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Too Many Hospital Visitors Says PEI Hospital Chairman

"The numbers of people visiting their sick friends in the P. E. I. Hospital presents an urgent and difficult problem, which is undoubtedly delaying the recovery of many sick patients," said Mr. N. D. MacLean, Chairman of the Board of Trustees P. E. I. Hospital, in an interview yesterday.

"Because of the large area covered by the Hospital and the numerous doors, it is difficult, if not impossible to control the number of visitors without whole-hearted public co-operation.

"At the present time visiting hours in the corridors and rooms of the hospital resemble a fair rather than a hospital. There are too many visitors, too much noise and smoking is too prevalent," said Mr. MacLean.

"It is true that many patients like to see visitors and very many people like to visit their sick friends. But in so doing, please remember that they are sick and in the hospital for the sole purpose of recovering. Your sick friends are glad to see you, but they tire easily and suffer for it afterwards.

"In public wards, semi-private rooms the problem is more complicated. A large number of friends frequently crowd in to see a patient who may be convalescing; talking, laughing, and smoking, but in the other bed or beds there are usually very sick patients who are definitely injured by the crowding, noise, smoking and resultant poor ventilation."

Asked how the public could help, Mr. MacLean said:—

"By reading carefully the Hospital regulations for visitors published elsewhere in this paper.

"Inquiring at the front desk to determine whether the patient in question is able to see visitors; also whether they have or have had all the visitors permitted for the afternoon or evening as the case may be. There should not be more than two visitors with each patient at any one time, and they should not stay longer than 15 minutes.

"Do not visit the sick if you have a cold or are sick in any way yourself.

"If you are not able to see a patient, send him or her flowers or a card which will often do more good than your visit.

"The same rules apply to family visitors in ward, semi-private, or private rooms. Frequently up to one-half dozen members of a family crowd into a room to see a sick relative. If you stop to think, you must realize that such practice, while very human, is very injurious to the patient, as well as the other patient occupants of the room.

"While in hospital do not visit any patient other than the one you have come to see, no matter how inviting the open door or the other's smile may be.

"If voluntary control does not achieve the desired results, it will be necessary, in the interest of the patients, to carry out more stringent measures."

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SWINE BREEDERS — Do not forget the Annual Meeting of the P. E. I. Swine Breeders Association in the Vocational School, Charlottetown, Friday night, March 16th.

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Prince Edward Island Hospital Nurses Alumni will be held at the Curdall Home Friday evening, March 16th, at 8:15 P. M. All members are invited to attend.

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ENGAGEMENT — William Somers of New London, wishes to announce the engagement of his sister Margaret Elizabeth to James Garnet Graham of French River. Marriage to take place in the near future.

CITY POLICE COURT — At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court yesterday, a man convicted of being drunk and incapable was sentenced to 10 days in jail. It was the only case heard during yesterday's sitting.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT — A resident of Charlottetown, charged before Stipendiary Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet yesterday morning with being intoxicated in a public place, was fined \$20 and costs or 30 days. A charge against a resident of Kiroos of operating a motor vehicle on the left side of the road was adjourned to March 17. Two residents of Charlottetown appeared, charged jointly with having in their possession liquor not acquired under their individual permits. The latter case was adjourned to March 19.

Resolution Of Legion Commended

At a meeting of the Social Service Department of the Diocesan Church Society of P.E.I. held on the 8th instant, a resolution was adopted commending the Canadian Legion for their resolution regarding corrupt practices previous to or during election time. "The hope was also expressed that other organizations would take steps to commend the Legion for their action.

The following is a copy of the resolution of the Canadian Legion which was adopted by them in 1949:

"Whereas under the Dominion and Provincial Election Acts it is unlawful to engage in corrupt practices, including the buying and selling of votes and the use of intoxicating liquor for election purpose; and

"Whereas the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion deplores the increasing disregard of the above legislation and believes that the prevailing indifference to the moral and legal principles involved will inevitably result in the deterioration of our democratic system of Government;

"Therefore be it resolved that the leaders, elected representatives and members of all political parties be urged to publicize and enforce the existing legislation in a sincere effort to halt this dangerous trend and to restrain breaches of the law in future elections."

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., March 14 (CP)—A fourth trans-continental daily flight will be inaugurated by Trans-Canada Airlines next month along the route of the present mainline flights, Gordon R. McGregor, president of the T. C. A., said today.

Around The Armouries

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handful of local men are rapidly bearing fruit and letters notifying members of the reunion are going out to the many who served either as originals or replacements. Of these many live in this Province but there are a great number who have been scattered in other Provinces since the war ended.

However, it is a sure bet that whether the members were in the list of originals or came later as replacements they will all remember the names of those who were elected as officers when the Association was formed last week.

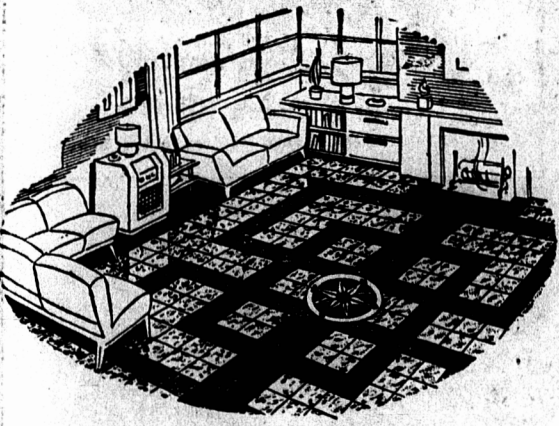
Heading the list as president is Lou Rankin who was Command Post sergeant overseas. Other officers are Bill Crockett, vice president, and Gene Lewis, secretary treasurer. On the executive are Earl Cannon, Jim Hogan, H. Gordon Williams, Whiston Smith, Earl Hume, Art Wright and Neil Hoolley. Named as honorary president of the Association was Brigadier G. G. K. Peake who one time commanded the old 8th.

Actual site of the reunion has not yet been decided as that will depend on the number of those signifying their intention of being present when their former comrades gather together once more. However, it is probable that this city will be selected.

SPRING PORTENTS
WATFORD, Ont.—(CP)—W. Paterson found black currant bushes with a considerable showing of leaf the other day. Maple trees have started to bud and residents have been seeing robins almost daily for some time.

SWANS ON MOVE
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont.—(CP)—Swans are going north early this year. A flock of 41 whistling swans recently rode ice floes in the Niagara River for several hours before heading north.

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