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MAGNIFICENT $800,000 RECREATION CENTRE ADDS NEW LUSTRE TO DOWNTOWN AREA OF CITY

Basilica Recreation Centre is ready for official opening slated tonight

Charlottetown's most modern structure for recreation will be opened officially this evening at 8 p.m. when Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, officiates at the dedication ceremony.

Unveiling of the cornerstone will also take place during the ceremonies.

The general public is invited to attend the opening, which will be held in the auditorium. Eugene Cullen, chairman of the recreation centre board of management, will be chairman for the occasion.

One of Canada's top sportscasters, Danny Gallivan, has been engaged as guest speaker. Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet will introduce the guest speaker.

Mr. Gallivan was born and received his early education in Sydney, N.S. He received his bachelor of arts degree from St. Francis Xavier University in 1943, and began his radio career at CJFX, Antigonish the same year.

He served overseas with the Canadian Army in 1944-45, and then joined the staff of CJCH, Halifax, as sportscaster. In 1952 he moved to Montreal, where he is sportscaster for the Montreal Canadiens NHL games.

Since 1953 he has been associated with CJAD in Montreal, and in recent years has worked with the CBC and CFCY-TV sports broadcasts.

Mr. Gallivan is married to a former Charlottetown girl, Eileen MacPhee, daughter of the late H.F. MacPhee and Mrs. MacPhee. They have four children, Danny, Paricia, Paula and Susan.

The guest speaker is scheduled to arrive in Charlottetown Sunday and will probably return to Montreal on Tuesday.

GUESTS TO HEAR DANNY GALLIVAN

Seamen Urge Re-opening Titanic Probe

LONDON (AP)—Reopening of the 1912 inquiry into the sinking of the Titanic is urged by a professional association of seafarers—to clear the name of a dead sea captain.

The Mercantile Marine Service Association has called for government action in the interests of the late captain Stanley Lord.

Lord was master of the Californian, a British steamer cruising near the Titanic when the largest ship afloat struck an Atlantic iceberg and went down with the loss of 1,513 lives.

The inquiry later that year held he could have saved many lives if he had gone to the help of the sinking ship.

Lord died last year at the age of 84.

"Undoubtedly Captain Lord was grievously wronged," said a statement by the association, published in the current edition of the Merchant Navy Journal.

Calling on the government to reopen the inquiry, the statement added: "So long as the findings of the 1912 inquiries remain on record, authors and journalists will continue to have official licence to promote the so-called mystery of the Californian and to vilify her master for commercial reasons."

Transport Minister Ernest Marples said last April he will consider any "new material" in the case.

Four-point program planned for centre's youth activities

Youth activities at St. Dunstan's Basilica Recreation Centre will follow a general four point program.

Jack Ready, Centre director, hopes to put into operation a program divided into physical cultural, intellectual and spiritual aspects.

The clergy will be in charge of spiritual activities, but Mr. Ready was able to outline several projects under the other three aspects that he hopes will be put into operation.

Physical or athletic activities will of course include basketball and volleyball in the auditorium, which is also suited as a location for gym classes. Bowling is another sport available for the younger set.

Dances are now held in the auditorium, with the BYC group on Friday nights and the College age group on Saturday nights. Record hops will be held in the afternoon.

DANCING CLASSES

In addition to social dancing, it is hoped that dancing classes will be held.

Continuing along the line of music, a glee club will probably be formed. Another potential group is a drama club.

Later in the season it is expected that classes will be held in handicrafts, public speaking and parliamentary procedure.

Membership requirements and fees have not been established as yet.

Recreation is not the only activity to which the centre is suited. When centennial year 1964 arrives the ample facilities of the building will be well suited as a location for the many conventions slated for the city.

At this time the building will be able to serve both as a meeting place and as a caterer for large groups. Smaller groups, such as wedding banquets, will also be accommodated.

JOHN E. READY WILL DIRECT ACTIVITIES IN CENTRE

New building Ultra-modern in every way

The multi-purpose recreational and cultural centre was built by St. Dunstan's Basilica parish. The building committee, chaired by Matt Hagen collected ideas from various parish organizations and submitted these plans to the architect.

Peter MacNeill was architect and Williams and Murphy general contractors for this $800,000 structure which houses both recreational facilities and the Knights of Columbus Home.

Members of the building committee were Donald MacDonald, William Campbell, Joseph MacKenna, Gerald Maddigan, Frank Zakem, Eugene Cullen, J. Elmer Blanchard, John E. Ready and Msgr. Patrick MacMahon.

A total of 38 rooms are contained in the three-floor structure.

The air conditioned basement contains the 14-lane bowling alley and offices, a cafeteria with seating capacity of 64, nursery, Boy Scout room and Girl Guide Room, and a games room for ping pong, chess, checkers, etc. In addition there are several small rooms.

The 106 by 70 auditorium occupies the greater part of the first floor. With attractive tile floor and wood panelling walls, this modern area includes a large stage and the latest in lighting. It is equally adaptable for dances, drama, gym classes, sports and large conventions.

The main offices, including that of director Jack Ready are also located on this floor as are makeup rooms, locker rooms, shower rooms, canteen and check room. A large kitchen is connected by dumb waiter to the cafeteria below.

There is also a lounge for the 14-17 years age group, and a small banquet room capable of seating 175 persons.

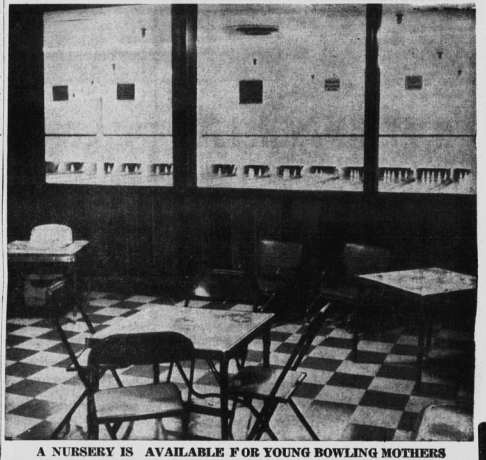
The Knights of Columbus area on the first floor contains a council room, lounge, check room, council chambers, auxillary room and offices.

The senior lounge for 18 years and up is situated on the third floor as are two meeting rooms, the library, stock rooms, librarian's room and office. A room has been provided for films and slides and seven small meeting rooms open off the balcony over the auditorium.

The Knights of Columbus main recreation room and kitchen are located on the third floor.

This centre, designed to serve the needs of parish, youth, and community, is under a board of management chaired by Eugene Cullen.

Board members are Dr. John C. Theriault, Frank Zakem, Art MacInnis, Harold Landry, Ed Hilton, Mrs. George MacGuigan and Rev. William Simpson, rector of the parish.



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Revolutionary Aerial Surveying Plan Adopted

OTTAWA (CP)—A revolutionary method of electronic aerial surveying has been successfully tested and adopted for use in Canada by topographical engineers of the federal mines and technical surveys department.

The new system — known as Aerodist — was checked out during the summer during aerial surveys over northwestern Ontario, Sable Island off the Nova Scotia coast, and the shoals and islands of southern Hudson Bay and James Bay.