LET'S WAIT FOR SPRING

The severe snow storm which struck the province about midnight Sunday resulted in hundreds of motorists being forced to travel on foot. Heavy drifts and loose snow made travelling a nightmare not only for those drivers that did venture out with their vehicles, but also greatly impeded the movements of pedestrians. Here a line of cars packed on the south side of Water Street, near the CNR freight sheds, are seen buried in a mound of snow which will take some back breaking work before they are freed of nature's trap.

British Guiana Student Addresses Rotary Club

International student day brought 33 students from St. Dunstan's University yesterday to the Charlottetown Hotel - as luncheon guests of the Rotary Club of Charlottetown. Four charming young Chinese girls from Hong Kong added color and interest to the event which was part of the Rotary International goodwill program annually enjoyed throughout the world.

Irving Sing, a student in engineering from British Guiana was guest speaker. He expressed appreciation for being asked to speak on behalf of the other foreign students, particularly the hospitality shown to all by Charlottetown residents with whom they have come in contact.

"It is so thoughtful of you, when opportunity arises, to give us the chance to tell you a few things about our country. You can imagine what life would be like if we came over here only to find that the Canadians have no interest in ourselves or in our country; but the mere fact that we meet people who are very nice to us, some of whom have invited us to their homes, and to meet their family, is something which has given us a very favorable impression of this, your beautiful island."

"I would like to hope that if any of you would go to my country, you would meet the same warmth of heart and unprecedented hospitality", Mr. Sing said.

Continuing, the speaker gave a review of the history of his country which was listened to with deep interest. "British Guiana is the only British colony on the mainland of South America. Sir Walter Raleigh claimed to have discovered it in 1595 and much interest was aroused when he reported that he had discovered Eldorado, the city paved in gold, in which, in a yearly ceremony the King bathes in gems", Mr. Sing said.

British, Dutch, Spanish and French claims to the country later resulted in a division.

"The British area of about 84,000 square miles prospered exclusively as a sugar plantation, due to the free slave labor and although Britain ceased to partake in the slave trade in 1807 the country continued to prosper through illicit slavery. Immigration from Madras and Calcutta brought with it initiative and skills that immediately restored the economic balance of the country," the speaker said.

SIX RACES

"Six races compose the population, consisting of 50 per cent East Indians, 35 per cent Negroes, 18 per cent aboriginal Indians, four per cent Chinese and about four per cent Portuguese and two per cent British. The population is about one million".

Mr. Sing said the British and Portuguese are mostly administrators and commercial workers. The Negroes are mostly tradesmen and clerical workers and live mainly in the city. The East Indians are nearly all peasants and are scattered throughout the coastline. The aboriginal Indians still live and hunt in the interior. Hinduism, Christianity and Mohamedinism are the three main religions.

POLITICAL TRENDS

The speaker described the trend of political and cultural education for the past number of years and said that at the present time a measure of prosperity is enjoyed through the great development of rice growing and sugar, which are exported in large quantities.

The speaker was introduced by chairman, Alfred Hennessey and thanked by co-chairman, Dr. Todor Gencheff.

An additional feature of the meeting was the piano music of Max Seiler of Lucerne, Switzerland, grade 12 student at St. Dunstan's and guest of Dr. Gencheff along with his son Ajary Gencheff.

President Dr. Gilbert Houston extended a cordial welcome to the students on behalf of the club.

WERE GUESTS

The guests were: from Hong Kong, Anita Fung, Alice Lun, Joan Liang, Carmelita Ko, Nicholas Wong, Samuel Tan; from Maine, Michael McFall, Fred Ripley, Joseph Sassi, Keenan Marr, John MacDonald, Roger MacDonald, Len Sirois, Robert Francoeur, Raymond Langebin, James Shortill, Joseph Shortill, Frank Cantora, Rene Perry, Thomas Flanagan; from Boston Francis Smith, Paul D. Foster, Edward Campbell, Robert Perrine; from New York, Joseph Condon, John Sullivan, Eugene MacLaughlin, Michael Gadonski, David O'Connell; from Dexter, Mich., Michael Lane; Somerville, Mass., Stephen Caples, Westfield, Mass., Bruce Garrity.

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Charlottetown and Queens County

Drama Festival To Feature Two Original One-Act Plays

Two original plays are among the entries in this year's one-act play festival to be staged by the P.E.I. Drama Festival Association. The festival will run for three days, starting March 28.

One of the original plays will be presented by Souris Regional High School and was written by Mrs. Adele Townshend. It is entitled "The Lady's Slipper."

The other original play, which will be produced by the Summerside Little Theatre Guild, is "Ice Road" by FO H. T. Barker. Both Mrs. Townshend and FO Barker have been gaining renown as authors.

The adjudicator for the festival will be Miss Genevieve Archibald, Halifax, assistant to Donald Wetmore, drama advisor to the adult education division of the N.S. department of education.

The festival will be held in the auditorium of Birchwood High School in Charlottetown. Plans for the event have been largely finalized by the executive of the association under its president, Eric MacGregor.

HIGHWAY

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Halifax trains, the train to Charlottetown reached Tormentine at 7:20 last evening, and finally reached the city around 11:45 last night.

The CNR dispatcher reported that in several sections of the island division cuttings were becoming very deep, and should the heavy drifting continue trains schedules may well be upset soon.

13-14 INCHES SNOW

The meteorological section at the Charlottetown airport last night reported that from midnight Sunday until 8 p.m. yesterday this district had received 13.4 inches of snow. The office at the Summerside air station said that the snowfall in that area over the same period was 14 inches.

Throughout yesterday the temperatures ranged from 24 to 26 degrees, and in both Summerside and Charlottetown, it was forecast to drop to 12 degrees during last night and then climb back to 22 today.

Plow despatchers reported all roads impassable. However, the wind subsided somewhat early in the night and plows began operating. Traffic was moving in a limited way before midnight.

Souris reported it was expected roads would be cleared in time for buses to reach the regional high school today.

Two plows started out from Summerside at 6 p.m. yesterday, one toward O'Leary and the other toward Borden. Both were encountering the worst drifts of the winter.

Another plow started out from Bloomfield about 5 p.m. and managed to cut a single swath through to Alberton by about 8 o'clock.

In the Charlottetown area, the despatcher reported that a few plows were out early in the evening for the purpose of opening a single lane in the immediate area to enable commuters to reach their homes from the city.

A number of rural residents from beyond the Charlottetown airport, spent all day yesterday and part of last night housed in the terminal building of Maritime Central Airways.

The road beyond that point was blocked and they could not go any further without the aid of a plow.

The plow despatchers reported that all machines will be held on standby and as soon as the drifting subsides, attempts will be made to get the Trans Canada Highway and other main arteries open. But it was estimated that it will be several days before all secondary roads in the province will be opened.

HEAVY CUTTINGS

The despatcher at Alberton, stated prior to this latest blast there were cuttings measuring up to 20 feet deep in several sections of West Prince, and in order to break these open again it will be necessary to use bulldozers to assist the plows.

It was also announced that this type of machine may be required in eastern Queens and Kings counties, where in some sections, cuttings were reported at a depth of 12 to 14 feet.

In west Prince a plow was called out yesterday morning, to assist at a funeral, with a path having to be cut for the undertaker to move from Alberton to Tignish and then to operate in Tignish for the funeral cortege.

During the day a number of emergency calls were received for snow plow assistance.

In one case two plows were required to break a path on the Malpeque Highway to bring Dr. Kent Ellis from Hunter River to attend a patient in Milton who was reported to have injured a hip in a fall.

Other calls were answered to assist in bringing sick persons to the hospital in Charlottetown. They included from Borden, Port Augustus, Watervale and Morell.

In all cases the trips were reported to have taken several hours to complete.

The RCMP, Charlottetown and Summerside police forces reported very little traffic movement throughout the day. No traffic accidents were reported.

MOTORISTS WARNED

The police chiefs of both municipalities issued warnings for motorists not to leave their vehicles parked in such a way as to hamper the operation of the snowfighting machinery.

Chief Sterns Webster said that police officers have been instructed to ticket all vehicles blocking snow clearance. If they are not moved by the owners within a reasonable time, they will be hauled away.

In both centres plows maintained continuous patrols to keep traffic moving. It was planned that they would continue operations throughout last night.

Throughout the province most schools were closed for the day, with a few not suspending classes until the afternoon. From many of the rural areas it was learned last night that some schools will not be able to resume classes today.

In the city and most of the towns some business houses did not open yesterday and most others operated with reduced staffs.

Of the stores and business houses which opened in Summerside yesterday morning, the majority closed at noon.

EVENTS POSTPONED

In addition to the curtailment of business many meetings and functions were cancelled.

Among them was the St. Patrick's Day play, "Daffy Flynn" and director Pius Callaghan last night announced that the second night's presentation will take place at Birchwood High on Wednesday evening.

The four-day course for P.E.I. lobster canneries, scheduled to open yesterday will now have its opening at nine o'clock Wednesday morning. That will mean that the fisheries department and CBC officials here from Halifax will have to wait over two extra days.

The father and son banquet at the Kirk of St. James has been rescheduled for next Monday evening. Also last night's Duplicate Bridge Club mixed pair tournament was postponed until the same evening and the master point session will be held this Thursday evening.

The meeting of Eastern Kings fishermen which was to have been held in Souris United Church was also cancelled.

Candidates Urged To File Nominations

None of the six candidates named to contest the coming general election in Queens County has filed nomination papers as yet, Queens County Returning Officer A. Walthen Gaudet said yesterday.

Mr. Gaudet, while noting that the deadline for filing was not until next Monday, said some voters in advance polls would be voting the following Saturday, March 30. This, he said, would mean little time between nominating deadline and then to prepare the ballots. For this reason he urged candidates to file their nomination papers as soon as possible.

In the election of 1962, he stated, all papers were filed long before deadline time.

Driver Given Seven Days

David Lund, Charlottetown, charged with drunken driving, was sentenced to seven days in jail by Magistrate A.J. Haslam in city police court yesterday.

The case against John H. Reid, charged with possession of illegal spirits, (moonshine) was adjourned until March 22.

Douglas Strickland, Marshfield; Barry MacLeod, Charlottetown, and Richard Evans Charlottetown, charged with joyriding, were all remanded until March 25.

Francis Gallant, 266 Sydney St., Charlottetown, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined $20 and costs or 20 days.

Three men were charged with being drunk and incapable; two were fined $20 and costs or 10 days, and the other sentenced to 20 days on an old commitment, completed the docket.

TEXTILE PAINTING COURSE AT S'SIDE

Twenty graduates from the first two textile painting classes conducted in Summerside under the sponsorship of the provincial government received certificates from Deputy Provincial Secretary Wendall MacKay in a ceremony at the Civic Auditorium. Above are five of the graduates and their instructor, left to right, Mrs. Gwen Brighty, Hillcrest; Mrs. Lorene Hill, Hillcrest; Miss Jeannine Albert, instructress from New Brunswick; Miss Jean MacFadyen, Summerside, organizer; Mrs. Erland Ramsay, Summerside and Miss Jean Affleck, Bedeque. An exhibition of textile paintings was held in the home economics rooms of the high school following the graduation ceremony.

York Community Is Planning 10-Day Variety Show In Oct.

Plans for a variety show which will run for 10 days starting next October 29 at York Community Hall are being held by residents of York.

The show, to be directed by Harry and Arthur Vessey, will include at least two one-act plays. One is a comedy with Mrs. Ann Crockett playing the lead role. Mrs. Crockett has won high acclaim and a "best actress" award in drama festivals.

Another is a suspence with a cast of 10, all of which are York residents.

The organizers expect to have a packed house on each of the 10 nights of the staging of the show. Eleven years ago a similar production directed by Arthur Vessey had to run four extra nights after the original six in order to accommodate the crowds.

York Hall is being completely renovated for the occasion, with new floors, ceilings and stage.

Approximately 100 persons will be participating in the production.

Wallboard Theft Charge Is Dismissed

The charge of theft of 20 sheets of wall board against Norris Hartle Kitson, Charlottetown, was dismissed yesterday by Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC in Queens County Magistrate Court. Mr. Kitson was represented by John P. Nicholson.

Douglas Gordon Sheldow, Cherry Valley, charged with unlawfully parking in a no parking zone, was remanded to March 25. Facing the same charge, Archie Andrew Chappell, Stanhope was remanded to March 28.

Crothers Voted Top Performer

LONDON (CP) — Canada's Bill Crothers flew home Monday with two plaques in his bags and two victories to his credit in the English indoor track championships.

The 22-year-old University of Toronto student received the plaques from The Daily Herald as the outstanding performer on both days of the championships at Wembley Stadium. The London newspaper sponsored the meet.

Crothers won the 600 - yard race Friday and the 1,000 yards Saturday against British competition.

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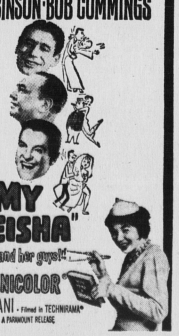

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The annual meeting and dinner for campaign workers in the Community Concert Association membership drive will be held this evening.

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1:15 p.m. St. Dunstan's University

6:00 - 6:15 p.m. CFCY-TV

8:30 p.m. Queen Charlotte High School

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

11:10 a.m. Cornwall War Memorial

11:45 a.m. Crapaud High School

2:00 p.m. Canadian Legion Hall Summerside

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