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Water Safety Matters Discussed At Meeting

Provincial swimming and water safety problems were discussed at a dinner meeting of district committee chairmen held at the Charlottetown YMCA last night. K. T. Lapp, Summerside, chairman of the Red Cross Water Safety committee presided.

Speakers included Mrs. Harry Cudmore, director of Water Safety, sergeant Kines of Slemmon Park, Edward Chinnery, Rev. E. H. Bean, Red Cross Commissioner Iphigene Arsenault and Mrs. J. Gordon MacDonald.

Others present included W. W. Reid, Charles Boudreau, Willard Stewart, Bertram Blaquiere, Mrs. Frank MacNutt, Mrs. Neil Darrach, Mrs. Charles Boudreau, Mrs. Eugene Cullen, and Mrs. Walter Bowness.

Mr. Chinnery announced that the annual Red Cross Water Safety schools would be held in Charlottetown this year between June 17-27 and July 6-16. Candidates will be required to pay a five dollar registration fee, he said.



PAMPHLETS STRESS WATER SAFETY

RCAF Sergeant Kines, Slemmon Southport, Girl Guides provincial leader Stewart, a member of the Park; Mrs. Charles Boudreau, Camp Commissioner; and Wil Kensington Lions Club.

Civic Night Held At Baptist Church

The special services marking the opening of the new First Baptist Church continued last evening drawing an overwhelming number of citizens of Charlottetown. It was the occasion of civic night and the church was dedicated to the service of the community. Representatives of the various sister congregations in the city of Charlottetown were in attendance.

Special greetings were brought to the congregation by His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, F. Walter Hyndman, Hon. Earle MacDonald, representing the province of Prince Edward Island. His Worship, Mayor Edwin C. Johnson, representing the city of Charlottetown, and the Rev. T.H. B. Somers, representing the Charlottetown Ministerial Association.

Letters of greeting were also read from various congregations. Rev. Frank MacLean, minister of Trinity United Church, offered prayer. The Charlottetown Choral, under the direction of William Rogers, were heard in two selections.

The Rev. Keith Hobson, moderator of the Association of Baptist Churches of P.E.I., was the guest preacher, taking as his subject "The Church's Responsibility to the Community."

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, representing the Premier, told the congregation "the creation of the new church is a mark of faith and Christian endeavour."

Noting that the most powerful thing in the world today is an idea, Mr. MacDonald said, "this grand edifice is the result of many great ideas which had their origin in the minds of the congregation of this church."

Following the service the congregation attended a reception in the church hall. Dr. J.A. Clark, Rev. and Mrs. M.L. Mitton, Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis received. Background music was provided by Mrs. V. Leigh Dingwell, organist. Miss Florence Simmons, pianist, and Miss Thelma Teed, violinist.

Special opening services continue this evening when the church will be dedicated to the training of youth. All the youth groups of the church will be present as a body and invitations have gone out to various Baptist young people's unions in the province, as well as to other young people's unions in the city.

Rev. Ross Howard, pastor of the O'Leary Baptist Church, and a former president of the B.Y.P.U. Convention will be the guest speaker. The junior, intermediate, and youth choirs will sing.

Pamphlets and paraphernalia associated with water safety were on display at the Charlottetown YMCA last night when district committee chairmen met for their annual dinner. Viewing the exhibits were (left) K. T. Lapp, Summerside, provincial chairman of the Red Cross Water Safety Committee;

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5 Medical Corps Is Commended

"Very, very good job. You are all good men and good first aiders." Colonel P.A. Costin, director of planning, operations and training of National Headquarters, Ottawa, told a five-man team of the 5 Medical Corps following their participation in a competition at the armories last night.

The competition was held as part of a nation-wide competition among Canadian Army and militia groups for the Mary Otter Trophy. There are 31 teams across Canada entered in it.

Colonel Costin had high praise for the work and efficiency of the group. He said, "You deserve a lot of compliments for your efficient handling and knowledge."

"Be confident, the colonel advised", for you have every reason in the world to be confident."

ALL BE CAPTAINS

Although the group missed some minor points, the colonel felt they showed such proficiency that "you should all be captains of teams next year."

The Mary Otter Trophy for annual competition was last won by the local Medical Corps, then known as the 21 Field Ambulance Unit, in 1939.

Members of this year's team are Sergeant Ivan Vessey, Staff Sergeant Wally Higgins, Staff Sergeant Tom Knox, Sergeant Edward Ford and Sergeant John Thompson.

Final results of how the team fared in the competition will not be known for a few weeks.

Colonel Costin was expected to leave this morning for St. John's, Nfld., where he will supervise a similar exercise. He already supervised 10 such exercises at various cities throughout the Dominion.

The local drill consisted of the reaction of the Medical Corps team to an emergency situation. They gave a practical demonstration of the steps they would take to render first aid to a person injured under particular circumstances. Later they were quizzed by Colonel Costin on various aspects of first aid.

Governor Will Present Diplomas To Graduates

His Honour Lieutenant Governor F. Walter Hyndman will present diplomas, certificates and prizes at Prince of Wales College Convocation Friday morning May 22. The closing exercise which commences at 10 o'clock will be held in the college auditorium.

J. Calvin Lewis, editorial writer of The Evening Patriot, will deliver the address to the graduates.

Ch'town Resident Is Acquitted On Potato Possession Charge

A verdict of "not guilty" was handed down yesterday by Judge C. St. Clair Trainor in the trial of John Henry Reid, Charlottetown, who was charged in Queens County Court with the possession of stolen goods.

The trial which had previously been adjourned went into its final session and wound up with the accused taking the stand on his own behalf and the summation by the counsel, Allison Gillis for the defence and John P. Nicholson for the Crown.

The accused opened his evidence by giving a description of his place of business, which he first opened in 1954 on the corner of Weymouth and King Streets.

He stated that the main food item served in his restaurant was French fried potatoes, and were included in almost all meals served. The accused said that he couldn't operate his type of business without a good supply of potatoes, and that on no occasion had he completely run out of them.

The only time that potatoes had been borrowed was on the day that the RCMP had seized his stock in the cellar, on that day December 4, 1958, after his release from custody he had been told by the restaurant staff that it had been necessary to borrow two bags.

BOUGHT 196 BAGS

Reid testified that he had bought 196 75-pound bags of potatoes from Mr. Darrach, which were unloaded through a cellar window on the north side of the building. He said he hadn't seen Darrach actually put them into the cellar.

The witness also stated that starting in October he had bought potatoes from Borden Ford on various occasions. Referring to the large quantity on hand, Reid stated that they were bought in that quantity to guard against stoppage of deliveries through cold weather, bad roads and a possible price increase. He said that his total purchases from Ford last fall was about 255 bags.

On the evening of December 3rd, accused stated that he had spent the whole evening at home watching TV after having left work at the restaurant at about 5:30 p.m.

The first time he had seen any of the RCMP in connection with the case was on the morning of December 4th he stated, at that time Sgt. Davis had come to his home to ask if he could conduct a search of the restaurant. Witness testified that Sgt. Davis had told him he had no search warrant only a writ of assistance.

The second time he saw Sgt. Davis was later that same morning when the accused was asked about the potatoes that were in the cellar. He later saw Sgt. Davis and a number of other RCMP officers that afternoon when he was arrested and the potatoes seized.

In reply to a question Reid said that he had not seen either Donald C. MacDonald or John F. MacDonald on the night of December 3rd.

Potatoes were bought from different farmers, the witness said, mostly they were delivered in 75-pound jute bags, occasionally some were received in 100-pound jute bags and in 50-pound paper bags. Shown a 50-pound paper bag, the accused said that he had seen bags of that type before and that there were some in his basement at the present time.

Under cross-examination, Reid stated that he had first gone into the fish and chip business in 1950, and that in 1952 he was doing good business and that it was considerably greater now. The amount of potatoes consumed by the business, he said, was between 30 and 40 bags a week.

FREQUENT VISITOR

When questioned the witness declared that he had not known John F. MacDonald before December 4th, but that he had known Donald C. MacDonald and Eric Jay for some time. The latter had frequently gone into the restaurant to purchase food and tobacco. Reid also stated that at one time he had also sold a camera to Jay.

Reid stated that he had never discussed that case with Jay at any time between now and the preliminary hearing, neither had any conversation taken place between them regarding the truck which was alleged to have been seen outside the restaurant on the night of December 3rd.

Asked about paper bags, the accused said that he had not seen any in the basement on the days that the RCMP had made their search.

Questioned about the search, Reid testified that Sgt. Davis had neither shown or read the search warrant to him, but had merely told him that he had one and that he had already shown it to somebody else before the accused arrived.

Reid stated that he couldn't know if any potatoes had been delivered to him in paper bags during the period from mid-October to December, to be able to be certain of that, he said he would have had to be present in the cellar when they were brought in, which he hadn't.

In his summation Mr. Gillis in referring to portions of the evidence presented by the Crown, stated that he made no denial that a theft had been made from the Gulf Potato Company.

He thought it was strange that the police had waited three weeks before taking pictures of the exterior of the Reid property. He also noted that no photographs had been taken of the pile of potatoes as they were found in the basement of the restaurant operated by Reid.

Still referring to the evidence of one of the Crown witnesses Donald C. MacDonald, Mr. Gillis pointed out that for the greater part this witness' evidence, being that of an alleged accomplice was not sufficiently corroborated.

On these grounds particularly Mr. Gillis requested that the accused be acquitted of the charge.

Mr. Nicholson in his remarks agreed that no person should be convicted on the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice, but insisted that sufficient of the Crown's evidence had been substantiated in this case.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

VISITS HOME
William Kerrigan of the Hydrographic Survey, Halifax, N.S., spent the weekend at his home in Charlottetown.

NEW CITY MAP
A new tourist map of Charlottetown is currently being prepared by a Halifax commercial artist, Karl J. Cameron. The map will include Ward 6, formerly the village of Spring Park and the principal areas of Paradise. Mr. Cameron formerly of Charlottetown, was in the city over the weekend surveying the new areas to be included. He left Monday for Halifax to prepare the first draft for submission to city authorities, for approval.

SUPPER HELD
Zion Church Scouts and Cubs, with the aid of their group committee, sponsored a bean supper held in Zion Church Hall on Saturday evening.

The supper was held to raise funds to send the Scouts and Cubs.

Many compliments were received by the boys for the manner in which they ushered and served the lovely supper.