

Consolidated School Plans Are Presented

Details of the proposed plans for consolidated elementary schools were presented to a meeting of school superintendents and officials of various departments connected with education, by Harold Landry, administrative officer in the department of education. The meeting was held Tuesday and plans, specifications and the necessary requirements for the school were discussed.

Hon. Gordon Bennett, minister of education, said that a report on the study of the desirable facilities, which should be included in the construction of consolidated schools will be available the first week of January.

A study of the consolidation program, Mr. Bennett said, would provide a clearer picture of what is most desirable in construction of consolidated schools with respect to facilities. A great deal has been learned from the school already constructed, he said.

Mr. Bennett commented that a report on school consolidation will serve as a guideline to trustees as they consider new schools in their districts, as well as an aid to architects who draw the plans for these schools.

Will Be 90 On Tuesday

An open house was held by Mrs. Chester Palmer of Summerside, Prince Edward Island and 55 Bickford Road, East Brantree, Mass., when she celebrated her 90th birthday on Tuesday.

Mrs. Palmer, who spends winters with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest M. Wells at the Bickford Road address, travels every spring by automobile to P.E.I. where she has her own home.

Among the messages of congratulations was a telegram from Premier Alexander Campbell of P.E.I.

Mrs. Palmer has been a widow for 10 years.

In P.E.I. she is active in the Baptist Church. She knits, reads and sews regularly. According to her daughter, she "never has an ache or a pain" and is "amazingly active" for her years.

"Any time anyone will take her, she's always ready for a trip."

In addition to her daughter in East Brantree, she has a son, Robert Palmer of Summerside, four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Former Murray River Resident Dies in Albany

A former resident of Murray River, P.E.I., Daniel MacDonal Murdock, died recently in Albany, N.Y.

Mr. Murdock, who was 62 years of age, was superintendent of construction of a 45-story office building, now under way at Albany. He was also superintendent for construction of Kennedy Towers in Troy. He worked for the Foster Lipkins Co. of Valley Stream.

He lived for many years at Smithtown, N.Y., where he was a member of the Scottish Rite, 32, Smithtown Lodge, F and AM and the Kismet Shrine of Garden City. At the time of his death he was a resident of Jonesville, N.Y.

The late Mr. Murdock, who visited Prince Edward Island almost annually, was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, an army veteran of World War II, where he served as captain of engineers in the European theatre.

He is survived by his wife, the former Marion Nicholson, who was born in Belfast, P.E.I., his mother, Mrs. Sarah MacDonal, Hamilton, Ont., two sons, Lloyd G. of Jonesville and Daniel R. of New York City and four brothers, Samuel P. of Flushing, N.Y., George E. of Boston, Edward E. of Plymouth, Mass., and Lawrence W. of Hamilton, Ont.

Funeral services were held in Troy, N.Y., and burial took place in Oakwood cemetery, Troy.

Mr. Murdock was the son of the late Gavin MacLure Murdock, Murray River, P.E.I. A brother, Rev. John Gavin Murdock, predeceased him three years ago.

Is Jailed For Theft Charge

SUMMERSIDE — Daniel Alfred Cahill, Summerside, was sentenced to nine months in the Prince County Jail here yesterday, by Judge Walter E. Darby, in Prince County Judge's Criminal Court.

Cahill was found guilty of the theft of a chest of silverware from Holman's store in Summerside.

The sentence will run from October 1, when the accused was first taken into custody.

Crown Prosecutor was George R. McMahon, J. Melville Campbell represented the accused.

Springvale School Presents Annual Concert

Springvale School held their annual Christmas concert on December 19, in Brookfield Hall. The programme presented was under the direction of the teachers, Mrs. Jean MacRae, Shirley Weeks and the music teacher, Mrs. Velda Dunning.

Recitations were presented by Nancy McLaine, Elaine MacRae, Neil Froude, Doug Dallas, Lois Crabbe, Debbie Matheson.

Provincial Secretary Hickey Comments On Recent Meeting

Provincial Secretary - Treasurer, T.E. Hickey, commented briefly upon recent meetings in Ottawa.

On December 19, representatives of the federal and provincial governments met to exchange views on consumer credit and Interest Disclosure. This conference agreed that the disclosure of interest rates on per-

sonal installment loans made by banks, retailers, sales finance companies and others was both desirable and feasible. The bill to amend the bank act will include provisions for rate disclosure, and in Nova Scotia the Consumer Protection Act will become effective from January 15, 1967, said Mr. Hickey.

GENERAL INTEREST

There was general interest in the extension of protective legislation in this field, and it was agreed that a maximum degree of uniformity among provinces

should be sought. Discussion also included the need for consumer education, and the matter of establishing maximum rates and other controls.

On December 20, Ministers of Finance and Provincial Treasurers held their third annual meeting, discussing the present economic situation and the outlook for the coming year. An officer of the Bank of Canada outlined development in the economic situation in Canada and other countries during the year, and representatives of the 11 govern-

ments outlined the situation in their respective jurisdictions.

The Ministers also discussed possible arrangements for improving the effectiveness of these meetings, which were agreed by all to be valuable. It was felt that a more complete exchange of views and information could contribute greatly to the coordination of the fiscal policies instituted by all the governments.

Escapes Custody Gets 3 Months

SUMMERSIDE — Robert Allison Hennessy, Charlottetown, was sentenced to serve three months in the Prince County Jail by Magistrate W. Chesler S. MacDonald, here yesterday, on a charge of escaping lawful custody after being arrested.

Magistrate MacDonald, presiding over Prince County Ma-

B. A. Peerless Unloads Cargo

The oil tanker B. A. Peerless, 10,000 Tons is unloading a supply of cargo at the recreation center on December 19, in which Hennessy was arrested by Kensington Town Police Constable Vernon Reeves.

The two sentences will run concurrently.

A charge of making a false application for a driver's license, against Joseph John Galant, Summerside, was adjourned to December 25.

of store off and garden from Halifax.

The cargo ship P. M. Crobie, 1,000 Tons is loading a full cargo of potatoes, destined for St. John's, Newfoundland.

The government ships Tupper and Wolfe are both in port, having returned from busy lifting duties in the Northumberland Strait.

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Let us rejoice anew at the wondrous message of Christmas!

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