

Defenbaker made So. Ontario executive

KENNINGTON — Murray MacEwen was installed as Mayor Everett Champion as president of the Kensington Area Board of Trade at a formal dinner-meeting held last night at Sved's Inn.

The new vice-president is Don Wood and Archie Johnstone was elected secretary.

The eight members elected to the executive committee were Morris Caselle, Lloyd Lockerty, Keith Harrington, Roy Murphy, George Howatt, E.C. Moore, Don Caselle and Leaman Caselle.

The retiring president, George MacMurdo, extended a welcome and introduced guests: Lorne Wood, principal of Kensington Regional High; Rev. L.P. Callaghan; Mayor Champion, William Brennan representing the Charlottetown Board of Trade; Dr. Harold Stewart; Frank Jarrett; and Joseph MacDonald and Kenneth Webster.

Mr. MacMurdo, in his presidential address, reviewed some of the highlights resulting from the board's efforts for the past year. Installation of crossing

(This is the tenth of a series of twelve excerpts taken from the much longer version contained in **RENEGADE IN POWER: THE DIEFENBAKER YEARS**, copyright Canada, 1963, Peter C. Newman, published by McGraw-Hill & Co. Ltd. The returns that surround any head of government, there is always a special glowing place reserved for that one person whose reassurance and strength, whose sympathy—in fact, whose very presence—improved the lives of the millions who were of his high office. At various times during the Defenbaker Years, it might have seemed that several people aspirated to this role of chief confidant; the names most frequently mentioned were those of Senator Bill Brunt, the wheeler-dealer from Ontario, and Allister Grosart, the big-city pitman from Toronto. But these men—and everyone else who came into the intimacy of John Defenbaker's inner circle—soon realized that the part had long been filled, not by any politician or insider, but by any man but a woman of enormous charm and personal strength—Olive Evangeline Defenbaker, the Prime Minister's second wife and unfailing ally.

Then her husband's sudden accession to office brought her into prominence. Mrs. Defenbaker stepped into a role that had very little tradition attached to it. During the regimes of bachelor prime ministers performed by R. Bennett and Mackenzie King, it had been performed by the wives of the government general, usually a diplomat, a professor, Madame St. Laurent, never liked and hardly ever made public appearances. By 1957 Ottawa officialdom had become so accustomed to Prime Ministers appearing alone at public functions during the absence of their husbands that the tradition of having arrangements frequently ignored Mrs. Defenbaker's attendance. Finally, a protocol memorandum was sent out by the Prime Minister's office stating that unless otherwise specified, all events and functions were to be accepted by the Prime Minister should include his wife.

Oliver Defenbaker was free to interpret her function exactly as she wished, and it was a measure of her accomplishment that she managed to transform her informal place in the life of the government. She was a woman of great grace, offering him a centre of loving calm, giving advice that he grew to respect, and effectively campaigning at his side. Olive Defenbaker was a pleasant, handsome woman, slighter, younger, and prettier than she appeared in her photographs. Olive Defenbaker treated her husband as a man, not as a child, and with every thing planned around his activities and needs. Because he never had to be concerned about parties were kept to a minimum. The dinners and receptions that she gave were substantial enough, but some of the more sophisticated Ottawa hostesses were not so concerned about the Defenbakers' penchant for holding afternoon teas, which usually served only tea or coffee.

Such matters were based not only on Mrs. Defenbaker's public appearances, but also on stories told about her private acts of kindness and concern for other people. In London, shortly after the 1957 election, she was standing at the airport chatting to Norah Michener, the Speaker's wife. A press photographer asked Mrs. Defenbaker about her husband's political career. Mrs. Defenbaker objected, protectively stepping closer to her companion. "You take her with me. In London, her official appearance is a gift certificate, another vehicle in a traffic jam. At the end of her visit, because she realized the driver felt miserable about the accident, Mrs. Defenbaker suggested from behind a valuable make-up kit and presented it to her.

Through all the honours—and difficulties—that her husband had to endure, she never lost her sense of perspective, or of moderation. When a newspaperman told her that the youthful Canadian Press reporter had been on a trip around the world was practically beside himself with excitement, she replied: "Confidentially, so am I."

JOB NOT POLITICAL
Olive Defenbaker did not regard her position as a job, and she was not interested in her own popularity but in her husband's. She was not interested in her own popularity but in her husband's. She was not interested in her own popularity but in her husband's.

PRIME, QUEEN'S SURVEY
Premier Shaw said one of the most important developments in the recent past was the organization of a survey in Prince County and parts of the surrounding area.

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The survey report will be a study of the resources of the province. It is expected that ARDA will assume the expenses of the survey.

WATER
TORONTO (CP) — Observed temperatures: Dawson 33-49, Regina 33-49, Victoria 30-40, Edmonton -15-13, Winnipeg -10-10, Toronto 32-40, Montreal 34-38, Quebec 32-39, St. John's 33-35, Moncton 35-45.

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AS P.E.I. GOVERNMENT ENTERTAINS CFA

Some of the head table guests last night at the dinner given by the delegates to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture by the provincial government, are shown here. They are from left to right: Mrs. A.B. MacRae; J.M. Bentley, Edmonton, Alta.; president; Hon. Andrew B. MacRae, minister of agriculture; Hon. Dr. L. George Dowd, minister of education; the guest speaker, Mrs. Smith MacFarlane, wife of the president of the P.E.I. Federation, Lionel Sorel, Montreal, president of Union Club; and Walter J. Cox, Charlottetown city councillor.

MARRIAGE COURSE IS UNDERWAY

ALBERTON — The second lesson of the course of preparation for marriage was given Sunday night by Rev. Patrick Walsh of Palmer Road. Father Walsh spoke on the qualities to be found in the ideal wife and ideal husband.

Topics covered were the physical, intellectual, moral and religious qualities to be found in a prospective partner. This course presented at the Sacred Heart Church in Alberton under the sponsorship of the parishes of West Prince and of the young men and women of the area.

In all 15 lessons will be given covering such subjects as physiology, anatomy and sexual hygiene. The University of Ottawa, which publishes the course, will issue a certificate to all successful participants in the study.

ALL WEATHER ROAD
Mr. Cannon commented on a report that the Highway Dept. of highways concerning the upgrading of highways from Alberton to the west coast of the province. He said that the road would be a real benefit to the area.

NEW PRESIDENT
In the naming of a new executive committee for the P.E.I. Federation, the new president, Roy Johnston, second vice-president, Alex B. Campbell, secretary, George Howatt, and treasurer, T. Earle Hicks, were named.

OPEN IN MAY
Mr. Melkie also mentioned that he had been told by Fred Aronson, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, that the first large capital project or business in the Charlottetown area would be a new shopping centre.

STEWART — At Charlottetown, Jan. 22, 1964, Col. H. Stewart, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, was elected to the office of president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

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UNTERSTATED
Commenting on his happy marriage, Mrs. Defenbaker said she was receiving Defenbaker one told a friend: "You know, I never really knew about her, it will always be an understatement." In the last election, she was the only woman to be named in the list of candidates for the office of premier.

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