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ber 16th, including one-act comedy "Married At Sunrise" Door prizes. Presented by Sherbrooke Farm Forum. 8.15. Admission 35-50 cents.

-ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Adams, Kensington, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Frances Elaine, R.N., to Roger Waite Kennedy, son of Mr. Charles Kennedy, Kensington, marriage to take place in near future.

-CARD PARTY - Mrs. Wilbert

Cahill and Mrs. John Hagen are hostesses at an enjoyable and successful card party held at their home recently under the auspices of the Summerfield C.W.L. Eleven tables of auction forty-fives were in play. The ladies' prize was awarded to Mrs. Andrew Hughes while the gent's was won by Mr. Sutherland McKay.

-HILLS CAUSE TROUBLE -

Slippery road conditions between Summerside and Hunter River caused many vehicles to go into the ditch. Particularly bad was Pleasant Valley hill where farmers with their tractors were almost continually engaged in pulling cars up the hills. Between Summerside and St. Eleanor's there were reports of several cars in the ditch, some badly damaged.

Personals

-Mr. William Haggerty of New Annapolis who has been ill at his home for some time is much improved in health.-S.

-Mr. Jack MacDonald, superintendent of Fraser Broads Construction Co., Labrador, arrived in Summerside on Saturday by plane to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and children, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Weeks, St. Eleanor's and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. MacDonald, Grand River.

Winter Weather

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5-Inch Fall

Fifteen accidents in less than an hour were blamed on the storm at Hamilton. None was serious. Wind was out of from telephone communication with many suburban points after the snow, more than four inches deep in places, snapped off telephone poles.

Snowfall of more than five inches was reported at London at Wallaceburg, 18 miles north-west of Chatham.

In Eastern Ontario, freezing rain fell at Madoc. Ottawa had two inches of snow during the two hours after 7 a.m. and more than 40 street accidents were reported by noon.

A mass of warm air moving in from the Pacific brought temperature in Alberta up from near zero to about 20 degrees. Saskatchewan will benefit some as the fringe of the warm area brushes through on its way south. However, there was no relief in sight for Manitoba where temperatures were near zero. It was six degrees above at Winnipeg Monday with a slight drop predicted for today.

Queen's Member

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hauled, it was a simple matter of moving westward to new and fertile areas which in turn, would be exploited. But the tragic fact is that we, as a world, are running out of new and fertile areas to exploit.

"Our population is increasing in numbers but the land available for the population is not increasing. As a matter of fact it is decreasing, due to the fact that much of our land is becoming eroded and is no longer fit for agricultural uses."

Mr. MacLean expressed doubt if soil erosion and water conservation should be approached from an engineering standpoint. It was not at the mouths of rivers where the problem should be attacked with dams and levees but rather inland on the denuded watersheds which were the cause of flash floods.

With proper protection of for-

S'side Canadian Legion Branch Annual Meeting

Matthews Report On Education

This article on "Financing our Schools" is the last in a series from the Matthews Report of the Survey of our four City Schools. Finance is a timely subject just now because our City Council, the body mainly responsible for financing our schools, is faced with increased expenditure. The present Council have spent considerable time and energy exploring possible sources of additional revenue.

To the citizens of Charlottetown who want the best we can afford in education for the coming generation the facts brought to light in this article are most encouraging.

Financing The Schools

In his "Report of the Survey of the Public Schools of Charlottetown", which for the sake of brevity will be termed simply "the Report" in the following paragraphs, Professor John C. Matthews has devoted an entire chapter to the question of financing the schools.

This chapter is replete with statistical tables showing what Charlottetown has been spending on education, in relation to its total expenditures, on a per pupil basis, and in comparison with comparable communities in the Maritimes. There is a great deal of factual information on assessment valuations, tax rates and bonded debts by years, and communities, and all of the figures are presented as a background for study and in substantiation of the conclusions expressed. The Report is careful to emphasize, however, that all statistical analyses must be considered along with and in the light of other conditions having a bearing on the matter in question. The need for up-to-date revision of the tables from time to time is also pointed out.

No attempt will be made here to repeat the details contained in the Report. Rather, the following highlights have been summarized from the Report with the thought that they should be of interest to Charlottetown citizens and could well form the basis for further study and discussion.

Howlan And Vicinity

Credit Union monthly meeting was held on Dec. 7 in the office at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gallant motored to Summerside on Dec. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Alyre Buote of Mill Road were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gallant on Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Gaudet of Woodstock were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tennis Peters on Dec. 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur DesRoches and sons have returned to their home in Howlan after spending the summer months in Cacumpeque where Mr. DesRoches was employed.

Word has been received here by the parents of Mrs. Robert Fleming (nee Ann Marie Richard) that she and her husband recently arrived in Charlottetown, having been called there due to the death of Mr. Fleming's father, the late Gerald Fleming of Charlottetown.

Congratulations and best wishes are now going out to Mr. and Mrs. George Wood who were married at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Woodstock, on Dec. 9. Mrs. Wood was formerly Miss Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wood of Howlan attended the wedding of Mr. Wood's brother George, at West Cape on Dec. 9.

Mrs. Henry Gallant was hostess on Dec. 9 to the ladies of St. Anne's Club. Meeting was opened by the president by the recitation of one decade of the rosary which will be repeated for peace all every meeting during the Marine year. There were 10 members present who answered roll call with an exchange of Christmas gifts. Money was voted for a treat for the school children at Christmas. Mrs. A. A. Arsenault consented to be hostess for the January meeting on Jan. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers recently motored to Summerside in company with Mr. and Mrs. Coleridge Rogers of Lot 7.

Several men in Howlan who had not as yet taken down their road fences got busy on Dec. 11 and took them down ahead of the road machinery which started work on that day prior to the widening of the road in the Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richard of O'Leary were in Howlan Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Arsenault.

Miss Shirley Richard of O'Leary was in Howlan on Saturday.

SURVIVES ORDEAL

NASHVILLE, Tenn., (AP) - While his mother and grandmother alternated with a running torrent of encouraging words, rescuers opened a safe in which two-year-old Danny Stanley had spent an hour and a half after crawling in and locking the door. He tumbled out unharmed.

the percentage of total tax used for school purposes.

On the strength of the above facts and numerous other interesting comparisons and studies the Report presents a number of conclusions among which are the following:

Charlottetown is and has been using a smaller percentage of its municipal tax dollar to support schools and has been making less financial effort to support education than most other comparable Maritime communities. In other words, the public schools in Charlottetown have not been getting the percentage of the municipal tax dollar to which they are entitled.

Charlottetown's present level of school expenditure is not high as compared with other communities. Charlottetown has the resources to support top-notch schools, including a new comprehensive high school, if it wants them.

HONEYMOON DRIVE

PAU, France, (Reuters) - Beautiful Jeanne Berge, 33, serving a 20-year sentence for trafficking with the enemy in Indo-China, was given an hour freedom Saturday to marry a man she met in prison. After the wedding, the couple had a "honeymoon" drive through the park, then she went back to her cell.

FINE WATERWAYS

The lake and canal systems of Finland provide 3,000 miles of navigable waterways.

Conway and Vicinity

Mr. Hebert Broome who is employed at Summerside spent the week-end at his home here.

Mr. George Morrison was a visitor to Summerside on December 5.

Miss Evelyn Morrison, who was employed with Mr. and Mrs. John Badlem, Montague, arrived home on December 5.

The many friends of Mrs. Marshall Murphy will regret to learn it has been necessary for her to enter the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, for treatment and hope to see her home again before long and restored to good health.

The many friends of Mrs. Charles Keizer, Murray Road will regret to learn she has returned to the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, and wish her a speedy recovery to good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Milligan, Alberton, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Milligan, Murray Road, on December 6.

The party sale put on by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lot Eleven at R. T. Holman's, Summerside, December 5 proved a real success. Mrs. Robert H. Palmer, Mrs. Reginald Palmer and Mrs. George Turpin were in charge of the sale from which \$50.60 was realized.

Mrs. Ruskin Banks, Freehold, was in Summerside December 5 on business.

Mr. William E. MacKinnon and Mr. Cecil MacKinnon were in Summerside December 4 on business.

Mrs. John Broome spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. George Skerry, Lot Sixteen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dawson, Poplar Grove, attended the shower for Mr. and Mrs. Lorne MacLean at Coleman Hall on December 4.

Miss Elizabeth Gallant, Carleton, Lot 6, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Milligan, Murray Road on December 6.

Mr. Mark Broome, Summerside spent the week-end with his wife and family at Freehold.

Miss Pearl Craig, teacher at O'Leary High School spent the week-end with her sister and brother, Ella and Heber at Poplar Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Williams, Ellerslie, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hardy, Freehold, on December 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancel Ballam and children Mount Pleasant, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morrison on December 6.

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Canada's Hotel Business Increases

OTTAWA, (CP) - Canada's hotel business jumped 10 per cent in 1952 over the previous year.

A total of 5,157 establishments with 149,615 rooms to offer grossed \$391,936,000, the Bureau of Statistics reported Monday. This compared with 5,092 hotels, 146,441 rooms and a gross of \$357,282,000 in 1951.

Bulk of the 1952 gross - \$344,476,000 - was taken in by the 3,353 full-year hotels licensed to sell beer and liquor. The sale of beer, wine and liquor accounted for 51.5 per cent of the total receipts, meals for 17.2 per cent and room rentals 22.9 per cent. The other 8.4 per cent came from other sources.

The rooms had a percentage occupancy of 58 per cent, the report showed. Hotels employed 58,348 persons and paid \$88,747,000 in salaries and wages.

Toronto hotels with receipts of \$26,334,000 led those of all other Canadian cities in volume of business handled in 1952. Montreal was second with \$22,354,000, followed by Vancouver with \$17,056,000 and Winnipeg with \$10,063,000. Montreal hotels led in the amount of revenue derived from sale of meals, beer, wine and liquors.

The highest percentage of room occupancy - 85 - was reported by Halifax.

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