TREE AIDS WELFARE BUREAUS

The Montreal Trust Company is again sponsoring a Christmas tree project where the public is asked to donate Christmas gifts to the Catholic and Protestant welfare bureaus, who distribute these in the city and surrounding area. The tree is placed in the window of the Maritime Electric Company. Shown above are two members of the Montreal Trust staff, left, Mrs. Floyd Buell and right, Gail Quinn looking at the gifts under the tree.

Municipal Loan Outline Given To 13 Communities

By DON MacLEOD

The workings of the federal municipal development and loan fund was outlined to representatives of 13 Island communities Wednesday.

The meeting was arranged by Municipal Affairs Minister J. David Stewart who, assisted by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regional supervisor, J.A. Houston, explained how communities can take advantage of the fund.

Mr. Stewart said the $400,000,000 federal fund was set up to promote increased employment in Canada by enabling municipalities to augment or accelerate their capital works programs. On a per capita basis, this province's communities can borrow up to a maximum total of $2,294,000.

Mr. Houston said "a municipal development loan may be made for up to two-thirds of the cost of an approved project, less the amount of any federal or provincial grant made to a municipality in respect of the project."

Types of projects for which a community can borrow from the fund include municipally-owned water treatment plants, storm sewers, streets and thoroughfares, transport systems and buildings.

It was explained by Mr. Stewart that applications for loans for community projects must first have the approval of the provincial government.

"When an application receives approval of the government," said Mr. Stewart, "it is forwarded to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation whose engineers will consider the soundness of the project, then the application is forwarded to the Municipal Development and Loan Board in Ottawa for final consideration."

ADMINISTRATIVE ARM

It was explained by Mr. Houston that Central Mortgage and Housing is the "administrative arm of the loan board" in most Canadian provinces, including Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Stewart said the reason for government approval of all applications is that the province guarantees funds loaned by the federal board. "We want to be certain," he said, "that the body receiving the loan can repay it. That's why we examine all applications."

According to the act covering the loan fund, repayment of 25 per cent of the federal loan may be forgiven for projects completed on or before March 31, 1966. The effort of this will be to provide funds to municipalities at an effective rate ranging from 2.05 per cent on a 20-year loan to zero interest on a loan of only 10 years. It is expected that this feature will provide most attractive to municipalities and encourage them to accelerate their capital spending.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS

At least two communities represented Wednesday suggested possible projects that could be carried out with loans from the fund. Mayor A. Walthen Gaudet of Charlottetown said consideration would be given to borrowing for repairs to the breastwork at Victoria Park, a new municipal building for the city and facilities to solve the pollution problems in Charlottetown Harbor.

A delegate from Rustico stated that the village needs a new sewer line and possibly this would be a qualifying project.

Mr. Stewart said he was pleased with the large attendance at the meeting. Among the communities sending delegates were: Alberton, Miscouche, Georgetown, Souris, Tignish, Summerside, St. Eleanor's, Rustico, Parkdale, Charlottetown, Sherwood, O'Leary and Montague.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FLUE FIRE

The Sherwood fire department was called out at 3:45 Wednesday afternoon for a flue fire at the home of Emmett Dougan, Oak Avenue. There was no damage.

RESTING AT HOME

R.H. Jenkins is convalescing at his home, 125 North River Rd. following surgery at the P.E.I. Hospital.

DIES IN WINDSOR

Born in Charlottetown, Lt.-Col. John W. Mothersill has died at his home in Windsor, Ont. He was president and general manager of the Granite Insurance Agencies. Col. Mothersill saw service in the First World War and during the Second World War served overseas with the Essex and Kent Scottish Regiment.

MOVED TO HALIFAX

Leonard I. MacDonald, 35 Elm Avenue, City, an employee of the Island Telephone Company, who for several weeks was a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital, has been transferred to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, for further tests and treatment.

MacFADYEN FUNERAL — The funeral for Daniel MacFadyen was held Thursday, Dec. 12, from his late residence to Hunter River United Church, where service was conducted by Rev. Donald Campbell, Rev. Peter Ruddell and Rev. P. Morley Bentley. During the service Mrs. Ernest Cousins and Gordon Crewe sang "Beyond The Sunset". Honorary pallbearers were Clifton Matheson, Ivan Bowman, W. A. MacMillan, P. R. Boyle, Russell Bernard and Gordon Hooper. Active pallbearers were Donald MacFadyen, Earl Robertscn, Ralph Darrach, Reagh Bagnall, Donald MacEachern and J. C. Patterson. Flowerbearers were George Whitehead, Wayne MacMillan, William Thompson, Somerled Kelly, Hedley Spence, Chester Seller. James MacDonald, John MacLennan, Keith Darrach, Earl MacEachern, Carl MacLeod, Archie MacFadyen, Elmer MacFadyen, Stewart MacFadyen, Melbourne MacFadyen, Kenneth White and Herman MacEachern. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

HOBBS FUNERAL — The funeral for J. Frank Hobbs was held Thursday, Dec. 12 from the MacLean Funeral Home where service was conducted by Rev. John G.E. Ball. During the service solos "The Od Rugged Cross", and "Some Day We Will Understand", were sung by Eric MacGregor. Honorary pallbearers were Harry Hill, Erskine MacNutt, Andrew Bagnall, George Craig, Hon. T.W.L. Prowse, Russell Spiller, Cyril MacGregor, Dr. R.G. Lea, Dr. Temple Hooper, Edgar Whitlock, Harold Moore, Fred Osborne, William Munroe, Rankin MacLaine, Dr. L.E. Prowse, Robert Nicholson, and Dr. Wendell Macdonald. Active pallbearers were John MacDonald, Fred Taylor, John MacLean, Byron Burns, Lloyd Ford and John Squarebriggs. Acting as flowerbearers were the following representatives of the Marine Service, department of transport, Reg. MacKinnon, Gordon Upstone, Noel Palmer and Joseph MacInnis. Interment took place in Peoples cemetery.

De Silva Urges Gov't Revise Planning Acts

In presenting the second portion of his planning and housing survey, Provincial Town Planner Walter de Silva, Wednesday urged a complete overhaul of the various acts dealing with town planning.

He said the Acts, which include the Town Act, the village Services Act, the Town Planning Act, and the Municipalities Extension Act, "need revision badly in order to avoid confusion and conflict which has been the experience of the minister and his staff".

"SOME ARE VAGUE"

He said some provisions of the Acts are vague and certain sections from clear. As an example he said the Village Services Act gives villages power to "acquire land for the purposes of the village", while Charlottetown has this power only for clearly defined purposes.

Mr. de Silva also called for the establishment of a division of town planning on a professional level. He said this was an accepted and workable administrative arrangement, "that is prevalent in many parts of the British Commonwealth".

He said a town planning division would be the proper central department for processing and channelling the development process and should not be constructed as a "supra governmental agency".

He said among the Acts that have a direct bearing on town planning and development are those relating to public health, public utilities, highways, municipal loans, electrical inspection, schools, housing commission and senior citizens and institutions.

Mr. de Silva said he felt much closer liaison was needed possible for these acts and "regular interdepartmental consultation should be established to dovetail the various phases of development and departmental activities."

"It is imperative that steps be taken to establish interdepartmental liaison as a matter of principle," he said.

"When the island was a relatively dormant area of development these arrangements did not perhaps matter a great deal, but this picutre has changed rapidly during this decade and early steps should be taken to guide planning and development in a more dovetailed manner. At the present time there is no machinery to do this and it is high time that...they should all emanate after discussion and concurrence at a central level."

Queens Co Federation Elects Slate

The Queens County Federation of Agriculture elected a new slate of officers at its annual meeting in Hunter River, Wednesday.

James Cudmore, North Winsloe, was elected president; Knud Jorgensen, Fredericton, first vice-president; Douglas MacDonald, North Milton, second vice-president, and Mrs. Lloyd Furness, Vernon, secretary-treasurer.

Three members were named as directors to the provincial board. They were: Fenton Mayne, Emerald; Douglas MacDonald and Mrs. Lloyd Furness.

Christmas Exams Now Underway

Christmas holidays for public schools in Prince Edward Island will run from Dec. 20 to Jan. 6. Examinations for high schools will generally be held during the last week in January, and some of the elementary schools are not having any Christmas exams but just regular monthly tests.

Examinations at the Parkdale School elementary grades have already been completed, during the week, of Dec. 9 to 13. Sherwood School's elementary grades exams will be held in the first two weeks of January but no date has been set as yet.

PWC AND SDU

Examinations at St. Dunstans University began Tuesday night and Wednesday morning of this week and will finish in the morning of Dec. 19, with holidays beginning at noon on the 19th. The students will return on Jan. 3 for the second term and will resume classes on Jan. 4.

At Prince of Wales College, Christmas exams begin on Dec. 14, in the morning, and will conclude at noon on Dec. 20. Students will return to the second term classes on the morning of Jan. 6.

EASTERN BRIEFS

WAS VISITOR

Sterling Lane of Sydney, N.S. was a welcome visitor to Montague Saturday. Mr. Lane is owner of Lane's Tourist Court, Montague.

ENTERS HOSPITAL

Emery MacNeill, Montague entered the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Monday for treatment.

IS PATIENT

Miss Mary Steele, Riverside Drive, Montague is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

WITH PARENTS

Miss Bessie Stewart of the nursing staff of the Provincial Sanatorium spent the weekend with her parents in New Perth.

ARM BROKEN

Alex Beaton of Brooklyn who suffered a broken arm in a fall at his home is resting comfortably at the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

IN HOSPITAL

William Naddy of Montague is a patient in hospital.

HOME FROM ALTA.

Sandy Ross who returned Friday to his home in Lower Montague from Alberta is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital.

WELCOMED HOME

Lyman Nicholson is being warmly welcomed to his home town, Montague. Lyman has spent the past year in Brozeau, Alta.

HAS SURGERY

Garth Taylor, Dundas Centre has returned to his home after undergoing surgery in Kings County Memorial Hospital.

IN P.E.I. HOSPITAL

Miss Norine Thompson, Lower Montague is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

ILL IN HOSPITAL

Miss Linda Annear, Lower Montague is a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

RETURNS HOME

Miss Olive McKeeman, Newport, has returned home after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Mary Hughes, Charlottetown.

WINS FRUIT CAKE

The fruit cake lottery by the Pembroke Women's Institute was won by Gertrude Herring of Toronto.

IN HOSPITAL

Alex Beaton, Brooklyn, is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague.

Potato Train Derailed; Salvage Job Underway

SOURIS — Work gangs began the massive task last night of replacing twisted track, salvaging railway cars and their cargo following yesterday's derailment of a special freight just east of Baltic.

The train, consisting of two diesel engines, four boxcars and a caboose, apparently hit a broken rail hurling the second engine and three cars into a 40-foot deep ravine. There were no injuries as the crew was in the first engine which remained on the track.

Travelling from Elmira towards Souris the freight was carrying approximately 200,000 pounds of potatoes.

Officials were hopeful last night that most of the cargo could be saved and, although extensively damaged, it was believed that the second engine could be hauled back to the tracks if a crane could be brought from the mainland to supplement the equipment on the scene.

Crews from Charlottetown and Souris were working around the clock to clear the tracks while some local help had been called to aid in the salvage of the potatoes.

It was hoped that the potatoes could be loaded into empty boxcars brought to the scene especially for the purpose and be taken to their destination.

Souris Local Supports Governor, Resolution

SOURIS — The Souris local of the P.E.I. Teacher's Federation has given its full support to its representative on the board of governors, Alfred Morrison, who last week handed in his resignation to the board in protest of "lack of action" in handling matters of importance to Island teachers.

Mr. Morrison was assured of the support by his local last night at a special meeting at the Souris Regional High School.

The meeting went on record as being satisfied with Mr. Morrison's action, taken in the local's behalf, and in doing so "he placed the question of pension refunds before the teachers and the public in the only way open to him under the circumstances."

It was emphasized that the local would stand behind its resolution on pension refunds. The board's handling of this resolution was the key factor in Mr. Morrison's resignation, it was stated.

A resolution was passed at last night's meeting requesting Mr. Morrison to continue as a representative from Souris on the board of governors and to work for "A thorough and immediate consideration of the question" on pension refunds.

JAN. MEETING

Using as a precedent a by-law in the constitution of the Teacher's Federation, the local passed a resolution to ask the board to hold a meeting in January and, as the main point of business, to discuss the Souris resolution to amend the superannuation act.

The local also expressed its willingness to meet with other locals to explain its stand.

Also supporting Mr. Morrison was Daniel MacDonald, president of the local, who explained he wanted to clear up statements which he made earlier.

He said statements attributed to him by the press hinted that the resolution in question was a personal one of Mr. Morrison's while in acuality the resignation had the backing of the entire Souris local, and he indicated they would stand by that resolution.

Mr. MacDonald retracted a statement that "Mr. Morrison hit the meeting in a fit of anger" as he was not there at the time of Mr. Morrison's depature.

Mr. Morrison also had comments last night. "My action and the action of the Souris local will make the Teacher's Federation and the board of governors more responsive to the wishes of the teachers in the future.

"I am very pleased with the support I have received from the local and glad to learn that it will stand behind its resolution," he said.

P.E.I. May Lose Highland College

A warning was sounded of the danger to the province of losing one of its greatest tourist attractions when a delegation of women from the North Shore area called on the directors of the P.E.I. Tourist Association at their meeting yesterday.

The women said it was rumored financial difficulties might force the moving of the Highland College, either to another province or to the United States.

The college has been operating at North Rustico for the past couple of years training both pipers and Gaelic dancers and has utilized the services as instructors of some of the top performers, including world champions, from Scotland.

Pupils of the college have given a large number of concerts as part of their training and have entertained thousands of tourists who paced the college grounds to see and hear the group.

George Fraser, who with Mrs. Fraser organized the college and the Lovat Scots pipe band, confirmed that financial difficulties were being encountered and admitted offers had been received from other places to have the college moved. He said he hoped to be able to continue its operation here.

The tourist association directors immediately agreed to make an outright grant to assist the college and decided to approach the minister of education to see if assistance might be obtained to keep the college here.

Charles Linkletter, association president, pointed out his association had been assisting the college through loans repayable at the end of the year — if funds were available for repayment.

Mr. Linkletter added the association had been assisting in another manner through the hiring of the pipers who play to welcome tourists arriving at the Albany tourist bureau. He said the association spent approximately $1,000 in this manner as remarks from countless visitors indicated their pleasure in seeing the pipers and hearing the welcoming music.

Minor Teams Play Saturday

Following is Saturday's Minor Hockey schedule:

PEEWEES

7:00—Wolves vs Bisons.
7:30—Racoons vs. Springers.
8:00—Lions vs. Otters.
8:30—Cardinals vs. Elks.
9:00—Rams vs. Foxes.
9:30—New players, new teams.
10:00-10:30—Clean ice.

BANTAMS

10:30—Bobcats vs. Battlers.
11:00—Cougars vs. Terriers.
11:30—Panthers vs. Bruins.
12:00—Bulldogs vs. eBavers.
12:30—Bears vs. Tigers.

REFEREES SCHEDULE

7:00-9:00 a.m.—B. Lewis and J. Coyle.
9:00-a.m.-1:00 p.m.—C. Ready and J. Kennedy.

SIMPLE NUMBERS

The earliest numerals definitely recorded were simple figures appearing in Egypt about 3400 BC

City's Recreation Plans Approved

Brig. W. W. Reid, chairman, in addressing the final meeting of the Charlottetown Playground Commission at the Islander Motor Lodge Wednesday night, commended recent moves by the City of Charlottetown to provide better means of recreation for children.

He cited as examples of the city's interest, the appointing of a City Recreation Council, which will replace the commission, the purchase of the former sports arena, and the appointment of James Fox as full-time recreation director for the city.

"Let us now hope," said Brig. Reid, "that our city fathers will give the recreation council and its director the financial support necessary to carry out the program Charlottetown citizens merit."

Brig. Reid, a charter member of the Playground Commission, was honored by several members for his contributions for the past 18 years, and he was presented with a gift by Councillor Dorothy Corrigan on behalf of the City Council and the city's children.

The financial report, given by Mrs. Everett Wotton, showed that the commission handled $9,125 during the year for its recreation program. The meeting decided to gives its credit balance of $79 to the Crippled Children's Fund, and it was also decided to waive billing the Kinsmen Club for supervisors in view of the fact that the club had done so much over the past years in support of recreation for the city's children.

The history of the commission was reviewed by the chairman and the activities of the past year were recapped by the members. The year was termed a successful one.

Special commendation was given Charlie Ryan and Irv MacKinnon who each coached title-winning ball teams this year.

Two Injured In Accident

MONTAGUE — Two persons were hospitalized, one being released after emergency treatment, as the result of a two-car collision on the Commercial Road between Montague and Murray River yesterday morning.

Everett White of Montague is in Kings County Hospital with lacerations on his face after the 1962 Volkswagen which he was driving collided with a 1958 Edsel driven by Capt. Lester White of Murray Harbor. Capt. White suffered a cut lip.

The accident happened about six miles from Montague.

MIDNIGHT SHOW TONIGHT

Big Double Bill Thrills
TONIGHT & SATURDAY

LEGION CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Charlottetown Branch Royal Canadian Legion will hold its annual Christmas party in the Branch Home on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, 2 p.m. Names to be submitted to the Secretary Manager by Dec. 19th, 6 p.m. Members' children only. Age limit 10 years.

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