YORK PLAYERS END REHEARSALS

Players taking part in the York community concert beginning Tuesday night and running 10 days or more have almost finished rehearsals and are looking forward to opening night. The above photo is a scene from "The Life and Soul of the Party", a one-act comedy being presented as part of the show. Several other variety acts and short plays will be seen by the expected sellout crowds. Left to right, are Mrs. Peter Proude, Mrs. Dewar Swan, Mrs. William Crockett, Mrs. Richard Vessey and Mrs. Willard Murray.

Site For Canadian Plowing Championships Chosen Soon

Final selection of a site for the Canadian Championship Plowing match here next year is expected to be made around Nov. 9, it was learned Friday from Graeme Linkletter, Summerside who is secretary-treasurer of the P.E. Island Plowing Council, and is also a member of the five-man committee named to select a site. Selection of a committee to select a site became necessary when the people running the annual plowing meet at Dundas told Alex McKinney, president of the Canadian Plowing Council, they wanted to hold the Canadian match in conjunction with their annual plowing meet and agricultural fair. The Canadian council insists the championship meet must be held as a separate event.

Mr. Linkletter said yesterday that Donald MacLeod, Victoria Cross will represent Kings on the committee. They had asked another man to act, but he said he was too busy.

Other members of the committee are Therin Ellis, O'Leary; Stanley Willis, Cornwall and Robert MacRae, Pownal.

Committee representatives from each country are to look over possible sites in their area and then the five men will get together to decide upon a site, Mr. Linkletter explained.

POPULATION SHIFT

In 1790, 19 out of 20 persons in the U.S. lived on farms while in 1960 only one out of 13 lived in rural areas.

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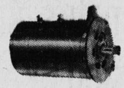

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Contest Details Announced For Drama Festival Book

The originator of the cover design for the 1964 Dominion Drama Festival will not only gain considerable recognition but will also receive two season tickets. These will cover all eight performances being staged during Festival Week in Charlottetown, May 18 to 23.

Designs for the cover of the souvenir program must be in the hands of the judges before midnight, Thursday, October 31.

A centennial theme, or one with a Maritime motif, is suggested.

"Dominion Drama Festival" in both French and English is to appear in the design. Two or more colors may be used if desired.

T.M. Lothian, chairman of the souvenir program committee of the final festival said: "It is felt that a design that will meet all requirements will be received before the closing date. Some artists are still putting finishing touches to their work, and several excellent designs have already been received."

Entries, or requests for further information, should be sent to T.M. Lothian, Prince of Wales College, R.W. Manning, H.R. Doane and Co., Charlottetown, or Eric MacGregor, at Burns Jewellers, Charlottetown.

Fact-Finding Mission Is Kept From Pagoda

By NICHOLAS TURNER

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (Reuters)—A seven-man United Nations fact - finding mission has been prevented by the government from visiting the An Quang Pagoda—one of the headquarters in the Buddhist drive against the government.

A spokesman for the mission, sent to investigate charges of religious persecution against South Viet Nam's Buddhist majority, said no reason was given for the cancellation of the scheduled visit.

Observers felt the government called off the visit because of fears that one of the monks might make a dramatic suicide attempt.

However, the mission was allowed to visit Xa Loi and Giam Lam pagodas.

An Quang is the centre of a newly formed union committee created by the government to "purify" South Vietnamese Buddhism.

MONKS WATCHED

Correspondents waiting at An Quang reported that two chief monks there were being closely watched by police.

A number of younger monks made furtive attempts to greet the reporters, but were obviously afraid.

The Xa Loi Pagoda was deserted except for two monks, many police officers and a large number of correspondents when the UN mission arrived. The streets around the pagoda were cleared by police who apparently feared demonstrations or attempts to hand leaflets to the UN team.

Later the mission drove to the Giac Lam Pagoda, headquarters of the pro-government Co Son Mon Buddhist sect. Co Son Mon monks are not regarded by other main sects as true monks because they are allowed to marry and live normal lives. They have supported the government and maintained there has been no persecution.

MP Pleads For Boys In Prison

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons has been told about the case of a boy prisoner who was so small that penitentiary guards were afraid he would squeeze out through the bars of his cell.

Eldon Woolliams (PC—Bow River) cited the case in urging an end to the "shocking practice" of sending boys as young as seven to jail or penitentiary along with hardened criminals.

He said the case occurred at Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick.

On a recent visit to St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary at Montreal he had been told about a 12-year-old boy prisoner who was given a bicycle bought by funds donated by sympathetic guards.

The boy had only one wish—to go to play outside the walls.

Mr. Woolliams said the Criminal Code should be amended so that offenders under 16 would be sent to a special minimum-security institution where the accent would be on education and rehabilitation.

RECALL OUTBREAK

An outbreak of inflammation of the brain in Florida in 1962 caused 18 deaths.

Proposed Calendar Has Okay

By EUGENE LEVIN

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican ecumenical council has endorsed moves to give the world a perpetual calendar and a fixed date for Easter.

Cardinals, patriarchs, archbishops and bishops assembled in St. Peter's Basilica voted to put Roman Catholicism on record as willing to accept calendar reforms if other Christian churches agree and if the seven-day week, including Sunday, is retained.

A perpetual calendar fixing every date on the same day of the week every year has been advocated by various international groups for more than 30 years and has been under study by the United Nations for the last decade.

The more than 2,000 prelates agreed to issue a declaration that they had no religious objection to such reforms under certain conditions — but the council left it to civil authorities to carry out the actual reforms, which could lead to replacement of the Western world's 381-year-old Gregorian calendar.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT

The council's action came in the form of a 2,057-to-four vote (with one null ballot) on an amendment to a schema on liturgy. The amendment provides that a "declaration of the Vatican ecumenical council concerning a perpetual calendar" be added as an appendix to the schema's chapter on the liturgical year. This is the cycle of liturgical season, such as lent and advent.

In a vote on another amendment, the council fathers voted 2,058 to nine (with one null ballot) that a statement be inserted into the liturgical year chapter favoring a fixed Easter Sunday. The Council of Nicaea in 325 established Easter as a variable date, falling the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring—in other words, sometime between March 22 and April 25.

Many biblical scholars reckon Christ's resurrection, the first Easter, as April 9, 30 AD. A fixed Easter, therefore, probably would be celebrated on the second Sunday of April.

Calendars have been a subject of world debate for centuries.

FELL BEHIND

The Gregorian calendar, in general use in the West, was drawn up by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. It reformed the Julian calendar of 45 BC, because that calendar fell behind the solar cycle.

Protestants at first resisted the Gregorian calendar as a Roman innovation. Orthodox churches and some Eastern-rite Catholics still use the Julian calendar, which now is 13 days behind the Gregorian.

Ruble Made Convertible

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union has announced it is making the ruble convertible for purposes of trade within the Soviet bloc.

The government news agency Tass said the ruble may also be converted in certain instances for use in trade with Western countries.

The move is designed to reduce the rigidity of the Soviet bloc trade pattern. Even within the bloc, trade has been conducted on a barter basis because no Soviet bloc country had a convertible currency.

Tass said the conversion will be conducted by a new bank which has been agreed upon by members of Comecon, the Soviet bloc trading and economic planning organization. Tass said the agreement for the bank was signed Tuesday during a Comecon meeting here. The bank will be located in Moscow.

Tass said the conversion ruble will have a gold content of 0.987412 grams of pure gold, worth $1.11. This is the same amount decreed for the new Soviet ruble which went into circulation Jan. 1, 1961.

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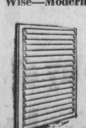

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