

Mayor Currie Has Message For Citizens Of Summerside

The following New Year's message has been received from Mayor W. A. Currie of Summerside.

My Councillors join me in wishing all citizens a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We hope your wishes will be achieved and your prayers granted. The advent of a New Year causes me to review the efforts and achievement of the period just closing as a background for our ambitions and hopes for further improvement during 1958.

The beginning of 1957 found us in building programs started by the former council completed, the disastrous storm damage repaired and our program of re-organization of various town departments started. We found that with the new school, the stadium and the stadium, together with the constant growth of the town, that methods which had served well in the past were no longer adequate to provide required information, maintain proper controls of our activities and the interests of the citizens. Consequently we are analyzing each of our departments and reorganizing methods and procedures to provide better control and information. In the past there has been confusion in the management of our business, and most certainly in the degree in which our affairs, which have grown to be the second largest business in the area.

STREET REPAIRS
Our street repairs over our forecast budget to some extent neglect of essential repairs would have been fully as another winter's deterioration would add further thousands of dollars to the costs of repairs. The following streets were re-paved: Central, Beaver, Maple, and Duke. The streets from Central to Summer; Second from Duke to Cedar; First from Duke to Central; and Russell from Kirk to Harvard. All permanent sidewalks were repaired and patched. The cracks which had opened in the cement streets were filled with bitumens in time in several years. We had planned to extend H. V. R. and street paving on corner with our Water Street but this year's budget would not allow the cost. Permanent sidewalks were laid along a section of Victoria Road, the new school, Sidewalk repairs were made along Spring Street, Windsor Street, Prince Street, Market Street, Duke and Park Streets.

Our street signs have been installed at all corners where posts were available, the remaining will require posts to be installed for that purpose alone as the frost has come out in the spring. The sanitary land fill method of disposal of garbage has been in operation for some time and has proven a complete success. The citizens of the western section of the Town will no longer have to put up with the disagreeable conditions which prevailed when the open dump was used. The excavator used for the land fill method has earned enough in the other work to reduce this year's installment cost of \$200.00 to a net of \$2,400.00 for garbage disposal. The road leading to the new garbage dump was rebuilt by the Provincial Government and now provides, as near as we can get, short of pavement to an all weather road. The old Hippisley dump has been completely cleared and resurfaced. The Sewer and Water system has been maintained and new lines laid on Palmer Street and the Central Street system extended to the Bowell Lane. The wells supplying the town with water have been tested and found to have a capacity greater than the pumps have been provided. Our water supply has been repaired one well to accommodate a 10" pipe and are now waiting for the winter of 1958.

The parks received constant attention during the summer and our various civic societies have been kept in good repair. The contractors replaced the floor in the new auditorium during the summer and both contractor and architect have now been released of further responsibility. Our Electric Light Committee has made an exhaustive examination of our electric lighting system.

On behalf of my Council I extend to the citizens of Summerside a happy and prosperous New Year.

Willard Leard, Mayor.

while sound in theory, has not proved out in practice and we have recommended to our Finance Committee and the Council that the controlling law be rescinded before the 1958 tax warrant is prepared.

During the last year and a half many operating costs have been reduced and savings made which lead me to predict that the present real estate tax environment can be regarded as a maximum, barring of course unforeseen circumstances. We confidently expect to effect a small reduction in our capital debt for the first time in many years. These savings are closed for 1957. This will have been brought about through our "Plan" as we go policy established this year.

Prominent among reductions of costs is the recognition of our claim for elimination of the Federal Sales Tax on diesel fuel used for the production of energy at our electric light plant. This result in annual savings of approximately \$7,000.00. The plan for domestic and granted rebates totalling \$18,000.00. This came about through the efforts of our Town Manager, who has been untiring in his efforts to assist us in exploring all avenues of savings.

The reassessment program is 50% completed. This is being done to establish an equitable tax base. In other words, to ensure that all who own real estate taxes will be assessed on exactly the same basis. This is not the case at the present time. Some are assessed too high some too low. Valuations will be established between values and the tax rate lowered to conform with actual tax requirements. Every citizen will be well served.

There has been criticism in some quarters of the post of Town Manager. Let me say very definitely that I am sure that many of the adjustments and improvements made during the past year and a half would not have been possible without an experienced municipal administrator to carry out the Council's policies and directions. Further, if the same light control in use today had been in effect during past years, our case at the present time would have been lower by many thousands of dollars. No Council made up of men whose own businesses require their full time can be expected to carry out their own policies in a matter how good these policies are—without an executive officer to execute them as per plan. Granted, you must have the right type man and a Council which will back him up as he carries out his assigned duties. We have been fortunate in both requirements, with the result that the town affairs have benefited more than the citizens are as yet fully aware.

I wish to thank the Councillors of Town Manager for the work they and his staff, the heads of all other departments and their staffs for support and loyalty to their responsibilities during the past year.

CAPITOL — SUMMERSIDE
TODAY (TUES.) 2-7:15-9:10
"GUILTY"
John Justin — Barbara Large
NEW YEAR'S DAY AND THURSDAY
"THE COURT JESTER"
Starring: Danny Kaye — Glynis Johns
The funniest picture Kaye ever made according to critics.

TAX WORKS POORLY
The poll tax assessment as applied to both male and females under our 1957 tax warrant.

Group Capt. Swetman Sends Greetings To P. E. Islanders

The following New Year's message to the citizens of Prince Edward Island has been released by Group Captain W. H. Swetman, DSO, DFC, CD, commanding officer, R. C. A. F. Station Summerside.

"As 1957, my third year in command of R. C. A. F. Station Summerside, draws to a close, I am again reminded of the fine spirit and comradeship existing between the 'Islander' and the R. C. A. F. This association will, I am certain, continue to foster and grow during 1958, strengthening the band of fellowship and cooperation we so mutually enjoy."

It is with enduring sincerity that I am writing this message, on behalf of the officers, airmen and airwomen of station Summerside, to the citizens of Prince Edward Island a prosperous and happy New Year.

The Island has accomplished many important improvements during the past year and can look forward to continued progress and prosperity during 1958. The improvement at home and abroad. On our own station several construction projects were completed during 1957 while several more are planned for the year future. The employment of local workers for these projects assists the economy of the province.

P. C. Leader
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prices, in relation to farm expenditures have not been generally favorable. The margin between receipts and expenditures has been narrow. Our producers have been caught in a "cost price" squeeze over which, at the moment, they have but little control. This situation however, is by no means devoid of an ultimate solution, but for the present, it influences to some extent, the serious migration of young people from our rural areas, and the increase in vacated farm lands.

Scarcity of farm labor has also been acute, and has promoted the purchase of labor saving machinery, often beyond the limits of wide farm economy.

ENCOURAGING EVENTS
On the credit side, there has been an encouraging development in the over-all approach to our social and economic problems. Aside altogether from Government activities, there has been a greater tendency toward sincere and constructive thinking and action among the masses of our people of all classes both individually and in an organized sense.

There is a growing conviction that a great contribution can be made to our social and economic development through constructive activities directed and promoted from within. The work of A. P. C. Boards, of Trade, Farming, Fishing and Labor organizations has an evidence in practice of expanded prosperity in this and other Atlantic Provinces during the past year than has prevailed for many years.

If this fine tendency is continued and developed among our people, and directed toward industrial and service work of our industrial and economic life in all its relationships, and in securing just treatment from administrative sources, I do not fear the future of these Atlantic areas.

LEARN FROM PAST
May we then, as we stand in the open doorway of 1958, keep in mind the lessons of 1957, and stride forward together in unity and understanding, apply the experiences of the past to the improvement of our future work. We cannot see far into that future, but we can plan constructively and honestly, as a united and intelligent people, weeding out of our thinking and activities.



GROUP CAPT. SWETMAN

which is a narrow, prejudicial and unprofitable. We possess a wonderful heritage in this little sea bird homeland, with its fair pastoral beauty, the variety of its natural productivity of land and sea, and the fine inheritance of our original races and creeds, mingling harmoniously together, and enriched with the fine cultures of new arrivals from other lands. Ours is a great heritage and a great challenge and opportunity, not only in the development of economic advancement, but in the elimination of unethical practices and prejudices, and in the broadening of our horizons to embrace, an improved concept of our responsibilities in our state, our churches and to our overall citizenship welfare.

May we all go forward in the spirit of progress and rededication, working together to bring in Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity in the coming year. With sincere wishes that 1958 may be a period of many happy Returns.

EVERETT CHAMPION, MAYOR.

Kensington Mayor Wishes All Happiness
The following New Year's message was issued by Mayor Everett Champion of Kensington. During the past twelve months our town of Kensington has enjoyed its full share of prosperity and good fortune and it is my sincere belief and fondest wish that we will be further blessed as all signs point to a successful year ahead.

On behalf of the Council and myself I extend sincere New Year greetings. May the year 1958 be one abounding in good health and warmth by true friendship with a world of happiness and prosperity to each of you.

EVERETT CHAMPION, MAYOR.

REGENT TONITE 7:15 — 9:15 WED. 2:00 — 7:15 — 9:15

THE TRUE STORY OF THE FABULOUS LON CHANEY!
UNIVERSAL INTERNATIONAL Presents
JAMES CAGNEY DOROTHY MALONE JANE GREER
MAN OF A THOUSAND FACES
CINEMASCOPE

BEST WISHES

As the bells ring in a bright New Year, I join in with the heartfelt wish that it will be a bright

New Year for you. May all your wishes come true, and may you enjoy all the blessings of good friends, good health and good luck.

CAMEO
Kensington
NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS
MON. - TUES. — 7:15-9:15

The untold story of the Big House Prison break is told in "BEHIND THE HULL WALL" starring Tom Tully, Sylvia Sydney, John Larch.

COMING NEW YEAR'S AND THURS.—A Great Star of the Ice-Skating Hockey Games, with Michael O'Shea as star, and a lively Romance in all one show, "IT'S A PLEASURE" in wonderful color.

DR. ORVILLE H. PHILLIPS M.P.

IT'S GREAT TO BE IN '58

Happy New Year

Looking forward to the New Year, we wish that it may hold for you

365 days full of happiness. May your hopes be realized, and your efforts rewarded with success and prosperity. And may you and those dear to you enjoy the most valuable fortune of all... the blessing of good health.

Town Of Summerside

W. A. CURRIE, MAYOR.

IN A RUT

Spring-like conditions exist on Victoria Road, Summerside, making it virtually impossible on warm days to drive a vehicle through the extended mudhole.

thereby cutting off the short cut to People Cemetery for funeral processions. Photo shows portion of Victoria Road where it meets the paved MacEwan Road. Guardian Photo

Prince Member Predicts Continued High Prosperity

The following New Year's message has been received from Dr. Orville H. Phillips, M.P. Another year has now ended and as we reflect on our achievements we must note that 1957 was a record year. Again our Gross National Product reached an all time high. Wages reached an all time high. More people were employed than ever before in the history of our country. For this we must be thankful and look forward with optimism for 1958 and I am confident that 1958 will exceed the past years.

The free world, alarmed by Russian achievement, the scientific field held a conference dedicated to the retaining of world peace. Canadians, proud of the part their Government played in planning and participating in the NATO conference. It is significant that such a conference was held at a time when people's thoughts were turned to the anniversary of the birth of the "Prince of Peace".

DR. O. H. PHILLIPS, M.P.
To one and all I extend my sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Dr. Orville H. Phillips, M.P.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

ALBERTON LEGION, New Years Eve Dance, Western Five Orchestra.

DR. ZIELINSKI will be at Kinokora 4 to 5 p.m. today.

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MR. AND MRS. George H. Mayne, Emerald, will be at home to their friends and neighbours on Wednesday, January 8, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. On the occasion of their 50th Anniversary.

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FLOWING Yesterday — Flowing on December 30th is certainly not a common sight in this country, and travellers past the farm of Errol Laughlin in Sherbrooke yesterday were at least impressed to wonder if winter has passed by Prince Edward Island, for Mr. Laughlin took advantage of the spring like weather to complete his spring plowing in ground which, despite the season, was still frost-free.

at Civic Stadium by Cnst. Harry Mackay.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN — A charge of criminal negligence laid against a young man from Hampton was withdrawn yesterday in Police Court, Summerside, by Magistrate E. H. Strong, Q.C. as presiding. The charge arose as the result of a collision at North Point between two half-ton trucks on the night of Dec. 28 last in which one of the passengers, Eileen O'Holloran, Carleton was seriously injured and

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E. E. Parkman Opt. Phone 2327 OPPORTE GUARDIAN OFFICE Summerside, P.E.I.

B. F. Hunter, R.O. Summerside, P.E.I. Phone 3118 GALLAGHER'S BUILDING

Happy New Year
Sound the fanfare, roll out the red carpet... here comes 1958. May it prove richly rewarding to you and yours... bringing you a beautiful, healthy, good health and good cheer... crowning all your efforts with success... and leaving you with a rich treasure trove of happy memories to cherish.

At the start of the New Year, we extend to you, friends and customers, the traditional greetings of the season, with the extra warmth that comes from the pleasure of knowing and serving you. May 1958 bring to you and yours a full measure of health and happiness, joy and gladness, opportunity and success.

New Year's Greetings
Staff and Management
WILLARD LEARD, Mayor.

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