

School Trustees Election Urged in S'side, Ch'town

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Courageous Act Saves Boy's Life

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
Courageous action and quick thinking by Wendell Muttart at his Imperial Esso service station on Water Street West in Summerside Wednesday resulted in a boy's escape from a fire that probably saved the life of 11-year-old Albert Gallant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Octave Gallant who live near the service station.

The boy, along with his severe burns to hands, arms, neck, and other upper parts of his body, is still in hospital this morning. His condition was said to be satisfactory.

The boy, along with one or two boys about the same age, had gone into the station while Mr. Muttart and David Ramsay, a member of his staff, had been working outside of the building.

It is believed that the boys were attempting to patch a bicycle tire belonging to one of them, and that a can of inflammable liquid solvent became ignited. The boys were aware of the incident when he heard a scream from the boy occasionally running out of the station with his clothing alight.

Mr. Muttart is reported to have caught the boy and thrown him to the ground, smothered the fire with his own body and beat out the flames with his own hands. Mr. Muttart then, without regard to his own painful burns, placed the youngster in his car, and rushed him directly to Prince County Hospital where both were admitted and treated for burns on a second shock. Mr. Muttart was released from hospital yesterday.

David Ramsay, the member of the staff on hand at the time found that the can of burning solvent had spread through the tire repair room and had ignited some tires and other items in the room. He quickly extinguished the fire which threatened the station building, by using the water hose used for washing cars.

Mr. Muttart said he has always been strict with the boys, but occasionally they do get into his service station without his permission or knowledge. In future the car wash area will be walled off so that a child in or about the premises.

The question of democratic procedure in the election of school trustees was stressed by several members when an amendment to the School Act was approved in the legislature Thursday morning.

The question was raised by Health Minister Hubert McNeill who questioned the fact that Charlottetown and Summerside school boards—be it speak of Summerside—were appointed, three members by the town council and four by the school board.

He asked a provision for a plebiscite so Summerside people could vote on the right to name their own trustees. It was the proper democratic procedure that should be made sense, he argued, that the citizens must turn their council out of their government, to express displeasure with their school board.

Hon. Melvin McQuaid and Hon. Leo Rossiter backed Mr. McNeill.

The Health Minister asked a rider to the plebiscite provision for Summerside people to express approval or disapproval of entering the Regional High School Unit.

"How else do you express their views?" he asked.

Premier Walter Shaw dispensed of the discussion when he suggested the people of Summerside could provide for their own plebiscite on the high school problem, through its own council.

THE AMENDMENT
The amendment defines school privileges and obligations of school districts, as well as defining regional high school terms and districts.

SALARY GRANTS
The amendment also provides that department of education grants toward salaries of teachers may be paid from the provincial treasury to school districts, and the grants shall be considered a scale of minimum salaries, for in no case shall a school board and a teacher enter into agreement for a salary less than that indicated in the scale.

When grants are paid to the districts, school boards shall assume full responsibility for the payment of teachers under their jurisdiction.

The amendment provides that school district secretaries can collect monthly tax payments from owners of mobile homes who may move through several districts during a school year. It provides a regional district to collect ten or more individual school districts "having a total of at least 20 class rooms in which a similar number of teachers shall be employed last year and six acres of land be required with each high school unit set up. There will be no nearby school land provided for the school at Alberton, he criticized. There would be plenty of room provided for the pupils' recreation and also for possible future expansion.

Dr. M. L. Bonnell, acting Liberal leader, said the school should be brought up to date by consolidation so that district officers would know exactly what the regulations are. "Education Minister Dewar said the act had been consolidated last year and distributed. Copies are available on request, he said.

It was explained though, that the consolidation is not legal, and Dr. Bonnell urged that the consolidation be made legal as soon as possible.

Motorist Has Narrow Escape At Washnet

COULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS
Provincial director of physical education David Bowtell, had a close call Wednesday when returning from the minor hockey banquet in Summerside.

After a fall at the new heading alley, Mr. Bowtell headed toward the Sherbrooke Road and when about three-quarters of a mile from Summerside, his car plunged into a six-foot deep, 25-foot-long opening in the highway.

KNOCKED OUT
Mr. Bowtell was apparently knocked out for a brief period, but after recovering, he walked back to the alley from where he was taken to the home of Summerside's physical education, Charles Batten. He was immediately notified the RCMP, who accompanied him to the scene of the accident.

Later, a brother of Mr. Bowtell's was summoned and he drove him to Charlottetown where he received further medical attention. His injuries included a badly bruised forehead and minor cuts. However, yesterday Mr. Bowtell was taking the day off from his office because of general stiffness.

Mr. Bowtell's car, a 1959 Meteor, was badly damaged, but he was unable to give any estimate. He stated that there was no flare or warning to suggest such a deathtrap lay ahead on the highway.

Skid marks indicate that he did not become aware of the obstacle until it was too late to stop the vehicle before it plunged into the pit.

Bishop Waterman Presides At Diocesan Church Society

The 118th annual meeting of the Diocesan Church Society was held in St. Paul's Parish Church, Charlottetown, Wednesday.

Rev. R. H. Waterman, bishop of the diocese and president of the society was in the chair. There was a good attendance of clergy and lay. Archbishop J. T. Abbott welcomed the bishop and presented his report.

The bishop announced that Canon W. E. Hobbs, diocesan commissioner, had resigned his position in the diocese and is taking up duties of a similar nature for the whole church in Canada from Toronto. A resolution of regret at his departure and best wishes for the future was adopted.

Rev. M. Morris presented the report of the religious education committee, and Dr. F. W. Jolly the report of Sunday School by post and radio. It was decided to request that his

2 Meetings Are Slated

Two important meetings of agricultural producers were announced yesterday by J. Lincoln Dewar, secretary of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture.

A meeting of cattle producers will be held in the Charlottetown Hotel on Thursday, April 19, to discuss the beef cattle marketing. The meeting will be held in the lounge at 8 p.m.

A meeting of potato producers in the O'Leary area will be held in an O'Leary hall on Friday, April 13, to discuss some of the problems. They will meet at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Topics to be discussed include poor production and low prices, available information indicates.

Both meetings are sponsored by the Federation of Agriculture.

Federal Handouts Are Seen Not Needed In Development

BY JOHN E. BIRD
OTTAWA (CP) — Federal financial assistance should be sought by a last resort for agricultural development programs according to Hartwell Daley, P.E.I. development director.

His statement was received with considerable surprise by the Senate land use committee which has become accustomed to requests for federal aid for agricultural rehabilitation and development.

Mr. Daley, in outlining P.E.I.'s rural and community development program said much of the type of development can be done at the community level provided technical assistance is available from provincial and federal governments.

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O'Leary Services Are Planned

O'LEARY The ministers of the O'Leary area were announced yesterday by the Christian education centre only to lay the groundwork for a full scale program for their congregations.

With Rev. Ross Howard as chairman, the men discussed three rallies during the week of what will mean to our rural areas. We have prepared our people to make good use of the time and to be ready when they are getting restive. It would seem to me that if the people of the O'Leary area would do nothing more than launch a religious training program... the public would feel that something is happening.

We can do as well as possible what specific types of projects might be considered under ARDA.

The highest temperature created by man is 50,000,000 degrees centigrade in the centre of a nuclear fusion bomb.

FEDERATION OF AGRIC. NEWSLETTER

Cattle, Spud Producers Pan Important Meetings

Sunday's unusual flooding and resulting damage was brought about by a combination of circumstances.

First was the heavy rain, next the fact that the winter's accumulation of snow left in two days and finally the frozen condition of the soil meant high runoff with little absorption.

Two warm days coupled with heavy rain and high winds on Sunday night then set the stage for one of the most serious floodings we have known in this province. Many bridges and culverts which were quite adequate for the handling of a normal spring flood were far too small in this case, and water rose to the point where it was going over the road.

Where rivers of any size were involved the ice started moving and probably had a considerable effect on the destruction of the bridges. In the case of dams the ice did not get started and there was only water to cope with, but certainly in a large volume.

SPUD DAMS HELD
Generally the by-pass dams held even though in many cases the water was going over the top of them. However, the earth banks were still from a number of places. One of these was at the pressure. Dams of the most serious spots of flooding is soil erosion and the cutting of gullies through the land. In this case the soil was still covered with snow and frozen when it bared off, and it was only water to run water did little damage.

This April 1 experience gives some idea of what happens where rivers that may be thousands of miles in length go on the rampage. Our little streams run only a few miles, and yet they build up enough power to destroy very durable structures.

FEDERATION MEETINGS
As a result of the meeting held in Charlottetown on March 22 and an executive meeting of the federation on March 28, plans are now under way for the holding of a meeting by the cattle producers of the province to consider matters related to the marketing of cattle.

There is a very considerable amount of interest and support for proposals to increase our livestock production. It is the hope of the federation that the past winter when the demand was seen to be dragging for some time, a similar increase in the need for consideration of ways and means of raising the cattle on a permanent basis in the market and with stronger element of competition in arriving at prices for them, now cattle marketing is now planned for April 23 and its purpose will be to provide information and assistance in making their own decisions on the score of what they wish to do in good confidence.

Further publicity will be given on this meeting in due course.

Planning is now being carried out for the holding by the federation of a meeting in the near future. This meeting has been requested by the potato growers in the western part of the province who wish to discuss possible some of the problems associated with the potato market at the meeting date is set for

S' Side Lady Dies At 87

SUMMERSIDE — Mrs. Edward W. Manson of Summerside passed away early yesterday morning at the age of 87 years. Mrs. Manson had been in ill health for several years.

She was born in Summerside, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Warren and resided here throughout her life.

During her early years she was active in church and had a devout member of the United Baptist Church. She was the widow of the late Mr. Edward W. Manson, who predeceased her in 1937.

Surviving her is a daughter Helen, Mrs. George E. Lewis, Jacksonville, Florida, who has two daughters, Louise and Mary, Dr. H. T. Colvin, Summerside.

The funeral will be held at the United Baptist Church, Summerside, Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The remains are resting at the Compton Funeral Home. Interment will be in People's Cemetery.

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COME AND HEAR
David Lewis, Q.C.
Mr. Lewis, a prominent Toronto lawyer, is Vice-President of the New Democratic Party, a Rhodes Scholar, who has the distinction of being the only student from this side of the Atlantic, who was ever elected President of the Students' financial assistance is not desirable or necessary. It is to say, however, that these things should be done after every other possibility has been exhausted or after it is known in advance there is no other solution."

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LATE NOTICES

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FLYNN — At her home, 17 Duxbury Street, Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Thursday, April 5, 1962, Mrs. Florence Flynn, widow of the late Patrick Flynn, died at the age of 87 years. Her funeral will be held at the Hennessy Funeral Home on Saturday morning at 8:45 to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

MANSON — At Charlottetown on Thursday, April 5, 1962, Mrs. Edward W. Manson, in her 87th year, resting at the Compton Funeral Home until Saturday noon, then to the Summerside United Baptist Church for funeral services commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in Peoples' cemetery. Visiting hours from 8:45 and 10:15.

BERTHAM — At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, April 3, 1962, Mrs. Fred Bertram of 108 Weymouth Street in Charlottetown, died at the age of 81 years. Her funeral will be held at the Compton Funeral Home on Monday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.

BAVINDY — At the Prince County County, Thursday, April 5, 1962, Mary Anne Savindy, wife of the late Frank Savindy, died at the age of 71 years. Her remains will be forwarded this afternoon to Charlottetown for funeral services at the Compton Funeral Home on the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Williams, Summerside. Funeral to be held on Monday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. at the Compton Funeral Home at 9 o'clock. Interment in the Catholic cemetery.