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Two Councillors Plan Re-Offering

Making it official, Mrs. Dorothy Corrigan and Frank Zakem, city councillors in Wards 2 and 3 respectively, have formally announced their intentions of again being candidates for those positions.

Mrs. Corrigan, wife of Charlottetown dentist, Dr. J.E. Corrigan, lives on Grafton Street and has long taken an active interest in community affairs. She is a daughter of the late Andrew Hennessey, a longtime city councillor in the earlier years of this century, and is a graduate of the Charlottetown Hospital School of Nursing from which she holds her RN degree.

She made her first appearance in civic politics in 1958 as a candidate in Ward 4, but suffered defeat at that time. She returned to the battle in 1960 to win election in Ward 2 and since then has never been defeated, nor even tested as acclamations have been her reward for services to the ward.

Mr. Zakem made his first appearance in the political arena in the civic election of 1964 when he defeated Arthur Wright who had previously held the seat. His rise in council has been rapid and last year he was named chairman of the important streets committee.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Zakem and has long been associated with his father and brothers in the grocery business on the corner of Grafton and Weymouth Streets. A graduate of St. Dunstan's University, he taught for some time at Prince of Wales College before joining his brothers in the firm. Mr. Zakem is married and lives on Belvedere Avenue.

Doherty Says Seeking Ward 6 Council Seat

Ivan Doherty, 7 Riverview Drive, Charlottetown, yesterday announced his intention of nominating for councillor for Ward 6 in the forthcoming Civic elections.

It was through the efforts of Mr. Doherty that Charlottetown Pee Wees made their way to the international tournament in Quebec City these past two years.

PROMINENT PROMOTER

In the field of entertainment, outside the realm of sports, Mr. Doherty was also prominent. He served as producer-director in various minstrel revues which proved popular with patrons here in the mid-fifties. The majority of these shows were sponsored by local service clubs.

Mr. Doherty served for five years in the Canadian Navy and was discharged as Acting Petty Officer in 1945. He then accepted a position with the Provincial Government where he served for 12 years. At the time of his leaving the government he was manager of the Charlottetown Retail Liquor Store. At present he is Prince Edward Island sales representative for Irving Oil.

Mr. Doherty feels that his great versatility in all branches of community life would serve him in good stead if he were chosen to represent the citizens of Ward 6 in the next council.

Educated in Charlottetown, Mr. Doherty is married to the former Lois Watts. They have three children: Patsy, 18, Bobby, 17 and Billy, 12.

Lions Planning Dinner Meeting

GEORGETOWN — Joseph E. "Sonny" Johnson presided over the regular meeting of the Georgetown Lions Club held in the Lions Club room in the town hall on Tuesday night.

The minutes were read by the secretary, Eric Wood and the treasurer Guy Coffin, presented the financial report.

The treasurer reported that a number of bills had been paid and the members authorized the payment of several others.

The financial returns from the weekly dances are quite encouraging and it is felt that with furnace heating, which is now being installed to service the dance hall, that attendance will increase during the winter.

Correspondence included a letter from Lions International regarding the International Convention to be held in New York City on July 6 to 9.

Membership was discussed and the executive will meet on Friday night to consider membership applications that have been cleared through the membership committee.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the club

plans on ten of its members visiting the Albany Club.

It was decided to hold a 50-50 draw, with the drawing to take place on Feb. 8.

Following considerable discussion it was decided that a dinner meeting would be held on the night of Feb. 8. Arrangements for this meeting are now in the hands of the entertainment committee. It is hoped to hold the dinner meeting in the rink dance hall, with a number of invited guests and the induction of a number of new members will take place at this meeting.

Before the meeting adjourned, the club president appointed several members to work at the next two weekly dances.

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More than a million persons viewed rites as Shastri was taken from his home to the holy Juma river for cremation yesterday. (AP Wirephoto)

Cameron Home Blessed By Leprechaun Figurines

(By RALPH CAMERON)

The lift of Irish laughter can plainly be heard in Prince Edward Island. The breath of life that is Dublin has come to Charlottetown and brought with it the wave of affection that sweeps from Killarney and Connemara over the bogs and the peat fires to span the great sea.

It carries with it the memory of the famed harp that once through Tara's Hall sent the soul of music soaring; the sound of the clogs on cobblestones; the remembrance of slow movement and fast wit; the glowing happiness of a people which could not be dimmed by adversity nor killed by invasion.

That is the promise, implicit in their presence, of the coming to this country of the Leprechauns.

Did you ever go across the sea to Ireland? If you did you know it makes no difference whether it was at the closing of the day or with the early rising of the sun; the enchantment of the Emerald Isle is for all people and for all hours.

But some of its more delightful times have to be those witching hours of moonlight when the moonbeams dance along the grassy slopes and glide along the top of Galway Bay to prove they can guide you across the Irish Sea.

It is then the Little People come out to go about their business; and never try to tell a true Irishman you do not believe in the Little People. Because the Leprechauns are real and have been a part of the Irish way of life for centuries. They have been seen by countless thousands of Irishmen — and woe betide the unfortunate who suggests they exist only in the overworked imagination of romanticists.

DARLINGS OF IRELAND

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While delighted with his call I felt impelled in the column to mention his implied threat might force me to again take down the trusty Cameron claymore and defend myself. This inspired another call, but this time the voice identified itself as belonging to the grandson of the original O'Finigan. He said he accepted the challenge to a duel on behalf of the old man which I greeted him sorely, but the battle had to be fought in the land of his choosing. So he picked County Clare where he stated I would be sunk to my tips in the peat bogs while he beat me about the head with his shillelagh.

We had a mild disagreement over Claymores, but he finally admitted he could be wrong and perhaps I could swing it one-handed. To be as generous as he was I must admit the befogged man had it confused with the great two-edged two-handed sword of another era, but he better understood when I insisted I would not need an Excalibur to extinguish one lone Irishman.

The next time I heard from O'Finigan (please note that somewhere in between those calls and the passage of weeks the spelling had changed to read a double 'n') it was to tell me I had better be on my best behaviour when I attended the opening of the new Benevolent Irish Society Erin Room. He had heard I was invited and wanted to warn the Cameron "to keep his damn mouth shut while he is in our hall."

The next time I heard from O'Finigan was just before Christmas when he called to say he was sending me a Christmas gift and apologizing for his late arrival. The days of our quarrels and wordy battles had ended, the claymores and the shillelachs put away and the great Christian holiday it was to be peace on earth between us.

HAD HIS DOUBTS

However, he had to explain why his gift was late. Seems he wanted to send me some leprechauns and had made application through his cousin in Ireland. But he ran into trouble as the leprechaun king was doubtful about letting his subjects into a Scottish home, but there was no one for the Cameron to apply to for a habeas corpus, without becoming a corpse for his lack of appreciation of the hospitality shown him.

Be that as it may, the judge one day, out of the kindness of his Irish heart, allowed the Cameron a few days semi-freedom each week to let him get a breath of sweet fresh Irish air and a look at the shamrocks which grow no place else.

It was while out one day the visiting Scotsman met a lovely Irish lass and became enamored of her as she did of him. Then, the O'Finigan relates, as time passed the inevitable happened and it was discovered there was to be an increase in the population. This greatly angered Chief O'Shaughnessy and he immediately ordered both of them banished to Scotland.

"So that, Mr. Cameron, is how you happened to get Irish blood in your veins, and that is why the King of the Leprechauns agreed to let these members of his family go to your home. But they come from the lovely land of Killarney where the balmy breezes blow and they may be cold in Canada. I would be after asking you to find a nice warm spot for them over the brick fireplace in your home."

That is how the Leprechauns came to Prince Edward Island. That is how a Cameron came to possess them.

On the left is Paddy who mends my shoes. Officially his calling card designates him as The Cobbler who will make certain my feet will always be shod. On the right is Dinny, the Tailor, who will mend my clothes and keep me from looking disreputable. Centring the pair is the sprite who is the most imaginative and ambitious of them all. He is Mickey, the lad who found his way to the end of the rainbow and came home with the pot of gold. His never-failing purse is supposed to keep me from being broke and to supply enough money to keep me from the sheriff's hand.

There is only one drawback, if it can be called that. The O'Finigan reminded me there were six counties to the north of Eire which had defected "and we want to get them back. Some day we may call on you to help us."

I dinna ken about that, Mr. O'Finigan, but I do know I will at any time take up my trusty claymore, or my two-edged verbal broadsword, and defend to the death the lovely little Leprechauns you have sent.

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TRAFFIC CASES BRING FINES

SUMMERSIDE — James MacCormack, Bedecore, was fined \$10 plus costs for failing to drive on the right side of the roadway, by Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald in county court here yesterday.

Brian Peters, Summerside, was fined \$15 plus costs or 10 days for crossing a solid white line to cross from one lane to another. Accused had pleaded not guilty and evidence was given for the crown by St. Eleanor's police constable W.E. Maxwell.

John William Farrar, Wilnot Valley, was fined \$10 plus costs or five days for failing to have a motor vehicle registration transferred. On a similar charge George Brian Waugh, Wilnot Valley, was also fined \$10 plus costs.

Katherine May Paynter, Carleton, was fined \$10 plus costs for driving without a license, and further fined \$10 plus costs for driving left of the center line. Gertrude May Paynter, Tryon, was fined \$10 plus costs for permitting another person without a valid driver's license to drive her vehicle.

Marvin Douglas Webster, Wilnot Valley, charged with allowing his vehicle to rest on the highway in such a manner as to cause danger to other vehicles, had his case adjourned to Monday for further hearing. Constable Vernon Reeves of the Kensington town police testified yesterday.

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Lions Appoint Meet Delegates

Eight visiting fellow Lions, including a group of six from the Souris club headed by Dr. Wolf Morald in his official capacity as district deputy governor attended a supper meeting of the Parkdale Lions club on Tuesday night. Bill Matheson presided.

Delegates were appointed to attend the Winter Conference to be held at Moncton, Jan. 22 and 23. Reports of committees were then received and it was decided to promote a Valentines dance, date of which is to be decided at the next meeting.

One new member, Frank Ashmole, was accepted into the club and the induction ceremony was conducted by the district deputy governor. Following the induction ceremony; Dr. Morald gave a brief address which was responded to by Percy Gay who thanked Dr. Morald, and extended a warm welcome to the visiting members.

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well-known local businessman, but Mr. Waite scratched all rumors yesterday by stating that he will not be a candidate for any office in this election because of his connection with the local boys' club. He said, however, he is interested in town politics and may offer in the future.

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