

Business, educational growth is evident in village of O'leary

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Continued expansion of educational, medical and recreational facilities and great improvements in nearly all business establishments in the incorporated village of O'leary, featured 1963.

At the Community Hospital an auxiliary power unit was purchased from Crown Assets Corporation and this will supply adequate power in the event of an interruption of electric power. The unit is situated in a separate building which is fireproof and constructed at a cost of \$1,500.

The hospital stressed the need for a new wing with more beds and added equipment to better serve the community and surrounding areas. A drive for funds was launched immediately with an objective of \$10,000. At present all areas canvassed have realized over \$7,000, and the campaign will continue until the objective is reached. Then an application will be made for a grant for the construction of a new wing and additional equipment.

Now this is the only 25-bed hospital registered by the Canadian Hospital Accreditation Board.

DONATED LAND

The hospital donated \$2,000 for the construction of senior citizens housing and for the establishment of the proposed Centennial Park.

The Hospital Ladies Aid's generous donation of \$2,000 for the construction of a new kitchen as refrigerator for the nursery, fan for the laundry, electric dish washer and suction machine had a combined value of \$2,000.

The construction of a four-unit senior citizens housing project was started in early December under the winter works program. These units have all modern conveniences and are 10 w rental for old age pensioners. The \$32,000 project is located close to the hospital, churches, schools and next to the proposed Centennial Park.

STEADILY GROWING

The Village of O'leary has steadily growing with the extension of the village limits 100 years ago. It has now added new streets since then and the opening of more apartment housing and the construction of two new homes on Beechwood Drive and one on Parkview Drive and the senior citizens housing units on Hospital Street.

The village completed the \$3,600 sewer line and new lagoon in the late spring. This was required to service the five new co-op housing units. Community Hospital, Brackley Road South of Hospital Street and Ellis Avenue.

The work was done by Morrison and McRae of Summerside under the winter works program. Two street lights were installed on Parkview Drive with additional equipment and repairs added to the fire department.

THREE NEW BUSINESSES

Three new business places were opened up and others were modernized over the past year. McNelly's Grocery and Variety Store opened in March when the

former Jelley's Department Store was newly renovated and placed under the management of St. Pierre and tv and radio repair is located in the same building.

Western Hardware Ltd. opened in June and is one of the most modern any up to date of its kind in P.E.I. It carries a complete line of plumbing, electrical and auto accessories.

A's Beauty Salon was also modernized and modernized up to date furniture and equipment.

A new addition to the farmers co-operative store in the new department was started in early December. It consists of an 80 by 20 concrete and brick building with a glass front. The interior walls are of peg board, ceiling is of tile with modern lighting units. The new addition to the added growth of the village and community.

HOME MODERNIZED

The new home of the Royal Canadian Legion branch was completely modernized last fall through the generosity of the interior walls are beautifully finished with mahogany paneling and ceiling tile and tile floors throughout. Forced air heating was installed along with a hot and cold water system. A modern dining room, trades training room, and banquet and dance rooms was provided, and an up to date kitchen for the Ladies Auxiliary containing all facilities for catering to banquets was included.

The Legion was the first established branch under the BESE, on P.E.I. and later exchanged its original number one with Charlottetown branch.

BULK PLANT BUILT

A bulk storage plant for the Texaco Company of Canada was completed on the outskirts of the village to provide services for the continually growing use of petroleum products in the community.

O'leary Regional High School completed its new two-story extension in the early summer at a cost of approximately \$100,000. On the first floor there is a classroom, an agriculture science room to be used for physics and biology, a classroom for retarded children, a home economics room, trades training room, and storage space.

On the second floor are four classrooms, chemistry lab, library, secretary's office and a teachers' work room. The original building contained six classrooms, wash rooms, chemistry lab, vault, kitchen, cloak room, teachers' room, and principal's office.

The large auditorium is marked for basketball and badminton and has a seating capacity of 750.

During the past summer in a combined effort O'leary Regional High School and O'leary Athletic Association joined to build athletic grounds to provide sufficient space and facilities for a regulation football field and two ball diamonds. A track and field area will be added in the spring as well as a one-quarter-mile



NEW STREETS, NEW HOMES ADDED

The athletic association did extensive renovations to the rink interior and included in this work three two equipment rooms, one for minor hockey and the Maroons' equipment and also a booth for a radio announcer and officials which cost in the vicinity of \$1,000.

GREAT SUCCESS

The seventh Prince County Plowing Match was held Sept. 19 on the farm of Clair MacNeill, Kustford, and was considered a great success.

Arthur Hudson, with the greatest volume of rail shipments has continued to increase and O'leary now ranks fourth as a shipping centre on P.E.I.

The Amalgamated Dairies of O'leary is one of the leading dairies in P.E.I. with the greatest production and largest percentage of butter processed in the province. This dairy is centrally located in West Prince and services its customers on eight routes extending from Tyne Valley to Tignish. In winter most of the cream is shipped by rail. Recently the manager of O'leary branch, Douglas Adams, was promoted to the head office in Summerside.

PARK DEVELOPED

A new park site known as "Cedar Dunes Park" is under development at West Point about 12 miles from O'leary. This park covers about 80 acres of cedar wood area and sand dunes running parallel with a fine sandy beach considered very safe for bathing. The water is quite warm.

Also installed are lawnmowers, pump, and picnic tables and benches. Land for this park was purchased under ARDA with the clearing and development work financed by the provincial government.

The beautiful Vasear Park overlooking Mill River had electricity lines completed during the year, as well as rest rooms, running water outlets, a kitchen shelter, four new tables, and a shed office in Summerside.

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Blind folks go skating

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Work done in all counties

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The west breakwater was carried out by day labor. Construction of 100 feet of retaining wall and improvements to the approaches of the inner end of the west breakwater were completed under contract by Edward MacCallum of Brackley Beach.

Repairs to the deck system of the east breakwater are presently underway under the winter works program. The work is being done by day labor.

Souris: 457 feet of the Souris breakwater was reconstructed of close framed crosstied timber crib, fully ballasted with stone and covered with a plank deck, 21 feet wide. The work was completed under contract by R. A. Douglas, Ltd., New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Resurfacing the East Park wharf with gravel was carried out under contract by Claudi MacKenzie of Bay Fortune.

General maintenance of the Railway Wharf, potato warehouse, and breakwater, was made by day labor.

Georgetown: The railway wharf and approach roadway were hard surfaced with asphalt. This was performed by Matheson and MacMillan, Limited, of Charlottetown.

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LANDING PIERS

Queen's Wharf in Georgetown received a major reconstruction of the 40-foot approach structure and landing piers. The work consisted of enclosing the old timber approach with new walls of crosstied timber and rock rip-rap at its inner end, and replacing the old decks of the landing piers with new crosstied timber and concrete. At the present time, this work is 85 per cent completed and will be finished as early as weather conditions permit this spring. The project is under contract to Edmond A. Arsenault of Abrams' Village.

Graham's Pond: General maintenance of the deck system was performed by day labor under the winter works program. A contract was awarded to Norman N. MacLean of Murray River, for dredging of the "run" and enlarging the mooring basin in the inner harbor. This project is in progress.

Little Sands: The 100-foot long approach of the breakwater as reconstructed with concrete retaining walls and a concrete deck. This was performed by contract with Douglas and MacEwen Construction Limited of Mount Stewart.

Repairs to the deck system and ballast rock of the breakwater were carried out by day labor.

Montague: The deck system of the fisherman's landing, 160 feet in length, was reconstructed in crosstied timber and concrete. This work was performed by contract with Kenneth Clements of Montague.

NEW WHARF

Panama Island: A new wharf and breakwater were constructed under contract with Eastern

(P.E.I.) Contractors of Montague. The work is located at the western end of the island on the site of a small private wharf previously constructed by Joseph French. The wharf, built of crosstied timber, provides approximately 150 feet of wall at which the fishermen can land their catches.

Poverty Beach Landing: This work, located at Murray Harbor North, received general maintenance by day labor and a 200-foot timber crib Beach Protection work was constructed by contract with Neil MacNeil of Little Sands.

Sturgeon: The old timber deck system of the wharf was repaired, using treated lumber. The work was performed by day labor.

In addition to the works noted above, minor repairs were made to departmental structures at Beach Point, Lower Montague, Savage Harbor and Murray Harbor.

JOINT VENTURE

The hydro-electric project would cost \$1,025,446,000 and would be a joint Canada-United States venture.

The students have been amazed at their reception here. Police have put a patrol car and chauffeur at their disposal to allow them to get set up. They have been using police stations because the big trailer can't be set up.

They also have been hearing release written by a Franco-American from Maine.

Another man has been sent by his wife, who comes from Saint John, N.B., to find out what it is all about.

The attraction is a trailer containing six university students from Bangor and Brewer, Me. They are members of the Young Republican Club there and arrived Tuesday to publicize the Passamaquoddy tidal power project.

Passamaquoddy seen becoming familiar word

QUEBEC (CP) — Passamaquoddy is becoming a familiar word, amazingly, at the 10th annual Quebec Winter Carnival goes into high gear.

Punished policemen are stopping in at a trailer on Jacques-Cartier Square to find out what it means.

An English-speaking Canadian has stopped by to correct the

something about Quebec's billion-dollar Manicouagan hydro-electric development and the projected Hamilton Falls development in Labrador.

The fact that Hamilton Falls power will be sold in New York City has attracted their attention. They wondered in an interview Wednesday whether an Eastern hydro-electric network couldn't be set up.

CONSUMER GROUPS

East German's co-ops membership have 3,000,000 members maintaining 40,000 co-op shops and restaurants.

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