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PRINCE TOWN United Church.
Malpeque Sunday, March 5th, service 2:30 P. M. Please note change of time.

KENSINGTON and Freetown Presbyterian Church.
Sunday, March 5th, Kensington at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Freetown at 3 P. M.

INCOME TAX CASE - Beattie Magistrate R. S. Hinton, K. C. in Summerside yesterday, a party for failing to file an income tax return was fined \$25 and costs.

CHURCH NOTICE for Parish of New London for Sunday, March 5th, 2nd in Lent. St. Mark's, Kensington, Senior Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

PERSONALS
Mr. Harold Arsenault, Summerside, leaves today for Montreal to undergo medical treatment.

Ice Rces At S'side Today
The race that was scheduled to be held on the Summerside harbour ice last Wednesday afternoon and had to be postponed due to bad weather will be held this afternoon, according to the secretary of the local association.

O'Leary and Vicinity
Congratulations to the Hon. Forrest W. Phillips, M. L. A. of O'Leary, who has been elected Speaker for the Legislature which is now in session.

Wellington
Miss Yvonne Gaudet is visiting friends in Charlottetown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus E. Gallant are spending a few days in Charlottetown this week.

Mr. Leo Gallant left for Boston on Wednesday where he will visit relatives and friends.

The many friends of Mr. E. F. Arsenault are glad to see him out again after being sick for some time.

A good game of hockey was played on Monday evening between the Summerside A's and the Wellington Battlers. The score was 2-1 in favour of the Battlers.

The relatives and friends of Earl Clark were shocked to hear of his passing on Wednesday, at his home in Union Corner.

A shower was held on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Mildred Ferguson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barlow. A very large crowd attended. After the gifts were opened and the verses read, a lunch was served by her friends. Her marriage took place on Wednesday morning in Summerside to Mr. Lorn Barlow, of Wellington.

BELLE RIVER SCHOOL
Honour Roll for February Primary Department

Grade V - I. Donna Conleton, 2. Colena Blue and Ruth Singleton (equal), 3. George Singleton.

Grade IV - I. Weldon Hutchinson, 2. Patricia Kuns, 3. John Beaton.

Grade III (a) - 1. John Blue, 2. Fred Madsen, 3. Billy Jardine.

Grade III (b) - 1. Florrie Bell, 2. Keith Bell.

Grade III (c) - 1. John Maden, Grade II (Sr.) - 1. Anna Nicholson, 2. Joyce Beaton.

Grade II (Jr.) - 1. Muriel Stewart.

Grade I (a) - 1. Dan Bears, Grade I (b) - 1. Joan Hutchinson, 2. Joyce Hutchinson, 3. Milla Beaton.

Grade I (c) - 1. Pauline Bears. Teacher - Christine Nicholson.

DON'T WANT RED DEAN
LONDON, March 3 (Reuters) - The United States State Department has declined to allow Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, to visit the U. S. as stated here today.

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S'side Y's Men's Club Meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Summerside Y's Men's Club was held on Thursday evening at the Olympia with George Meikle in the chair.

The speaker of the evening was Y's man Dick Henthorn who spoke on shoplifting and the habits and mode of operation of those who engage in this practice.

He said that anything that service clubs can do to curb juvenile delinquency is important because if children are allowed to carry on such habits they may become professional thieves when they grow up.

The annual radio auction to be held on March 29th was discussed and it was reported that many valuable donations have been received. A nomination committee was appointed for the election of officers which takes place at a coming meeting.

Appreciation was expressed that Ronald Lear of Summerside had been chosen as one of the boys to make a trip to Great Britain this summer. He was chosen from a group of names which had been submitted by the Summerside Y's Men's Club.

Organization
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It clear that the dealers with whom I have done business have given me excellent service but under the present set-up we can not qualify for Government aid.

Mr. O'Connor stated that a lot of dealers were willing to cooperate but some dealers who were also big growers did not wish to see farmers organized.

Mr. Urban MacQuaid, poultry dealer, stated that the small dealers were behind the organizers. They recognized that they must have the surplus marketed in a proper manner.

Mr. Woodrow Wheatley, East Royalty, also urged organization. He said he raised 187 pigs here this winter and had a market in Newfoundland for them but there was no place in Charlottetown where he could get them dressed.

Address by Mr. Parent
Mr. Parent gave an instructive outline of the role of grass in the province. He pointed out that island soils were not rich and were particularly low in organic matter.

For 1949 he reported the following crop acreages: Wheat, 5,500; oats, 113,033; barley, 10,000; corn, 1,000; mixed grains, 69,000; potatoes, 49,000; hay and clover, 225,000; good pasture, 237,000; rough pasture, 80,000; and roads, 117,400.

He pointed out that today farmers in this province are buying \$2,000,000 worth of fertilizer and putting 90 per cent of it on potatoes with the consequence that they have to import about \$2,000,000 worth of feeds. He showed by illustration that alfalfa, clover and timothy crops were followed by heavier productions on the following year than were the other crops.

He stated that there was a future in the province for the making of grass silage. During the talk he was interrupted several times by farmers who wished to express their opinion on certain problems and who questioned him repeatedly on questions pertaining to their farming areas.

Three directors for each county were appointed. They were Messrs. John Myers, Edwin Lord and Ernest Hume, J. J. MacDonald and William Proud for Queen's and P. A. McIsaac, Russel Ching and Douglas Coffin for King's. Mr. John Myers was appointed a delegate to the Federation of Agriculture.

Satisfactory reports were received from the following branch institutes: Dunk River, Four Branch, Lot 45, North Bedouque, Savage Harbour, Souris East, Tryon and Lot 17. The President gave special congratulations to North Bedouque for outstanding work.

Only one resolution was passed, that of the meeting favoring the marketing board. A motion of appreciation to the Federation of Agriculture and particularly to Mr. Leo McIsaac, Secretary, was moved by Mr. Claude Smith, East Royalty and seconded by Mr. Wilfred MacAleer, Hope River.

NEW ANNAN NOTES
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Discusses Farm

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There are some who claim that a support price should not be placed on potatoes in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick alone, but that any assistance given should be Canadian-wide.

I submit that a support price under potatoes in these two provinces, as was provided last year, is a definite advantage to every Province in Canada, because the holding of our markets at a moderately high level, would protect the other Provinces to almost the same extent.

I am not altogether sold on the idea of support prices or subsidies as a long-term programme, but here is an emergency, and I feel that some redress should be forthcoming. I have had correspondence with other Ministers of Agriculture, and with the Federal Minister and everybody seems to be pressing along the same line. We trust that something may come out of it yet, but I wouldn't be too sanguine that it will come in time to be of much use to us this year.

Veterinary Assistance
The Minister announced that a Veterinary Assistance Act will be introduced at the present session. He hoped that sufficient funds will be provided to set up a veterinary service. In the past year the Department subsidized a group of twenty-one young men to the Graham Scientific School at Newark, N.J., and this course will prove of much benefit to them in their future operations.

The Minister regretted that more people are not taking advantage of the courses at the Vocational School. A short leadership course at St. Dunstan's University, sponsored by the Department last summer, proved a decided success.

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"Practically the same thing happened in Lower Freeport. They didn't have to borrow any money, but they put up their own money and built a line and they are getting the service in that way."

Continuing, the Minister said that heretofore the Provincial laboratory has been operating under the Department of Welfare in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture. While this setup has been of great benefit, there has been a little friction, which could be eliminated if the laboratory is operated entirely by the Welfare department.

Up to a short time ago the blood tests for Bangs disease were not recognized at the Provincial laboratory, and the specimens had to be sent to Sackville, N.B. As a consequence, shipments of cattle were held up until the results were received. Mr. Baker said he had been able to get this situation remedied, and the Provincial tests are now being accepted.

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