



RED CROSS HONORS VOLUNTEERS

Recipients of Badges of Service at yesterday's annual meeting of the P.E.I. Red Cross for their outstanding voluntary contributions in various fields of Red Cross

activity were (left to right) Mrs. A.C. Green, Alberton; Mrs. Hugh Smith, Summerside; Fremont Archer, Charlottetown; Mrs. Harold Walsh, Summerside, and Mrs. Harold

Huggan, Charlottetown; D. Bruce Shaw, national president of the Canadian Red Cross Society made the presentations and offered his congratulations and appreciation to the recipients.

town during the most phenomenal growth this town has ever witnessed.

SUPPORTED POLICIES
"During the next two years, this growth is bound to continue and I firmly believe that experienced councillors and mayor should continue in office until a more stable period in our affairs has been reached."

Councillor Jenkins in his announced intention to renominate said "I have just completed eight years as councillor for this ward which shows my interest in civic affairs."

"During my four years associated with Mayor Currie's administration I have supported the policies of the mayor and council as being in the best interest of the town, and I would be happy to be associated with Mayor Currie during the next two years if re-elected."

S'side Election Pot Boils As Candidates Nominate

By GEORGE WOTTON
Summerside Bureau, The Guardian

Interest in Summerside's civic election exploded yesterday with a barrage of announcements assuring a contest for the mayoralty, west and centre wards, and one candidate in the east.

Retiring mayor W.A. Currie announced yesterday his intention to offer for a fourth term as mayor. Centre ward Councillor J.E. Morrison announced that he will oppose Mr. Currie for the office of mayor.

Retiring councillors W.E. MacCausland, centre ward, and W.E. Jenkins, east ward, both announced that they will renominate.

In the west ward councillor Fred L.D. Arseneault announced earlier that he would renominate. Mrs. Wilfred Perry, earlier made municipal history in Summerside, by being the first lady to offer as a councillor candidate.

In the centre ward, Coun. MacCausland will be opposed by George Key Jr., who announced on Saturday that he will offer in the centre ward.

In the east ward, Coun. Jenkins has been the only one to announce candidacy, and no reports of other candidates in this ward have been heard.

Today is nomination day for all participating candidates and the Summerside Civic Election will be held on Feb. 27.

In statements released to this paper yesterday Mayor W.A. Currie said he was renominating for the office of mayor because of the public support that had been indicated to him in view of the civic problems, mostly financial, with which the town will be faced in the next two years, through further expanded growth, he felt he should contribute the knowledge gained as mayor through six years of experience and study of municipal affairs.

'CHANGES NEEDED'
Councillor Morrison, in announcing his candidacy for mayor said, "I believe that true democracy requires that our representative to any governing position be elected. With this in mind and at the request of a large and represented segment of our citizens, who have expressed confidence in me, I have decided to nominate for the office of mayor."

"I have served on the council for the past three years and during this period have learned that a great deal of changes are needed in the administration of the council in order to fulfill our duties and obligations to our citizens."

"As a councillor, I deplore the fact that the council is ignored in so many matters and that under the present administration the councillors are expected to be only rubber stamps."

"I believe that there should

be open discussion at all times. I believe that there should be open discussion at all council meetings and thus eliminate regular caucus meetings.

"I believe also that the powers, arbitrary and otherwise, of the office of mayor and employees of the town must be restricted and that the town council be given a full monthly report, in writing, of all the dealings from an administrative level."

AGAINST SALARIES
"As previously stated I am against the payment of salaries for the office of mayor of this town. With large salaries being paid to those in administrative positions and with the tax rate at an all time-high, I cannot condone even the thought of salary unless, and until, we can effect a substantial tax decrease for our citizens and the lessening of our administrative staff."

"I am a property owner and a life long citizen of this town, and it is on this basis that I am running for the office of mayor. If elected, I will work only in the interest and for the best advantage of the citizens as a whole without catering or obligation to any individual or group."

Councillor MacCausland in announcing his candidacy again in the Centre ward, said, "I have decided to re-enter for councillor in the Centre ward. This decision has been prompted by Mayor W.A. Currie renominating for mayor for a fourth consecutive term. As the public well knows, I have been a staunch supporter of Mayor

Currie's policies, and his administration has met with my full approval. I am happy to have been identified with these policies which I believe to be in the best interests of the

town during the most phenomenal growth this town has ever witnessed.

Potato Price Stays Steady
Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said yesterday that Prince Edward Island potatoes are bringing a premium of 20 cents per bag over New Brunswick potatoes and 40 cents per bag over local potatoes on Upper Canada markets.

Prices are steady at between \$1.55 and \$1.75 per 75-pound bag on the Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto markets.

For the last crop season to date this year 5,284 carloads of potatoes have been shipped from the province, compared with 5,127 carloads for the same period last year.

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Mayor Currie Explains Costs Of Engineering

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
Mayor W.A. Currie stated at last night's council meeting there have been "misleading, exaggerated and untrue statements" made concerning the cost of engineering services at Hillcrest No. 2 and Walker sub-division which was done by Laurie Coles Associates, consulting engineers, and "I will give the report as I know it."

Mayor Currie said that last spring when CMHC stated they were ready to go ahead it asked about getting a report from consulting engineers in three weeks time. He said he contacted Mr. Coles and reported to council at which all councillors were present except Coun. Rogers who was in hospital.

His Worship continued "Coles said he couldn't complete the job in three weeks but would have sufficient information to meet their needs." The cost was to be about \$6,000.

Mayor Currie stated the engineering firm did make a report in three weeks time. His Worship explained that the area continued to open up and he asked Mr. Coles to proceed with the work.

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Senete Requests Resources Brief

A brief on this province's resources development program is being prepared by research director Hartwell Daley and will be presented to the Senate Committee on Land Use in Ottawa on March 1 by Mr. Daley.

The invitation to present a brief came from Senator A.M. Pearson. The Senate committee is gathering information that will be helpful to the federal department of agriculture in putting the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act into effect.

Morell Crushes Bombers 14-2

Morell Meteors trounced Peakes Bombers 14-2 in Intermediate C hockey playoff action at Souris rink last night.

The winners were paced by Keefe, who pumped six goals past the Peakes netminder. Teammate R. MacDonald triggered four. B. MacDonald 2, Coffin and B. McAdam.

E. Smith and G. MacEachern were the Peakes scorers. Morell dominated the play from the opening whistle and outshot their opponents 60-18.

Referees Bob MacPhee and Edmond LaVie called only four penalties, three to Morell.

A crucial game in this series is slated for Montague rink tonight with Dunstaffnage and Morell clashing. A win for Dunstaffnage will give them the zone 2 series and a victory for Morell will put them in a tie for the round.

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Financial Report Made

SUMMERSIDE — The financial report for the Town of Summerside for 1961 was submitted to town Council last evening but was not discussed after Mayor W.A. Currie revealed that copies had not been placed in the hands of the council until afternoon and no one had sufficient time to study it.

He said the council would meet again shortly to discuss it. The financial statement disclosed that the town had a surplus for the year of \$3,969.36 on total revenues of \$756,519.70 compared to total expenditures of \$754,550.34.

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GOLD CUP PARADE COMMITTEE AT WORK

Already hard at work with plans for the Gold Cup and Saucer float parade to be held next August are the float committee (left to right) Joe Shel-

fohn, Jack Smallwood, Ivan Doherty, chairman; and Ambie Weatherbie. All are prominent members of civic organizations. It is expected that about

30 floats will participate in the parade, which will be held

the morning of the Gold Cup and Saucer race.

S'side Legion Names Secretary-Manager

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
After much confusion, talk, and three votes, the selection by the executive of Charles 'Bud' Craig as the new secretary-manager of the George R. Peakes, VC Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Summerside, was approved by the approximately 70 members present for the monthly meeting.

When the matter was first brought before the meeting on a motion by the first vice-president, Edmund Arsenault, that Mr. Craig be hired at an annual salary of \$5,000, the members voted down the proposal with a majority vote of about two to one.

It was then pointed out to them by their president, Ross MacKenzie that in effect they were putting forward a vote of non-confidence in their executive, who had to the best of their ability made the selection of Mr. Craig from 12 applicants, all of whom were treated alike by the three-man committee which reported its recommendations to the executive and had been approved by an 8-3 vote.

Following the business part of the meeting, the executive retired to deliberate on course of action that it would take now that it had received this non-confidence motion, however, during their absence and after the full situation had been explained to the members by their retiring secretary-manager, James Hogan, the meeting moved, by the required two thirds majority, to re-open the matter before the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Upon the arrival of the executive, the members arose unanimously in support of their actions and carried the resolution hiring Mr. Craig.

President Ross MacKenzie then thanked the members for reconsidering the subject and pointed out that the branch would probably be better off for the airing which the matter received. He then urged all members to give their new secretary-manager their full support.

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Island Red Cross Re-elects Slate

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Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman was named honorary president with Premier Walter R. Shaw, Edwin C. Johnston, New Haven, and Miss Gladys Holman, Summerside as honorary vice presidents. M.A. Farmer, Q.C., is vice-president. Honorary secretary and treasurer elected were J. Gordon MacDonald, Charlottetown and H.H. Carruthers, Charlottetown.

Chosen as vice-presidents for each of the three counties were Mrs. A.C. Green, Alberton, Prince County; Lt.-Col. E. W. Johnstone, Burlington, Queens County and J.B. Jay, Morell, Kings County.

Mrs. H.L. Palmer, J. Gordon MacDonald and M.A. Farmer, Q.C. all of Charlottetown, were named as representatives to the central council. Alternates include Charles Linkletter, Summerside; F.A.S. Jones, Charlottetown and H.R. Carruthers, Charlottetown.

Standing committees: Junior Red Cross, Dr. K.A. Parker, Clarence Mercer; women's work, Mrs. E.E. Clawson; nursing, Mrs. Helen Boiger; Mrs. A.J. Baslam; blood donor, Mrs. S. Jones, A.P. Archer; first aid, Dr. W.R. Stewart, Dr. Ian Craig; volunteers, Mrs. L. E. Prowse, Mrs. J.J. Connolly; campaign, W.R. Jenkins, H.H. Bartlett; disaster, Robert Younker, Frank MacDonald; water safety, Ian Rankin;

awards, Mrs. Benjamin Rogers; public relations, Cyril Flinn, C. W. Currie.

Council members: Mrs. Lincoln Dewar, New Perth, president, P.E.I. Women's Institute; Mrs. F.J. Steele, Charlottetown, president, P.E.I. Catholic Women's League; Mrs. E.M. Phillips, representing, I.O.D.E.; Mrs. Marjorie Dover, Charlottetown, president, P.E.I. Teachers' Federation; Hamilton Douglas, Mr. Stewart, provincial president, Royal Canadian Legion; Charles Linkletter, Summerside; G.G. Bennett, Alberton; Mrs. H.J. MacWilliam, O'Leary; Hector Booth, Tignish; Bert Blacquiere, North Bastrop; S.G. Poppin, Kensington; Mrs. Clarence McGulgan, Hunter River; Mrs. V.T. Travers, Summerside; A.A. Frazer, Moniesville; Mrs. J.J. Rooney, Morell; Roy Leard, Mt. Stewart; Mrs. F.J. DeLory, Georgetown; M.B. Fitzpatrick, Souris; Mrs. Moea MacInnis, St