

Annual Meeting Of S'side Fire Dept. Held Last Night

The annual meeting of the Summerside Fire Department was held last night in the Town Hall with Chief Abdon Arsenault in the chair. In a meeting which lasted four hours, discussion on the results of the Town Council to ratify the proposed by laws as drawn up by the law committee was long and heated and it was eventually decided to request Councilor James MacDougall, chairman of the fire committee to attend the meeting and explain the reasons why the council did not approve the proposed by laws.

Councillor MacDougall agreed to attend on invitation of the firemen and on arrival explained the reasons why some of the by laws had not been ratified. One of the proposed by laws was that firemen should have to retire until age 65 but Councilor MacDougall voiced the opinion of the Town Council that retirement age should be set at 60. He said that it was the opinion of the Town Council that 65 years was too old for service in the department.

Councillor MacDougall, while conceding that there are good men in the department today who are beyond the age of 60 said that in the best interests of the fire department the council considered it advisable to set the retirement age at 60. It was felt by the council that the department had sufficient younger men in the town who could carry on for service.

He suggested, however, that if the department wished to have the council give the matter further consideration their best course would be to make formal application by letter. Regarding the matter of applications for membership, the proposed by law was that applications be dealt with by the investigating committee as in the past and balloted on by the department. This was not ratified by the council which changed the by-law to read, where by a public application for membership in the department should come before the council and then may be passed to the investigating committee for their recommendation to the council.

Councillor MacDougall said it was his personal opinion that there would be no objection to the council approving of the regulations where the applications received by the town clerk would in turn be passed to the investigating committee of the department for their recommendation. Resignations were received from Captain Earl Sweeney and Frank Woodside who resigned from the department last night and last night. The resignations were accepted by the meeting with sincere regret. Chief Arsenault said he had been informed by the Town Council

S'side Week Of Prayer Service

—Rev. John W. MacBride of St. David's Presbyterian Church, Springhill, N.S., was the guest speaker in Summerside last evening at the opening meeting of the Week of Prayer held in the Church of Christ to a capacity congregation. The emphasis of the sermon "The vastness of prayer" the speaker emphasized that persistent repetition in prayer was not necessarily the basis of true prayer. Rev. Mr. MacBride went on to say "God's all knowing wisdom, our sincerity and our cooperation were necessary factors in prayer. Our prayers are sadly ineffective unless we do what we can to help the very people for whom we pray."

In concluding his sermon, the speaker stressed the necessity of praying in the spirit of prayer as revealed by Christ, for the best prayer of all is not that which tries to extract things from our God but that which seeks to make ourselves self always willing to accept what God in his love and wisdom sends. The minister, Mr. W. O. Weale presided and Mrs. Winslow Morrison was organist. The choir assisted in the service of praise and Mr. Weale sang "Do You Think To Pray?"

Prayer was offered by Rev. Keith Hobson. This evening's service will be conducted in the Baptist Church and the subject will be "The Trustful Spirit."

Personals

—Donald Sinnott of Springhill, N.S., student at Acadia University, spent the past several days as guest of Lorne Moose, Summerside and yesterday they left for Acadia University. —Clare Simmons of Wilmet left yesterday to resume her studies at Queens University, Kingston, Ont. —Robert Moose left yesterday on return to Acadia University to resume his studies. —Lloyd Simmons will leave today for Acadia University where he is a student. —Bernie Simmons, first year student at Mt. Allison University, leaves today on return after the Christmas holidays. —Miss Margaret Joan Muttart is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Muttart in Summerside.

Western Guardian

—JERSEY RECORD — Dunk River Joyce 170833, a Jersey cow owned by Bruce MacDonald, New Whitehall, P.E.I. has completed a nine year old record of 6,176 lbs of milk 61 lbs of fat in 365 days twice a day milking with an average test of 8.37. Dunk River Joyce is a daughter of Hedgie Magie Wizard 107131. This cow was bred by Howard Schurman, Central Bedouque. —FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Howard Fraser, who passed away at Prince County Hospital Friday, Dec. 31, was held from Central Lot 16 United Church Monday, Jan. 3, with Rev. Theodore Ross assisting at the church

Alderton Week Of Prayer Service

—The first Week of Prayer services at Alderton were held last evening in the Presbyterian Church. The service was conducted by Rev. George Killen, minister of the church, assisted by Rev. Murray Gardner of Alberton. United Church, Rev. Alex McDowell and Rev. J. R. McMahon of St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Rev. A. H. Lewis of Elmsdale Church of the Nazarene read the scripture and preached the sermon which was based on Proverbs 22 and 28. The quotation of the text "Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set." After noting that certain landmarks and customs are better removed, he turned the thoughts of his hearers to four ancient landmarks which must still be held in high regard; humility, faith, obedience and love. He urged upon all the necessity of earnest prayer and the living of lives which portray Christ.

During the service a trio "Take Time To Be Holy" was rendered by Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie, Mrs. Frank Carpenter and Mr. Russell Leard.

KENSINGTON

—Mr. and Mrs. John Donald, Hamilton, Ont., spent the Christmas holiday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Malpeque. —Messrs. Barry and Grant Palmer returned on Friday to Saint John, N.B., after spending a pleasant week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arnold Douglas, Norboro. —Mr. John Hickey, of Saint John, N.B., spent the Christmas week-end with his brothers, Messrs. Joseph and Sanctinus Hickey, Indian River.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thane Adams, Halifax, N.S., spent the Christmas holiday in Sea View and Darnley, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Adams and Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Edith Will, R.N., who has been a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, is making a speedy recovery following her recent operation. —Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark entertained the members of the Kensington Road Farm Forum group on Monday evening, December 27. On Monday evening, December 20, Hamilton Hall was filled to capacity despite the condition of the roads. Mr. Alton Ramsay, capable chairman and a splendid program of choruses, readings, recitations, drills, etc., was carried out by the pupils, after which Santa arrived and after distributing gifts and treats to all a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aitken and daughter, Miss Pauline Aitken of Fortuque Cove, were motorists to Malpeque and Baltic on Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Matthews and Mrs. Teresa Matthews. The Norboro School was filled to capacity on December 21, to hear their annual Christmas Concert. Mr. E. Murphy, capable actor, chairman and splendid program was presented under the direction of their teacher, Mr. George Riley. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts and treats to all the pupils.

On December 22, the annual Christmas Concert by the pupils of Kensington High School was presented to a very large audience in the King George Hall, Kensington. Mr. Austin Pendergast acted as chairman and a splendid program was presented as follows: Recitation by Paula Blaquiere, "Christmas Morning"; "If I Could Have a Duck Pond" by Miss Thompson's Pupils; "Christmas" by Miss Thompson's Pupils; Dialogue, "Santa's Problems", Mrs. Jardine's pupils; Chorus, "Who is Coming on Christmas Eve" by Miss Smith's pupils. Dialogue, "Brownies Gift for Santa Claus" by Miss Thompson's pupils. Monologue "Santa's Secrets", by Miss Smith's pupils; Chorus "Who is Coming on Christmas Eve" by Miss Thompson's pupils. Rhythm Band by Miss Greenan's class. Intermission during which there was a sale of Polar Bars. Rose Drill by Miss Smith's pupils. Reading, Margaret Murray, Dialogue, "Three Wishes", Miss Greenan's class. Recitation, "Presenters" by Donnie Furness. Operetta, "Elves and the Shoemaker" by Mrs. Jardine's class. Campfire Sing Song by Miss Mills class. Pageant by Miss Hughes Pupils. Chorus "Ring Merry Bells" by Miss Mills and Mrs. Jardine's class. Closing with National Anthem.

Miss Helen McKay Sackville, spent the week-end in Kensington, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Alexander McKay. —Mr. Gary Somers, Summerside, is visiting in Hamilton, the guest of Mr. John Caseley. —Miss Lucy Hogg of Halifax, N.S., spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. John Hugg, Wilmet. —Miss Dianne McMurdo, Bedouque, is visiting her cousin, Miss Marjorie Riley.

Chrysler Workers In Canada Plan Strike Vote

WINDSOR, Ont., (CP)—A strike vote of all eligible workers at the Chrysler Corporation of Canada will be taken because of the lack of "real progress" in company-union negotiations. Union officials said only 3,700 of the 6,000 Chrysler factory workers will have a vote. They said the other workers have been employed for only a few months, and are not yet members of the union. Negotiations between company and union were resumed a month ago after a conciliation board report, which recommended against a 15 cent hourly wage increase the union demanded, was handed down. A membership meeting three weeks ago rejected the board report, and gave the union executive authority to call for a strike vote if necessary to enforce union demands.

Copper Company Buys New Plant

NEW YORK (AP)—Revere Copper and Brass Inc. Monday announced the purchase of the assets of Standard Rolling Mills Inc., makers of aluminum foil products since 1926. Joseph H. Konigsberg, president of Standard Rolling Mills since 1935, was named vice-president of Revere and will continue to supervise his company as a Revere division.

New Courses Charted By Commonwealth During 1954

By ALAN DONNELLY Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—Three measures of basic importance involving housing, criminal laws and the counting of certain lands were written into Canadian statute books this year. In the new session opening Jan. 7 the Commons and Senate likely will deal with such diverse matters as changes in unemployment insurance payments, municipal grants, an income tax settlement with Quebec, procedural rules in the banking system and the entry of West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The new session is expected to continue into July and may come close to the modern record of 139 sitting days set during the last session—longer than any since the early days of the century. Sitting days in the 1954 session aren't recorded, but Parliament was in session 236 days without any long adjournments. NEW CRIMINAL CODE Canada's Criminal Code last session was re-drafted for the first time since 1892, completing an overhaul that took five years. The new code will go into effect April 1. A parliamentary committee and two royal commissions, however, are studying several questions which come under the code: Capital and corporal punishment, lotteries, the legal defence of insanity, and criminal sexual psychopaths.

The decennial revision of the banking laws brought chartered banks into the field of residential and chattel mortgages. Housing legislation provided for lower down payments, longer mortgage terms and a system of insured mortgages on which banks could lend. The session brought other measures which sparked considerable controversy: A one-cent-an-ounce boost in postal rates, and increases in parliamentary and cabinet ministers' pay. OIL AND GAS LINES The government's policy of supporting an all-Canadian gas pipeline from Alberta to eastern Canada was strengthened with a measure giving the board of transport commissioners jurisdiction over interprovincial and international oil and gas lines. Another bill, designed to help Canada's lagging textile industry, provided a form of dumping duties to be imposed on imports of goods such as textiles and clothing which show marked seasonal price drops.

In the field of social security, Parliament provided for pensions for the totally disabled, based on a means test to be financed jointly by federal and provincial governments. One of the first matters to come before the new session will be ratification of the recent Paris agreements on West Germany providing for her rearmament and entry into NATO. UNEMPLOYMENT STUDY Changes in the unemployment insurance system, aimed chiefly at protecting jobless in the winter, have been the government study for some time. The main change expected is an increase in the minimum period for which unemployed workers qualify for benefits. The government last session postponed legislation to change the basis on which it makes grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes on federal property. The measure likely will be introduced next year, and is expected to provide for payments equalling full municipal taxes on federal property where its assessment totals two per cent or more of a municipality's total assessment. At present, payments equalling 75 per cent of taxes are made in places where federal property value totals four per cent or more of total assessment.

See USSR Giving Hint To China

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—Moscow's offer to release two American prisoners held in the Soviet Union might be a hint to Communist China to set free the 11 United States airmen it imprisoned on spy charges, the Washington Post said Monday. The Kremlin has shown considerable evidence of concern over the belligerent attitude of the Chinese Communist regime and fears that Red China's defiance of the United States in regard to the 11 condemned airmen might drag the Soviet into hostilities against its wishes, it said in a leading article. The Post says the Soviet attitude was a "careful sign" and a similar attitude on the part of China "may notably minimize the danger of an explosion that neither side wants."

Report Anti-British Tone In Red China

HONG KONG (AP)—Press reports from Communist China say the Red regime has ordered an anti-British tone for all newspapers, radio stations and blackboard news displays in villages. The Hong Kong Chinese newspaper Wah Kiu Yat Po says the anti-British propaganda wave was aimed at the remark Dec. 12 by Britain's United Nations assembly delegate, Anthony Nutting, that Britain as a UN member would be involved in any collective action the world organization might take if the Reds attacked Formosa. The Churchill government subsequently announced that Britain, which recognizes the Peiping regime but not the Chinese Nationalist government, is under "no obligation" to defend Formosa other than that arising out of its UN membership.

Drama Festivals To Begin Next Week In Nfld.

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's annual series of regional drama festivals, leading to the finals in May, begin next week in Newfoundland under the eye of an accomplished British actor-director. The Newfoundland festival shows in Corner Brook Jan. 11-15. For Andre van Gyseghean, 48-year-old of the Nottingham Playhouse who was chosen to adjudicate the 1955 regionals, it will be the start of a cross-Canada trip. Son of a Belgian actor, he produced plays in London and a film for British television. He will judge regional festivals in every province and recommend eight plays to go on to the Dominion Drama Festival week-long final scheduled this year in Regina May 9-14. JUDGE TO BE CHOSEN The final will be judged by a second adjudicator yet to be chosen but who is usually a well-known figure of the London stage. Last year it was Hugh Hunt, actor-producer known for his work at London's Old Vic. Graham Suter, another London actor, adjudicated last year's regional festivals. Richard McDonald, director of the DDF, released the following full list of venues and dates for this year's 1955 regionals to be participated in by amateur theatrical groups in every province: Newfoundland—Corner Brook, Jan. 11-15; New Brunswick—Moncton, Jan. 20-22; Nova Scotia—New Glasgow, Jan. 24-28; Prince Edward Island—Charlottetown, Jan. 28-29. Eastern Quebec: Quebec City, Feb. 3-5; western Quebec: Montreal, Feb. 10-12.

Railway Employee Killed By Train

STE ANNE DE BELLEVUE, Que. (CP)—Henri Arsenault, 30-year-old railway employee, was killed early today when struck by a Canadian Pacific Railway commuter special at the railway station in this lakeshore community near Montreal. Arsenault, a resident of St. Clet, Que., was struck by the train's buffer beam while cleaning the station's platform. The special operated on the Montreal-Rigaud run.

Says Ont. Highways Minister To Resign

TORONTO (CP)—The Star says it has learned reliably at Queen's Park that Highways Minister Doucet of Ontario will tender his resignation this week. Mr. Doucet, 57, recently returned from the United States where he was convalescing after a serious illness. Since then he has held several conferences with friends and advisers in Toronto, the paper said.

Record Number Of Births At The P. C. Hospital

—A record number of births was established in 1954 at Prince County Hospital, when a total of 741 babies were brought into the world, including 379 boys and 362 girls. The previous record, set in 1953, was 716, when female births outnumbered male births, 368 to 348. This increase of 25 was not anticipated due to decrease in personnel at the ROAF Station, Summerside. As in the past, the Okto Klub, along with the Hospital Ladies Aid, continues to do invaluable work in supplying and maintaining the nursery and assisting toward the general upkeep of the hospital.

Dismiss Charge Against Crosby

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A drunk charge against one of Bing Crosby's twin sons, Dennis, 20, was dismissed Monday by a municipal judge "because the boy has never been in trouble before." Judge Robert Clifton tossed out the charge after hearing lawyer Richard C. Bergin, representing young Crosby, Dennis himself did not appear. He was arrested early Sunday when police halted a car in which he was riding.

Sees Nehru Most Important Single Statesman

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—Jawahar Lal Nehru, prime minister of India, was the most important single statesman in the world at the close of 1954, says Joseph Harsch, special correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. Harsch, wrote that the most important single piece of world news in the closing week of 1954 was the calling by the Colombo powers, led by Nehru, of an Afro-Asian conference. None of the great Western powers would be present, but both Japan and Communist China would.

Harsch said: "There could be little doubt, no question about it; the most important single statesman in the world at the close of the year was not Maleknev or Molotov, Churchill or Eden, Eisenhower or Dulles, it was Nehru, who, more than any one person, had foreseen, had helped to shape and form, and had led the trend of the times. "He was riding the wave of the day and it was merely a symptom of the times that President Tito of Yugoslavia was the first, but probably not the last, to make a political pilgrimage to New Delhi to test and sample the policies and purposes of the world's most influential statesman."

Twins Born In Different Years

WINNIPEG (CP)—Twins born here at New Year's have the distinction of being born in different years. The twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gimby. Ronald Charles, who weighed five pounds 10 ounces, was born three minutes before midnight Friday, Dec. 31, 1954. Gordon McCulloch, who weighed seven pounds, was born three minutes after 1955 arrived. Neither qualified for a prize in Winnipeg's contest as first-born baby in 1955.

Drop Anticipated In Tax Rental Payments

By HAROLD MORRISON OTTAWA (CP)—Federal Payments under the federal-provincial tax rental agreements likely will decline next year for seven of nine provinces. Officials estimate the decline may total about \$5,000,000, the first in the annual payments since the initial post-war tax pacts were signed in 1947. The reason is the decline in 1954 national production. In return for renting certain tax fields to the federal government, the provinces receive annual payments based on provincial population growth and the annual value of national production averaged on a per capita basis.

Quebec Bans Four U.S. Magazines

MONTREAL (CP)—The Quebec censorship board has banned four more American magazines as being obscene and ordered them seized from newsstands in the province, it was learned Monday. The Montreal police department's orders of the day, signed by assistant director Alfred Belanger, identified the publications as "Try Girls and Gags," "Say," "Bolt" and "Picture Life." The ban against the books was made Dec. 29 last. Some 60 magazines, including a number of Canadian publications, now are forbidden in Quebec. The censorship board periodically issues names of magazines it considers obscene.

No Criminal Act In Baby's Death

HALIFAX (CP)—Police said Monday investigation had revealed that the naked body of a baby found in a roadside ditch near Halifax was stillborn and had been given an improper burial, but no criminal action was warranted. They said they found an obstetrician in Halifax who said he delivered the foetus to an unmarried woman. It was less than 26 weeks old and could not be legally recognized as human. Police said the doctor had advised the woman to take the foetus home and bury it. However, the ground was frozen and she had left it in a hole, wrapped in paper and covered with a stone. A passerby noticed it Dec. 24.

LOCKE ROAD

—Mr. Trueman Harris of the Locke Road, was in O'Leary on Dec. 24. Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bernard, now living in Charlottetown, arrived on December 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Firmang Perry in Howland, to spend Christmas there. They returned to Charlottetown on December 26. Mrs. Clarence Gallant of Plusville, spent a few days recently visiting at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault of Howland. Mr. and Mrs. Angus McBaine of the Locke Road were visitors on Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ansie Silliker, Forest View. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Gallant of Forest View, were visitors on Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Bennett Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Peters, Bloomfield. Mr. Ferdie Arsenault of Forest View was a visitor on Christmas night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Firmang Perry, Howland. Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Gallant of Howland, were visitors on Christmas afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Firmang Perry, Howland. AN.

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