 moderate candlepower lights, four 150 candlepower spot lights and six floodlights of 200 candlepower each, and is visible from a considerable distance, where the view is unobstructed.

### Ceremony For Reopening Of St. Dunstan's Basement



A ceremony of more than usual interest will take place in St. Dunstan's Basilica on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, on the occasion of the official opening of the newly reconstructed basement and the erection of the new Stations of the Cross.

The Stations will be erected by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Maurice McDonald, D.P., who was rector of the Basilica from 1934 to 1942 and from 1946 until 1954. The three prelates taking part in the ceremony may have been Rectors of the Cathedral parish for the past 46 years.

### C.W.L. Regional Meeting Sunday At Vernon River

There was an attendance of 87 at the 4th in the series of regional Catholic Women's League conferences held Sunday afternoon and evening at Vernon River. Mrs. Basil MacDonald of Grand Tracadie, provincial C. W. L. president, chaired the meeting at which the sub-divisions in the area were represented as follows: Vernon River, 34; Montague, 18; Iona, 7; Cardigan, 8; and Georgetown 11.

Messages of welcome to all in attendance were given by Rev. Urban Gillis, parish priest at Vernon River, and Mrs. Harold Dunn, president of the Vernon River sub-division. Rev. O. Kissing of Georgetown, Rev. J. P. E. O'Hanley of Cardigan and Rev. Leonard McKenna of Iona also addressed the conference. At the conclusion of the afternoon session Benediction was given by Rev. Nazaire Gallant in beautiful Vernon River Church, after which a delectable supper was served by the Vernon River sub-division.

In her presidential address Mrs. Basil MacDonald outlined steps that should be taken to make the work of the sub-divisions and the League in general more effective by the use and study of the handbook and by-laws. During the discussion period, for which those in attendance were divided into groups, the members came forth with many worthwhile ideas which will be of value in League undertakings. It was very much regretted that illness prevented the provincial director, Rev. George McCormack of St. Andrew's from attending the conference.

An outstanding feature of the meeting was a most instructive talk on "Nutrition" given by Rev. Mother Loyola, C.S.M., of Mount St. Mary's in which she gave many timely tips in connection with the use of "Canada's Food Rules."

A very hearty vote of thanks to the speakers and all who made the conference such a success was proposed by Mrs. Arthur Cain and seconded by Mrs. Catherine Fraught and Mrs. MacDonald added her words of appreciation to Rev. Urban Gillis and the Vernon River sub-division for their cordial welcome and hospitality.

The fifth in this series of regional conferences will be held in Souris next Sunday afternoon and evening.

#### NORTHERN ISLAND

Nottingham Island in Hudson Strait is about 37 miles long with maximum width of 18 miles.

#### Plan Throughway Across Ottawa

TORONTO, (CP)—Federal, provincial and civic governments Monday agreed to build a \$15,000,000 throughway across the city of Ottawa.

At Toronto, representatives of the two senior levels of government met with Mayor Charlotte Whitton and agreed to share financing of the project among the federal district commission, federal department of public works, city of Ottawa and Ontario department of highways.

Another meeting will be held to divide the cost exactly.

### Academy Destroyed In Five-Hour Blaze

LOUISVILLE, Que. (CP)—A five-hour fire Monday swept through a four-storey section of the St. Louis de Gonzague Academy here, forcing some 500 students out into sub-freezing temperatures.

An unidentified student suffered a fractured leg when he jumped in panic from a second-storey window. The other students were evacuated without incident and found refuge in neighboring homes or at a nearby grammar school. Louisville is 75 miles northeast of Montreal.

Total damage was not immediately known but some officials said it might reach \$100,000.

### LAUNCH NEW TERROR

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters)—Mau Mau terrorists have launched a new wave of terror in this British colony in the last 24 hours, murdering, burning and pillaging. Police reported that seven Mau Mau were killed and one captured in a clash with a police patrol on a farm 14 miles northeast of Nyeri.

### REVOLT FLARES AGAIN

JAKARTA, Indonesia (Reuters)—Indonesia said Monday "renewed hostile activities" have broken out in the Molucca islands and urged the population to keep calm. A government statement said the trouble centred in Ambona, chief town of ambon island. Ambona was the centre of a revolt by supporters of the self-styled Molucca republic in 1950. Indonesian troops occupied the town and suppressed the rebellion.

### Duke Interested In Student Plan

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (Reuters)—An Auckland professor said Monday the Duke of Edinburgh is interested in a project to send British graduate students to do research in Commonwealth universities.

Dr. Valentine Jackson Chapman, professor of botany at Auckland University College, said he is perturbed by the flow of the country's best students to Britain and the resulting dearth of first-class research students here.

Chapman said he had written to the duke. After learning of the duke's interest in the matter, he is preparing a report for him, to be submitted through Sir Harold Hartley, a former president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

### MASSACHUSETTS' FINANCES IN CRITICAL STATE

BOSTON, (AP)—A special fiscal survey commission reported Monday that Massachusetts state finances "have reached such a critical stage that they require drastic action."

The commission, which has been making a study of state and financing problems, made no specific recommendations in the report it submitted to Governor Christian Herter.

But Rep. Senator George J. Evans the chairman, said that further reports will be drafted later.

Monday's report predicted a \$20,000,000 deficit in the next fiscal year unless some new revenue is brought into the picture.

### APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the members of the Charlottetown and Parkdale Fire Departments who rendered such valuable assistance during the recent fire at my home in Southport. I also acknowledge the help of neighbors and friends and the many kindnesses extended.

At this season I add my best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

E. C. Nelson,  
Southport.

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