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## Education Minister Answers To Charges

On a question of privilege, Dr. George Dewar, minister of education, answered charges by the opposition yesterday that he misled the Legislature in answering questions in previous years of the number of grade 12 students who wrote provincial examinations.

The misunderstanding, according to Dr. Dewar, arose out of sets of figures contained in written letters to opposition questions in the legislature.

Dr. Dewar explained that figures he used were "prepared by statisticians" and in some cases the number of grade 12 students included those at Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University as well as other high schools in the province, while later figures used by him did not take into consideration Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's.

Dr. Dewar said he regretted the misunderstanding.

**ATTEMPT FAILS**

The Liberal Opposition made an unsuccessful attempt to remove a Conservative member, who is on the executive of the P.E.I. Industrial Establishment Corporation, from the House select standing committee on public accounts.

J. David Stewart, provincial secretary, named seven select standing committees and moved that his report be adopted.

Acting-opposition leader, Dr. M. L. Bonnell claimed that according to House rules, Lloyd MacPhail, as an officer of a crown corporation, should not be on the public accounts committee as he would be "a member of a committee that is investigating himself." Dr. Bonnell moved an amendment to Mr. Stewart's motion that the motion be delayed 24 hours so that the Speaker of the House could have time to determine whether or not Mr. MacPhail is eligible to sit on the committee.

Speaker Frank Myers ruled however, that Mr. MacPhail was eligible to sit on the committee and Dr. Bonnell's motion was lost with Liberals voting for it and Conservatives against it.

Alex Campbell (L-5th Prince), elected in the Feb. 9 by-elections, has his first taste of legislative action yesterday.

Mr. Campbell asked Highway Minister Philip Matheson when construction would start on the government-promised all-weather highway between Albany and Miscouche.

Mr. Matheson said it was impossible to give the exact date but specifications are being worked and it is expected that work will begin at the start of the next construction season.

The 5th Prince member asked whether or not the minister could give assurance that the project would be completed in 1965.

The minister replied that he was not prepared to say when the highway would be completed and that the amount of money available now is not sufficient to complete it.

Mr. Campbell suggested that the Conservatives promised a complete highway in the Feb. 9 election campaign.

Mr. Matheson said the completion was never assured. He said \$1,000,000 in Atlantic Development Board funds is available plus about \$250,000 from the provincial government.

"At no time," said Mr. Matheson, "was more money than that said to be available for the project. We may be able to do a portion of it but not complete it." Mr. Matheson added that he could give no estimate of how many miles of the highway will be completed with the money now available.

## THIS WEEK AT SDU

### Odds And Ends Get Done And It Keeps People Busy

By CHARLEY McMILLAN

This week happened to be the type that was thrown together with no special purpose in mind other than to get some odds and ends done. And that's the type that keeps everyone busy.

Mother Nature prolonged the agony of examinations by postponing the ones scheduled on Saturday until Tuesday. Then on Tuesday night, the Sophomores and Juniors got together in a rare spirit of co-operation and staged a highly successful Class Party the proceeds of which will go towards Operation Saskatchewan. This latter scheme is a Students' Union project to raise money for the hockey team's trip out west next March. But that's getting ahead of the story.

On Wednesday St. Dunstan's was privileged to host Jean Bazin, national president of the Canadian University Students.

Mr. Bazin outlined several projects that CUS has sponsored, and some of the objectives that the organization will undertake in the future. He was introduced by Gerald Fitzgerald, president of the Student's Union, and thanked by Mary Donovan, CUS Chairwoman of SDU.

**THE FANTASTICKS**

Thursday featured the Alumni concert of the "Fantasticks," a delightful show put on by the St. Francis Xavier University Drama Society. The affair was run in a very professional manner, and about 500 people attended the play which is based on a Broadway musical which is still running in New York. Rev. Adrian Arseneault, moderator of the SDU Drama Society summed up the performance thus: "It's good to see that St. FX does not have to rely on their hockey team for their reputation. Their hockey team might not be so good, but they certainly have a very healthy Drama Society." And the audience thought so too.

The same day Roger MacDonald, the ubiquitous editor of the Red and White, presented his second edition of the paper. This issue featured a headline article on the recent ban on hitchhiking in Charlottetown and its effect

on SDU students. There is also a pictorial review of the Winter Carnival, and all the obituaries and in memoriams which accompany such events.

**THREE UNANIMOUS**

In debating, the SDU orators came through with three victories — all unanimous. The latest win was the work of Phil MacDonald and Tom MacMillan, who left no doubt about why Canada should remain its Senate.

Related congratulations go out to Paul Kelly, a freshman art student who has successfully passed the requirements of Her Majesty's Airforce, and is now accepted as a URTP Cadet. According to some inside rumors, Paul had some difficulty getting the exams, but everything turned out in the end. But it must have been a disheartening ordeal.

On the hockey scene, our Saints host Mount Allison Mounties in what could be the deciding contest of the year. Rated the number one team in the nation and unbeaten in eight games, the Saints will be going all out for that 11-0 season record, believed to be an unprecedented achievement in Maritime Intercollegiate play.

I think such an assemblage of players could be found only at St. Dunstan's. Where else do you find a Frenchman, an Irishman, and an Acadian playing on the same line? What other team has "Screwball" as a race horse" as its theme song? On the trips, how do you explain a situation to a stranger when some of the team breaks out in the verses of "O Canada," another group into "O Canada Terre de Nos Aïeux." Then in the middle of all that you get the two managers, both American citizens, chanting the bars of the "Star Spangled Banner." That friend, could happen only at SDU.

**COMMONS RANGED BETWEEN 30 AND 40 MEMBERS. THE QUORUM IS 20.**

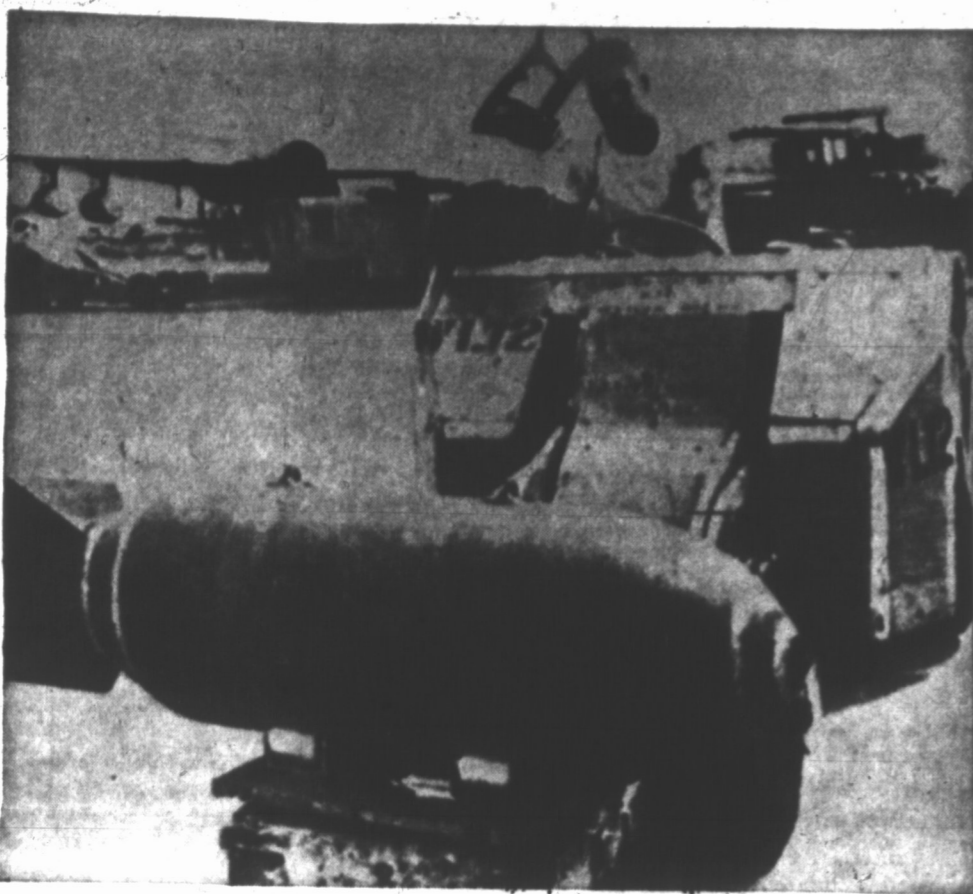
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A 1,000-pound bomb, the biggest bomb used thus far in the Viet Nam war, is moved by a U.S. airman to a U.S. Air Force B57 jet bomber at Saigon air base. The American bomber uses this type of bomb frequently for combat missions against the Communist Viet Cong. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)

## 3rd Straight Session For Geo'town Council

GEORGETOWN — Meeting for the third consecutive Monday in regular session, the Georgetown Town Council dealt with a large amount of business as Mayor Howard S. MacLean presided over a full slate of councillors.

Earlier in the day the mayor and councillors J.W. Lavers, James G. McConnell and Mrs. Joan Currie, accompanied by Rev. L.B. Dooley and Rev. M.R. Pocklington, met in Charlottetown with Attorney General M.A. Farmer, on the question of the Town of Georgetown obtaining a contract with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The meeting was termed highly satisfactory and at this latest council meeting a motion was moved by Coun. John P. MacDonald and seconded by Coun. Joseph E. Johnson, that the town make formal application to the attorney general to proceed with the necessary steps leading to the town obtaining a contract with the RCMP.

In answer to a recent advertisement for a person to fulfill the duties of town clerk, two applications were received. The council, after deliberating the question, appointed Mrs. Laura Murphy. The present clerk, Mrs. Joan Easton, is unable to carry on the duties due to pressure of other commitments.

William Menzies was re-appointed town policeman for one month and his appointment will be further extended pending the outcome of the town's application for RCMP service.

The question of insuring the fire hall and fire equipment and the tank truck and hose truck was further discussed. An insurance policy for \$6000 has been placed on the fire hall and negotiations regarding the other items and vehicles are continuing.

**EMPLOYEE INSURANCE**

Word was received from the workers' compensation board regarding coverage for town employees and the clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements to install the necessary coverage.

The question of the rink and matters relating to the financial arrangement between the council and the parties renting the building was discussed and the clerk was directed to take certain action in this regard.

The meeting was to have been attended by Claude Smith of the department of municipal affairs to discuss aspects of town planning and by John P. Nicholson the town's solicitor but the storm prevented both from attending. Mayor MacLean, councillors Lavers, MacDonald, Currie, MacLean, Johnson and McConnell were all in attendance. The meeting adjourned to meet again March 1.

## Music Festival Members List Being Completed

Mrs. Perley Taylor of Winsloe, chairman of the Queens County membership committee of the P.E.I. Music Festival, has announced the committee has begun to compile the list of members to be printed in the 1965 program.

The committee met this week at the home of Mrs. Bennett Carr, West Royalty, to begin work on the program.

Mrs. Taylor said anyone who has paid the annual dues within the last year will be included in this list. Many groups, including women's institutes, home and school associations, Catholic Women's Leagues and church choirs, have contributed \$5 and are eligible to have five names printed on the program.

The committee announced that all who wish to become members, either individual or group, should forward their money within the next week or 10 days to ensure having their names printed on this year's program.

## Hymn Festival Scheduled Sun. At Park Royal

Sunday afternoon Park Royal United Church is host to the city choirs in a hymn festival.

The senior choirs from St. Paul's Anglican, Zion Presbyterian, Trinity United, Kirk of St. James and Park Royal United will each present two hymns of their own choice and will join with the congregation in singing two "great hymns of the church."

Everyone is invited to attend this festival of old and new hymns. Offering taken will go to the newly-established choir and organ fund set up by Park Royal.

## House-Trained Dogs Available

SPCA Cst. Vernon Dennis has stated he has housed in kennels on Jordan Crescent a number of dogs available for good homes in rural areas.

Among them are a collie, beagle and some bird dogs. They can be obtained by contacting Mr. Dennis, who says they are too valuable to be destroyed.

He said all the dogs have been house-trained and would be excellent around farm properties.

## Cars Collide Near Red Pt.

SOURIS — A car driven by Arthur Floyd Stewart, Red Point, collided with a vehicle driven by Walter Edgar Dixon, Souris, early last evening on the St. Peter's Highway near Red Point.

Mr. Stewart was driving a 1967 model and travelling west towards Souris when he met the foreign car driven by Dixon.

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## Premier Is Concerned Over Civil Service Allegations

Premier Walter R. Shaw rose on a question of privilege as the House resumed yesterday morning and said the statements of George Ferguson (L-5th Kings), charging political interference in the civil service had caused concern in the public mind.

He reviewed the allegations made by Mr. Ferguson in his draft address night before last and said he was sure the honorable member had made them in an "unthinking manner." Nevertheless they had come out in the public and were damaging to both the civil service and the government as well.

As an alternative to the appearance of the commission representatives in the Legislature the Premier said it had been suggested that members could go to the civil service office where the complete files on classified appointments would be opened to them and fully explained.

Premier Shaw stated that he saw two possible solutions to the problem created by the situation. One would be for "the honorable member to withdraw his charges", but if he did not then the Premier proposed the matter be passed on to a committee on privilege and the committee be called on to act. Failing this members could go to the civil service commission and see for themselves.

Mr. Ferguson then rose and said he would give the Premier's remarks serious consideration and report back to the house later.

## Economy Loss Estimated Near \$1,000

GEORGETOWN — It has been estimated about \$1,000 was lost to the economy of the town Friday when the road to Georgetown was not opened until 10:30 a.m., when dozens of cars containing 75 to 100 persons followed the plow in.

It was stated the loss of work by many persons and the resulting loss of wages and purchasing power were considerable.

One of the main sections blocked was on the Georgetown side of the lead-off road into Cardigan.

It was thought plows were engaged in opening up other roads or in freeing cars stuck on the Seven Mile Road following a sporting event in Souris Thursday night.

Dixon was travelling east when the accident occurred.

Damage was slight and no injuries occurred.

Souris RCMP are investigating.

## EASTERN FUNERALS

**MacDONALD FUNERAL** — The funeral of John Howard MacDonald was held Tuesday morning from his late residence to St. James Church, Georgetown, where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. L. Dooley who also conducted service at the grave. Pallbearers were Patrick Murphy, Howard S. MacLean, Michael Burke, Harrington Yorston, C.N. Llewellyn, J. Waldron Lavers. Interment was in the church cemetery.

## GOV'T WILL

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accountant, said his professional experience has shown many cases in which employers are

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

**FALSE ALARM**

The Charlottetown Fire Department answered a false alarm at 44 Victory Avenue about 10:45 last evening.

**ELECTED VICE-PRES.**

Abe Zakem was elected vice president of the Canadian Lebanese Association of Prince Edward Island at the annual meeting Wednesday evening.

**ANGLICAN FUNERAL**

The funeral of the late Mrs. V. Morse Nickerson of Yarmouth, N.S., was held from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, and not from the United Church as was previously reported.

**DIES IN ALBERTA**

Word has been received of the death in Edmonton, Alta. of Mac MacLeod, widow of the late Morley Seller, formerly of Union Road, in her 83rd year. She was the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George S. MacLeod of Fredericton and sister of the late Daniel, Vernon and Louis MacLeod. She is survived by three children, Beatrice, Helen and Allison.

**CARD PARTY RESULTS**

Results of a card party held at the Community Centre, Thursday evening were as follows: door prize, Dan Chipman; special prize, Mrs. Margaret McConnell; ladies' first, Mrs. C. Shephard; second, Mrs. Joseph R. Gallant; gent's first, James Cavanaugh; second, Brian Malone; freeze-out, Mrs. M. Peters. J.A. MacKenzie; consolation, Mrs. Lawrence Daley, Matthew MacCarron.

**CAR DAMAGED**

Wilfred Stewart, Dunstaffnage, was involved in a collision near Dunstaffnage at approximately 5:20 last evening. Stewart's car collided with a heavy construction vehicle belonging to Matheson and MacMillan Co., Charlottetown. Damage to the Stewart vehicle was estimated at over \$100. Detachment of the Charlottetown RCMP are investigating.

**EXTRA FERRY RUNS**

The MV Abegweit did not leave the pier at Borden until 11:35 a.m. yesterday morning due to high winds and poor weather conditions in Northumberland Strait. CNR officials reported her time in the vicinity of an hour and a half. The powerful ice-breaker ran all last evening to clear up the accumulated traffic. The Borden train arrived at 10 p.m. last evening, due to a delay with the ferry.

## Georgetown Suffers Wind Damage

GEORGETOWN — The 55 to 60 mile per hour wind which roared across the frozen harbor surface here Thursday night and early Friday morning tore off two sections of the roofing and roof insulation on the Gulf Garden Food Plant now under construction.

The larger section torn off was approximately 2,500 square feet in area, while the other section was small in area. The main roof, of steel deck construction welded to the frame, was undamaged.

Insulation and roofing damaged were not blown off from the outside edges, but lifted as if by suction from a small twister, and torn from the steel deck.

In other wind damage in Georgetown, some asphalt shingles were blown off several houses and barns and the post office roof.

At the residence of Mrs. P.J. Henry on Water Street, a brick flue was blown down to a level with the roof.

## CITY AREA FUNERALS

**HOOPER FUNERAL** — The funeral for Mrs. Percy T.R. Hooper was held yesterday afternoon from St. John's Anglican Church, Milton. Service was conducted by Rev. A.E. Piercy. Hymns sung were O God of Bethel, When on My Day the Life of Night is Falling and Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross. Pallbearers were: Alton Rodd, Eric Coles, Gerald Hooper, Benjamin Mills, Elmer MacRae and Allison MacMillan. Flowerbearers were: John Rodd, Lindsay Coles and Robert Moore. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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