



ANET L. MELLISH, left, Elizabeth Haywood, Charlotte one of nine teams competing for honors in the Sable Sword Dance competition 13 to 16 years at Birchwood High School yesterday afternoon, prepare to go through their dance. Taking first place honors in this class were the Dianne MacLeod and Gwenneth Clark, of Montague, with a mark of 82.



LITTLE MARY MacPherson, of Charlottetown takes part out from the goings on at musical festival to pose for picture with another contestant Barbara Macmillan, also of Charlottetown. They were two of 25 contestants entered in Class 270—Seann Triubhas (10 to 12 years inclusive) at yesterday afternoon's session of the festival at Birchwood High School.

Montague Student Council Presents Two One-Act Plays

A rare dramatic treat was ended by a large and appreciative audience in the Montague High school auditorium Tuesday evening when the Student Council presented two one-act plays which were adjudicated by Rev. Alan Arsenault of St. Dunstan's University.

Mr. John Hughes, principal, also idea it was to stage the plays, must feel that the project is well worth while. Since the play attempt proved so highly successful, the signs are encouraging for further study of the subject, and now that citizens saw

EASTERN GUARDIAN

RESERVE WEDNESDAY July 1 for Murray Harbour North's sister Supper.

OPENING DANCE Lower Montague Hall, Friday night, May 10. Dancing every Friday night 10 to 12:30. Good music.

RE-OPENED For the season May 1st Cardigan legion dance. Every Thursday night. Webber's orchestra. Canteen service.

NOTICE: Kings Lumber Mill, Montague, will be closed every Sunday afternoon during summer months.

DON'T FORGET an important meeting of the Southern Kings and Game Association will be held Friday, May 2nd at Cardigan Legion Hall at 8 p.m.

SALE! SALE! SALE! Interior: Swing Satin \$1.85, gallon, Kwikwork Enamel, quart, exterior paint: gallon, quart, \$2.20. All colors now in stock. Kings Lumber Mill, Montague.

FUNERAL SATURDAY — The funeral of the late John Cummins of Kilmuir took place on Saturday, April 26th at 2 p.m. in Kilmuir Church, where the service was conducted by Rev. MacKinnon, assisted by Rev. Campbell. Hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Blessed Assurance". A solo, "No Rest for the Weary", was rendered by Mrs. W.A. Bruce, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Cameron. Pallbearers were Mr. MacKinnon, John K. MacLeod, Angus MacGowan, George MacPherson, Wilson MacPhee, Martin MacDonald, Margaret MacPherson, and Mrs. MacPherson. The interment was in Valleyfield cemetery.

PERSONALS
Mrs. Mervin Power, Summerside, was the lucky winner of a fruit cake recently lotteried by the Montague C.W.L. Mrs. Power held ticket number 209.

Lobstermen In South Kings Get Away To A Good Start

The weather proved favorable yesterday to lobster fishermen in the Southern Kings area, for the running of lines and setting of traps.

Excitement and tension was in the air as the fishermen made last minute preparations to begin the race to their favorite grounds.

Over 100 boats left from Low-er Montague, Georgetown, Sturges, and Panmure Island with an average of three hundred traps per boat. They will be setting at Burnt Point Reef, Middle Ground, Hansen Ground, West End Boughton Island, South West Reef, Panmure Is., Boughton Reef, Pigeon and Launching Reef.

Approximately ninety boats left Launching, twenty boats from Annadale, one hundred from Gasperaux, Murray Harbor North area and fifty five from Murray Harbor, with some traps being set.

The bait situation is considered reasonably good, with some on hand from the Magdalen Islands, as well as local bait. The supply is expected to improve this week as drifting ice hampered herring netting the latter part of last week.

Presentations Are Made At Georgetown Legion Function

A public presentation of a Canadian Legion past president's medal and pin to Marcelus Gollong, past president of the Georgetown branch, Canadian Legion, B. S. L., and a long service medal to Daniel MacCormack as scoutmaster of the First Georgetown Troop, was made last night at Georgetown.

Prior to the presentation, Mayor Solomon welcomed the guests and citizens and offered his congratulations to the two recipients.

Captain A. C. MacEachern, Provincial president of the Canadian Legion, made the presentation to Mr. Gollong and congratulated him for his outstanding service.

Mr. Waldron Lavers, vice president for Kings County of the Provincial Council of the Boy Scout Association, presented the long service medal to Mr. MacCormack for ten years of faithful and efficient service as scoutmaster.

Other speakers were Mr. Hamilton Douglas and Mr. R.H. Ennis representing the Mount Stewart Branch, Canadian Legion; R. S. Bruce, Kingston Branch; Lt.-Col. J. A. Macdonald, E. D. M. P., Cardigan, Canadian Legion Provincial representative to the Dominion Command and Gordon F. Kerr, Provincial executive committee of the Boy Scout Association.

Mr. A. H. Stewart, treasurer of the Georgetown Branch, Canadian Legion was chairman.

Plucky Little Boy Rescues Small Companion From Brook

Master Donald Nelson, 3½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Nelson of Montague, yesterday evening proved that age bars no one from saving a life when he rescued his companion, Douglas MacLean, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard MacLean from the deep water of the brook running through the roadside table site at Bell's Hill.

The fathers, who were accompanied by their sons, were among members of the Montague Junior Board of Trade who were busily engaged in fencing the site and generally preparing it for the coming season.

Unnoticed by the men, young Doug fell into four feet of water, and on hearing the cries of his companion, Donald, the men rushed to the scene to find Donald on his knees, hanging on to his companion by the shoulders. Only the youngster's head was above water.

Due to the recent heavy rains and freshets the brook had considerable depth of water at the present time, but is very low during the summer months when the site is in constant use, and adds much to the beauty of the scene.

\$91,000 Insurance On City Market Building Is Report

Replacement cost of the Market Building destroyed by fire early yesterday morning was placed at approximately \$750,000 by Officials yesterday who also believed that the Insurance covering the building amounted to \$91,000.

Included in the loss were the P. E. I. Travel Bureau, the Island Motor Transport, the City Fish Market, Peters Egg Canning Station and J.M. Meat Market.

The P. E. I. Travel Bureau, housed in recently redecorated and renovated quarters in the west end of the building, is a complete loss. Office equipment, records, files, went up in flames. Just yesterday the Bureau had received a large shipment of new literature for mailing to prospective tourists. The staff had worked late to sort and stack it preparatory to distributing it to the hundreds of inquirers around the world. It, too, was all lost.

Also in the west end, The Island Motor Transport Company, operating bus lines all over the province, lost all office equipment and records. But probably the greatest loss comes from the lack of a bus terminal.

The east end housed the City Fish Market, Peters Egg Canning Station and J.M. Meat Market. Of the latter only the ancient stone ice house on the southeast corner remains.

The egg station only yesterday had received 150 crates of eggs.

Cherry Valley Station Entered

A break into Nelson's Service Station and Lunch Counter at Cherry Valley Corner was made, between 11:30 Saturday night and 7:30 Sunday morning.

Nothing was missing in the cash register, which they broke open, the thief or thieves made off with five tires, a quantity of cigars, cigarettes and candy.

Entry was made through a rear kitchen window and an exit with the loot was made through a ladies' washroom which had doors opening both to the garage and the outside.

The R.C.M.P. have fingerprinted the premises and are investigating the break.

FARTHEST WEST
Canada's most westerly point is Mount St. Elias in the Yukon Territory.

Bible Chapel Series Continues

The big question — "Where are the dead? Should we pray for them?" was the subject of Mr. Svend Christensen at the Bible Chapel last night. From God's word, he showed where the righteous dead are, and then where the wicked dead are found.

Under the direction of Mr. Joseph Wotton, the congregation sang: "We're Marching To Zion", "I Love To Tell The Story", "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus".

Mr. Wotton sang a lovely old favorite, "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" and a new hymn entitled, "When I Kneel Down To Pray".

Tonight, Mr. Christensen, will be discussing the topic, "Will We Know Each Other Hereafter," and Mr. Wotton will sing, "Beyond The Sunset."

Rail And Oil Stocks Bounce Up In New York

NEW YORK (AP)—A burst of buying in the rails and oils touched off a strong rally in the stock market Wednesday and carried the list to a high for the year.

Gains of a dollar or more a share peppered the list.

Based on a rise of \$1.90 in the Associated Press 60-stock average, Wednesday's rebound added \$2,437,000,000 to the total market value of stock issues listed on the big board. The average closed at a 1953 high of \$167.70.

The scramble for rail stocks followed congressional recommendations for a broad federal program aimed at pulling the railways out of their present slump.

Founder's

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chapter, welcomed the members from Summerside. She congratulated them on their success and in the founding of a new chapter.

Three new members were welcomed. They are Mrs. Paul Devlin, Mrs. Charles Trainor and Mrs. Somerset Trainor. Mrs. Charles Trainor on behalf of herself and the other two new members thanked the sorority for the invitation to be in the sorority. She spoke of the invitation to like the sorority offers and said it would be at all times the aim to live up to these ideals.

Mrs. Clarence Mercer gave a summary of the work of Beta chapter last year. She said they were not emphasizing the raising of money but rather the cultural part of the program.

Miss Marion Shaw in reporting for Exemplar chapter told how the members had made a very comprehensive study of Italy. Also, their chapter has established the tradition of the Christmas bazaar.

Mrs. J. O. Hornby reported for Alpha chapter. They supported the Cerebral Palsy Centre as a project. They are planning to give to both the Protestant and Catholic Welfare societies. Last year they gave one hundred dollars to the retarded children. They gave a scholarship to the Prince Edward Island Music Festival. This year they are giving sixty dollars to a child in Korea.

Mrs. Ferno Rogers read the Founder's Day message from Mr. Walter W. Ross. In the message Mr. Ross had said: "I would remind you of the great respect the free world pays you as a member of Beta Sigma Phi. It is a distinction that you have earned by what you have done and which you richly deserve for what you are."

Miss Lena McLure paid a tribute to Mr. Walter W. Ross. In this tribute she spoke of the fellowship of friendship to be found in the Beta Sigma Phi. The members then joined Miss McLure in repeating the Founder's Day pledge.

Mrs. Keith Lapp on behalf of the Summerside group said how much the evening had been enjoyed. Mrs. Lapp stressed the friendship theme.

Beta Sigma Phi chapters are now established in all parts of the world, Canada, United States, Vienna, Greece, England, Scotland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Finland, Australia, Latin America.

Mrs. Hornby brought the banquet part of the evening to a happy conclusion. Seated at the head table were Miss Helen Cox, Miss Lena McLure, Miss Marion Shaw, Mrs. J. O. Hornby, Mrs. Clarence Mercer, Mrs. Keith Rogers and Mrs. Carl Burke.

After the banquet pictures were taken of the group and bridge played. The conveners for this memorable evening were the following: Mrs. Larry Slaght, Mrs. W. A. Beer, Mrs. J. A. Carruthers, Mrs. T. D. DeBlais, and Mrs. Leigh Donald.

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Housing Costs Up But Wider Choice Is Available

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
With spring in the air and brighter horizons in sight, a lot of Canadians this week will bundle up their belongings and find a new place to live.

In the older parts of Canada—especially Quebec—May 1 is the date when leases end and the annual shuffle to new homes begins.

In the younger cities, the May 1 moving tradition is dying out. But, pushed by the natural urges of spring, it's still the busiest time of year for movers.

This year families will likely pay more for their new place but they'll have a better choice, a Canadian Press survey shows.

AIR BASE FOLDING
St. John's, Nfld., is probably the only large city where rents are dropping. With the folding of the United States Air Force base at nearby Pepperell, more than 1,000 apartments and homes will become available in the city.

A spot check showed one landlord offering a five-room apartment for \$125—the same one he got \$140 for two years ago. Another has dropped his price to \$110 from \$125.

In Prince Edward Island rents have been climbing since pre-war days and the trend is expected to continue.

Nova Scotia real estate dealers say the tight housing situation in that province seems to have reached its peak. Halifax, cramped for room to expand, con-

tinues to have the toughest housing problems although new buildings have eased the demand for apartments.

SLUM-CLEARING PROJECT
With federal and provincial aid, the city has just embarked on a \$6,000,000 slum-clearing project involving a nine-block area in north-central Halifax. The families are being moved to 300 new housing units in the north end.

Rent control ended in Halifax last April 30, but real estate men say only a small number of homes were affected. A well-to-do couple house rents for about \$125 and apartments range from \$100 to \$130.

In Saint John N.B., the housing shortage also is easing. The traditional May 1 moving date is still popular although not to the extent of previous years.

But the custom still holds strong in Quebec City. There's no shortage of housing but city statisticians Valere Desjardins says there's a demand for larger apartments.

Rent for a five-room suite is about \$90-\$95 a month—about the same as last year.

In Montreal major construction projects are located in the north and east of the city, where 1,374 apartment suites are being built in three developments. An elderly citizens' project of 96 suites will be completed in a month.

SIMILAR TORONTO PLAN
A similar project in Toronto will have provided 256 apart-

ments for the elderly by June 1 and plans are under way for 400 more.

As in most cities, Toronto builders are going at full steam under the impetus of government mortgage loans through the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Since last September, the federal government has made available \$300,000,000 for building loans and Prime Minister Diefenbaker has promised that "several hundred million dollars" more will be requested when Parliament reconvenes May 12.

Winnipeg has also had a housing boom in the early part of the year. Regina officials say their housing situation is worse than most cities. It is compounded by a dispute in which property owners have been turning down a provision of services by the city and contractors have been refusing to build until the services are provided.

City officials now have gone to the local government board for permission to expand services without going to the people.

Vancouver officials say there are not so many families moving this year because of the business fall-off.

There were a "tremendous number" of National Housing Act loans in the first quarter, CMHC reports, but the number hasn't yet been reflected in housing starts.

Cases Heard In Court At Souris

Before Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet at Souris yesterday afternoon, a resident of Red Point, one of Souris River, three of Dingwells Mills, five of Souris, one of Chipstow, one of St. Charles and one of Forest Hill, were each fined \$20.00 and costs or 20 days for being intoxicated in a public place.

A resident of Cardigan, and one of Little Harbour were each fined \$20.00 and costs or 20 days for possession of liquor in other than their residence.

A resident of Souris Line Road charged under the Motor Vehicle Act with failure to register his motor vehicle was fined \$5.00 and costs.

A resident of Souris West, charged with breaking, entry and theft at a preliminary enquiry before Magistrate Gaudet was remanded in custody for trial and elected trial by Judge.

Ian MacLeod, Crown Prosecutor for Kings County, represented the crown in all cases. M. J. McQuaid appeared for several of the defendants.

No Cut Planned In Canso Tolls

HALIFAX, (CP) — Highway Minister Smith said in the Legislature Wednesday the government has given no special thought to reducing tolls on the Canso Causeway.

The Minister was replying to J. Clyde Nunn (L. — Inverness)

May Restore Fortress' Ruins

SYDNEY (CP) — A. J. MacKay of the Federal Northern Affairs Department said Wednesday the government is willing to undertake a 15-year program to rehabilitate the ruins of the fortress of Louisbourg, 24 miles from here.

Mr. MacKay made the statement at a meeting of the committee in charge of preparing the stage for the 200th anniversary celebrations this summer. The famous French stronghold fell to the British in 1758.

Mr. MacKay also said the Federal Government will contribute \$5,000 to help set the stage for the celebrations. The money would be spent on repairs to the museum on the fortress site, and restoration of old street signs.

Wrecker Truck Driver Drowned

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — The body of Frederick Basil Gaunce, 49, was recovered from the Kennebecasis River Wednesday night after his wrecker truck went out of control on a hill at East Riverside and plunged into the river. He had just freed an oil truck from a ditch.

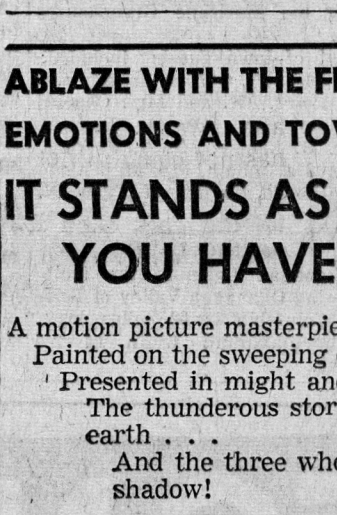
Police believed the brakes of the wrecker failed on the hill. The vehicle jumped over railroad tracks and tore through telegraph and telephone wires before dropping into the water. The accident occurred at 6:30 p.m. and the body of the S.M.T. employee was removed at 7:45.

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BRISTOL

It is learned with regret of the passing of Mrs. Frank Nolan, of the Charlottetown Hospital after a lingering illness. Mrs. Nolan was Sadie MacDonald of St. Charles, in single life. Following her marriage she resided in this vicinity all her life. Since the passing of her husband, she resided most of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Laybold, Jr. Mrs. Nolan will be remembered by her happy way of life and her friendship with everyone who knew her. Her funeral was held from the funeral home in the city to St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday morning where requiem high mass was sung by her pastor, Rev. George McCormack.

The condition of Mr. Louis Drake, in the P.E.I. Hospital, is very grave at time of writing. His immediate relatives have been called home owing to his very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burns, Hamilton, Ontario, are on the Island at present on vacation. They are spending most of the time in the city with Mr. Burns' mother and also visiting Mr. Burns' old home here and his father. It is quite a number of years since Mr. Burns left Bristol to reside in Ontario. They will also visit Mr. Burns' sister at the Precious Blood Monastery in the city where she has been a sister for many years and spend the last part of their vacation with Mr. Burns' brother, Melvin and Mrs. Burns.

Mr. Joe McDonald, who has been suffering from a bad back since his war days, expects to return to Camp Hill Hospital this spring for further treatment as the trouble is getting worse. It is sincerely hoped the operation or treatment will be a success as Mr. McDonald is one who likes to work but in his present state is unable to do it.

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