REHEARSALS BEGIN FOR MUSICAL

Rehearsals have begun for the Basilica Recreation Centre's production of the musical "Student Prince". The players in the lead roles are shown here from left to right. They are Dale Schwartz (Prince Carl Franz), Ted Whalen (Prime Minister), Ann Murnaghan (Princess Margaret), and Paul Whalen (Lutz, the servant). The musical will be presented Feb. 3, 4 and 5. The director is Kenneth Russell, who directed Charlottetown's entry in the Dominion Drama Festival last year.

Town Planner Suggests Back Lot Parking Space

Town Planner Walter de Silva reported to federal, provincial and municipal authorities Wednesday that Summerside will require much back-lot parking space if it is to prevent commercial strangulation. Mr. de Silva was speaking at a meeting held in Charlottetown.

In part two of his Planning and Housing Study, the result of two years of intensive research and study, Mr. de Silva said that metered parking allowed along both sides of Water Street has resulted in "chaotic traffic conditions during peak periods."

He said land is "badly needed in downtown Summerside, not only to meet the additional requirements, but to relieve the parking meters from the narrow streets."

WARNS COUNCIL

Mr. de Silva warned the town council to look into "the possibility of buying suitable pieces of land in the rear of blocks, over a period of time" if it is to prevent "'strangulation' of the commercial centre".

The provincial town planner said that areas of blight in Summerside are concentrated in areas bounded by Green Street, the northern boundary of the race track, Northumberland Street, Notre Dame Street and Duke Street.

He suggested that these areas are not completely blighted and because of this would not qualify for complete NHA assistance under slum- clearance. But he said there was a method available to revitalize the area.

He said the town council should adopt a set of minimum standards and a clearance area procedure.

DILAPIDATED HOUSES

While all construction during the past 10 years "has been sound" and the town has "a good stock of housing accommodation", the housing study survey revealed approximately 95 dilapidated houses and 120 units needing major repairs.

Mr. de Silva also noted the town's fast growth over a 20-year period. He said Summerside's population grew 74 per cent from 5,034 in 1941 to 8,611 in 1961.

Main factors in the growth he said were gradual migration from the rural areas, and the location of RCAF Station Summerside two miles north of the town.

3 Villages Show Growth

The latest report submitted by Town Planner Walter de Silva, shows that during the last five years the village of Sherwood, Parkdale and St. Eleanor's have outstripped all other Island villages.

In that period 135 new homes have gone up in Sherwood, 92 in Parkdale and 62 in St. Eleanor's.

At the other end of the ladder are Victoria and Kinkora, where not a single new building permit has been issued for new homes in that period.

Parkdale's best year was 1958 when 40 new homes rose. Sherwood is now enjoying its biggest year as 35 new homes rise.

Four Years For Incest

SUMMERSIDE — Found guilty at an earlier hearing on a charge of incest, John Frederick Shea, 32, of Anglo-Tignish, was sentenced to four years in Dorchester Penitentiary by Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald in Prince County magistrate's court yesterday.

In handing down the sentence Magistrate MacDonald stated that accused probably would not serve the entire four years but that he should seek rehabilitation while in the penitentiary.

G. Bruce MacDonald represented the accused.

DEADLY PLAGUES

Bubonic plague claimed 75,000,000 lives in 134751 and influenza took 21,640,000 from April to November in 1918.

Life Underwriters Install New Officers During Banquet

The installation of officers of the Life Underwriters Association took place Wednesday night when members entertained their wives at a Christmas banquet held at the Charlottetown Hotel.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Robert E. Younker, past regional vice-president. Officers installed were: president, Edward McCabe; past president, Ralph Rupert; first vice-president, John H. Morris; second vice-president, Elmer Johnston; secretary, Glen Cotton treasurer Donald Nicholson; and directors, Robert Carruthers, Fred Hyndman, Stewart Ives and Victor Ling.

Ralph Rupert was master of ceremonies for the evening and conducted a program of entertainment, which included a brief address by the superintendent of insurance, Wendell MacKay; minstrels Fred and Julie Pound; a mock induction of president Ed McCabe by Wendell MacKay assisted by Rhoda Inman, a sing-son led by Bob Parke, a reading by Mrs. Verna MacDonald and vocal duets by Mrs. Barbara Cameron and Mrs. Nancy Cox. The pianist was Al Blanchard.

Expressions of thanks were voiced by Bob Parke, program chairman and president- elect Ed McCabe to the retiring officers who under the leadership of Ralph Rupert "had led the Association in an outstanding year of activity and progress."

Mr. Rupert congratulated the new officers and urged the membership to give them their qualified support as they take over their duties in January.

Tourist Ass'n Planning Map, Booking Agencies

A special committee to prepare the 1964 Tourist Association map was named yesterday by Charles Linkletter, president at the first meeting of the newly-elected directors held at The Charlottetown.

Mr. Linkletter asked A.B. LePage, Cavendish, to again head the committee as chairman. Fellow members named were Charles Boane, Charlottetown; Ernest Poole, Montague and Creelman MacArthur, Alberton.

The map, listing the many tourist resorts in the province with the type and number of accommodations available, has been one of the most popular of the association's projects. It has been distributed to all incoming tourists on the Wood Islands and Borden ferries with the distribution attended to by the Junior Board of Trade of Charlottetown.

The directors also heard a proposal that the centre design of the map be printed on place mats for restaurant use and the suggestion was adopted enthusiastically. The colorful place mats will be sold to the various eating establishments.

A committee under the chairmanship of Vaughan Groom, Summerside, was named to prepare specifications for entry by tourist operators in the annual Rural Beautification Society competition class sponsored by the P.E.I. Tourist Association. It is expected extra classes will be created in this group and larger money prizes awarded.

Other matters discussed by the Tourist directors included accommodation booking arrangements to be in effect for visitors next year; the condition of the New Brunswick highways leading to Cape Tormentine; obtaining a sufficient number of lobsters during the tourist season; and public relations plans for 1964.

BOOKING AGENCIES

It was thought booking agencies for accommodations might be established at Wood Islands and Albany with reservations made on the understanding they must be taken up at the motel or hotel named within a specified time limit.

The directors agreed to leave the matter of the condition of roads to Cape Tormentine to the Island minister of highways to handle in order to prevent any conflict of action.

The touchy matter of a short-age of lobsters available locally came in for considerable discussion with one proposal being made that the provincial government purchase all lobsters caught in Island waters, pay fishermen a solid price for them and make them available to restaurant and hotel operators here.

One man noted the situation was so bad in recent years the famed Summerside Lobster Carnival had to purchase the lobsters it served in other provinces.

'Crash' Cook Training Program Scheduled

By RALPH CAMERON

A nationally known chef with a lifetime's experience in all phases of the preparation of meals on a large scale will be used to come to this province in the immediate future to assist in training new cooks and improving the skills of others.

At the request of the P.E.I. Tourist Association his services will be made available by the department of education through the director of vocational training, W. S. McMurtry, who said it was hoped the proposal would meet with such approval that a full-time school might be maintained.

Mr. McMurtry, accomanied by Joseph McLellan and Cameron MacDonald, principals of the vocational institutes in Charlottetown and Summerside respectively, attended a meeting of the directors of the Tourist Association yesterday at The Charlottetown.

He was introduced by association president, Charles Linkletter, Summerside, who told the directors he had invited the group to discuss one of the tourist industry's greatest problems—obtaining fully qualified cooks to properly prepare and serve choice Island meals.

'CRASH' PROGRAM

Because of the proximity of the 1964 Centennial, Mr. McMurtry felt the greatest advantage to the tourist business would come if the proposed cooking school provided an immediate 'crash' program of training to provide sufficient staff for all operators engaged in supplying meals to the great number of visitors expected next year.

Mr. McMurtry did not identify by name the chef-de-cuisine he hopes to have here, but said he had a splendid reputation among the nation's railway carriers and top catering services. In addition to being known as a top chef the man has also had wide experience in the teaching field through having provided on-the-job instruction to student cooks for many years.

Following Mr. McMurtry's explanation of what his department was prepared to do to help the tourist industry the association directors named a committee of five to work with him in preparing a program which it is hoped to start in mid-January.

SPECIAL COURSE

It is hoped to provide at least three concentrated training courses for classes in the school and at the same time offer a special course in conjunction with it on waitress training. Mr. McMurtry pointed out that an immediate objective of the course would be to make available a supply of trained short-order cooks to help in the smaller lunchrooms and snack bars.

After the tourist season ends, he said, it would then be possible to provide a long-term course in training for employed cooks who would have the advantage of top training to improve their own skills and learn some of the finer arts of preparing meals.

COMMITTEE NAMED

Members of the Tourist Association who will be asked to serve on the committee assisting Mr. McMurtry are James MacLean, Summerside; Mrs. Lita Andrew, Mrs. Wallace Rodd, William Beer and Creelman MacArthur.

It was strongly emphasized that the new training program was not for 'home' cooks, but would be designed solely for the benefit of those cooking for the public.

Any graduates of the crash program will receive a certificate stating they have successfully passed the course and will thus be qualified for positions cooking for summer visitors. When the tourist season ends they will then be eligible to take a full cooking course lasting for an estimated nine months.

The feeling was expressed that this new project of the tourist association would in time provide a continuing flow of good cooks and perhaps, as Mr. McMurtry suggested, result in the eventual production of top chefs in this province.

In the beginning classes, both day and night as needed, will be conducted at the new Vocational Institute here. Eventually it is hoped to provide the same training in the Summerside school as well.

W. Prince Trade Bd. Hears About APEC, Flax

O'LEARY — John S. Wright, APEC and Zeger Salome of Bedeque delivered interesting addresses at a dinner meeting of Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade in O'Leary Wednesday night.

Introduced by J. Frank Bryan of Cascumpec, Mr. Wright described the establishment of APEC, its aims and objects and some of its accomplishments and made a strong plea for more businessmen to join APEC in order to benefit their community.

An investigation is being conducted by APEC into the possibility of connecting P.E.I. to the mainland power grid, Mr. Wright said. A vote of thanks was extended the speaker by Gilbert Gaudet of Woodstock.

Zeger Salome spoke strongly in favor of the growing and processing of flax on a large scale in this province. Flax products grown during the past seven years on his farm at Bedeque were exhibited by the speaker who responded to a large number of questions from the floor.

A committee is to be appointed from the board to investigate and promote the flax industry. Mr. Salome was introduced by Randall Boates of O'Leary.

The meeting was conducted by the new president Edwin Turner, O'Leary who, with the vice-president, Fred Peters, St. Louis, was sworm into office by Errol Stetson of O'Leary. Mr. Stetson also moved a vote of thanks to O'Leary United Church Women for catering to the turkey banquet.

Rev. David MacDonald, chairman of the transportation committee gave a brief report on the board of arinsport commissioners hearing at Alberton and made a motion that letters of appreciation be sent the trade board's counsel, Melville Campbell, Summerside, and M.J. McQuaid, QC, Souris.

Correspondence included a letter from the Summerside Board of Trade giving support for the West Point Ferry project. Mr. MacDonald suggested consideration be given for the use of the Wood Islands Ferry Charles Dunning on the West Point run on a trial basis. The matter was left for the next regular meeting when representatives of the West Point Ferry Company are expected to be present.

The president extended a welcome to the 50 members and guests present and urged them to take an active part in the board.

Charles Thibert, representative of a tobacco company, suggested that the board promote a tobacco planting plant in West Prince as a means of providing the economy. The Island's acreage is expected to hit 1,300 acres next year, Mr. Thibert said.

Head table guests were Arig old Wood, West Cape; Hon. Wm. Dewar, MD, minister of education; John S. Wright, Rev. Gerald Steele and Rev. David MacDonald.

Pastor Injured But Service Held

KENSINGTON — The Sunday afternoon service of the New London United Church was conducted by Mrs. John MacGregor, due to the absence of the pastor, Rev. W.A. Paterson, who is confined to his home due to injuries sustained when he slipped on the ice near his home.

In addition to the congregational hymns, the choir under the direction of Mrs. Ray MacLeod, sang "All that Thrills My soul is Jesus".

Mrs. MacGregor's address was entitled "The Greates Faith ever lived". The offering was received by James E. Cole and Roy Paynter.

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WESTERN BRIEFS

RECEIVING TREATMENT

Mrs. Duncan MacGougan, Summerside, is a patient in the Provincial Sanitorium, Charlottetown, where she is receiving treatment.

IS IMPROVING

Mrs. Howard Schurman, Central Bedeque is improving in the Prince County Hospital.

SISTER IS ILL

Mrs. Orville Johnson of Bedeque received word that her sister (Sue) Mrs. Victor Willoughley of Florida is critically ill.

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