



**MISS P.E.I. CONTESTANTS**

Ray Irene Andrews, 18 (RIGHT) and Linda Lee Crough, 19, are contestants in the Miss P.E.I. Contest which is an annual feature of the Summerside Lobster Carnival. Miss Andrews is sponsored by the Summerside Rotary Club while Miss Crough represents Linkletter Construction Ltd., Summerside.

## Mr. Justice J.H. Sissons Is Scheduled To Retire

By RON MACDONALD  
YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP)—For 11 years, Mr. Justice J.H. Sissons has cast himself in the role of buffer between Indians and Eskimos of the North and the people who govern them.

On July 15, the Indians and Eskimos will lose their friend and advocate and the civil servants in the northern affairs department at Ottawa will say goodbye to a man who has often been their adversary.

Mr. Justice Sissons is retiring at 74 as justice of the territorial court, a post he was the first to occupy.

Since 1955 he has been taking the law to the lonely communities scattered across the Northwest Territories. He has had to

contend with vicious weather, great distances, cultural differences between Eskimos and Indians and whites and the occasional brush with danger when his plane has been forced down in the barrens to wait out a storm.

But he has the rough-edged hardness that characterizes many who live in the North. Difficulties and dangers have only stimulated him.

His constant aim in bringing the white man's law to the Indians and Eskimos has been "to establish their rights on the basis of their own customs."

He has applied the principle notably in such areas as hunting rights and marriage and adoption.

**ANGRY WITH CRITICS**  
"I have tried to give the people up here an understanding of the law," he says.

When outsiders, particularly appeal courts or federal civil servants, differ with his interpretation of what is right, Mr. Justice Sissons reacts angrily.

"These outside judges don't know the local conditions."

In a judgment on a hunting rights case, he defined the issue as whether "the rule of law or the will and interest of the colonial civil service bureaucracy which governs the Northwest Territories" would prevail.

He has by no means won all his battles.

In 1964, in a noted case involving an Indian accused of breaching the Migratory Birds Convention Act by shooting a mallard, the Supreme Court of Canada reversed Mr. Justice Sissons' acquittal. The duck, now stuffed, sits in his office.

The territorial court judge has been dismissing hunting charges against Eskimos and Indians since 1959, arguing that game ordinances couldn't be applied to them because a 1763 royal proclamation granted them freedom to hunt for their livelihood.

In May, the Supreme Court reversed his acquittal of an Eskimo accused of killing five caribou and, contrary to law, taking only parts of them. He ruled the incident took place on land once owned by the Hudson's Bay Company and, since the 1763 proclamation excluded such lands, the Eskimo should be convicted.

Mr. Justice Sissons delights in a collection of mementos of outstanding cases. Along with the stuffed duck, he has a rug made of the hide of a muskox that figured in another hunting case.

Eskimos have produced soapstone sculptures depicting other major cases.

A sculpture showing one Eskimo couple handing a baby to another couple commemorates the judge's 1958 ruling that Eskimo adoptions are valid. In an Eskimo adoption, the baby generally is simply handed over to the new parents.

Mr. Justice Sissons also ruled, over protests from Ottawa, that Eskimo marriages are legal in many communities, a couple are considered married when they begin living together after obtaining consent from their kin.

The judge said that if he hadn't ruled Eskimo marriages valid, half the Eskimos in the North would have been illegitimate.

On his twice-yearly circuits he has made a practice of running a relaxed, even informal court. That suits the Eskimos, who treat a court hearing as something of a social occasion, coming and going at will. The mothers breast-feed babies in the courtroom.

The man the Eskimos call Erkohtoyee (he who listens) is squarely built and of about average height. He wears rimless spectacles. He smiles easily but usually with a trace of frown.

A game right leg is a legacy of polio contracted during his childhood in Ontario. His limp was aggravated in a fall at Frohisher Bay a year ago and he has walked with a cane since then.

Even as a judge, he has never hesitated to speak his mind on almost any subject—advocating self-government for the territories, calling for more judges in the North, asking proper settlement with the Indians and Eskimos for northern lands—stating that magistrates appointed by northern affairs to handle some cases in the Eastern Arctic are "under the domination of the department."

John Sissons was born in Orillia, Ont. Called to the Alberta bar in 1921, he practised law in the Peace River country until 1945, the year he was defeated after five years as an MP.

That year he was named a district court judge for district Alberta and held the post until he was named to the far north.

Following retirement, Mr. Justice Sissons and his wife intend to live in Edmonton. His successor is expected to be named in late July.



**BEFORE THE CONCERT**

Three ladies check the program for last night's concert by the Confederation Centre Choir, which started the 1966 series of Sunday night concerts in the "festival of music and laughter." From left, Lynda Drake, guest pianist; and Suzanne Brenton, accompanist; and Margaret Hall, choir director.

## Island Credit Unions Hold Annual Meet At Summerside

SUMMERSIDE — Rev. Dr. Joseph MacNeill, manager of St. Francis Xavier University Extension Department, Antigonish, N.S., was the guest speaker at the annual convention of the P.E.I. Credit Union League, held Saturday at Canadian Forces Base, Summerside.

The speaker opened his remarks by stating: "Today most people live on credit. Our country, our universities, municipalities, churches are all built on credit. Dr. MacNeill noted that it was hard to say whether this is good or bad, but the fact remains that we would not be able to enjoy many of these things if we did not borrow."

The Credit Union movement professes that one of the main reasons for its existence is to permit people to borrow at reasonable interest rates. There are many people in need of the type of service that credit unions can offer, are we too selfish to share our good fortune?"

He asked: "Many more people could be borrowing from credit unions if we were equipped to help them."

The speaker quoted extensively from an article in the Royal Commission report on banking and finance in 1964 that outlined the rapid growth of credit unions over the past few years. The article stated that the movement now has close to three million members in its local societies, holds assets of more than \$1.6 billion and has emerged as a significant part of the financial system.

Dr. MacNeill told the meeting why St. Francis Xavier University became emerged in credit union promotion. He told of presenting a brief to the royal commission on banking and finance on the theme of "The Educational and Sociological Reasons for Our Promotion of Credit Unions."

In that brief the University's obligation and role in adult education was referred to and it was shown how credit unions are a vehicle for adult education.

He pointed out that credit unions are instruments of education.

MacDONALD — The death occurred at the Prince Edward Island Hospital on Saturday, July 9, 1966, of Mrs. George MacDonald, Kingsboro, in her 34th year. Remains will rest at the Dingwell Funeral Home, Souris, until Tuesday at noon, then to South Lake Church for service commencing at 2:30 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

GILLIS — The death occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital on Saturday, July 9, 1966, of Reverend Bernard Gillis, DD, in his 84th year. His remains have been transferred from the Hennessey Funeral Home to the Sacred Heart Home where they will rest until this evening at 6:45 at which time they will be transferred to St. Dunstan's Basilica for Requiem High Mass at 9:15. Interment will be in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

DOIRON — The death occurred at his home, 123 Dorchester Street, on Saturday, July 9, of Ray Doiron, formerly of North Rustee in his 64th year. Remains will rest this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Hennessey Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held Wednesday morning, leaving the funeral home at 9 a.m. for Requiem High Mass at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 9:15. Interment will be in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Re-elected as directors for a two year period were: Leo Blacquiere, Prince County; Rev. Don MacLennan, Queens County and Edmond Gallant, Kings County.

J.G. Gaudin, managing director of the P.E.I. League, presented the annual report. He noted that the past year has been reasonably successful for most of the credit unions, although expansion rate did not keep pace with the national growth. On the provincial level, total assets increased by over \$350,000 and savings by \$298,033. Membership decreased to 9,008 as a result of 17 inactive or unions having been merged or liquidated. On the national level, assets increased by over \$272 million and membership by 770,670.

Other reports were presented by Leo Blacquiere, president of the P.E.I. Credit Union League; J.F. Strain, chairman of the stabilization fund board; Gilbert Gaudet, chairman of the education and promotional committee; and Urban LeBlanc, chairman of the Centennial project committee.

### DEATHS

WHITEWAY — The death occurred on Saturday, July 9, of David Sterling Whiteway of Billerica, Massachusetts formerly of Prince Edward Island. Resting at the Perry Funeral Home, 354 Boston Rd., Billerica, with visiting hours, 3-5 and 7-9 on Monday, July 11. Funeral service will be held at Pinehurst Congregational Church commencing at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whiteway and is survived by his wife, the former Sarah E. Derby, and three sons.

STOCKWELL — At Stamford, Connecticut, on July 9, Joseph William Stockwell in his 69th year. Resting at the Bowness Funeral Home, Summerside, until noon Wednesday, then to Victoria West United Church for service at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery. Visiting hours Tuesday from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 10.

THOMAS — The death occurred on Saturday, July 9, of Mrs. Catherine, widow of the late F. C. Thomas of West Covehead in her 75th year. Resting at the MacLean Funeral Home until noon today, July 11, then to West Covehead United Church for service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

MacDONALD — At her home in Souris Line Road, on Saturday, July 9, 1966, Mrs. George D. MacDonald in her 88th year. Her remains were transferred

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### Clarke Breaks Another Mark

LONDON (AP)—Ron Clarke, the incredible Australian who has broken 18 world records in his track career, Saturday bettered the 13-minute barrier in the three-mile run for the second time in five days.

Competing in the British Amateur Athletic Association meet, he was timed in 12 minutes, 58.2 seconds. In Stockholm last Tuesday he lowered his own world record for the distance to 12:50.4.

John Camien of the U.S. won the mile in 4:01.5, by four yards over Walt Wilkinson of England. Jorma Kinnunen of Finland took the javelin event with a record-breaking toss of 273 feet. Second was John Fitzsimmons of England with 253 feet, one inch. Fanie van Zyle of South Africa, won the junior two-mile in 8:50.2, another meet record.

### WESTERN FUNERALS

MacDONALD FUNERAL — The funeral for the late Frank MacDonald was held Sunday afternoon from the Compton Funeral Home to the Immaculate Conception Church, Wellington Center, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Leonard MacDonald who also officiated at the interment in the church cemetery. The pallbearers were Raymond H. Gillis, John E. Cameron, Jack Barlow, Lowell Barlow, Michael Gallant and Louis Praught.

## WESTERN BRIEFS

### VISIT ALBERTON

The following persons from out of the province are visiting in the Alberton area: Mrs. Preston Clark, Saint John, N.B., is spending this week with relatives in Alberton; Montrose and Alma, Sally Corker, New York, is spending a holiday with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeks, Alberton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Green, Montreal, arrived on Saturday to visit Mrs. A.C. Green; Beth Clarke, Albany, N.Y., is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Carl Weeks, Alberton; Mr. and Mrs. Erskine Wallace from Calgary, Alberta, are visiting relatives in the vicinity of Alberton. They are accompanied by their daughters, Mrs. Sybil Demaree with her two sons of Medicine Hat, Mrs. Roberta Rogers with her small son of Calgary, and Marlene Wallace, also their son, John Clifford Wallace.

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All members of Charlottetown Council 824 of the Knights of Columbus are urged to attend prayers for the late Father Bernard Gillis at St. Dunstan's Basilica at 8:30 p.m. Monday evening, July 11.

Signed: George MacGuigan, Grand Knight

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