Holy Redeemer Father And Son Banquet

Pictured above are the large group who attended the very enjoyable first annual Father and Son banquet to be given by the Holy Redeemer Parish Cubs and Scouts, which was held last evening at the Community Centre.

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MUSICAL FESTIVAL Entries close March 1st.

WINDMILL SPECIAL today — Corned beef and cabbage, 65c.

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LECTURER AND Art Critic Hear Eric Newton P.W.C. Wednesday, Feb. 29, 8.30. "An approach to modern art". Illustrated lecture.

VARIETY CONCERT and coloured slides of our Island Scouts at th World Jamboree, Zion Church Hall, March 1st., 8 p.m. Tickets 35 cents and 25 cents.

AT S.A. McDonald's — Nylon Side zipper Girdles. Assorted sizes $12.00 for 7.50. Front lacing corsets. Assorted sizes $7.50 for $5.00.

POLICE COURT — Five accused were dealt with by Magistrate Martin yesterday morning, two drunk and incapables were each fined five dollars and costs or two days; a third for the same charge was sentenced to twenty days in jail. A motorist for faulty equipment (brakes) was fined ten dollars and costs or five days; a similar fine and sentence was given to a second motorist for failing to stop at a red light.

RECEIVES WORD — Word has been received by Miss Gertrude Coady of the death of her brother, John Edward, in Waltham, Mass., after a short-illness. John who was born in Hazelbrook, son of the late Tobias and Mrs. Coady and at an early age went to Boston where he has since resided except for several holiday trips he took to the Island to visit relatives. His wife pre-deceased him several years ago and he leaves to mourn a son, Gerald, who lived with him, besides the following brothers and sisters out of a family of ten, William, Hazelbrook; Alfred, New York; Mrs. Laura Murray, Tyrone Lot 65; Mrs. Belle Driscoll, Mt. Herbert; Mrs. Catherine Creamer and Miss Gertrude Coady, Charlottetown.

"YOUR DOLLAR BUYS MORE at the Hughes Drug Store."

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CONFERENCE DATE SET — Before adjournment of the House yesterday, Premier Matheson said that he along with some Government members will attend the Fiscal agreement conference in Ottawa on the 9th of March. It is presumed that the Premier and his party will be absent from the House on the eighth and ninth only.

CARD PARTY — Results of the card party at Spring Park last evening were: Ladies first Mrs. Melvin Burns; second Mrs. Eric Farquarson; third Mrs. Loman Cairns; men's first, Dolph Gallant, second Dan Murphy; third A. Arsenault; freezeout Reg Whitlock and Mrs. Victor Egan: tournament Mrs. J.W. MacDonald and Mrs. Fulton Robertson.

CHANDLER FUNERAL — The funeral of the late George H. Chandler was held from the MacLean Funeral Home yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rev. Harold Brown and Rev. Howard Christie. Interment was in Portage Cemetery. Pall bearers were: Raymond Ling, Percy MacRae, Harold Chandler, Wallace Higgins, Howard Axworthy and Gordon Crue.

CARD PARTY — Following are the results of the weekly card party held at Central Royalty, last Thursday evening: Ladies first, Miss Marjorie Ellis, second Mrs. J. MacGregor, consolation, Mrs. M. Walker. Mens' first, Ford Wilson, second Joseph MacMillan, consolation, Robert Bingley, door prize James Yeo, freezeout Marjorie Ellis and Russell Campbell. Tournament prizes grand prize, Edgar Hayes, mens first Ford Wilson, second Bill Coker, ladies first Mrs. Robert Bingley, second Miss Madeleine Stewart.

Junior Farmers Directors Meet

The directors of the Junior Farmers held a meeting on Saturday afternoon in the Board of Agriculture rooms in Charlottetown with the vice president Edward Clark of Lot 16 presiding. Under the discussion period the matter of radio programs was given consideration, the question of daylight saving time versus standard time was discussed with a fairly evenly divided opinion being expressed by those present.

Regarding the proposed visit of four junior farmers from Ontario during the coming summer it was decided to invite them to pay a visit to the province and that during their stay they be the guests at the homes of the various members of the junior farmers in Prince Edward Island.

During the afternoon the executive met with Provincial Government agricultural representatives, Messrs. Pierce, Palmer, MacGougan and also the head of the extension department during which the various projects of the junior farmers for the coming summer were discussed at considerable length.

Personals

Mr. Henry Taylor, Cornwall, is a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Eileen Welsh of the P.E.I. Hospital, spent Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Welsh, Clyde River.

Miss Florence MacDougall of the P. E. I. Hospital, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Welsh, Clyde River.

Mrs. Maria Robertson, formerly of North River, spent the weekend in East Royalty, the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts.

Mrs. Preston Diamond is visiting her daughter Mrs. C.G. Duncan 224 Euston St., having returned by air from Toronto last evening after a visit of several months with her son Spurgeon and family.

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EXPANSION

were built at Kensington, Alberton and Kinkora and a large new high school has been started at Summerside.

"The program of construction of the smaller schools of the province appears to be nearing completion. We will look forward to some new construction and a continuation of school improvement but it would appear that most small districts which are likely to build new schools have already done so.

"Many excellent schools have been erected since school construction grants were inaugurated some ten years ago. It has meant much to the educational development and educational progress of the province. The progress of school construction and school improvement may now be observed from one end of the province to the other. It is ample evidence that still another plank of the Liberal platform and another policy of the Liberal government has achieved most noteworthy results.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

"The end of the last school year marked the completion of the first two years of the new senior high school program and the grade twelve students who passed last year were the first high school graduates from rural schools since the raising of the standard of matriculation to the grade twelve basis.

"There were 144 students who wrote the grade twelve examinations of the common examining board and of these 56 fully passed; 67 passed with one or more failures but made the required 50 percent average while 21 failed. An analysis of the examination figures shows that nearly half of the students who wrote Chemistry failed. Difficulty was also experienced in Physics but to a lesser degree.

"It is fairly obvious that a good deal of the difficulty ocurred as a result of the course of studies and the chemistry course has since been altered and spread over two years. It is unfortunate that initial difficulties have occurred and I am hopeful that both the course of studies and the examinations may be adjusted in order that the students may be faced wtih more reasonable demands.

"At the grade XI level 349 students wrote the examinations from thirteen schools; ten public and three private. 159 passed in all subjects 104 passed with failures in one or more subjects and 32 did not reach the required average.

"At the beginning of the present school year a new Grade XI centre was opened at Morell which is geographically well situated to serve an area which had no previous senior high school accommodation. Grade XII was extended for the first time to Kensington, Alberton and Kinkora. It appears to me that we have gone about as far with opening new high school centers as we should go at the present time.

"Two or three scholls found difficulty in maintaining their enrollments and fell below the minimum requirements. I believe that we should now enter a period of consolidation rather than any further expansion with the senior high schools in the smaller centers, to insure that we have sufficient students to fill the classes in the schools already established.

"However regardless of minor difficulties the general trend with the rural high schools is very definitely one of progress, which I believe may best be observed from the figures on enrollment. For the school year ending June, 1954, the senior high school enrollment in the public schools was 206; last year it was 371 and for the present school year it is 451. At present there are 279 in Grade XI and 172 in Grade XII. It may be of interest to the House to have the details by schools which is as follows: Summerside 119; Kensington 43; Tignish 35, Kinkora 37; Alberton 29; O'Leary 11; North Rustico 29; Montague 69; Souris 40; Morell 16. Miscouche 23 (plus 10 in Grade XII private).

"Since the enrollment in Prince of Wales College is well maintained, in fact this year actually increased, it is fair to conclude that the great majority of these 451 pupils are getting a senior high school education as a result of our expanded high school program which would not have been possible otherwise.

SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 1

"A year ago I outlined certain of the problems confronting School Division No. 1 and gave some indication of the feeling of dissatisfaction that seemed apparent in certain areas; particularly in the Village of Parkdale which asked for separation from the unit on financial grounds.

"My colleagues in the Government and myself were unable at that time to form any clear picture of the whole involved problem. Consequently a course of action was taken in the hope that it would serve to clarify the situation, First a plebiscite was held with the general idea that if it indicated a desire for change, then a Commission would be appointed to examine and make full enquiries into the formation and functioning of the unit and make recommendations on the advisability of dividing the school division into two or more districts. In the event of such a division this Commission would assess the distribution of assets and liabilities. In announcing the plebiscite a year ago it stated in this House, "no dissolution is being contemplated unless there is an overall majority favoring it."

NOT CONCLUSIVE

"The plebiscite held on April 2nd did not furnish a very conclusive basis for action. The vote was extremely light indicating a general lack of interest in the issue. There were 579 ratepayers voted out of a total estimated at 2,500 or about 23 percent. The majority of those who voted, 359 or about 14 percent of the ratepayers favoured breaking up the Unit and a very large majority of those who voted favoured restoration of school meetings.

"I have already tabled the report of the Commission. I want to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the very fine work accomplished by Judge Darby, Mr. Jardine and Mr. Hickey. The public hearings which they held brought out a great deal of information concerning the formation of the Unit; the financial structure and the general feelings of the people in the district. It also showed I believe that the larger unit did accomplish a great deal by way of educational improvement.

"The recommendations of the Commission are all worthy of our very serious consideration. I propose to introduce some Legislation aimed at improving what the Commission termed "an unsatisfactory liasion between the Division Board and the ratepayers of the constituent school areas" and also to implement their suggestions in regard to the Board of Trustees.

SUBSIDY

"In regard to the two main financial recommendations I would like first to discuss briefly the one dealing with an annual subsidy "in order to assist the Division in meeting the annual cost of the enhanced program." I am unable to take the view that any part of the ordinary operating expenses could be properly subsidized by the Government unless it was prepared to do the same for other larger units both those now in existence and those which may be formed in the future.

"It might indeed to desirable to subsidize larger units in order to promote them as undoubtedly they would solve many of our Island educational problems, even though School Division No. 1 seems to have created others.

"Apart from capital expenditures made during the formatitive days of the Unit, the regular running expenses of the School Division should on the whole be not greater than the running expenses would total if the division were divided and all schools operated separately. Indeed the amalgamation by itself by operating all classrooms to capacity and to best advantage as it is only possible to do in the larger unit should have caused certain economies.

"The increased cost of the "enhanced program" presently carried on in the Division can be varied at will depending largely on how much the School Board wants to pay in teachers supplements and other overhead expenses. I refer first to the salary scale, that is the scale of teachers supplements.

NO COMPARISON

"Certainly no rural area in the province has anything to compare with it Second class teachers start with $365 and go up at the rate of $40 per year until at the tenth year it reaches $725. First class supplements start at $580 and may go to $1125 at the tenth year. Principals from $480 in small schools for the first year up to as high as $1375.

"Present supplements to thirty five teachers average $595 with three exceeding $1,000, the highest being $1415. This is the kind of supplements that the Department of Education likes to see paid. A scale of this kind undoubtedly attracts better teachers. In general, there are exceptions, you get in education as in other fields of economic society about what you are willing to pay for whether its buildings, equipment or more important teaching staff.

"There is however nothing necessarily fixed or unalterable about the running expenses of the unit. They are free to adjust or lower the salary scale or do away with it in the interests of economy if they wish to do so. But the thing I would like to point out is that they now have a tax rate of only $1.65 while enjoying all the advantages which make for educational improvement. This improvement itself is freely admitted.

"However the tax rate will undoubtedly increase but in many of our smaller towns and rural areas tax rates are much higher than in the Division. To use an extreme example (although the situations are not comparable), there is one rural school district with a tax rate of $6.31. and there are also many with rates of two to three dollars and upwards.

"Viewing the whole educational situation in the province and comparing the tax potentials of various school districts with the educational responsibilities they must discharge. I cannot see where we would be justified to make special maintenance grants in order to keep the tax rate of any one area from going higher.

INDEMNITY

"Now let us give consideration to the second important financial proposal. The recommendation that $50.000 indemnity be paid to the Division because of the excess cost of construction which the Commission believes was incurred on account of cost plus and other building methods which were carried out at the direction of the Minister. It is generally possible after a building is erected to point our where errors were made or where money might have been saved, and undoubtedly the unit schools would be no exception. Cost plus however is usually only used in cases or urgent necessity when it is difficult to get contractors to tender, or when there isn't time to call for tenders in the usual way. It may or may not be a more expensive way to build a school depending on circumstances. I cannot fully share the views taken by the Commission in regard to capital costs in view of the cost of similar schools erected elsewhere throughout the province. I feel that if these schools cost more than they should have cost that the sum of fifty thousand dollars would certainly be the extreme limit of any such excessive capital cost which the Commission believes to have been incurred. Under the circumstances, however, considering the ability and competence of the members of the Commission, I would be prepared to go along with this recommendation. An opportunity will be provided on the estimates for ful deliberation by the House. Certainly I would like to see the Division area given the benefit of any reasonable doubt in order that they may promote, further, and possibly expand, the good educational policies of the past.

To be continued

"Y" Maintenance Appeal Opened Last Evening

Stressing the role of the "Y" as a vital link in the youth services of the community, Arthur Duvar, President of the Charlottetown Y.M.C.A. spoke briefly to the more than 70 workers assembled for the kick-off meeting of the 1956 annual maintenance campaign held at the Y.M.C.A. last evening.

Following a delicious bean supper served by the members of the Ladie's Auxiliary, campaign chairman George Walters pointed out the need for a 50 per cent increase in giving over last year to support a full program of service.

Divided into three Divisions; Parker's Patrol, Loran's Legion and Grant's Gladiators, workers were challenged by their Division Leaders Ken Parker, Lorne MacLellan and Lloyd Grant to complete their calls within three days. Arrangements were made for report meetings Wednesday and Friday this week

In closing Rev. Canon J.T. Ibbott led prayers for the success of the campaign and called for God's guidance and blessing for the work of the Y.M.C.A.

Newly Elected I.O.D.E. Officers

Seen above are the newly elected slate of officers of the Royal Edward Chapter, I.O.D.E, which took place at the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday afternoon. Front row, left to right, Mrs. J. S. Walker, Mrs. A. S. Weir, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, Mrs. B. Earle MacDonald, Mrs. W Bruce and Mrs Earle MacLeod. Rear row, Mrs. W.E. Massey, Mrs. Milton Bell, Mrs. W.T. Weir, Mrs. E.V. Bell, Mrs. Ian Burnett and Mrs. W. Brehaut.

Rotary Told Of Vast Richness Of Sea Growth

"Now, a word on the productivity of the sea in respect to those tiny plant-forms. Tests in the British Channel, which area is not as productive as our waters would be, indicate an annual production of 400 tons per square mile. Compare this with wheat, where six or seven hundred tons would be produced." This comparison was made by Eugene Gorman, Director of Commercial Fisheries in the Provincial Department of Natural Resources, guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of Rotary held at the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday.

"I would like to refute some of the currently propounded opinions that we are in immediate danger of depleting our fisheries resources," Mr. Gorman said as he proceeded to give a thorough analysis of the development of sea fishing throughout the world, particularly in comparison with activities in the realm of agriculture down through the years.

"Plant life does not grow below a depth of 250 feet at sea but it is nevertheless the cornerstone of the food chain supporting life. Some of the giant kelp grow to a length of 200 feet. The largest section of plant life, however, is made up of microscopic planktonic life, and this is the foundation block of the sea's production chain."

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Mr. Gorman then described the food chain from the diatom produced on the surface layers of the ocean, "which unless eaten settles to the bottom in a rain of dead matter. The copepod becomes substance of the baby herring. Then we will say the squid comes along and eats the herring and in turn becomes food for the codfish.

"In each one of these steps, it takes ten pounds to produce a pound in the following stage. In other words, the pound of codfish we eat, represents 10 pounds of squid, 100 pounds of herring 1000 pounds of little copepods and five tons of the tiny diatomes," Mr. Gorman said.

This is but a glimpse of the immensity, the richness of the sea. This resource we believe capable of feeding much of the world if properly exploited. It presently supplies about a day's supply of food calories. Of the world catch of fish, 98 per cent is taken in the Northern Hemisphere. The world's fisheries are almost exclusively conducted on the continental shelves, which constitute, as we said, only 8 per cent of the ocean area. The world's catch of fish is all taken from the top 1,000 feet of this vast depth; and 70 per cent of that catch is taken from the top 100 feet of sea.

This is the resource; this is our use of it. With all our equipment, - our boats, nets, electronic gear, we are still the primitive hunter - stalking and snaring only the end product of the teeming pastures of the deep. Ashore there is the science of agriculture; at sea we have as yet no "Mariculture". We have much to learn - much to do.

On concluding his most interesting address, the speaker, who had been introduced by chairman Reg Jenkins, was thanked by the co-chairman Malcolm Reeves.

Two new members were introduced and welcomed to the club by President Frank Curtis. The introductions were made by R.R. Bell, who presented Sheldon Carson, Manager of T. Eaton Co. a former member of the club at Cornerbrook, Nfld and Roy MacGillivray who introduced Walter Cox of the Pure Milk Co., a former member of the Charlottetown Club.

Guests of Rotary were: W. E Agnew Claude Smith, Earle MacLeod, P.A. Murnaghan, Francis Campbell all of Charlottetown.

Visting Rotarians were: Hon. E P. Foley, M.L.A., and John S Wright, both of Summerside.

Central Royalty Residents

Important meeting Central Royalty Hall, Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. School accommodation and location to be discussed.

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