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**—THE SHUB GAIN** concert, Central Bedeque Hall, Tuesday, March 16th at 8:00 o'clock. Sale candy.

**—SUN RISES** before 6:30 a.m. Order house cleaning supplies early at Brace's Hardware.

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**Personals**

—Margate representatives at the Federation of Agriculture meetings at Charlottetown on March 9 were Messrs. Heath, Mayhew, Keith Warren and Andrew Johnston.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baglole and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Crozier, Kelvin Grove, were in Charlottetown on March 10, attending the hockey game at the Forum. —Bur.

—Mrs. Chester Howard, Margate, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold Proffitt, who is indisposed at Moncton. Her friends here wish Mrs. Proffitt an early recovery of good health. —Bur.

**Kensington Students Stage "Oklahoma!"**

—"Oklahoma" America's most remarkable musical comedy will be celebrating its eleventh anniversary on March 31, 1954, and in its short life has produced more stars and more income than any other musical. More than twenty million New York have seen the show. In London it had 2,224 performances, a record for any musical. In London it had the second longest run of any musical in the long history of the British theatre. It has made return appearances for the fourth time in such places as Los Angeles and other large cities. (From a leading magazine).

This glamorous show was presented with remarkable success by the students of Grades 9, 10 and 11 of Kensington High School on March 10th and 11th. It was directed by the music teacher, Miss Mary Gass with Rev. Mr. Murray as pianist.

Many favorable comments and compliments are being showered on this High School group for their reproduction of this popular show. The Kensington School group have the honor of being the first to stage "Oklahoma!" in Prince Edward Island.

**Miscouche and Vicinity**

—The funeral of Mrs. Philibert Gaudet took place March 11 at St. John the Baptist Church, Miscouche. Mass was said by Rev. J. D. Kelly. Interment was in the church cemetery.

—Lumina Poirier, nurse at the Charlottetown Sanatorium, was a week-end visitor to Miscouche at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Poirier.

—Miscouche Home and School Association held their monthly meeting on March 10, in one of the convent classrooms. Joseph McMillan presided.

—Mrs. Michael Pindale of the United States, arrived in Miscouche on March 10, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Philibert Gaudet.

—Mrs. Estelle Gallant of Egmont Bay, is visiting in Miscouche.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Heer and family were visitors to Miscouche on March 14, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Poirier.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gallant and daughter, Elaine, were in Charlottetown on March 12. —BV.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**ROBERT WILLIAMS**

—The community of Elmsdale, P. E. I. lost a beloved and respected citizen in the passing of Robert Williams on January 11.

Mr. Williams was 73 years of age. He was the son of David Williams and Marion Horne. His wife Ella Beatrice Arthur predeceased him 14 years ago.

He is survived by his daughters (Marion) Mrs. Earl MacArthur of Elmsdale; (Jean) Mrs. James Wallace of Cassepaque; (Alice) Mrs. Hilton Barnett of Elmsdale; and sons Arthur, Everett, Spurgeon of Elmsdale; George of Sydney Mines; Nelson predeceased him in 1930. Also left to mourn the loss of a brother are Elizabeth, Mrs. Langille of Waltham, Mass; Rachel, Mrs. William Dunbar of Salem, N. H.; and Mae, Mrs. Percy Matthews of Brookfield, Mr. Williams' brothers, Thomas, Henry, Ervin and sisters Jean, Mrs. Spurgeon MacArthur; Sarah, Mrs. Bert Drummond; Caroline, Mrs. James Tuplin predeceased him.

Mr. Williams was a man of moral integrity, generous spirit, and a lover of people. His home was known for its hospitality and fellowship. A member of the United Church for almost 40 years, the loss which church and community have suffered in his passing is beyond measure.

The funeral service, held from the Elmsdale United Church was attended by a large number of relatives, neighbours and friends. The services were conducted by his minister, Rev. John M. Sheen assisted by Rev. W. C. Wilcox who read the Scripture and led in prayer. His minister gave a message of comfort from revelation 2 and 10. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." The hymns sung were "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Rock of Ages." A duet "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung by Rev. John M. Sheen and Mr. Hampton Horne.

Palbearers were Messrs: James O'Brien, John Adams, Jacob Murray, Lester Wallace, Robert Campbell, and Ronald McKenna. Flower bearers were Messrs: Everett Burns, Vernon Hudson, Douglas Horne, Laughlin Horne, Eldred Hardy, Burton Stewart, Leslie Hardy, Russell Stewart, Arnold Hardy, and Jacob Hardy. Interment was in the church cemetery.

**Burton And Vicinity**

—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Collicutt, daughter Darlene, Burton, were recent guests of Mrs. Collicutt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cooke, Cape Wolfe.

—Friends of Mrs. Peter Rogers, Gensgarry, are pleased to learn her condition is improving, and all hope to see her about her household duties soon again.

—Friends of Wesley Collicutt, Springfield West, are sorry to learn he has to undergo surgical treatment in the near future, and all hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

—Mrs. Harold Howard, Burton, who recently spent a few days in Charlottetown visiting her mother, Mrs. James McKenna, who is a patient at the Charlottetown Hospital, has returned to her home, and reports her mother's health improving.

—Miss Audrey Doyle, who is spending the winter at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Butler, and Mr. Butler, Gensgarry, recently spent a week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Doyle, Campbellton.

—Mrs. Bernard McDonald, Gensgarry, also Mr. Andrew Luttrell, Campbellton, who were called to Amherst, N. S., because of the illness of their mother, Mrs. John J. Luttrell, have returned to their respective homes, and report their mother much improved in health.

—Mrs. Melvin McGregor, Burton, recently visited her daughter, Miss Kemmie McGregor, student of P.W.C., Charlottetown.

—Preparations for the St. Patrick's variety concert are progressing favourably, and will be held at St. Mark's Hall on March 17.

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers, Forestview, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Colridge Rogers, Burton.

**Discusses Lobster Poaching Problem In The Legislature**

Government tampering with the size limits on lobsters and the destruction of fishing gear by New Brunswick druggers were cited as causes of lobster poaching by Mr. Hubert Gaudet, Conservative, First Prince, as he took part in the Draft Address debate in the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

After pointing out that lobster poaching had developed into a very serious problem, Mr. Gaudet, the only active fisherman in the House, stated that the Government's actions in increasing the carapace measurement was one of the main reasons for poaching in the western area.

"By increasing the carapace measurement they took 25 per cent of the lobsters away from the fishermen," he stated. "The measurement is now 7.3. They measured at 6.5 and at that measurement I think the laws about poaching were observed. Then they raised it to 7 and they kept on going to 7.3."

"They have been trying to tell us that we are destroying the industry by catching the smaller ones. But no one can tell us where the lobsters come from because they don't know enough about the history of the lobster. In 1931 during a severe storm there were windrows of lobsters washed up on the shore and in the spring of 1932 we had our biggest catch in 40 years."

Mr. Gaudet suggested that legislation should be passed whereby the fisherman could space their traps at 1 3-8 inches. He stated this would allow the smaller lobsters to go free. "What's in the traps would be mine and what goes free belongs to Ottawa," he stated.

He pointed out that lobster fishing provided the Island fishermen with 10 per cent of their cash. The lobster catch amounted to about \$2,000,000 among 3,000 fishermen and their families in the Province.

**Hard Problem**

The First Prince member noted the industry was becoming a hard problem to handle. "I notice that the speaker from Annandale has given in that there is poaching in his district. Two years ago they branded me as coming from the section where they did all the poaching," he stated.

He stated supercilious reports would indicate that the fisherman had a wonderful year in 1953 but that it wasn't quite the case although the income was higher. "The fishermen on the North Shore lost about 50,000 traps and each of them cost quite a bit more than \$3.00 as claimed by the government with the result that fishermen went back about \$100,000."

Mr. Gaudet recalled that the Federal Minister of Fisheries visited the Tignish area last summer but did not call at the fishing plant where the fishermen were expecting him. "There were over 100 fishermen waiting to see him but he didn't come near us. We might have had some suggestions to give him," stated the member.

"The cod fishing industry is in a difficult position," he continued. "The druggers from New Brunswick have been tearing our gear away in the western section of the Province, and I think a number of men may have started poaching on this account."

"The poachers got by fine until the day after the election," he recalled. "Then a frigate came along with four small boats and they destroyed traps worth four or five dollars each. Is that any way to preserve the economy of the fishermen?" he asked.

"It was wrong on the part of the Government. I will never believe that it was right. Its serious business to destroy valuable property."

**Use of Druggers**

Mr. Gaudet noted that the use of druggers had not proved entirely successful. He stated that one returned man with a large family had almost been ruined financially by government experiments with druggers. "He lost most of one summer waiting to get started and then he lost about \$900 of his own money. If it was wrong for the Government to be experimenting on small boats at the expense of the fishermen," he said.

"Speaking of harbors the Prince County member noted that several harbors had been improved but that a poor job had been done at Skippers Pond. "They stopped work at the entrance with the result that the boats can only come in and go out at high tide. The Department should see that these harbors should be made available for inshore fishing," he said.

He commended the Government for some of their work on the roads but condemned them for their policy of putting down light pavement. He stated that he didn't like the top dressing put on many of the widened roads as there was little gravel used.

"The proposed pension for disabled persons is a wonderful thing but if it is distributed like the Old Age Pension Test it won't be much good," he stated.

**Old Age Pensions**

"Plenty of applications for old age assistance have been turned down in our district," he continued. "I know of one person who received a cheque, for \$9.15 and it was shown to me. Now that was a mean cheque to give anyone."

"We gave ourselves a raise here in the House. If we can get a raise we should give a raise to anyone so that he or she may get a decent chance to live. It was a mean, miserable cheque anyone should receive an assistance pension of less than \$9.15."

Mr. Gaudet charged that the old age assistance pensions weren't distributed fairly. "In our district there was \$8,742 paid out for a population of 10,000 and in First Queens there was \$10,221 paid for 5,000 people," he stated.

He suggested that cabins and tourist accommodations be kept away from towns and villages as much as possible so that the visitors would be near the fishing areas and in places where they could procure good, fresh breakfasts for themselves. He commended the Tourist Bureau for their recent film but regretted that they did not depict a few scenes of areas west of Summerside.

He congratulated the Premier, also the Mover and Seconder of the Speech from the Throne.



Mr. Hubert Gaudet

**Alberton And Vicinity**

LAC. Kenneth Gaudin, recently of the R.C.A.F. Station Summerside, spent the week-end at his home in Alberton South. He has left for North Bay, Ontario, where he will be stationed for the next two months.

Mrs. Hammond Crockett, Alma, is a patient in the Western Hospital. Her many friends wish her a quick return to health.

Mrs. David Campbell has returned to her home in Alberton after spending the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Crockett, Summerside.

Mr. Fred Hardy, Montrose, is a patient in the Western Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsay, Alberton, returned home on Sunday after spending the past ten days with relatives in Charlottetown.

**TIGNISH CONVENT**

(February Honor Roll)

Grade XI: 1, Beverly Howard, Jean Skerry; 2, Geraldine Handran; 3, Hazel Murphy, Marie Chaisson, Theresa Conway, Jean Gaudet.

Grade X: 1, Yvonne Perry; 2, Pauline Myers; 3, Audline Arsenault.

Grade IX: 1, Gerald McCarthy; 2, Ernestine Macdonald; 3, Allan Doucette.

Grade VIII: 1, Opal Silliker; 2, Doreen Harper, Doreen Doucette; 3, Doris LeClair.

Grade VIII: 1, Elmer Perry; 2, Leonard Gallant; 3, Joseph A. DesRoches.

Grade VII: 1, John Richard; 2, Billy Fennessy; 3, Arthur Fennessy, Edward Gaudet.

Grade VII: 1, Lorraine Gallant; 2, Peggy Shea; 3, Irene Harper.

Grade VI: 1, Alice Gaudet; 2, Carmela Gallant; 3, Anna Marie McAlduff.

Grade V: 1, Leonard Moran; 2, Marie Buote; 3, Florence Richard.

Grade IV: 1, Susan Hogan; 2, Catherine McHugh; 3, Helen Doyle.

Grade III: 1, Linda LeClair; 2, Lester Perry; 3, Marion Gavily.

Grade II: 1, Lorraine Phee, Valmore Richard; 2, Stephen McInnis; 3, Maurice Tutwell.

**O'Leary And Vicinity**

—The Ladies' Aid of the United Church in O'Leary met at the home of Mrs. Burton Bostes on Wednesday night. Three new members were added to the roll. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. E. W. Turner.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacKay, and Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacKay, and daughter Neila of Coleman, were visitors to Rosebank, and Alma, on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Byron Crockett, and family of Charlottetown, were visitors to the Western part of the Island on Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bayfield Ellis of Charlottetown, were visitors to O'Leary, recently, where they called on many old acquaintances and friends.

—Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Johnston, O'Leary, spent Sunday in Bloomfield, guests of Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith.

—Mr. and Mrs. Max MacDonald, attended the funeral of the late Douglas Milligan in Ellerslie, Monday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Averd Harris of Kruksford motored to Summerside on Sunday, to visit friends and relatives here.

—Mrs. Jarvis Yeo, of St. John, N.

**Return From Police School**

—After attending a two-weeks police school held in Halifax, Cets. Harry MacKay and Elmer Matheson of the Summerside police force returned home on Saturday evening.

Both these officers were of the opinion that the training received at this school was of great value and that the school would be held again next year and for a longer period than two weeks. Policemen from many points in the Maritimes were in attendance including Charlottetown, Summerside, and also representatives of the Canadian National Railway force.

Beginning at 8:30 each morning different courses were held throughout the day and the various subjects dealt with were patrolling, care and use of firearms, making arrests, public relations, finger printing. Each lecture was followed by a question and answer period with practical demonstrations being made regarding the questions asked. While in Halifax the visiting officers were given the opportunity of visiting the Halifax police court, watching its procedure and also of inspecting the Halifax police department.

**Education Week At St. Mary's Academy**

—Education Week was duly observed by St. Mary's Academy, when the sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame held open house.

On Tuesday evening the parents of the pupils of grade V classroom were invited to attend an exhibit and play, put on by the pupils of that grade. This exhibit depicted the life of blessed Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress of the Notre Dame Order, in dolls brought and dressed by the children. The events portrayed were her birth, coming to Canada 300 years ago, her work among the Indians, and her death in 1700. Six of the grade V pupils then presented a short play on David Thompson, the first map maker of Canada.

On Wednesday and Thursday afternoons each classroom was decorated open and the parents were invited to attend. During these sessions, which were largely attended, the program of that day was carried out and the parents left with a good insight of the work done by the sisters and pupils in clean and well conducted classrooms.

**Conway and Vicinity**

—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, S., Freeland, were in Summerside on March 11 on business and were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Smith, Cedar Avenue.

—Mr. Sterling Palmer and Mr. Bradford MacKinnon were business visitors to Summerside on March 11.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil MacKinnon and Mr. Leo Milligan were business visitors to Summerside on March 11 and were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sonier.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morrison were in Summerside on March 11 on business. They were accompanied by Mrs. John D. Palmer.

—Mr. George Sharpe, accompanied by Mr. Fred Cahill, East Bideford, were business visitors at the home of Mr. John W. Palmer, Freeland, on March 11.

—Miss Verna MacDonald has returned to her home in Freeland after spending sometime in Charlottetown on business.

—Mr. Sterling Milligan, Murray Road, had the misfortune to give his foot a bad cut while in the woods on March 11. He was rushed to O'Leary to the doctor, who put four stitches on the cut. Mr. Milligan's many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

—Mr. George Morrison was a business visitor to Summerside on March 11. —P.

**Gives Data On Release Of Trout Fingerlings, Salmon**

Mr. Norman E. MacLeod, secretary of the Prince County Fish and Game Association, yesterday released the figures on trout and salmon fingerlings distribution at various ponds and streams throughout Prince County.

The report shows that some 184,000 trout fingerlings and 60,000 salmon were stocked in the numerous streams of Prince County. Mr. MacLeod said that each year, 10,000; Wright's Pond, Dunk River, 4000; Dunk River, Bedeque Bay, 24000; Myrick's Pond, Tignish River, 2000; Green's Stream, Mirminegash Pond, 2000; Marchbank's Pond, Trout River, 7000.

Cain's Stream, Mill River, 2000; Gard's Stream, Mill River, 2000; Leard's Pond, Trout River, 6000; Shag Pond, Jacques River, Tignish River, Gulf of St. Lawrence, 20000; Buis Pond, Miminegash Head, 3000; Myrick's Pond, Greenmount, 3000; Conroy's Pond, Kildare Cape, 3000; MacAusland's Pond, Mill River, 4000; Bells Rix's Pond, Kildare River, 4000; Gordons Pond, Kildare River, 4000; Barlow's Pond, Grand River, 4000; Fitzgerald's Pond, Grand River, 4000; Ives' Pond, Trout River, 5000; McNally's Stream, Jacques River, 4000; Currie's Pond, Fierr River, 4000; Currie's Pond, Fierr River, 4000; Calbeck's Pond, Dunk River, 10000; Wright Leard's Pond, Dunk River, 10000; Scales' Pond, Dunk River, 15000.

Salmon fingerlings released: Dunk River, 60,000.

**Council Ratifies Payment Of \$35,000 To Rink Account**

—The action of the Summerside Town Council at a special meeting held on February 25th, approving payment of \$35,000.00 to the Summerside Trotting Association Limited in accordance with an agreement of resolution passed October 7th, 1953, was ratified last night at an adjourned meeting of the council, after Councilors James L. MacDougall and Dr. H. E. Clark had voted against adoption of the minutes of the February 25th meeting on the grounds that it had not been properly called or conducted.

Mayor Henry Wedge later asked Councilor Jenkins to take the chair so that he could take part in the discussion.

In stating his position on the matter, Councilor MacDougall charged that certain aspects of the original agreement had not been brought out in any meeting at which the press had been in attendance. For this reason, he said, on the basis of press reports, it appeared to some citizens that the council had dealt haphazardly with the people's money in respect to the rink agreement.

The objection by Councilors MacDougall and Clark was based on the interpretation of the agreement between the council and the rink directors as to the point in expenditure on the rink construction at which the council would pay the sum of \$35,000 in addition to the \$65,000 paid previously, and on the interpretation of the words "in whole or in part" which formed a part of the written agreement.

Councilor MacDougall, in reviewing the events and meetings that have occurred in connection with the council's interest in the rink construction, revealed that at least two members of the finance committee had refused to authorize payment of the \$35,000 until certain aspects of the matter were fully understood by the finance committee.

He revealed that two meetings on the matter had been held previous to the calling of the special meetings of the whole council by the Mayor on February 25th. Although other members of the council last evening confirmed that they had been duly notified, Councilors MacDougall and Clark claimed they had no knowledge of its purpose until their arrival at the meeting.

Councilor Clark defended the action the committee had taken in delaying the proceedings in order that a full understanding of the agreement could be reached through discussion.

Mayor Wedge, taking part in the discussion, recalled that the resolution of agreement had been read the council four or five times and studied at length, so that it would be fully understood.

He contended that the phrase "in whole or in part" had been placed in the resolution as a measure of safety to protect the town's investment in the rink in the event that something unforeseen occurred during construction which might prove to be unsatisfactory to the council.

He said that construction had been most satisfactory and that the rink directors had shown him cancelled checks and bills approximating \$125,000 which indicated to his complete satisfaction that the directors had, without doubt, an invested equity of \$25,000 in accordance with the agreement.

Mayor Wedge, on information supplied by the Town Clerk, Mr. John Cameron, reported that the rink mortgage document, under which the first \$65,000 was loaned, has now been completed, signed, and recorded.

Stock to the amount of the \$35,000 approved for payment last night, plus an additional \$15,000 to be paid when an artificial ice plant is installed, will be printed and issued to the town following a change in the name of the Summerside Trotting Association Limited, under which the company is presently incorporated.

At the conclusion of the lengthy discussion on the rink matter, Mayor Wedge resumed the chair and the resolution ratifying the approval for payment of the \$35,000 passed without a dissenting vote.

The council approved a resolution petitioning the government of

**Side High School Honored**

In a Canadian Press report from New York word has been received that the Summerside High School publication has been awarded second place. The Maple, published by the commercial class, won the award for the second consecutive year. Over 4,000 school editors and their faculty advisors met at Columbia University last week and Judges made their awards after reviewing over 1,300 publications from the United States and Canada.

Besides Summerside, three Canadian schools, Winnipeg, Ottawa and Sherbrooke received awards. Another honor came to Summerside High School last week when in a recent issue of School Progress, a national magazine for school administrators, school boards and home and school associations, printed in Toronto, Summerside High School was featured together with pictures of its varied interests.

It is interesting to note that Summerside High School has been honored in two distant parts of North America during the month of March.

**CRAPAUD RINK**

**TONIGHT**

**School Hockey**

At 7 P. M.  
 Victoria vs. Kelly's Cross  
 At 8 P. M.  
 Crapaud vs. Hampton  
 At 9 P. M.  
 Victoria vs. Augustine Cove  
 Players sixteenth birthday must be after Dec. 31, 1953.  
 Skate after

**The Neighbors** By George Clark



"Call me at the office and we'll discuss our profits. It annoys my family to hear me talk business."

**KENSINGTON RINK**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

game postponed until Wednesday  
 (Disregard ad on page 12)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17**

Second game finals  
 Junior North Shore League  
 Spring Valley vs. Kensington  
 Game 8:30 sharp

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