PAGEANT OF RED CROSS HISTORY PRESENTED

Jane Johnston and David Roberts, Junior Red Cross members at West Kent School are seen with their teacher, Mrs. W.G. Kennedy, as they rehearse their lines for the Red Cross pageant presented at yesterday's afternoon session of the P.E.I. Red Cross annual meeting. This pageant which depicts the founding of the Red Cross 100 years ago, important events in its history during the intervening years, and its present day activities, was staged jointly by Red Cross members from Birchwood High and West Kent schools and was enthusiastically received.

P.E.I. Hospital Has Deficit Of $7,586 Report Shows

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Reporting for the trustees, chairman William Hayward, told last night's 80th annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital, that the 1962 operations resulted in a deficit of $17,586.97.

The sum included a write-off for depreciation on buildings of $39,899.38, which is not recoverable under the provisions of the Hospital Services Commission Act.

Mr. Hayward compared this with the deficit of the previous year, which was $62,598, and included a depreciation write-off of $39,890. He noted that last year's financial situation had improved by some $15,000.

He further noted that the hospital's budget is now crowding the $1,000,000 mark each year. "This, financing in one form or another provides a large part of the trustees problems, year after year." he said.

In an endeavour to operate at the best economical level, the finances of the hospital are under continual scrutiny by the trustees, one of the main concerns being to provide "the best possible patient care available" he said.

NOT ALL COSTS

On the subject of operating costs, it was pointed out that the commission, contrary to popular belief, does not pay all the operating costs of any hospital.

Mr. Hayward stated that in many instances the hospital must employ certain key personnel, at salary rates well in excess of those set by the commission, and also many items are included in the budget which cost far more than that body allows.

On the matter of the government's decision to abolish hospital insurance premiums, plus the rebating of the prepaid premiums, it was thought that the public would not object to the refunds, or a portion of them going to the hospital.

RUN OWN CAMPAIGN

"Now unfortunately this cannot be implemented," he said "and it now seems that each hospital will have to put on their own campaign in order to obtain sufficient for their operating or capital funds."

Reporting on the result of an executive meeting, held earlier in the day, Mr. Hayward said, that it had been agreed that the hospital should get started on its own campaign promptly.

Following the tabling of the financial report, considerable discussion took place regarding several items listed, particularly those that might have some bearing on the deficit.

Among these was the matter of the differential paid by patients, for private and semi-private accommodation, and the patient-day allowance from the commission for drugs.

The amount of the differential collected was shown as $46,721.50, and following a question from A.W. Matheson, the hospital administrator, N.D. MacLean, informed him that 50 per cent of this differential had by the agreement been refunded to the commission.

SAID DICTATION

Mr. Matheson, said that from what he understood from the contents of the bill, the whole of the differential payments was to have been retained by the hospitals. "It looks to me," he said, "that the hospital is not being run under the terms of the bill, but under the terms dictated by the commission."

He felt that if the hospitals had been permitted to retain the full differential, they would not find themselves confronted with such high deficits.

On the subject of drugs, Dr. R.G. Lea, informed the meeting that under the agreement with the commission, the hospital is only permitted to claim $1.50 per patient-day. "With present costs," he said, "this amount is very seldom sufficient for any one patient, and the hospital is therefore saddled with the extra costs."

Mr. MacLean in his report, in reference to financing, called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the cash needed to conduct day to day operations is "borrowed capital" and therefore as operating costs increase so does the debt.

"This is a problem common to all our hospitals," he said.

Regarding the conception that many people have of what the commission does for the hospitals, he said, he has frequently been told by outsiders that the government pays for everything.

FAR FROM TRUTH

"This is far from the truth," he said, "the basic intent of the insurance is to relieve the patient of financial burden, not the hospital."

He said that although the government does not own the hospitals, they, through the commission dictate how the hospital is to be run, particularly on how much is spent for maintenance and operation.

Unless the hospital has funds of its own, the government considers any amount spent over what the commission dictates as "waste."

HAD BEEN MISLED

Mr. MacLean said he felt that the people of the community have been misled as to their responsibilities toward their hospital, and unless they are properly informed they will shirk their duty.

Regarding the promise made that people would be informed of their responsibilities and those of the commission, "this has not been done," he said.

In connection with the operations of the various departments of the hospital, Mr. MacLean, noted that all showed increases ranging from 5 per cent in meal days to 37 per cent in cases treated by the emergency department.

INTENSIVE CARE WARD

He also informed the meeting that another department, the intensive care ward, will be opened within the next few days.

In the election of trustees to replace those whose terms expired at this time, R.G. Boyne, had his confirmed, and the three retiring trustees, Dr. R.G. Lea, Malcom MacKenzie and A.G. MacMillan, were re-elected.

Mr. Boyne, was named to the board, shortly after the retirement of G.E. Hartlen, who left the province, to take up another position with the company with which he is employed.

Other important business conducted was the adopting of two amendments to the by-laws by which the hospital is governed. One was for the procedure for the appointment of an administrator and the defining of his duties and responsibilities.

The other was for correct procedure for the appointment of members to the medical staff.

Both of these amendments were made on the recommendation of the accreditation board of Canada, in order to assist the hospital in maintaining its accreditation rating, which was renewed recently.

Home, School Presents $200 Cheque

A cheque for $200 was presented to Miss Mabel Matheson, principal of Prince Street School, by the Home and School Association at its meeting last night.

The cheque represents the proceeds from a bean supper held last Saturday by the men of the association, headed by Walter Auld. The money will go toward helping defray expenses for projects for the school children

Special speaker at the meeting was Sinclair Cutcliffe, who spoke on the history of the Red Cross, which this year is observing its centennial.

Entertainment included saxophone solos by Ivo Cudmore, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Malcolm Beck.

W. R. Burnett presided.

St. Peters Organizes Lions Club

ST.PETERS — A Lions Club organizational meeting in St. Peters Holy Name Hall saw some 36 persons in attendance last night.

Principal speaker was C.J. Maund, district organizer of the International Association of Lions Clubs, Moncton, N.B.

An organizing committee comprising Roderick Pratt, chairman; Joseph Lewis and Ralph Sanderson, was appointed, and approximately 15 charter members signed up for the organization.

Chairman for the meeting was Dr. W.G. Marold, president of Souris Lions Club.

Ladies of the village served dinner. Mrs. Layton Coffin, pianist for the evening, accompanied a sing-song.

Next meeting will be March 11.

Speeder Is Fined $25 In City Court

Weldon Elmer Campbell, Charlottetown, charged with speeding, was fined $25 and costs or ten days in jail in city police court yesterday by Magistrate A. J. Haslam.

Francis Vessey, charged with driving a motor vehicle after having his license suspended, was fined $50 and costs or 30 days.

For having intoxicating beverages in a place other than his residence, a man was fined $20 and costs or 30 days.

Two charges of being drunk and incapable, one fined $20 and costs or ten days and the other given a 20 day sentence in Queens County Jail, completed the docket.

4 Collisions Are Reported

The bad weather and street conditions were the cause of an increase in the number of accidents in the city Wednesday. Four were reported to city police.

A city taxi driver, Alexander MacDonald, driving a 1959 car was in collision with a 1959 auto, driven by James E. White, also of Charlottetown. Damage was estimated at $300 for Mr. MacDonald's car and $250 for Mr. White's car.

The city police patrol wagon was also involved in an accident when it was in collision with a 1956 car driven by Percy A. Jay, Midgell. The patrol wagon was driven by Sgt. Lloyd C. Wakelin. Mr. Jay was backing up when the accident occurred.

Wayne Gallant, Charlottetown, driving a 1964 auto, was in collision with a 1962 car driven by Ronald J. Greenan, Charlottetown. The accident took place at the intersection of Prince and Fitzroy Streets.

While backing out of a driveway, Ronald MacLean of Parkdale driving a 1960 truck was in collision with a 1962 car owned by John Joseph MacDonald which was parked there.

June Start For Building

Tenders for the new provincial government office building, to be constructed on the West Kent School block, are expected to be called in May, according to Provincial Secretary J. David Stewart.

He said some time ago that construction is expected to begin in June and it will take about 18 months to complete the four-storey building.

A public works official said that homes on the site of the building are to be vacated by April.

Five To Take CD Course

Civil defence planning officers of three government departments will take national survival orientation courses next week at the Canadian Civil Defence College in Arnprior, Ont.

They are A. J. Gallant, provincial secretary's department; John White, fisheries department, and C. E. Praught, health department.

The following week, Dr. A. Legrie, O'Leary, and Dr. W.G. Marold, Souris, will take a veterinarian's indoctrination course. This course deals with livestock protection in cases of emergency.

LOCAL BRIEFS

HAD SURGERY

Mrs. Blair Andrew, New Glasgow is a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital where she underwent surgery.

DIES IN MASS.

Word was received by relatives here of the death on Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge, Mass. of Mrs. Daniel G. Mooney (nee Margaret Dunphy, Morell, P.E.I.) in her 72nd year. Mrs. Mooney is survived by daughter Hazel, Mrs. Paul Clifford, and two sons, Emeett and Mervin all of Watertown, Mass. Burial will take place Saturday morning in Watertown.

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Union Stresses No Disagreement

A spokesman for the National Union of Public Employees, M. A. Hughes, Saint John, N.B., said last night there is no disagreement between the union locals and the administration of the two hospitals in Charlottetown.

Some time ago the union and the hospital managements reached agreement on working contracts but the hospital boards were unable to put them into operation because of the necessity of having their budgets approved by the P.E.I. Hospital Services Commission, he said, and thus being unable to guarantee the contracts could be carried out by them.

A conciliation board has been approved by the department of labor and welfare in an effort to resolve the difficulties. The union embraces non-professoral and non-technical workers at the Charlottetown and the Prince Edward Island hospitals.

The conciliation board is made up of chairman Dr. Brendan O'Grady, Alex MacLean, Parkdale, representing the union, and Gordon Bennett, Charlottetown, representing the hospitals.

The union involved is the National Union of Public Employees. Local 805 covers employees of the Charlottetown Hospital and employees at the Prince Edward Island Hospital belong to Local 826.

The contract difficulties have been experienced for about two years. The hospitals maintain that they may have difficulty in living up to a contract when the Hospital Services Commission controls hospital budgets. The commission says its budget is controlled by the government.

Welfare and Labor Minister Henry Wedge said yesterday that the conciliation board will meet with representatives of the hospital and union to hear evidence on the contract difficulties. "The board," he said, "will probably meet with the Hospital Services Commission, too."

Mt. Allison Choral Society To Perform Here Saturday

The Mt. Allison Choral Society is presenting a concert in light music and choral selections in the new West Kent School auditorium here Saturday night

The production is under the direction of Professor Stanley Saunders who has had the pleasure of performing before Royalty with his choristers, who also perform on the CBC network and have made many Maritime tours, giving secular and sacred concerts.

The sacred portion of their repertoire is not being forgotten and the 32 sopranos, 20 altos, 13 tenors and 11 bass singers will occupy the choir loft of Trinity United Church Sunday morning and will bring the musical part of the service of worship.

There are several Island students in the chorus and one girl, Genesta Hartling, is the campus beauty queen as well as a good music student, it has been learned.

Mr. Saunders was born in Wales, the home of so many musicians and toured Europe with the Welsh band and orchestra during service in the Second World War, has appeared on the BBC, independent television in the United Kingdom and Europe before he came to the Mt. Allison faculty of music where he is orchestral director as well as director of the choral society.

Tingley Holds 7-point Lead

ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP) — Husky Dick Tingley of St. Dunstan's University Saints holds a seven-point lead in the Maritime Intercollegiate hockey league scoring race but two contenders threaten to overtake him.

The six-foot, three Campbellton native picked up two goals and an assist last week against the University of New Brunswick Red Devils to boost his season's output to 38 points as the Charlottetown team wound up regular season's play.

However, Wayne Synishin of the St. Francis Xavier University X-men, with two games left to play, rocketed into prominence last week.

The 22-year-old Sydney native jumped from ninth to second place with 14 points to bring his total to 51, seven behind Tingley.

The other contender is St. Thomas University's Larry Wood with 28 points. The Chatham, N.B., team also has two games left to play.

It is realized that some players on the squad may be taking part in tonight's ice meet— if so would they kindly let B111 Reid know at 4-9531 by 2 p.m. so substitutes can be arranged.

Midget Abbies Travel To Morell

Abegweit Midgets will make the trip to Morell this evening where they will play an exhibition hockey game against Morell High School.

The team will leave Sports Arena at 6.45 sharp and the following players are asked to be on hand: Shane Hennessey, John Reid, Wayne MacDougall, Kenny Scott, Dale Murphy, Angus Houston, Gary Cudmore, Junior MacDougall, Alan Flood, Joey Brown, Bill Weatherbie, Gary Clow, Doug Murnaghan, Jamie Kennedy, Cyril MacDonald, Jack MacEachern, Bob Irwin.

AWARDS WERE PRESENTED

Mrs. Benjamin Rogers, chairman of the awards committee of the P.E.I. Red Cross, and Frank F. Hull of Toronto chairman of the national executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross are seen examining one of the seven special Red Cross centenary certificates presented at last night's Red Cross annual meeting dinner. Recipients of these awards given in recognition of outstanding public services rendered through the medium of Red Cross were presented by Mr. Hull to The Guardian-Patriot, the Journal-Pioneer, CFCY Radio and TV, CJRW Radio, "L" Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Maritime Central Airways and Island Motor Transport Co., Ltd.

THIS PICTURE was taken yesterday afternoon at PWC grounds, showing the snow sculptured image of "Albert, the dragon" from the comic strip, "Pogo," and at left is Jane Larkin, Charlottetown, while at right is Joanne Lord, Charlottetown. The snow sculpturing will be judged today in connection with PWC Winter Carnival week.

PWC Winter Carnival Stages Variety Show

The Prince of Wales variety show, "North Atlantic," made its debut last night at the college auditorium before a packed audience.

The show, which is part of a week-long winter carnival, is a satire on Islanders and Island life. It is mainly a comedy featuring a ploughing and spud champion, horse and sulky girls, a "beauty" contest, and an act taken from the lighthouse at "Seweris" called "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter".

The carnival is the college's first and is turning out to be a great success despite the bad storm which forced a cancellation of the ice sports Wednesday.

Today there will be a volleyball game between members of the faculty, captained by Gordon Bennett, and the college team at 4 p.m. in the college gymnasium. The snow sculptures will be judged at 3. Tonight "North Atlantic" will again be presented. Show time is 8.15.

Saturday the Nova Scotia Agriculture College will make its way across the strait for a day of sport competition. Basketball and hockey games will be played.

Climaxing the week will be a dance at the gym Saturday night following the hockey game. Mike Duffy will be on hand to spin the discs

Contest Ends In Stalemate

Hampshire Aces and Fairview fought to a 3- all stalemate in a regular league contest at North River Rink last night.

Scoring for Hampshire were J. Barrett 2 and R. Matheson. Fairview snipers were G. MacIsaac 2 and C. Sentner.

County Meet Goes Tonight

Students from schools in Queens County will compete in the County meet at the Sports Arena tonight.

The program is slated to get underway at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Junior Spiel Opens Today

SUMMERSIDE — Island junior championship curling gets underway at Summerside this morning with one representative from each curling club in the province.

The winning team will represent P.E.I. in the Maritime playdown to be held also in Summerside in March.

The tourney is for curlers with 8 years experience and under.

Today's draws are:—

10 a.m.—Alberton vs Charlottetown: RCAF vs Summerside.

3 p.m.—Charlottetown vs RCAF; Alberton vs Montague.

6:30 p.m.—Curlers banquet.

8 p.m.—Alberton vs Summerside; Charlottetown vs Montague.

Loop Meet Slated Sun.

A meeting of the Island Intermediate 'A' Hockey League executive will be held Sunday afternoon at RCAF Summerside, it was announced last night.

The meet will precede the playoff game between RCAF Eagles and Prince County Combines.

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