

Form St. Dunstan's Parish Laymen's Association

At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting held in the Auditorium of Notre Dame Academy, the laymen of St. Dunstan's Parish took a very important step forward, May 11, when, after several weeks of serious study, and after much spirited and interesting discussion, a Laymen's Association was formed, with membership open to all adult male members of St. Dunstan's Parish.

This meeting, under the chairmanship of M.A. Farmer, Q.C., was the third such meeting convened at the invitation of the Pastor, Rt. Rev. P. McMahon, to discuss various aspects of parish affairs.

EARLIER STEPS

At the first meeting, held on March 2nd, a Steering Committee was appointed to explore the need for, and use of, a Laymen's Organization within St. Dunstan's Parish. At the second meeting, held on April 20th, the same committee was asked to draw up an interim constitution to be presented to the general meeting for ratification, and also to nominate a slate of officers for the ensuing year.

The report of this committee, presented by Leo F. MacDonald, showed beyond any shadow of doubt that a great deal of time, intense study, and much hard work went into its make-up. Af-

ter the unanimous adoption of this report the chairman extended the sincere thanks of the meeting to the members of the committee, and warmly commended them for their zealous, unselfish and untiring efforts.

CONSTITUTION

The following are the main points of the interim constitution: 1. Name:—The Association shall be known as "St. Dunstan's Parish Laymen's Association."

2. Object:—The object of the Association shall be to promote the spiritual and material welfare of the parish.

3. Membership:—Any adult male parishioner of St. Dunstan's Parish shall be eligible for membership in the Association.

4. Moderator:—The Association shall have a Chaplain or moderator, who shall be the Rector of St. Dunstan's Basilica.

5. Administration:—The administration of the organization shall be vested in the executive, which shall be constituted as follows: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer, (5) The Directors—of whom there shall be a total of eight.

OFFICERS

This is the executive elected for the ensuing year: President, M. F. Hagan; Vice-President, Charles H. Trainor; Secretary, D. A.S. MacDonald; Treasurer, J.

Merrill McDuff.

The following nine permanent committees were set up, the chairman of each of which shall be a member of the executive: Membership, Joseph Tierney; Finance, Louis Condon; Building, Ray Murnaghan; Spiritual Welfare, Percy Nealis; Social Action, Don Whelan; Public Relations and Press, D.A.S. MacDonald; Education, Mike Hennessey; Entertainment, Noel Wilson; Youth, Dr. John Theriault.

Another special committee with J. Arthur MacGuigan as chairman, was named, to revise and amend, if necessary, the constitution. General meetings of association are to be held quarterly.

The executive shall meet at least once a month.

It was pointed out that, as this was an excellent opportunity for the men of the parish to put Catholic Action into practical effect, a cordial invitation was extended to each and every adult male member of the parish to join the association and thereby avail themselves of a wonderful chance to participate more closely and actively in the affairs of their own parish.

PASTOR ILL

As the Pastor, Rt. Rev. Monseigneur McMahon is a patient in the Deaconess Hospital, Boston, he was represented by Rev. Fr. Corcoran, who, after opening

the meeting with prayer, later addressed the men, warmly commending them for their zeal and initiative, and wishing them every success in this great undertaking.

The meeting closed with prayer by Father Corcoran.

Small Docket In Police Court

An uncommonly small docket has been facing Magistrate K. M. Martin in City Police Court each morning during the past week. During the five day period

only 16 men have appeared in court, nearly all on the ever present charge of drunk and incapable.

The Friday morning docket was the largest of the week when four men faced the Magistrate, all on drunk and incapable charges.

Three of the charges drew 20 day sentences in the Queen's County Jail. They were meted out to a 45-year-old King street man, a 58-year old Weymouth street man and a 53-year-old resident of Dorchester street.

A 56-year old Hillsboro Street man was fined \$5 and costs or two lays in the same charge.

An Open Letter To The Electors of Charlottetown Re Water & Sewerage Plebiscite:

At the recent Session of our Provincial Legislature, upon the request of your City Council, legislation was obtained for the transfer of control over Water and Sewerage in our City from the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply to the City Council provided that such a move first obtained the majority approval of our citizens in a Plebiscite to be conducted for such purpose.

That Plebiscite has now been set down for Wednesday, May 21st, 1958, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.

Naturally many citizens are asking what has prompted such action by your City Council?

Among the many reasons for such a change, the following are the more obvious:

1. While in the beginning it may have been necessary to have a separate Commission for the administration of our water and sewerage systems, yet your Council is convinced that today water and sewerage, as do such other Municipal Services as Streets, Police, Fire, etc., should fall under the jurisdiction of your chief Municipal Administrative Body—The City Council—and that there is no real need further for such a separate Commission.

2. The separate Water and Sewerage Acts under which the Commission operates certainly envisaged a close co-operation between the Commission and your City Council, but unfortunately for many years past such has not been the case.

3. Many centres in Canada, as Moncton, N.B., and Summerside in our own Province have had to take similar action in recent years to abolish their separate Commissions and transfer control of Water and Sewerage to their respective City or Town Councils in order to solve just the same type of problems confronting Charlotte town today

3. It will be appreciated by our citizens that even though we have such a separate Commission administering Water and Sewerage, nevertheless even now all capital expenditures of that Commission automatically become the financial responsibility of your City Council and therefore your Council has to pay all interest and sinking fund requirements for such capital expenditures while having no say whatsoever in the planning of the same.

4. Your Council feels that the growth and development of our City has been seriously retarded by the failure of the separate Commission of Sewers and Water Supply to foresee and meet the ever growing expansion of our City and provide the necessary facilities so essential to such Civic development. This is graphically illustrated in the continued loss of tax revenue annually on various proposed Sub-Divisions in the northwest section of our City. For example take the Toombs Sub-Division of Twenty-Four acres west of Goodwill Avenue which, while the owner has constantly begged without any success for these services to be provided by that Commission for eight years past, has remained undeveloped, while on the other hand our citizens have been forced to build out in Spring Park and Parkdale for lack of building lots in the City. That 24 acres constitutes well over 100 choice building lots with a minimum value of easily \$1500.00 each. While today the City's assessment of this undeveloped and unserved land amounts to a mere \$5100.00, yet if these essential services had been provided by the Commissioners when first asked for and the area built up as we feel certain it would have been with homes of an approximate value of \$12,000.00 each, then that would have produced a City assessment on this area of something like \$900,000.00 rather than our \$5100.00 indicating a tax revenue loss to the city for such past 8 years on this land alone of \$198,000.00. And the Toombs land is just one of many potential Developments within the City in that Area. But can you expect potential builders to buy lots in an area which presently has no such essential services, and where there seems no intention on the part of the Commission year after year to provide such services.

5. Apart from such NEW developments altogether, your City Council feels that when 103 years after our Incorporation as a City we still have numerous Built-Up areas such as Park Street, Belmont Street, Upper Queen Street, Etc., annually paying their share of City taxes, but at the same time annually crying in vain for these essential services, and being annually denied them by the Commission of Sewers and Water Supply, then it's Time for a Change. Indeed if for no other reason than that today these areas through no fault of their own constitute a serious health menace to all. Outside privies may have had a place 100 years ago—maybe even 50 years ago—But your City Fathers feel that IT'S A DISGRACE to all of us that we still have to have numerous of them still within our City because the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply refuse year after year to provide facilities in these areas.

6. If our separate Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply have not seen fit to complete installation of these essential services within our City proper, how on earth can it hope to cope with the immediate and major task of installation of the same in the former village of Spring Park—now Ward 6 of our City—within the 2 year time limit set forth in the By-Law under which Amalgamation between the City and Spring Park took place.

7. On the other hand it was your City Council which had to engage and pay for The Crandall Survey which became the basis of such Amalgamation, and it was your City Council which provided the Leadership which eventually brought Amalgamation to come to pass. The Metropolitan Committee worked for over 2 years on this Problem, had representation from, and at all times the interest of your City Council, The Charlottetown Board of Trade, the Villages of Parkdale and Spring Park, as well as the Provincial Director of Town Planning, but at all times the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply were conspicuous by their absence and general lack of interest.

8. The loss of the Market building released one Councillor from active special duties, and with two new Councillors coming in to represent Ward Six, your Council has available its choice of 10 Elected Councillors from which to set up its proposed Water and Sewerage Committee.

9. It would appear as well that with the abolition of a separate Commission and with administration of water and sewerage placed in the City Council that administrative costs could be greatly reduced and many economies effected.

10. In the planning, laying and surfacing of new streets and sidewalks, which entails prior provision for water and sewerage mains, one can appreciate how much more efficiently and expeditiously this can be done under the one Administrative body.

11. Your City Council is cognizant as well of an apparent lack of interest on the part of our citizens generally in this whole subject of water and sewerage as evidenced by the increasing difficulty of obtaining qualified candidates at Election Time to offer as such Commissioners. It is obvious too that such a lackadaisical attitude on the part of our citizens in such elections is in turn reflected by a similar lackadaisical attitude by such Commissioners following their election to the most essential and vital problems in these fields confronting our Community today.

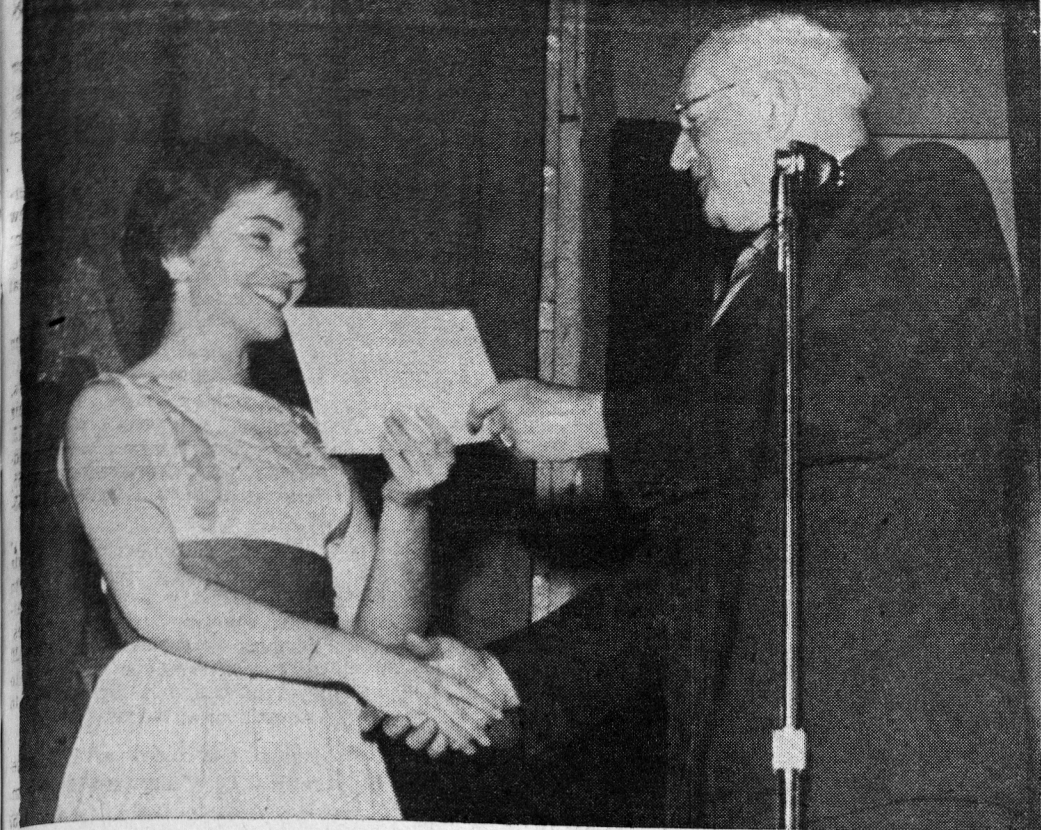
FELLOW CITIZENS—The forthcoming Plebiscite affords you an opportunity to rectify this situation and your support is hereby solicited.

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Councillors.



TOP PERFORMER IN CLASS

One of the outstanding senior vocalists taking part in the 1958 Musical Festival, Miss Maida Rogerson, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Rogerson, Charlottetown, is presented with

a certificate as top performer in Class 61—Oratorio Solo Contralto, which was adjudicated at Birchwood High School Friday morning. The certificate was presented by Dr. L.W. Shaw, Hon-

orary President of the P.E.I. Musical Festival Association. In addition Miss Rogerson was also awarded a Senior Vocal Special Prize.

U.S. Senate Committee Says Slandered In Norman Case

By GEORGE KITCHEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP)—The Senate internal security subcommittee claims it had been widely slandered for its investigation of Mr. Herbert Norman and said the Canadian diplomat's suicide last spring had been "exploited to generate a frenzied wave of anti-American sentiment" in Canada. It claimed also in a report made available Wednesday night to have been subjected to "vicious" attack which it said amounted to an attack on the right of the U.S. Senate to investigate Communist activity within the borders of the United States. It did not identify the source of the slander or the attack, beyond saying that "irresponsible persons" had made "totally false statements about the Norman case, creating widespread mistaken impressions of the facts."

COMING EVENTS

See "The Dust of the Earth" in Wheatley River Hall Thursday May 22 by Oyster Bed Players. Entertainment at St. Charles Hall tonight. In aid of St. Thomas Aquinas Society.

Rummage Sale in the Aid of Basilica Altar Society at Holy Name Hall on Tuesday, May 20th at 2 p.m.

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in Canada, our great northern neighbor.

The committee made its observations in a 3,000-word defence investigation of Norman, whose leap from a Cairo building a year ago followed a committee attempt to link him with communism.

RENEWS CHARGE

The report, part of a resume of the committee's 1957 activities, renewed the charge that Norman was a member of a Communist study group in the United States in the late 1930s—a charge which the Canadian government said in 1951, and again last year, had proved false.

A subsequent Canadian government statement, made after Norman's death, said he had "associated quite openly" in the 1930s as a student with Communists or persons "who appeared to be like Communists."

The death of the Canadian diplomat, serving at the time as Canadian ambassador to Egypt, placed Canada-U.S. relations under their greatest strain in years and produced a series of Canadian diplomatic protests over the committee's methods of investigating Norman and its handling of the case.

In its report, the committee denied the Canadian charge that it had "improperly and unjustifiably" interfered with Canada's internal affairs by bringing Norman's name into its proceedings.

As for Canada's stand that the Norman testimony should have been submitted to Ottawa through diplomatic channels, the report said:

"The subcommittee considered this a matter of importance to Senate and, indeed, to the people of the United States, and treated it as such, rather than a matter primarily of interest and

concern only to Canada." The committee said it has in its files a memorandum saying Norman, on the night before his suicide, told a doctor he feared he would be called before a Canadian royal commission and have to implicate 60 or 70 Americans and Canadians.

No Plans For New Conference

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Friday he has given no consideration yet to reconvening last fall's federal-provincial conference on tax sharing.

He made the statement in the Commons when asked to comment on a report that Premier Frost of Ontario had forecast the holding of a conference before July 1.

At the last conference Nov. 25-26, the federal government increased the share of the personal income tax field available to the provinces, amending the existing five-year tax-sharing agreements. However, the change was effective only for the current fiscal year that ends next March 31.

ROB VERA RALSTON
OJAI, Calif. (AP)—Police said \$20,000 worth of jewelry belonging to former actress Vera Ralston Yates has disappeared. Mrs. Yates, the wife of Herbert Yates, president of Republic Pictures, reported the loss during a weekend stay at the fashionable Ojai Valley Inn.



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NURSES' GRADUATION DANCE

Parties holding invitations for Charlottetown Hospital Nurses' Graduation Dance at Rollaway, Thursday, May 22, are requested to make table reservations Tuesday, May 20, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Phone 7142 (Rollaway). Absolutely no reservations made after Tuesday.

VILLAGE OF PARKDALE SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Ratepayers of the Village of Parkdale, will be held in

PARKDALE HALL

Monday, May 26th, 1958 at 8:00 P.M.

This meeting is called to authorize the Commissioners to borrow the necessary money for the construction of a Water and Sewer System within the Village.

The Commissioners of the Village of Parkdale.

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