

Hotel Fire Starts After Party

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

A civil action for damages in the amount of \$70,000 which is the result of the death of Earl L. Higgins in the Clifton Hotel fire of March 14, 1961, commenced in the Supreme Court at Summerside yesterday before a seven-man jury, with Mr. Justice B.R. Hall presiding.

The plaintiff is Mary Ellen Higgins of Dartmouth, N.S., wife of the deceased and mother of three children, aged 14, seven and five years.

The defendant, J.E. Dalton of Summerside is represented by Neil R. MacLeod, J.W. Watson, MacNaught, QC, Summerside and John P. Nicholson, Charlottetown.

The fire started in room No. 1 on the first floor. Shortly after the hearing intermittent sounds of siren or alarm and "heard crashing noises which increased in volume very quickly" she started to dress and about this time someone knocked on the door and she hid them she was ready.

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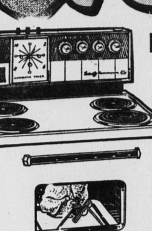
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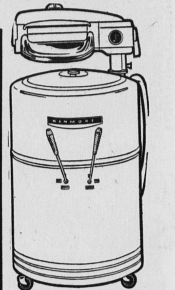
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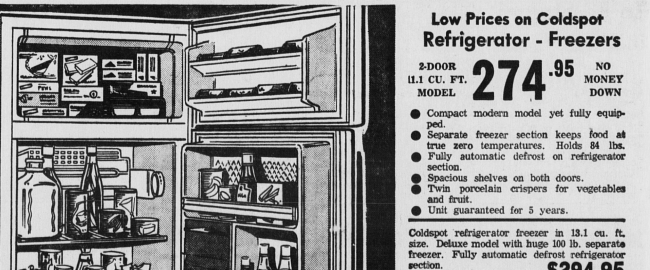
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Very Rev. J. M. Rooney Is Honored At Tighnish

TIGHNISH — Very Rev. J.M. Rooney, parish priest at St. Simons and St. Jerome's Roman Catholic Church, Tighnish was honored by the parishioners on the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood Monday.

A Solemn High Mass offered by the Tighnish Council of the Catholic Women's League was celebrated by Father Rooney. Deacon was Rev. Nazario Galanti, sub-congregator. Mr. E. J. Richard, master of ceremonies was Rev. Gerald Steele, Rev. Clarence Phipps, Rev. Reginald Phelan, Rev. David McTague, Rev. Floyd McLaughlin. This mixed choir under the direction of Rev. Sister St. George with Miss Jean Perry as organist sang a special Mass.

Throughout the evening music was provided by Mr. Harold Ryan. Refreshments were served to the cooperation of the people in his parish, and he spoke on the years he served in other parishes and of the priests now deceased who had a great influence on his life. Father McLaughlin offered a word of thanks to all those who had worked with him to make the occasion successful.

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Hospital Comm. To Refund \$60,000 In Premiums

A refund of \$50 while family members get \$40. Hospital insurance premiums in some cases will be as high as \$40. Dr. L.E. Prosser, chairman of the H.P.E. Hospital Services Commission, has announced the provincial government as promised in the Dec. 10 general election campaign, has abolished the premium payment plan and has directed the commission to refund all premiums paid in advance of Nov. 30.

Close to \$600,000 in advance premiums is to be refunded to approximately 31,000 persons. Largest refunds will come in the collector groups, such as dairy creamery patrons, fishermen and professional societies.

"For example," said Dr. Prosser, "dairy patrons who in the spring fishermen mostly have paid their premiums 10 months in advance of Nov. 30, \$140 persons in this category will get a refund of \$50 while family members get \$40."

Another category is members of employee groups. These are usually paid six months in advance so refunds, if there are no arrears, will amount to \$12 for each person and \$24 to a person with dependents.

A third category, the pay-deduct group, will receive back either premiums they paid in advance of Nov. 30, or the commission hopes to have all repayments made by the end of January. "At present," he said, "the staff of the commission, assisted by a firm of chartered accountants, is determining the amount of refund due each account, and the following will be made in the name of each person on a qualifying for a refund."

Boat Builder To Sail Craft To New York

ALBERTON — A light plane from the Moncton Flying Club landed at Alberton South Tuesday afternoon where it picked up Phillip Kinch, manager of Alberton Industries boat building firm, and left immediately for Halifax, N.S.

Mr. Kinch plans to sail the 67 foot "Alana" from Halifax to New York and will return by air.

The "Alana" a former fishery patrol boat, was remodelled into a sea going pleasure cruiser at the Alberton boat factory. Dr. Orville H. Phillips, MP, was on hand to see Mr. Kinch off to Halifax, The "Alana" is the West Indies to engage in fishing for king mackerel and tuna.

Alana St. John's of Moncton is the new owner of the cabin cruiser. Ray Kinch of Alberton is the engineer.

Moncton 6 29
Halifax 21 21
Charlottetown 16 24
Sydney 17
Yarmouth 24 31
St. John's 28 31

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says sunny weather is expected in the three provinces today. Temperatures will be in the same range as those Tuesday except in some sections of eastern Nova Scotia where they are expected to be slightly lower.

Regional forecasts:
Halifax and vicinity, Amnapol, Halifax, Cape Breton, Prince Edward Island: Clear with a few cloudy periods; temperatures about the same as Tuesday; light winds. Low-high at Halifax 23 and 30, Kentville 25 and 32, Sydney 15 and 23, Charlottetown 15 and 28.

South Shore: Sunny with few cloudy periods; little temperature change and light winds. Low-high at Yarmouth 22 and 32.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 2:35 a.m. and 3:20 p.m. At St. John's at 11:28 a.m. and 9:55 p.m. Summerside tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun sets today at 7:20 and sets at 4:59.

"In connection with this suggestion that the whole amount should go to hospitals, I would refer to the following speech of a speech of federal Health Minister J. Waldo Montehith: 'It is the province's responsibility to insure that the man in the street' that he and his co-workers will maintain a hospital in their hospitals. The insurance program has not meant that the province will maintain a hospital or that it has assumed all financial responsibility for them. Hospitals are still basically a community institution and need community support for many problems such as construction and other capital needs. In fact, it was to leave some room for local initiative and responsibility that capital items relating to physical plant generally, but not costs of hospital operations, but simply to provide a means whereby an enterprise might protect itself against the financially crippling costs of prolonged hospital care."

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