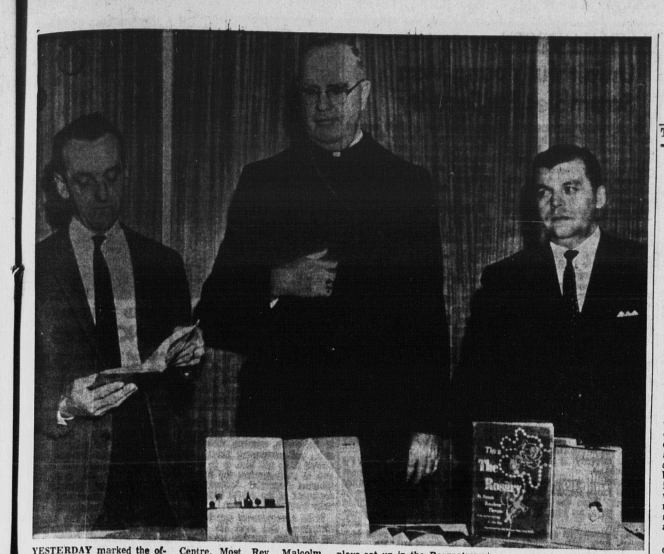

YESTERDAY marked the official opening of Catholic Book Week in the Diocese of Prince Edward Island. At the opening ceremonies held last night at the Basilica Recreation Centre, Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, DD, bishop of Charlottetown, addressed a large audience on the Ecumenical Council in Rome. Seen here at one of the displays set up in the Recreation Centre are, left to right, Cletus Murphy, Bishop MacEachern, and Frank MacDonald, chairman for the program.

Ecumenical Council Topic As Bishop Opens 'Week'

The official opening of Catholic Book Week was marked by an address on the Ecumenical Council in Rome by Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, DD, bishop of Charlottetown.

The official opening took place at the Basilica Recreation Centre, and chairman was Frank MacDonald, president of the Catholic Information Centre. An outline of the history of the centre, with its aims and functions was given by William Murphy the centre's past president.

The guest speaker was introduced by Rev. T.P. Hammill.

In his address the Bishop summarized the general reasons for the Ecumenical Council and gave some idea of the procedure involved in the preparation of the council over a three-year period.

His Excellency also gave a detailed summary of the proceedings leading up to the final vote on the council scheme. He also discussed in some detail some questions involved regarding a scheme on religious freedom, which will be given final consideration at the Council, when it meets again in September of this year.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

He told of the different questions involved in applying to the various countries of the world, the principles of religious freedom. He then proceeded to give a concept of religious freedom stating it as the right of a man to exercise his religion according to the dictates of his own conscience.

The Bishop was thanked by Frank Zakem and a social hour followed.

LOCAL BRIEFS

IS RECOVERING

Mrs. Frank Harvey, Crapaud, is reported to be improving satisfactorily following surgery in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

IN HOSPITAL

Heather Harvey, Crapaud, has entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital for treatment.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Wilson and son of Summerside were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs Roy Wilson, Crapaud.

FIRST READING

Introduced by Lloyd MacPhail (PC-2nd Kings) first reading was given yesterday to an Act to Amend and Consolidate the Acts Referring to the Affairs of the Baptist Church, Charlottetown and the Trustees thereof.

LOSE PERMITS

Attorney-General Alban Farmer said in the Legislature that during the past year 306 persons lost their driver's permits for violations of the Traffic Act as the result of the influence of liquor. He was replying to a written question submitted by George MacKay (L-4th Prince.)

RATES INCREASED

In reply to a question by Opposition Leader Matheson, Welfare and Labor Minister Henry Wedge stated in the Legislature the rate for patients at Beach Grove is figured at $175 per month. An increase of $25 per month as of January 1.

CO-OPERATION ASKED

With Brier Week coming up with its heavy influx of out-of-town visitors, Police Chief Sterns Webster and the police department is asking for the full co-operation of all citizens in regards to parking. The chief said that the department would like everyone to make certain their vehicles are parked well off the street particularly in the vicinity of the Forum and Curling Club.

LIGHT DOCKET

Pleading not guilty to a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor in a place other than his residence, an accused had his case adjourned until this morning by Magistrate A. J. Haslam, QC, in city police court yesterday. Two drunk and [illegible] were each fined $25 and costs or 20 days.

SWAN FUNERAL — The funeral for Mrs. James Swan, Sr. was held yesterday from the Cuticliffe Funeral Home. Service was conducted by Rev. C. C. Lewis. Hymns sung were, The Lord's My Shepherd and Abide With Me. Pallbearers were, John Cook, James Long, Glendon Ramsay, William Hayes, Nelson Good, A. H. Ryan. Interment took place in the family plot in Sherwood cemetery.

Souris Ice Carnival Draws Many Entries In Costume

SOURIS — The annual Souris Ice Carnival was held last night with an attendance of about 600 people. There were more than 100 entries for the competitions in costume classes.

Judges for the carnival were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence MacDonald, Miss Miriam Matthew, and Ed Clinton. The master of ceremonies was W.A. Acorn.

Winners are as follows: girl's six and under, Rosalie and Lorraine Irlam, (2) Cynthia Poole, (3) Cathy MacIntosh.

Boys six and under — (1) Randy Francis.

Girls seven o nine — 1' Debbie Conway, (2) Vickey Francis; (3) Ann Sullivan.

Boys seven to nine — David Stewart; (2) Eric MacIntosh; (3) Rory Francis.

Girls 10 — 12 — (1) Kerry Peters and Linda Chrisson; (2) Cathy Osbourne; (3) Marie Praught and Carol MacInnis.

Boys 10-12, (1) Kerry Peters (2) Jackie Townshend, (3) Donnie Poole.

Girls 13-15, (1) Dianne Peters (2) Rosmarie Gallant, (3) Cathy Mahar, Shirley Acorn, Shelly Peters, Clair Peters.

Boys 13-15, (1) Joseph MacDonald, (2) Douglas Aitken and Myran Brown (3) Eric Poole.

Seniors 16 and up — (1) Mrs. Daniel Conway, (2) Charles A. MacPhee (3) Dorothy Young and Eileen MacLaren.

Special prizes, Loma Burke, Doris Power, Isabel Power, Roma Francis and Joan MacLean.

Liberal Resolution Withdrawn In House

Opposition Leader Alex Matheson yesterday put forth a resolution in the Legislature condemning the government for holding too much money in government deposit receipts.

The resolution with withdrawn at the end of considerable discussion between Mr. Matheson and Provincial Treasurer Alban Farmer because it would have meant a straight party vote, an action which Mr. Matheson termed "a waste of time."

In discussing the resolution, Mr. Matheson called the attention of the members to various amounts held in the provincial treasury "on deposit receipts."

These were: $1,493,257 of the sinking fund investments, $282,-996 of the insurance reserve fund, $281,899.65 of the teachers' superannuation fund, $279,-343.39 of the civil service superannuation fund, $8,291 of the Carnegie endowment fund, and $19,000 of the Provincial Sanatorium endowment account.

This amounts to more than two million dollars, over one-third of the total sinking fund, plus $100,000 had been held in the government deposit.

Mr. Farmer pointed out that by the Deposit Receipt Act the government may invest in this manner if it so chooses.

"We have found that short-term financing has been advantageous to us," he said.

However, he indicated that he agreed with Mr. Matheson on some points.

The resolution also pointed out that "many of the assets of the Teachers' Superannuation Fund are invested in securities that are not proper investments for trusts."

It called for the sinking funds to be invested "in securities other than Deposit Receipts of the Province" and that past due bonds held in the Superannuation Fund be "transferred to a rest account" and their equivalent cash value be replaced in the fund.

EASTERN BRIEFS

CORRECTION

Due to typographical error in Tuesday's story on Montague's annual Scout group committee meeting, the article left the impression that the scout movement worked under the United Nations flag. The part omitted said that the group formed by the sons of the delegates to the UN is unique in that it works under the flag of the United Nations rather than that of any country.

The name of Mrs. A.A. Fraser as a new member of the group committee was also omitted.

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North Shore Scouts Hold Banquet

The First North Shore Boy Scouts and Cubs held their annual father and son banquet last Saturday at the Community Hall, Stanhope. Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Paul Cudmore, provincial commissioner.

The speaker was introduced by Scout Master Sheldon Jay and thanked by assistant cub leader, Ernest MacMillan.

Hugh Lowry, district commissioner, also addressed the dinner. He also led the group in the closing prayer.

Progress reports for the scout troop were given by Assistant Scoutmaster Lloyd Coffin and for the cub pack by Cub Master Edwin Tupper.

A toast to the sponsoring group was proposed by Gordon Ellis and responded to by Mrs. Bruce Ellis.

LIBERAL

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ing to take a course would have to board in Summerside, he pointed out.

He said the number of school drop-outs in the West Prince area indicated the need for a vocational school there.

Giving figures to prove his point, he noted that of the 158 students writing mid-year exams in Alberton Regional High School, 105 were girls and there were only 53 boys. He pointed out also that "only 60 per cent" of those writing the exams in Tignish and O'Leary had passed.

PARK ENLARGEMENT

Mr. Campbell called for the enlargement of Jacques Cartier Park in Kildare.

In speaking of this park, he brought up the question of the hiring of the caretaker.

He said the man who had donated the 12 acres of land for the park had been promised the job and then later refused it. "I feel that the man who donated the land is the man to whom the job should go," he said.

Evidence Heard At Georgetown

GEORGETOWN — The case of Raymond Martin Griffin, Montague, charged with having the care and control of a vehicle while impaired was adjourned for judgment until March 11, by King's County Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC yesterday.

Cpl. Douglas J. Hender, and Cnst. Miles E. Foster, both of the RCMP detachment, Montague testified for the Crown. The accused and four witnesses testified for the defence.

The four defence witnesses besides the accused were, James Sullivan, Harold Gray Myers, Alfred Moore and Gerald Cronin.

The accused is represented by Lester P. O'Donnell.

All cases for the Crown were presented by Deputy Attorney-General J. Arthur McGuigan, QC.

Nathaniel Daniel MacDonald, Montague was fined $100 and costs when he pleaded guilty to having care and control of a vehicle while impaired.

Wilfred MacDonald, Glen William, represented by John P. Nicholson, who had earlier pleaded not guilty to being intoxicated in a public place, had his case adjourned by consent to March 11.

NEW CHARGE

Daniel William Sorrie, Montague, who had earlier been charged with having liquor not purchased from a vendor, to which he had pleaded not guilty, had this charge withdrawn by the Crown, and a new charge of consuming liquor in a public place was laid, to which the accused pleaded guilty and was fined $20 and costs.

Spencer David Gillis, Point Pleasant, pleaded guilty to impaired driving and was fined $100 and costs or 10 days. The same party also pleaded guilty to a hit-and-run charge and was fined $75 and costs or 15 days.

Harold Wilson Moore, Cambridge, charged with forging a cheque in the amountof $28.21 with intent to use same as if it were genuine, had his case adjourned by consent until March 11. He is represented by William A. Reddin of Montague. The accused is on $1,000 bail with two sureties of $500 each.

Moore, who is also charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, and with intent to defraud, had this charge adjourned until March 11 by consent.

Three persons were each fined $20 and costs for being intoxicated in a public place.

VISITING CURLERS SLATED TO GET ROYAL WELCOME

By RALPH CAMERON

When the Brier curlers arrive in the city by special train Friday night they will be on the receiving end of one of the most wide open bang-up, hell-for-leather welcoming parties ever staged here, designed to outclass any stagen in any western Canadian city.

A special crossing of the Borden ferry has been arranged to handle the big group arriving in eight pullman cars, but hundreds more are already starting to pour in by plane and car.

The special train is scheduled to arrive at 11.30 Friday night, and for that one evening of Centennial Year, at least, Charlottetown should be hopping with horn blowing and sirens screaming as fire engines lead the welcome parade from the railway station through city streets ablaze with light and color.

Those who have been in other Brier towns will never forget the tremendous welcome provided by the host cities, and Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet said yesterday he hoped Charlottetown would outshine all past greetings to give the visitors an impression of exuberant hospitality that will send them home as enthusiastic ambassadors of goodwill for The Island.

He suggests all homeowners along the parade route leave their house lights on, at least until the parade has passed, to show visitors a town pulsating with life instead of a dead, staid eastern village — an impression too often prevalent in many places.

Staging of the big Canadian curling championships here is the end result of 10 long years of continual effort. It was first proposed at a City Council meeting by Elmer MacDonald, then a member of Council, and pressed steadily till now by Mayor Gaudet and all his predecessors.

The great importance of his trip to Brandon, Man., last year to invite the curlers here for our Centennial has now been shown and is further pointed up by the coming here this week of the mayors of Toronto, Saskatoon and Kelowna, B.C., to bid for future Brier events.

"We may not have big sombreros on our heads, but our symbol here is a truly heartwarming hospitality seldom matched and never exceeded," said Mayor Gaudet as he asked everyone in Charlottetown to either line streets to watch the parade or take an active part in it.

Following the parade to The Charlottetown, the Mayor will extend an informal welcome to the curlers on behalf of the city, and this will be followed by a formal welcome at a civic luncheon at the hotel Monday noon. At this time, the Mayor will make presentation gifts from Charlottetown to the president of the Canadian Curling Association, to David Stewart of the Macdonald Tobacco Company, and to the three trustees of the Macdonald Brier Tankard.

The latter are three distinguished Canadians, this province's Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Thane A. Campbell; Hon. Errich F. Willis, Winnipeg Lieutenant - Governor of Manitoba; and R.G. L. Harstone, Hamilton, Ont.

In the field of entertainment, the city is not overlooking the many wives of curlers who will be here, and for them is sponsoring a sherry party next Wednesday.

All the Centennial decorative lighting of the city is already in use, and this week civic employees are breaking out flags all along the main parade route as curlers march to the Forum from the Charlottetown for the opening Brier matches on Monday afternoon.

BIG SHIPMENT OF CHICKS

Lloyd Burns of Burns Chick Hatchery, Freetown, seen here at left, holds some of a shipment of 4,000 baby chicks he delivered yesterday to Charles Howatt, Victoria, who has a large laying operation. The shipment is unusual in that it is extremely large for chick shipments on the Island. Normal loads are usually of less than 500 birds. Mr. Howatt, who is at right, has about 11,000 layers and the addition of those he received yesterday he has approximately 7,000 baby chicks.

Young Adults Hear Address

Twenty-five members answered the roll call at the meeting of Cornwall Young Adults, held at the home of Louise and Harry Lowther, Feb. 24.

The devotional period included a hymn and the scripture lesson, read by Sandra MacKinley. A story entitled "Two Aspects of Worry" was given by Jean MacPhail and prayer was offered by Margaret MacKinley.

Group three is in charge of the March meeting: Roy and Elaine Jewell, Norman and Mickey MacPhail; George and Beverly Gillespie and Edith MacPhail.

Volunteers to assist Mildred MacLean for Sunday School at the Rehabilitation Centre are: Vera and Willard Proud, Wanda MacPhee, Elaine Jewell and Imogene MacDonald. The president thanked the committee for making the skating party a success; also, thanks was expressed on behalf of John MacDonald for remembering him with a gift while a patient at the hospital.

Special speaker for the evening was James Allan, manager-director of N.D. MacLean's Funeral Home. Mr. Allan spoke on "Christian Burials". This subject was very enlightening and following his talk, members were encouraged to ask questions. The president thanked Mr. Allan for his informative talk.

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