

# ISLAND NEWS PAGE

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## Island Author Speaks To Local Trade Board

KENSINGTON — Members of the Kensington Board of Trade who were able to get through the snow-filled roads enjoyed what was termed a delightful and humorous lesson in history at the annual dinner meeting held in Sverdrup Inn Thursday evening. Rev. Francis Bolger, Ph.D. author, and teacher at St. Dunstan's University, presented the story told in his book, "Prince Edward Island, 1663 to 1873", in capsule form.

Telling his hearers that Prince Edward Island played the most crucial role in Confederation of all the provinces, he explained that had P.E.I. joined the union of the three Maritime provinces, there would not have been the incentive for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to unite with Ontario and Quebec. When Governor Dundas was approached by Governor Tupper of Nova Scotia on the matter of holding a meeting to consider union, the Island governor would only agree if it was held in Charlottetown. When the government of Ontario and Quebec (Canada) heard of the proposed meeting they asked to be represented. Permission was granted, but only as visitors. Amazingly when the first delegates arrived there was no one to meet them. All the Islanders were attending a circus. William H. Pope managed to row out to meet the second delegation, in a fishing boat. They thought he was a fisherman.

**VOTED AGAINST**  
However, the delegates were wined and dined for the next seven days. The Islanders voted against Confederation, so it is said "Confederation was conceived in Charlottetown but was born in Quebec."

Since there could be no such thing as Maritime Union, "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick gave themselves wholeheartedly to federal union". When the delegates met in Quebec they had a constitution which only had to be formalized and finalized.

"Thus we became the cradle of Confederation," said Dr. Bolger, and went on to tell how "we spent the next nine years trying to keep out of Confederation" although pressure was put on the Island to join the union.

both by the British and federal governments.

In 1871 the J.C. Pope government decided a railway would be popular with the people. The expense and graft involved placed the province in debt, and to put it briefly, Islanders were forced to ask to enter Confederation, and received excellent terms from John A. Macdonald. "So it was in 1873 we became the seventh province of Canada."

Earle Cannon of the Summerside Board of Trade introduced the guest speaker, and he was thanked by Morris Caseley.

Murray MacEwen presided and introduced guests Frank Jardine, M.L.A., James Saunders, Bruce Howard, Douglas MacKinnon and A.P. Simmons, both of Crapaud Board of Trade, Amos Hubley and Earle Cannon, both of the Summerside Board of Trade. Greetings were received from the West Prince Board of Trade.

The retiring president, Murray MacEwen, reported on the past year's work when many problems were investigated with resulting action. He warmly commended Edson Raynor, representative to the Maritime Board of Trade.

Faulty telephone service, the poor condition of the Summerside-Kensington road, and the matter of having a repair man on hand in case of power failure, are problems presently under consideration. A report on the Tourist Bureau and Handicraft Center, which in future will be handled by the newly-organized Tourist Operator's Association, was given by E.C. Moore.

George MacLure brought in the new slate of officers: president, E.C. Moore; vice president, Don Wood; secretary, Archie Johnstone, which was accepted by the meeting. Directors elected by the meeting are Morris Caseley, L.K. Lockery, Alan Murphy, George Howatt, Willard Stewart, Edson Raynor, Rev. Dr. L.P. Callaghan, Robert Carruthers.

The new president thanked the members for their confidence in him and said the board of trade can get things done impossible to any other organization. Edson Raynor and Willard Stewart were appointed auditors.

## Drop Reported In Fire Losses

In the year 1964 Charlottetown recorded its lowest fire loss in ten years, the approximate loss of less than \$26,000, is a decrease of \$311,000 over 1963 fire loss figures.

In 1964 the only major fire was the property owned by Floyd Drake and occupied by Allison MacLeod Ltd. It was an auto body shop located at 191 Grafton Street.

In his report to the City Council's annual meeting last night Fire Chief H.H. Jewell stated that though things were quiet re fires the Fire Department nonetheless was kept very busy assisting and taking part in the many Centennial activities which took place here last year.

During the year past Chief Jewell's Department answered 266 calls, 66 of them general alarms. This represented a decrease of 15 compared to the previous year.

The average attendance at the general alarms was 93.9 per cent, an increase of 3.4 per cent over 1963.

## Local Artist Congratulated

Congratulations on a "wonderful job" were offered local artist Barry Bugden on cleaning and restoring the paintings of former Mayors of the city, in the annual report of the public property committee presented at Council last night by chairman Arthur Gormley.

Mr. Gormley also noted the improvement in city squares through addition of flower beds and the temporary repairs at Victoria Park while complimenting the provincial government on the excellent job of filling and covering the old city dump.

## Snow In Miami Surprises Borden Man

On Sunday evening Lloyd Clark of Borden while relaxing in his home received what he termed "the biggest surprise of my life" when he received a long-distance telephone call from Miami, Florida.

On answering the call Mr. Clark discovered that his caller was none other than the well-known radio and television personality Hank Snow who is currently appearing in that vacation land and is a friend of the family.

To wind up the call Mr. Snow over the telephone sang his latest recording hit for the benefit of Mr. Clark.

## Harris Paintings Puzzling But With Inner Message

By Rev. A. ARSENAULT

Many people will be mildly startled upon seeing the works of Lauren Harris, now on display at Confederation Art Gallery. Not that they will become by any means indignant, but simply amazed or slightly puzzled. And there are good reasons why they should react thus.

These works — or should we rather refer to them as paintings? — are so naked and tenuous, so unemotionally abstract, so far removed from anything we usually term 'human', that people may simply smile and think about some handsome freshly painted advertisements for a paint company.

Yet we have here extremely sensitive and sophisticated representations of the contemporary world of colors and forms which surrounds us, so much so indeed that they look strangely familiar. They have the clean crisp mechanical precision of the newest skyscraper, the latest Corvair, the '65 refrigerator.

The artist has distilled this world of machine-made objects, abstracted from it, reduced it to more and more simplicity, suppressed all of its curves — curves are less intellectual and pure, always tending to express the emotional, the subjective, the biological, even — and what is left is roughly a mathematical equation in color. Yet these highly organized abstractions retain enough power to give one a marvelous sense of sharp, cold, pure joy — the type you get from a Vivaldi concerto — but even with this they possess an underlying mechanical quality proper to our century.

INTELLECTUAL JOY

The subtlety of tonal juxtapositions, the ever so slightly varied textures, the awesomely just relationships between the sharply delineated areas, the peace resulting from an absolute order and sense of correspondence — though I would presume, mainly arrived at intuitively — the constant impression one gets that a rigorous "golden rule" permeates every work; all of these qualities result in a rare, distilled, purified visual and intellectual joy. (I have said "peace". The compositions are static and at rest, no doubt about it; but there is also present an electrically-charged quality, some sort of dynamic spirituality that is again so fundamentally characteristic of our age.)

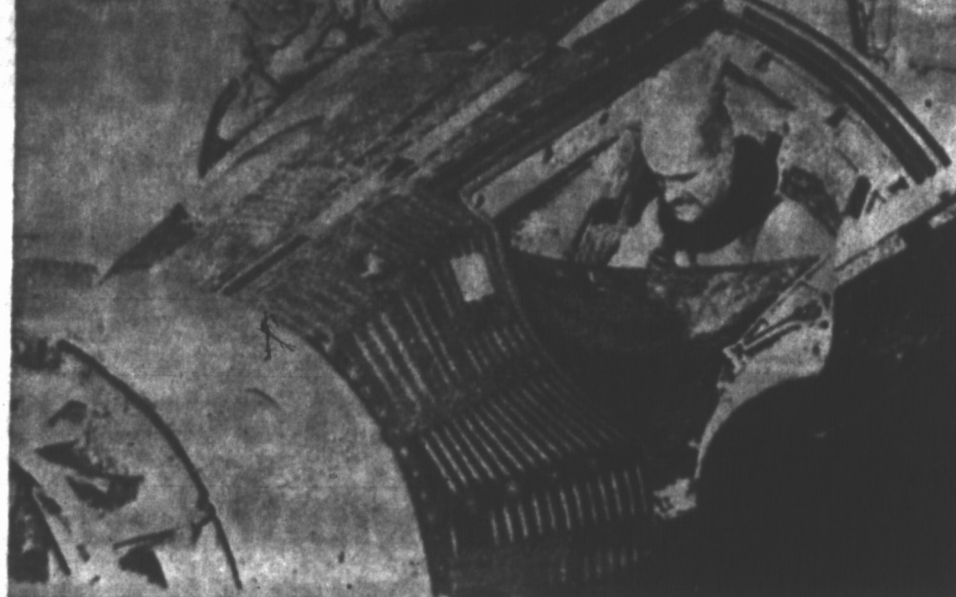
This tradition in modern art is already a most respectable one. It can easily be traced within our century to Walter Gropius' Bauhaus in Germany of the 20s; the works of Arp, Malevitch and particularly Mondrian; the architecture of Mies van der Rohe and the sculptures of Brancusi; and finally the considerable resurgence within the past few years of the sharp-edge, bright color painting style with Albers, Kelly, Noland, et al.

Lauren Harris' poetics is a clearly defined one: absolute non-objectivity, absolute clarity, absolute intellectualism, and the will to infuse his works with the special virtues of machine-made objects. This, a human mathematical art for the mind where the human 'hand and heart' have no place, is certainly a very serious attempt on the part of many contemporary artists to liberate our imaginations and sensibilities from the overwhelming pressures of emotional images varying from the totally vulgar to the indifferently standard which obliterate our senses' original and natural capacities.

MOVIE HOUSE  
Most of us carry with ourselves a multi-screen movie house where the contemporary pragmatic images of our daily living are incessantly flashing. Lauren Harris is surely saying: please grow up. Black out the stereomaged world which has taken possession of your imagination. Look at something simple and really look at it. Contemplate the square, a grey square on a white background and purify your imaginations and souls. Don't get carried away by this awful saccharine - sensuous - motherwomb - comfy world that has crept into your inmost selves so perniciously that you are now devoid of any feeling for the pure, the simple, the intellectual enjoyment of colors and shapes.

Nonetheless, a serious question remains: if this is art, is it art of any consequence? Can it possibly survive and still move people? I don't suppose that any artist gets very much entangled with such seemingly futile philosophical pessimism — except once in a while, usually under the influence of liquor, when seriously discussing with other artists the all too evident impasse in which a great section of contemporary art is and thought finds itself. More happily for us, they just go on working, analysing, searching, criticizing, and sometimes finding.

Absolute integrity is as much now as it ever was in all past ages, at the very heart of the creative process. Lauren Harris' evidently belongs among those who do not accept compromise, and though he himself would not, I am sure, compare his accomplishment with that of Michelangelo, Velasquez and Van Gogh, one can easily see that behind the simplicity and limited means which he has chosen to work with, there is the same search for man's constant urge and need to satisfy his spirit with "things of beauty".



## ASTRONAUTS PRACTICE IN CAPSULE

Commander Walter Schirra Monday during tank egress balances on the Gemini spacecraft as Major Tom Stafford prepares to leave the capsule. The men are in spacesuits except for the helmet. They comprise the back-up crew in the Gemini project. (AP Wirephoto)

## COURT KEPT BUSY

# Centennial Events Posed Traffic Problems In City

Heavily increased traffic during Centennial Year was undoubtedly the major concern of the police department last year. Chief of Police Stemas Webster told City Council in his annual report.

Some of the events contributing to traffic problems in 1964 were the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Brier Canadian Curling Championship, Eucharistic Congress, Billy Graham religious services, Old Home Week and the Gold Cup and Sauer Parades.

During the year the department had 2,005 cases before the City Court and of these 289 were criminal cases, 578 breaches of provincial statutes and 1,115 breaches of city by-laws. Largest number of cases under the Criminal Code concerned impaired driving with another 14 on drunken driving. Next highest number of cases were for disorderly conduct with 50 while 42 more were for vagrancy, 18 for theft under \$50 and 14 for assault.

Other types of crimes were attempted robbery, break, entry and theft; carrying a concealed weapon; damage to property; discharging firearms in the city; joyriding; leaving the scene of an accident; possession of stolen goods; robbery; robbery with violence; trespass and forgery. Under the provincial statutes the greatest number of cases

## City Water Usage Decreases

Water consumption for 1964 in this city totalled 694,352,182 gallons with a total average per capita use of 87.3 gallons per day, the report of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply presented to council revealed.

The report of Commissioners Sidney Green, Joseph McKenna and Earl Taylor noted this was a reduction of approximately 10 gallons per person per day and attributed much of the saving to a house to house survey and a consequent repairing of leaky fixtures.

The commissioners stated the year was a record one for capital expenditures and marked the completion of the program begun in 1962 to increase the fire fighting capacity of the system and followed a survey of the system made by Filometer Associates in 1961.

Building program for the year included the new 2,000,000 gallon concrete reservoir, built in 1964 near the old 1,000,000 storage, and installation of all necessary mains and connections to assure a constant supply of water despite possible breakdowns in parts of the system.

Result of the overall program, the commissioners said, was a minimum daytime pressure (during periods of peak flow) about 10 pounds per square inch higher than before in the older parts of the city. In this connection the report called attention to the adequate water supply for fighting the fire at the Queen Hotel.

RECOMMEND U THANT  
STOCKHOLM (Reuters)—Five Swedish members of Parliament have recommended United Nations Secretary-General U Thant for this year's Nobel peace prize, it was announced Monday.

care from driving without due care and attention with 278 heard. This was closely followed with 213 prosecutions under the Liquor Control Act. Driving with no operator's license brought 14 people into court and another 12 appeared for having defective brakes on motor vehicles.

Charges arising from misuse of liquor far outnumbered all other offences against by-laws with 742 persons arrested for being drunk and incapable and another 137 for drunk and disorderly. But traffic violations also brought 220 into court with charges ranging from failing to stop at stop signs to having two people on a bicycle.

Other duties performed by the police force, according to the report covered nearly 10,000 individual items with 4,322 complaints being received and investigated and 307 motor vehicle accidents being reported and investigated. It is noted that 62 vehicles stolen were recovered.

The police served 750 summonses while providing 474 transients with overnight accommodations in the police station cells. They also escorted 677 prisoners from police court to jail and 231 in the opposite direction.

In concluding his report Chief Webster paid high tribute to the RCMP when he said co-operation with them "has never been better in all my years on the force". He personally offered his and the department's, thanks to Supt. A.S. McNeil and all members of his Island Division for their help.

## Sanitation Inspection Program Said Largest

Inspection programs during 1964 were the largest ever carried out by the division of sanitation, Dr. W.L. MacDonald, city health officer, said in his annual report to city council last night.

He said emphasis was placed on maintaining all establishments under the division's inspection program at the highest possible standard during Centennial Year.

A total of 637 samples of milk was collected for analysis from the six pasteurizing plants in the city, with collections done, as in previous years, on a weekly basis. In addition, 1,185 samples were analyzed from all raw milk producers supplying the Charlottetown area.

Also carried out was periodic inspection of 48 eating establishments in or near the city, as well as kitchen facilities of hospitals and institutions.

Closure of one restaurant was recommended because of its condition, and it was deleted from the inspection program.

Eight new establishments opened for business during the year.

The report said 106 tourist accommodations were listed in the Charlottetown area, as compared with the previous year's total of 88.

A total of 158 samples of drinking water was submitted for bacteriological analysis from the

## More Snow Dumped On City In '64

A total snowfall 30 per cent more than the 55-year average for this city faced authorities last year, City Engineer D. E. MacLean said last night in his annual report to City Council.

Nothing more snow was removed by truck last year than ever before, Mr. MacLean expressed the opinion this trend in street clearance would continue as in December a larger unit for hauling snow was tested and found much more efficient.

The engineer also stated late in the year there was testing of machines for sidewalk snow removal and further experiments on this would be carried out. In the meantime sanding of sidewalks has been accelerated.

He said the parking area asphalt program started the previous year was completed in 1964 with 7,386 square yards being paved to provide parking space for 316 cars.

Regarding city streets the report noted 2,24 miles had been paved with a base course, another 1.69 miles given a final topping and 1.2 miles were re-capped. In addition the parking lot behind City Hall was paved in an area for 35 cars.

WANTS BETTER MUSIC  
PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — The Salvation Army will form folk music groups in Canada in an effort to reach persons on the fringe of Christianity, commissioner Edges Grinstead of Toronto said.

AUSSIE DENSITY  
Now among the world's most urbanized countries, Australia notes that one resident in every two lives in one of the nation's four largest cities.

## UN Delays Showdown On Arrears In Dues

By CARMAN CUMMING

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — The United Nations General Assembly agreed Monday to put off for at least a week — and possibly indefinitely — the showdown on whether or not Russia and 12 other countries should

## Traffic Squad Said Needing Expansion

"It appears more obvious each year the strength of our traffic branch must be increased," chairman W.R. MacNeill of the police committee said last night in his annual report.

The report stated in 1964 the police department was faced with its busiest year in history but that the many compliments received indicated the excellence of the job done. "Inspector Dowling, in charge of our traffic department, deserves special praise."

Mr. MacNeill said the controversial traffic lights at the intersection of Queen and Grafton Streets had been endorsed by "every member of our traffic branch". He said the committee felt some planned adjustments would make them acceptable to the public but that safety factors involved would call for new laws which it was hoped the incoming Council would speedily ratify.

Noting the problem of liquor violations was becoming graver each year, the report paid tribute to the Police Court work of Magistrate James Haslam and Court Clerk Bert Campbell. "We feel no serious crime problem exists in Charlottetown, but police vigilance and strict enforcement of all the laws is a necessity to preserve this happy condition," the report emphasized.

## Zakem Gives Tender Report

Stating the policy of the tender committee of accepting the lowest tender, providing specifications were met, Chairman Frank Zakem last night presented his annual report to Council.

Mr. Zakem noted "in cases where tenders were very close consideration was given to our local tax-paying firms". The report noted the calling of tenders for a variety of items ranging from new police uniforms at \$66.75 each to a pay loader at \$19,900.

lose their votes for failure to pay peace-keeping debts.

Diplomatic sources said the decision probably meant the end of any hopes that the present 19th session of the assembly could proceed with its regular business.

But they said it also meant that United States and Russia had pulled back from the brink of a confrontation that could have severely damaged the UN. They hoped this pull-back would provide a psychological impetus to renewed negotiations.

The agreement was put before the assembly by Secretary-General U Thant in the form of a consensus to which no one objected.

Assembly President Alex Quaison-Sackey of Ghana then adjourned the assembly for a week to allow "a little more time" in the hope that agreement might be reached.

Neither Thant nor Quaison-Sackey ruled out the possibility of a settlement within the week. But outside the chamber, diplomats said no immediate agreement was expected.

They said they expected the assembly to take care of a number of house-keeping questions next week — including measures to continue financing UN operations — and then adjourn indefinitely.

The informants said negotiations now will deal not only with past debts to the organization but also with methods for forming and financing future peace-keeping operations. Thant indirectly confirmed this in his assembly statement.

It was considered likely that negotiations of this sort would take months, and that most of the assembly's business would be put off until the 20th session this fall.

UNDELIVERED RIDER  
YATE, England (CP) — Martin Rowles, 5, climbed into a delivery truck in this Gloucestershire village and fell asleep while the driver loaded the vehicle with sacks of fuel and made his deliveries. Martin was found when deliveries were completed and the driver left him had to drive 15 miles to get him.

QUIZZES GEORGE RAFT  
WASHINGTON (AP)—Movie actor George Raft was questioned Tuesday by a federal grand jury investigating interstate gambling. Justice department attorneys declined to say why Raft was called. Raft has had a long acquaintance with gamblers and gambling and once had a small interest in a casino in Las Vegas, Nev., where gambling is legal.

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