

Dept. foresees no congestion

With the 1966-67 school opening just days away, Deputy Education Minister Malcolm MacKenzie states that the department does not anticipate any congestion, to occur in any district at either the elementary or high school levels.

As things are shaping up it appears that in practically all high schools it is unlikely that there will be any problems relating to a shortage of teaching staffs. But he did indicate that in a few isolated instances some of the elementary schools may experience a minor teacher shortage, but this is not expected to be to the extent that normal school routines will be disrupted.

Mr. MacKenzie noted that throughout the entire Island School system no great changes in curricula are to take place. Any changes that may take place will be at the local school level which some principals often find necessary in order to obtain the most efficiency out of the schedule of teaching staffs.

The biggest, and to the public a most important, change in the school system this year is the establishment of a free textbook system for pupils in grades one to eight. The pupils in these grades will receive their books prior to the opening dates at centres which will be announced by the department as soon as the

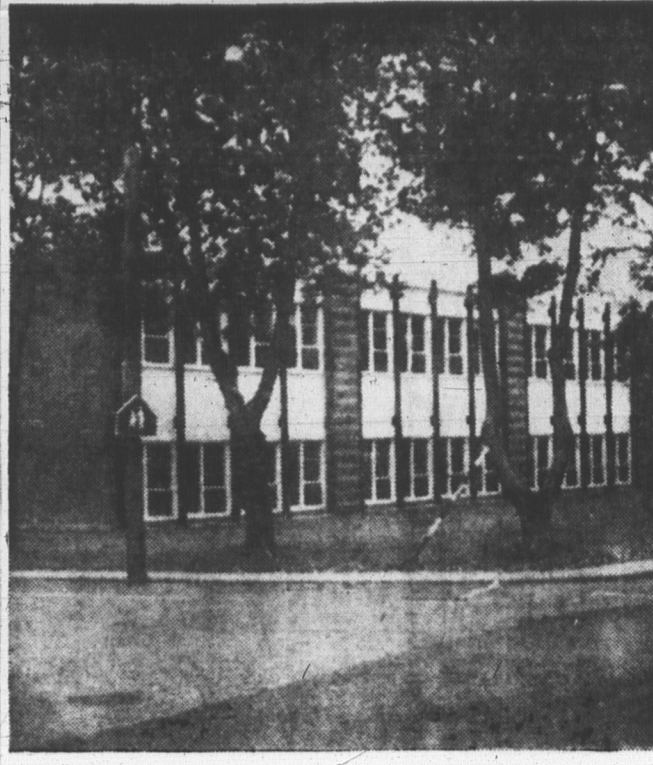
Children receiving the free books will retain them for the school year and on completion of the grade they will be returned either at the school being attended or at some designated central location.

In the larger school units the subject of French is being taught from grade three up, while in the smaller schools this subject is not started until grade seven or eight.

Mr. MacKenzie pointed out that as the Island schools are gradually amalgamated into larger units the teaching of French will be advanced until it is eventually taken up in grade three throughout the Province.

The work of forming consolidated schools was started some years ago and the process is expected to continue for the next several years when it is expected that the tiny rural schools will eventually become a thing of the past.

Mr. MacKenzie noted that the department currently is not programming any major school construction of a crash nature. Any construction will be determined by the progress of amalgamation which comes about by the ratepayers in small school districts located within a certain area voting to establish one



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Student increase for S'side schools

SUMMERSIDE — Supervisor public schools this year, an increase of 160 over last year. The estimated attendance figures are 550 for the new Summerside Senior High School, 450 for the old high school which is now a junior high, 950 for Parkside Elementary School which has been renovated, and 600 for Elm Street Elementary.

Last year's figures were, 402 for the high school, 694 for Elm Street, 1,033 for Parkside, and 361 for the Central Street School which is no longer a part of the school system.

Last year about 160 girls attended St. Mary's Academy, a private Roman Catholic school for grades seven to 10. The academy will not operate this year. Five sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame will teach in the Summerside school system this year.

Cameron MacDonald, principal of the Summerside Vocational High School, estimates that attendance at the school this year will be 425, an increase of 50 over last year. Athena Regional High School secretary, Robert Jardine estimates that enrollment there will increase to 350 from 325.

Habit-forming drugs compared with war

By RON MacDONALD

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — War tends to have the same effect on nations as habit-forming drugs have on people, a Canadian external affairs staffer said Wednesday.

William Bauer, who works in the Far East section of the external affairs department and has spent time in North and South Viet Nam as a member of the International Control Commission supervising the Geneva agreements in Indochina, spoke during a panel discussion on Viet Nam at the Banff conference on world development.

Mr. Bauer said that in war, as in drug addiction, the dose has to be increased periodically to maintain the effect.

The result in Viet Nam, he said, is an inexorable increase in the intensity of the struggle.

Mr. Bauer said that in the face of this kind of pressure, there is no guarantee that policies on the two sides will always be rational.

CITES SOLE HOPE — "Essentially negotiations are the only thing that will get us out of this long tunnel."

The actions of both sides in the Viet Nam conflict should be such as to encourage negotiation, said Mr. Bauer. The United States, for example, should lose no opportunity to make clear that it does not seek the destruction of North Viet Nam.

J. H. Rothschild of Phoenix, Ariz., a retired brigadier general in the American army and now a consultant in chemical, biological and radiological warfare and arms control and disarmament, said the U.S. has made clear on many occasions that it seeks only an end to aggression from the north in South Viet Nam and is not threatening North Viet Nam.

He said the U.S. has expressed its willingness to negotiate on numerous occasions, but obviously could not be expected to concede anything to the other side in advance of negotiations.

He said the struggle is growing more intense in Viet Nam but there is a point beyond which both sides are clear that the fighting should not go. That is the point at which there would be a clash between the U.S. and China or the Soviet Union.

STEP UP BOMBING — Mr. Rothschild said the American bombing of North Viet Nam should be stepped up if the north does not soon indicate willingness for peace talks.

Denis Warner, a long-time Australian correspondent in Viet Nam, told the panel he believes only a small minority of the "articulate" people in South Viet Nam believe the U.S. should not be there.

He said the U.S. involvement in Viet Nam is simply an intervention on one side of a civil war rather than a move to prevent aggression.

He said Viet Nam is a country with a relatively high degree of cultural sameness. Thus, people in the north are much the same as people in the south, in contrast to some other countries in Southeast Asia with major cultural differences among their people.

Furthermore, he said, Vietnamese have looked for years to Ho Chi Minh, president of North Viet Nam, as their leader in the struggle for national identity against the colonial French government and now the U.S.



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Morpheus caught up fast with a weary GI of the 1st U.S. Cavalry Division on duty in the Ia Drang valley of South Viet Nam's central highlands. He dug a fresh foxhole and promptly took a snooze, not even bothering to move in. His weapon, packs, canteen and ammunition lie on the ground above him. (AP Wirephoto)



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Miss Olenick is trying to sell a \$120 baby-blonde wig she bought three months ago.

The 19-year-old secretary ordered the wig, made of human hair, because "I've always wanted to be a blonde. I thought they had more fun."

The wig was less than successful.

"I tried it on for my boyfriend," she said. "He just burst out laughing."

Then the boyfriend ordered Sherie not to wear the wig again.

"I had to agree with him," she said. "My naturally jet-black eyebrows and lashes just didn't blend with blonde hair."

While trying the wig, Miss Olenick decided to dye her medium-brown hair jet black. She now says:

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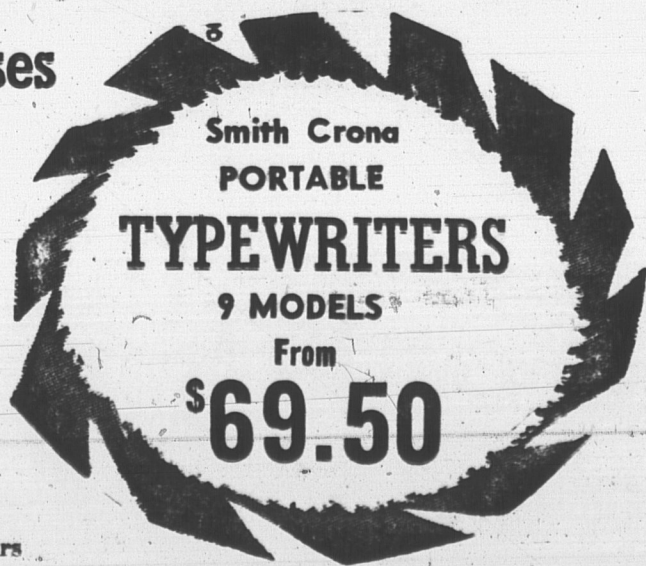
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