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Rural Community Group Organized

There's a new and a serious group working today on Rural Community Development. A group with that name was organized Wednesday at a meeting held in the Lecture Theatre of the Confederation Centre in Charlottetown.

Kenneth A. MacLean, Central Lot 16 and John A. Rodd, Milton were named co-chairmen of the new organization which emphasizes that it will work through existing groups in the effort to further community development.

Eric Kipping, Charlottetown is vice-president. Rev. Frank Lacey, York is secretary-treasurer and Urban LeBlanc, Charlottetown is chairman of the public relations committee.

The group originated in the minds of perhaps a dozen rural clergymen who met about a year ago as they were concerned about stories of rural poverty. Laymen became interested in the group and meetings were held quietly throughout 1964 and 1965. A December 7 meeting decided on the January 19 organization meeting.

The session lasted from mid-forenoon until past mid-afternoon.

The council emphasizes that it is not a pressure group. It will work on behalf of furthering community development, it already is being.

Research Director Reid Sangster went back to his associations with Dr. M.M. Coady, one of the fathers of the St. Francis Xavier University extension department in Antigonish, as he talked to the council in the afternoon.

Leadership from the people themselves is most important in the community development idea is to work successfully Mr. Sangster suggested.

Reviewing the work done under ARDA in the past few years Mr. Sangster noted that there had been disappointments. "But I believe now," he observed "that we are just about ready, to work with various groups in the community, such as Women's Institutes," Mr. Sangster told a questioner who represented that province-wide group of women.

"Our program is a long-range one, so lets use sensible approaches," Mr. Sangster advised.

Community development is the development of the people. We've had the tools for years to accomplish this. We just didn't put them to use," Rev. Donald MacLennan, Mt. Stewart observed.

The basic idea of community is to relieve poverty, one man suggested. The idea is to make community life more meaningful, to make rural life rewarding, another suggested.

Presiding at the sessions was Urban LeBlanc, who had been serving as general chairman, community development committee, prior to the selection of officers yesterday.

Apartment Living Cost Nears That Of Ownership Of Homes

VANCOUVER (CP)—It costs far less to live in an apartment than to keep up a house, but it won't always be so, say two brothers who have built an average of 1,000 apartment suites annually in Vancouver since 1952.

Arthur and Henry Block, the heads of Block Brothers Realty Ltd., predict that in the long run, as apartment rents rise, the cost of apartment living will come close to that of home ownership.

But in the meantime, home ownership is becoming increasingly costly and virtually impossible for many in the young family-forming group and low-income people of all ages. For millions of others, home ownership is out of reach, the Block brothers said in an interview.

They think the answer to the problem lies in home-ownership grants.

"Here is a field of action for governments," says Arthur Block. "When they talk about a war on poverty they do not need to look further than this silent group of good citizens—and I think there are about 3,000,000 in Canada—who have no adequate housing."

ASKS OPPORTUNITY

Henry Block said the government must not merely make home ownership more attractive, but must make it possible in the first place.

He said housing problems can be so formidable for some young couples that they doubt whether they should raise children.

Low rental housing is a half answer because crowding young families tends to perpetuate the social ills that afflict the low-skilled, low earning members of society, he said.

Welfare agencies in Toronto, he said, recognize the shortcomings of apartments for raising families and are buying homes in an effort to re-establish families with special problems.

The brothers said Vancouver is currently in the middle of a big apartment boom.

SEE CREST AHEAD

However, they predict that the demand for apartments in the city will reach its crest in 1968 or 1969.

They said that the young married couples without children and older couples whose

children are themselves married are responsible for the current apartment building boom.

In the last 10 years, the average selling price of a house has climbed from \$12,000 to \$15,000, reflecting rises in land values, interest, taxes, insurance, repairs and services.

They said that for the childless family, the rented apartment can offer big savings compared with ownership.

Arthur Block estimates the annual cost of owning a basic home at \$2,000 a year, but that it can go as high as \$3,000 or \$4,000.

This annual cost can be cut to between \$1,000 and \$1,600 by moving to an apartment.

He said Mr. Hellyer had stated there was no plan to reduce the Summerside station strength at present and the base would continue to operate without change.

U.S. Extends Copper Controls

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. commerce department has announced it will extend its export controls to cover virtually all types of copper.

The move indicates a worsening if the copper supply-demand situation. There has been a growing shortage of copper for several months.

The U.S. government previously had placed restrictions on exports of scrap copper. Since that regulation was announced in December, the department has received a greatly increased number of applications for export of other types of copper.

Dispels Rumor Of RCAF Cutback

OTTAWA (Special)—Alex Campbell, P. E. I. Liberal Leader said here Tuesday night that the current rumors of a cutback in the RCAF Station at Summerside are without foundation.

Mr. Campbell said he had

P.E.I. SWINE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Has been postponed because of unfavorable weather. It will be held Thursday, January 20th, 1:30 p.m., Birchcourt, Experimental Farm.



AWARDED FIRST PLACE RIBBON

Glen MacDermid is awarded his first place ribbon by Mrs. MacAulay, teacher at Queen Charlotte High School. Glen squeaked out a narrow victory over Bill Doherty in the Boy's 13 and under race. The race was just one of 20 events held as part of the Queen Charlotte High School Ice Sports at the Charlottetown Forum last evening.

Alberton Anglicans Hold Annual Session

ALBERTON — Rev. Ernest Linton conducted worship and presided at the annual meeting of St. Peter's Anglican Church, Alberton. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Reigh Callbeck, vestry clerk.

Mr. Linton expressed appreciation to the congregation for making the first months of his ministry here so pleasant for him and his family. He also expressed appreciation to the rector's warden, Reigh Callbeck, the people's warden, Richard Jeffrey, the organist, Mrs. Hubert Campbell, the sexton, Reginald Jeffrey, the leaders and members of organizations.

In reporting for the WA, Mrs. Hubert Campbell stated that articles had been prepared for a social service box and that gifts had been sent four times during the year to a Lithuanian child in Germany which the organization had adopted.

She also reported that for the first time in many years the Diocesan Society had held its semi-annual meeting in Alberton.

NEED YOUNG WOMEN

At this meeting the guest speaker was Miss Scott, principal of the Anglican Women's Training School in Toronto, who emphasized the need for more young women to serve in the mission work of the church.

Christmas gifts and cards were sent to shut-in folk and also to the group's prayer partners, Joy Vernon, a home missionary. Mrs. Don Campbell, secretary of the guild reported that the church had been painted, minor repairs made, and a new carpet purchased. In the spring flowers had been planted about the church.

Gifts were presented to the organists, to newcomers, and to Mrs. Ruth Sommers in appreciation of her work as choir director, members of the congregation who had been ill during the year were also remembered.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Reigh Callbeck, of the rectory committee, reported that the rectory had been completely redecorated and that certain other improvements had been made.

Mrs. Willard Oulton, enrolling member of the Mothers' Union, reported for her group. She reviewed the objects of the organization which was 600,000 members and is the largest voluntary women's organization of the Anglican communion. The Alberton branch is the only one in this province.

Mrs. Oulton also reported for the "little helpers" of which she is secretary. There are 14 children under the age of six years. A party for the children and their mothers was held in the fall.

Mrs. H. W. Matthews, chairman of the cemetery trustee board, gave a satisfactory financial statement. Other members of the board are Mrs. Herbert Champion, Mrs. John W. Skerry, Mrs. Harvey Jeffrey, Mrs. R. Profit, and Mrs. Edward Lewis.

NEW COURSE

Mrs. Matthews, superintendent, reported that the Sunday School had an enrollment of 38 and that the new course of studies was being used. At Christmas a service for the Sunday school and the AYPA was held. At the close gifts and treats were provided for the children.

The rector's warden, Reigh Callbeck, and the people's warden, Richard Jeffrey were re-elected.

Members of the vestry were also re-elected, they are: Mrs. H. W. Matthews, Mrs. Don Campbell, Mrs. Willard Oulton, James Morrison and Reginald Jeffrey.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Linton.

BOUNDARY

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Kings, Queens and Prince — based on the three P.E.I. counties, Hillsborough, Malpeque, Cardigan and Egmont are the new choices.

Population quota is 26,157. Queens, now a two-member riding, is split in two — Hillsborough, which takes in Charlottetown and has the biggest population, 39,660 and Malpeque, with 21,826. Hillsborough is 15 per cent above the quota and Malpeque 17 per cent below.

NOVA SCOTIA

Four of the 11 Nova Scotia ridings—down from 12—were revised from the preliminary map and one renamed. Cape Breton-Sydney became Cape Breton-The Sydneys.

Population quota is 57,001. The ridings range from a high of 78,44 for Halifax, 17 per cent above the quota, to 57,816 for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso, 14 per cent below.

Halifax was cut from a two-member seat to one by dividing the city region among three ridings.

Apart from Halifax, all ridings were given new names to identify the revised areas. The Eastern part of the province, including Cape Breton Island, is reduced to three seats from four.

NEW BRUNSWICK

New Brunswick retains its present 10 members. Its commission recommended three small changes in its original proposals of last May, shifting six parishes in the southwestern part of the province among three ridings.

Mr. Justice W. A. I. Anglin of Saint John, chairman of the commission, submitted a minority report recommending more drastic map changes designed to level population disparities, which would result from the general commission report.

The population quota for the 10 ridings is 59,794. Under the commission's recommendations population ranges from 73,469 in the big riding of Saint John-Lancaster, 22.9 per cent more than the quota, to Restigouche with 50,240, 16 per cent below. Both are well within the 25-per-cent tolerance permitted under redistribution legislation.

The most populous riding under the minority report is Restigouche-Madawaska with a population of 69,137, 15.6 per cent over the quota. The smallest is Charlotte-Lancaster with 50,043, under the quota by 16.3 per cent.

Town Council Visits New Trade School

ALBERTON — Mayor Roy Leard and members of the town council, several members of the board of trustees of Alberton Regional High School and a number of interested persons from Alberton and vicinity took advantage of an "open house" yesterday afternoon to visit the trade training classes at the Erskine Clark Building in Alberton.

Classes are presently being held in welding, motor mechanics, plumbing and a large class in navigation.

Visitors were shown through the various classrooms by senior instructor Reigh Sudbury, who is supervisor of the extension program with Malcolm MacDonald, supervisor of apprenticeship.

Mayor Leard expressed appreciation to all those who played a part in making the courses possible and commended Erskine Clark for building such excellent premises for the classes.

"We certainly hope the classes will be continued and new courses made available" the mayor said.

A number of officials from Charlottetown and Summerside, including the minister of education, Hon. L. G. Dewar, M.D. were prevented from attending by unfavorable road conditions.

Macquarrie Seeks The Answers

OTTAWA (Special) — Questions about federal-provincial conferences have been placed on the Commons' order paper by Queens.

Mr. Macquarrie has expressed concern in the past that Parliament is being by-passed to some degree and many of the major decisions are being taken in conferences held between federal and provincial representatives.

He is asking how many conferences have been held since June 15, 1963, shortly after the Liberal Government took office; which have been held at the ministerial level and which at the official level; and which conferences were open to press and public.

The Queens' MP has also placed two other questions on the order paper. One deals with the Charlottetown Airport and he asks when it is intended to construct new and larger facilities and what additions to the present runways are contemplated.

The other question seeks information about what projects have been completed in the Atlantic Provinces by the Atlantic Development Board; the total cost of each project and what projects have been approved but not yet completed.

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DEATHS

CLAY — At Charlottetown Jan. 19, 1966, Beattie Clay, Bridgeport, in her 77th year. Resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home until noon Saturday, then to Dundas United Church with service commencing at 1:30 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

MCCABE — In the Charlottetown Hospital on January 19, 1966, Frederick McCabe, age 74 years. Resting at the Managanan Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held on Friday, January 21, leaving the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. for Requiem High Mass at St. Malachy's Church, Kinkora at 9:45 a.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

DEANS — The time of funeral service, previously arranged for Mrs. Mary Deans has been changed. Funeral today, Jan. 20, from the MacLean Funeral Home with service commencing at 10 a.m. Interment in South Park cemetery, Roswell, New Mexico. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Canadian Heart Foundation, will be appreciated.

ROBERTSON — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1966, Mrs. Mae Robertson, wife of Wilfred Robertson of East Royalty in her 48th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held today Jan. 20 with service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in People's cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Diabetic Society would be greatly appreciated.

MACINNON — At the Prince County Hospital, January 19, 1966, Mrs. Bruce MacInnon of Gabriola Road in her 78th year. Remains resting at the Davison Funeral Home until Friday noon, then to St. John's Presbyterian Church, New London, where funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery. Visiting hours Thursday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

FITZSIMMONS — At the Sacred Heart Home, Charlottetown, Jan. 19, 1966, Avelina Fitzsimmons of Kensington in her 96th year. Remains resting at the Davison Funeral Home until Saturday morning, then to the Church of the Holy Family, Kensington, for Requiem High Mass at 9 a.m. Interment in Indian River cemetery. Visiting hours Friday, 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Participants in the Conference who will attend from Prince Edward Island are: Hon. Henry Wedge, minister of health; Brigadier W.W. Reid, deputy-minister of welfare; Mrs. L. E. Prowse, chairman of Red Cross Visitors; Edith Home, RN Beach Grove; and Sister M. Ursula, GSM, Sacred Heart Home.

Conference Delegates

The first Canadian Conference on Aging is being held at the Royal York, Toronto, January 24 — 28. Miss Holested, chairman of the executive committee, in a challenging pre-assembly message to the delegates said the conference provides an opportunity to take a really close look at what happens when you age in today's society and what situations new values have created. The chairman urged the delegates to accept aging as part of life's pattern and to make use of the full potential of people with creation of new opportunities through greater understanding and supportive action.

Johnson Orders Interest Boost

NEW YORK (AP)—President Johnson ordered Treasury Secretary Henry H. Fowler to boost interest rates on U.S. savings bonds to bring them in line with interest rates elsewhere in the economy.

Fowler said in an address prepared for a savings bond luncheon here that he would implement the president's order soon. He did not specify a date, or say what the new interest rate would be.



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