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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the Kensington Community Club, Friday, November 2nd, 8:30 P. M. at Town Hall.

CHURCH INSTALLS FURNACE - The Fundamental Baptist Church, Central Bedoue, has taken another step forward, in installing a new, electrically controlled oil burning furnace, which takes care of their heating problem very efficiently.

SPEAKER AT FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH - Mr. Howard Hunt, of Toronto, and Glad Tidings Chapel, Summerside, was the guest speaker, Sunday evening, Oct. 28, at the Fundamental Baptist Church, Central Bedoue, where he preached the Word with great acceptance to a large congregation.

ENJOYABLE CARD PARTY - A very successful and enjoyable card party was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Brennan, Kensington, with seventeen tables in play. Winners were as follows: Ladies' first, Mrs. Evelyn LeBlanc and second, Mrs. Aloysius Croken. Gents' first, Mr. James Mill, and second, Mr. Elwood Crozier. Consolation, Stella Jordan and Andy Turner.

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OUT OUR WAY



Hallowe'en Fairly Quiet At Summerside

Hallowe'en in Summerside was comparatively quiet, according to police, and although there was the usual spasmodic outbreaks here and there over town, no serious damage was reported.

There were, however, several reports of broken stop signs at street intersections and Chief of Police Peter White indicated last night that offenders of this type would be severely dealt with if apprehended. He pointed out that such vandalism can very easily cause a fatality. These signs are placed at the street corners for the use of the motorist and if they are missing, someone is going to be injured, perhaps fatally, he said.

The absence of any vandalism to any great extent in Summerside goes to the credit of the Kinsmen Club. For the past several years this organization has staged its Hallowe'en party in the High School auditorium where a large number of the younger generation gather to receive treats and see the show staged by the Kinsmen.

This year was no exception and the festivities started with the big parade headed by the Canadian Legion band which formed up on Water Street and then proceeded up Central to the school. Here the kiddies were royally entertained and given candy, oranges and pop and then sent to their homes feeling no doubt that this was a much better way to spend the night than to be destroying property. -S

Winding Up Of S'ide Firm

At a recent meeting of the executive of the Hall Manufacturing and Cold Storage Co. Ltd., Summerside, it was decided that with the permission of the creditors that the corporation be wound up under the Voluntary Winding Up Act.

For the past week or so the mill has been closed down but it has been the hope of all concerned that the shut-down would be only temporary. Mr. George Key, managing director, stated last night that replies had so far been received from some of the creditors but not all.

He said that it was a possibility that within six months that the plant would again be in operation.

Regarding the number of men reported as 35 who were laid off, Mr. Key said that the company had not for some years maintained a staff this large. The number who have so far been laid off, he said, was about ten or eleven and, three or four more would be also laid off shortly. -S

Careful Study

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terests. I have always opposed this. "The act should set forth the conditions under which industry could get together. Then there should be legislation providing that if they do anything contrary to the public interest, the would be prosecuted.

"Now, if this new legislation comes in I am under the impression that it will be a measure under the Criminal Code which will make it a crime for a producer to say that his product should be sold for so-and-so-a normal and proper thing for him to do."

Could Hurt Consumer

R. J. Keelan of Sarnia, Ont., said consumers think the proposed legislation is in their interests, whereas "it could work against the consumer. It would lower retail efficiency and ethics, and might lead to flim-flamming of the public, which the retailer can do if he is forced to do it to make a profit." The final resolution, asking delay until further study, was passed with only a few dissenting hands showing.

Sophia Jex-Blake, English doctor, founded the Edinburgh School of Medicine for Women in 1866.

By J. R. Williams

Alberton Has Relatively Quiet Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en night in Alberton was relatively quiet considering days gone by when the "Court House cannon" made its yearly move from its position alongside the Court House. At midnight, outside of a number of bridges scattered across the street, and the destruction of a large sign erected at considerable expense on Church Street, a quiet night was reported by the town policeman and a special constable on duty for the evening. -F

Extension Of

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However, the wealth of evidence given and the sometimes lengthy cross-examination of witnesses has extended the scope of the inquiry. It was adjourned yesterday afternoon until 10:00 a.m. this morning. Witnesses heard yesterday were the same as took the stand on Tuesday.

When Mr. W. E. Jefferson, chief engineer of the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Company, appeared as a witness, he was asked in cross examination by Mr. K. M. Martin, City Solicitor if he could explain "the inevitability of the inefficiency of the Charlottetown exchange." Mr. Martin said that at a previous hearing it had been admitted that there was inefficiency and officials then stated it was inevitable.

In reply Mr. Jefferson asked Mr. Martin if he had ever been in the local exchange office. Mr. Martin said he had not; "I would not be popular."

Many Delays

Judge C. St. Clair Trainor, Commission chairman, stated the Commission was disturbed that the installation of dial equipment had been set back so often. He said at first the postponements were for a few months each time but at this hearing they had been told it would now be the middle of 1953 before it became an established fact.

In reply to questions Mr. Jefferson said that the service here is "as efficient as we can make it with manual equipment," but admitted that it was not as efficient as the dial equipment would provide. He was asked by Mr. Melvin McQuaid, representative of the Souris Board of Trade, if it would be feasible to transfer the switchboards now in use here to smaller country offices when the dials were installed. Mr. Jefferson did not believe it could be done as they would be too expensive to operate in view of the revenue accruing.

Rural Service

There were several questions directed at various witnesses yesterday regarding the speed of answer by the telephone operators. Mr. McQuaid in speaking of rural phone service said that an operator could not give fast service when she had to do her household as well as run a switchboard. He asked consideration by the Commission of assuring good service before granting higher rates.

Mr. Jefferson under questioning by Mr. Martin said there should be no difficulty in obtaining steel or material for the proposed extension to the company building here. Mr. W. S. Dickie, general traffic manager, said the company wage rates for operators ranged between \$16 and \$24.50 weekly with overtime paid for holidays and Sundays. He said that a wage progression on a yearly basis was planned for those employees who remained with them. However, he pointed out that the company had a very rapid turnover of staff members.

Recalled to the stand Mr. Jefferson said that in the early years of the war most construction problems were concerned with the supplying of service to the armed forces. The company had believed then that after the war the equipment used in that way would supply the civilian demand for several years. But it had not worked out that way, he said, as service releases and relaxing controls were so slow, and the civilian demand for service built up so fast that the demand could not be met. He said that installation of the dial system in Summerside had relieved the badly congested traffic in that town.

New Radio System

It was also mentioned by Mr. Dickie that the company was far advanced in its planning for the installation of a new radio system similar to that at Tea Hill. It will be erected in the vicinity of Summerside to relieve the heavy toll traffic on the cable between that town and New Brunswick. He believed it should be ready for service by June of next year.

Under questioning by Mr. A. Walthen Gaudet, of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, the witness said that dial phones for this city had been under consideration for the past five years.

Negotiations Completed Verbally For Sale Of Gordon Electric Plant

Negotiations for the purchase of the Gordon electric plant at Alberton by the Maritime Electric Company, Ltd., were verbally completed yesterday afternoon. Before the sale can be consummated, however, the contract now being drawn must bear the approval of the Provincial Public Utilities Commission.

Subject to this approval, it is understood the Maritime Electric Company will assume operation of the Alberton electric system on December 1st.

Queries with regard to the likelihood of the Maritime Electric Company building a connecting line from O'Leary to Alberton next spring, Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, provincial manager, expressed surprise that a report to this effect had been published.

Placed 8 Months Ago

He said the first order for material for this city's new dial system was placed 8 months ago and that the manufacturer had since stated that the delivery schedule agreed to would be kept. The equipment is being supplied by Northern Electric Company. He said that no other city could get the dial phones planned for here as all such installations were "tailor made" for the city involved.

The Company has made no definite plans as to when this line would be built, he stated. This matter would have to receive consideration along with the company's general construction program.

It is, however, the company's intention to operate the existing light plant at Alberton for the time being, and to make such temporary improvements to the distributing system in town as will insure reasonably satisfactory service until the interconnecting line can be constructed.

The Gordon electric plant is owned by Mr. Alfred Gordon, Summerside, and has been supplying electric power to the town of Alberton and immediate vicinity for the past twenty-four years.

Mr. Dickie maintained that the present rate hearing had no bearing on the planned installation as the final order would be placed by his company before a decision of the Commission would be rendered.

He stated the company now had 5,000 subscribers here and that the dial system was being planned to supply service to 7,000 to allow for the growth in demand in the two-year period ahead.

Among other matters brought out in questioning were details concerned with toll calls, operation of rural lines and the time distance operators to place a call. Taking part in the questioning yesterday were Mr. R. W. Man-

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