

Inshore fishermen have good season as cod, hake catches are exceptional

The mayor and town council in Souris had a busy year in 1962 holding their regular monthly meetings and a large number of special meetings. The main item on the agenda was the water and sewage project which had been before the council before.

This project was completed and in full operation early in 1962, and the problem of water rates and tax rates to pay for the project was a big headache for the council.

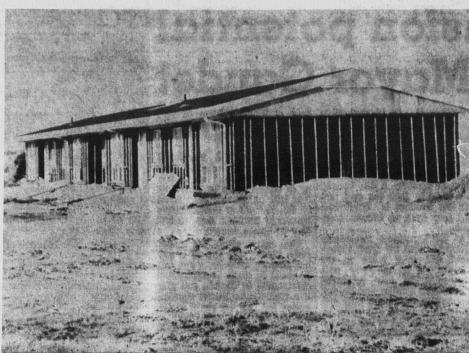
Along with the water and sewage, other programs had to be planned and put into operation. Street paving was completed on two streets. Hebrew St. was completely paved, as was Longworth St. Partial and repair paving was done on Main St.

Total of nineteen building permits were issued during the year, with six of them being for new homes in the town. Total estimated value of new buildings and of repair work was \$37,137.

NEW BUSINESS

Possibly the biggest project undertaken by this area was the complete equipping of an office to date dentist's office in Souris. This project was sponsored by the Souris Branch of the Canadian Legion, aided by other organizations in this area. The biggest part of the project was locating a new dentist.

Souris got its first hairdressing salon during the past year, when the Souris Cleaners moved to a new location and at the same time installed a fully equipped washer-dryer system. Matthew and McLean's brought the furniture business back to the town when they opened in the old Stern's building. A new three way business was opened by Ed Baker when he combined a grocery, barber and radio-TV business into one.



HOME FOR AGED SWELLED VAL OF SOURIS CONSTRUCTION

Eric Davar of Montague opened a new branch of his radio-TV business in the town during 1962. Another new business that began during the past year was the Coffee Pot, a restaurant operated by Mrs. Michael Melnis. Two businesses went in for large remodeling during '62. They were Larer's Pharmacy, who annexed two other businesses, Mulhally's Restaurant and Grant's Me at Market, to completely remodel and enlarge his business. Christian's Restaurant underwent a complete interior change.

Two other businesses underwent management changes. The Souris Snack Bar was taken

over by Reginald Peters from its former owner J. S. Gillespie, and Guy Coffin took over the ownership of the West End Mac from Elmer Doucette.

EARNINGS HIGH

The lobster catch during the past year was one of the smallest years on record. However, due to the small catches, prices were exceptionally high so that in many cases, fishermen's earnings were as high as other years. Many stories were told of fishermen hauling 200 traps and getting only about 10 pounds of lobsters.

Inshore fishermen had one of their better summers. Catches of cod and hake were excep-

tionally high and lasted longer than usual. The fall mackerel run never materialized, due mainly to bad weather. With the prices that were paid to fishermen, it was not too bad a season.

Dragger fishing was a done slightly over the previous year. The usual large spring catches were missing in '62, and a combination of slack fishing and poor weather made for poor pays for draggers. Two druggers were lost during the year, when the Sailor's Hope burned at the dock, and the Gloria May sank about 10 miles east of Souris.

A new idea in ground fishing

was introduced successfully by Free Roach of Souris, who converted his lobster boat into a small sized dragger. Using the same type but smaller of fishing equipment as the regular draggers, and using a winch designed by George Waller of Charlottetown, Mr. Roach had a highly successful season. So successful was he that at least four other inshore fishermen are making preparations to adopt the same methods as soon as the 1963 lobster season ends.

SOURIS REGATTA

The annual regatta was revived in 1962, and added to it was Prince Edward Island's first Fisheries Exhibition. The comeback attempt was so successful that in 1963 the show will run for two days.

The show began on the eve of Regatta day with the selection of "Miss Queen of the Sea" and two princesses. Miss Caroline Power of Souris was selected as Queen, and Florence MacPhee of Little Harbour, and Barbara Roche of Cardigan were selected as princesses. After the Queen began her reign a Coronation Ball was held.

The next day the various competitions were held in all types of boat races, tug-of-war contests and other different contests. And throughout the day, various displays were open to the public showing all the different aspects of fishing, from the methods of fishing, the necessary materials needed, and how the product looked when it was processed. Two large displays showing every variety of fish caught in island waters drew rare notices from the large crowd viewing the exhibits.

Throughout the afternoon and early evening the Ladies of the Souris Hospital Aid served lobster suppers. This part of the program was forced to close early when more than the three thousand expected showed up and "Aie the ladies out of house and home."

EDUCATION

A new aspect of education was brought to Souris Regional High School when the 1962 fall term began with the addition of a commercial course under the direction of Mrs. Edgar Glenn. At the same time, the adults of the community were given the first adult education course, when evening classes in typing and bookkeeping were started. Forty-one adults signed up for the course, which was also under the direction of Mrs. Glenn.

Both courses were marked, for the

first time, the first time student - any part of their training within the education system. Twelve enters from this area could finish out leaving the town, as ordinarily they up to and including Grade

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is producer-owned and milk and cream are supplied by more than 2,000 patron-shareholders. The main office and plant are located in Summerside with a branch plant at O'Leary. The firm employs around 40 people, two round with an increase to about 55 during the summer months. This does not include about 30 men hauling milk and cream to the plants.

The general manager is John S. Wright and the secretary-treasurer is G. Lorne Mackley. Douglas Adams is manager of the O'Leary plant. In 1962 a production manager was added to the staff in the person of A.W. Cook, a graduate of the Ontario Agriculture College in Guelph.

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