



"THE MIKADO", presented by of a three-evening run. (Inset) the Prince of Wales College Chorus in the College Auditorium last evening as the initial performance. Lillian MacKenzie, Mus. Bac., Director. Guardian Photo.

# City and Central

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**WE TREAT THE SICK WELL.** Giggey's Pharmacy, open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**ST. PETER'S Church Laymen** Association tonight March 21st. Special speaker.

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**CARD PARTY RESULTS** - Results of a card party held in Spring Park Community hall Monday night. Ladies' first, Mrs. L. Cairns; second, Mrs. J. Stockman; consolation, Mrs. Eric Farquharson. Men's first, Emmett Doucette; second, Loman Cairns; consolation, D. Gallant. Freezout, Mrs. Fulton Robertson and Mrs. Melville Burns.

**TRIPLET CALVES** - Triplet calves were born Sunday to the Holstein cow, Bargate Mary Lloyd, at the farm of J.L. Dewar, New Perth. They were two males and one female. Triplets are something new but twins seem to run in the family strain of the dam. The three calves are healthy and their weight at birth totaled about 200 pounds.

**FUNERAL SERVICE** - The funeral of the late Mrs. Joseph Court was held Monday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Service at the home and grave was conducted by Rev. J. M. Sproule. The pall bearers were Messrs. John R. MacIntyre, Patrick MacIntyre, Arthur Hughes, William Rattery, Joseph Campbell, Herrill Arbing. Interment was in Donaldson Cemetery.

**FUNERAL SUNDAY** - The funeral of Patrick J. Callaghan was held Sunday afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Delbert Shea, Auburn, to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus, where service was conducted by Rev. T. P. Butler, who also officiated at the grave. Interment was in the Church Cemetery. Pall bearers were James McKenna, Patrick Duffy, Edwin Roach, Edward Shea, James Lavender and Emmet Hughes.

**FUNERAL MONDAY** - The funeral of John Eldon Green, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eldon Green, was held Monday morning from the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Sigsworth, 20 Haviland St. to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer where Mass of the Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Gregory Murphy C.S.S.R. who also conducted service at the grave. Present in the sanctuary were: Rev. Lawrence Landrigan, Rev. Allan MacDonald and Rev. Francis Cameron. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

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**TONIGHT** at 8:15 see and hear "The Mikado" at Prince of Wales. Tickets at door.

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**CORRECTION**-In the list of canvassers for the Red Cross Campaign in Parkdale published in Monday's paper Mr. Harold Prowse (not Bruce) is one of the collectors.

**DIES IN MASS.**-Ward has been received recently of the sudden death in Malden, Mass. of Henry T. Fredericks husband of the former Miss. Belle Stewart of Prince Edward Island. He also leaves to mourn, three sons.

**POLICE COURT** - Two accused appeared in court yesterday morning. In the absence of Magistrate Martin, a person charged with being drunk and incapable was further remanded until the twenty-first and a man charged with damage to property was given a ten day suspended sentence.

**CREDITS** - In the Guardian of March 14 the weekly column of the Very Rev. George C. Pidgeon, D.D., LL.D. was inadvertently carried under the heading, "We and Our Neighbors". The feature yesterday on Wing Commander Angus MacLean, M. P., was by the Ottawa Citizen Parliamentary correspondent and was reprinted from that paper.

**FUNERAL AT DUNDAS** - The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret MacDonald was held yesterday afternoon. A short service was held at the MacLean Funeral Home, conducted by Sr. Major Stanley after which funeral service was held in Dundas United Church conducted by Rev. S.A. Custance. During the service a trio composed of William Ives, Herbert MacLeod and Walter Burdett sang "Sweet Peace, the gift of God's home". Interment was in Dundas Cemetery. The pall bearers were Raymond Acorn, James Campbell, Homer Turner, John Beaton, L.S. Hunter, Wallace MacKenzie.

**ZION Y.P.S.** - Zion Presbyterian Young People's Society held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The worship service was led by Mary Farquharson and Deanna Matheson. Meditation was based on The Story of Ruth. The president, Isabel Farquharson, presided over the business meeting. Louis MacEnchum conducted study on Missions. Following the Benediction, pronounced by Rev. W. H. Brown, the Young People adjourned to the lower hall where the recreational period was led by Ernie Roper and Don Moore. The meeting closed with the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

**Y. P. S. MEETING** - The Central Christian Young People's Society held their regular meeting Tuesday night. The meeting opened with Kathryn Beck presiding. The chorus session was led by Vincent Beck and Allan Dunbar. The devotional period consisted of scripture reading by Hazel Stewart. This was followed by an inspiring thought by Norman Stewart. Dr. MacEnchum Beck closed the period with prayer. A short business session followed. The Young People were led in their respective Bible studies by Dr. Beck. Mr. Dunbar and Allison MacRae. The meeting closed with a quiz of Biblical twenty questions.

**HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS** - R.C.M.P. Headquarters investigated several minor bumps involving vehicles in various parts of the Province yesterday. Only two resulted in heavy damage. The first occurred near Crapaud when a car travelling through blinding snow rammied into the rear of a Government snow plow causing considerable damage to the front

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Friends will be sorry to learn that Kenneth Squarebriggs the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Squarebriggs, City, had the misfortune to suffer a broken arm whilst playing yesterday afternoon.

**Attention Ex-servicemen**  
The Charlottetown Section of the Canadian Provost Corps Militia, has been recruited from the Militia Garrison. There are only eleven vacancies left. Ex-servicemen in any corps are invited to inquire at Charlottetown Armouries not later than Thursday, 22nd March. Training will include motorcycle riding, judo, criminal investigation and traffic controls. If unable to come in person for an interview, dial 4916.

## "The Mikado" Opens Before Enthusiastic First Nighters

A packed house at Prince of Wales College last evening, literally roared its approval of the brilliant and spectacular opening performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado". This famous and much-loved musical comedy was performed and sung by the Prince of Wales Chorus under the direction of E. Lillian MacKenzie, Mus. Bac.

This first show of a three-night stand was attended by the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Prowse, the Premier and Mrs. Matheson, the Deputy Mayor and Mrs. Gaudet and the members of the Legislature and their wives.

The lively melodies of the show were delightfully interpreted in the series of solos, duets, quartets and choruses which are known everywhere as "The Willow", "The Flower", "The Little Maids From School" and the others were old favorites that obviously delighted the audience.

The lines featuring the wit of the incomparable W.S. Gilbert were brought out in the acting which highlighted the many comedy situations in the opera. The story of the son of the Emperor of Japan falling in love with a "gentle maiden", although he was supposed to marry an elderly lady of the Court, and how he gets out of the predicament is hilarious, and the character actors made the most of it.

Some of the Ko-Ko's lines have been adapted to the modern Island scene with effect so that his "little list" brought appreciative chuckles.

The staging was magnificent. Scenery was Charlottetown, seen sets and costumes such as those which make this production one of the most beautiful and charming of spectacles. The College stage was extended to double its usual size; the back-drops and sets were built and painted in oriental style and all members of the cast wore authentic Japanese costumes specially shipped here for the occasion.

The girls were gowned in embroidered kimonos of great beauty, wore flowers in their hair and carried real Japanese fans. The boys were courtly in full Japanese dress coats and wigs. The result was a stage setting which delighted the eye and which will long remain in the memory of those who saw the performance and who will see it tonight and tomorrow night. The chorus itself sang with competence and understanding. The music is difficult but the students had obviously studied and learned it well and the result was choral work of fine quality.

The second took place at Milton when two cars had a head-on in a narrow cutting, when visibility was almost zero. Both vehicle sustained extensive damage to the front end. In neither case were any of the occupants injured. Late yesterday afternoon a pole truck of the Island Telephone Company proceeding toward the City on the Trans Canada Highway collided with a car in a narrow cutting near Clyde River. Extensive damage resulted to the front end of the car and only very minor damage to the truck. The occupants of both vehicles escaped injury.

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## Rainbow Club At Sunset Lodge

The regular monthly meeting of the Rainbow Club was held Monday afternoon at the Sunset Lodge with the President, Mrs. N.H. DeBlois, presiding. The meeting opened with prayer by Senior Major Henderson.

During the business session the plans for the annual meeting, which is to be held during April, were discussed. At this meeting the members of the Rainbow Club will act as tea hostesses for the guests of the lodge during the Tea Hour.

Mr. B. Rogers and Mrs. E. Breton were appointed to be in charge of the Easter favours and treats for the guests. Mrs. R. Houle, C.D. and Mrs. J.A. MacNair were appointed to the nominating committee. The meeting closed with prayer led by Major Stevens.

## Lively Discussion On Highway Act Amendments

Lively discussion resulted in the second reading of the Highway Act promoted by the Minister, J. George MacKay in the Legislature yesterday.

Mr. MacKay said that the act with some minor additions and amendments was almost the same as the former act known as the Public Works and Highway Act. He explained that when the two portfolios were separated it became necessary to rewrite the Act.

The question of what constitutes a government owned road brought forth some remarks from the Opposition leader who charged that last May there were instances where government machines were taken from their regular work to open a lane for a private individual. He wondered since the Government had opened the road would it be their property and would it be under their control.

Mr. Bell: "I have no objection to that".  
Mr. MacKay: "We felt that in order to meet the demands of all those who wanted lanes plowed it would seriously impede the work of snow removal and at the same time add greatly to the expense. I have therefore issued orders that no exceptions will be made in this connection - no lanes will be plowed."

**RETIREMENT AGE**  
G.E. Saville (Liberal), Fifth Kings, took exception to a clause in the act which designated the retirement age of highway foremen as 65 years. He felt it was a mistake to stipulate the retirement age and said many men could well

Eleanor Lowe, art instructor at the College, whose work was much admired by the audience.

The business management of the production was handled by Dr. Frank MacKinnon whose confidence in the director, students and staff of the show was amply justified. The whole project must have been a splendid training for the students; it was certainly a real treat for the audience.

## FISCAL AGREEMENT

amining the economic situations in the Provinces and to investigate the question of Dominion subsidies to the Provinces.

He said one of the recommendations of that Commission was that each Province should have enough revenue at its command under all circumstances to carry out all phases of Government entrusted to it.

The Commission also recommended that provincial debts could be handled more advantageously by the Federal Government because it could float loans at a better rate of interest than the Provinces.

"These recommendations were never carried out by the Federal Government, they were all washed up at the 1945 conference. I believe the Federal Government was wrong at that time," he said. Among other things the Commission felt it was not wise to make grants specifically earmarked for education.

The Premier said this Province lost several hundred thousand dollars when the gross national product dipped. He said we would regain this amount when the GNP came back up again.

## RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Premier Matheson had some good news for the people who are waiting for rural electrification. After being in conversation with officials of the Electric Companies he finds that they are well enough advanced in their restoration of broken lines that they believe they can resume work on the main project which has been delayed since the steel storm.

It was estimated by the Premier that some areas would be started as early as May. "Some of these lines can be completed within a day or two-or a week at the most," he said.

He reported that the Government last year was able to erect 142 miles of electrification serving 700 customers. He noted that among those districts that were lagging behind in the program were the first three districts of the three counties. "I am glad to announce that the first part of our program for this year will be

handle the job after they had reached the three and a half score mark."  
Mr. MacKay said the retirement age was not a change in the act - it had always been there. He reminded the members that this clause provided a very convenient means for the Department to get rid of some foremen who were undesirable in their jobs and when reminded that certain maintenance or repairs should be made, often neglected to have it done. He suggested doing away with the position.

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Harold Smith (Liberal), Fourth Queens said the maintenance crew were often engaged in construction work which could well account for an increase if it were charged to maintenance.

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## ALL-TIME RECORD

that much of the anticipated additional money is non-recurring, that is, it cannot be counted on year after year.

Part of the increase in anticipated taxes also will come from an expected increase in the gross national production to a new high of around \$28,000,000,000 in 1956, forecast by Mr. Harris in his speech. The preliminary 1955 figure is about \$26,000,000,000.

As the result of the sharp rise in indicated 1956-57 corporation income taxes, that item would take over from personal income taxes as the heavy breadwinner for the treasury for the first time in three years.

**REACHES \$1.3 BILLION**  
Corporation income tax would move up to \$1,315,000,000 against \$1,265,000,000 for personal taxes - both excluding the two-percent levy for old age pensions.

In the current year, the latest estimate was for \$1,100,000,000 personal and \$1,035,000,000 corporation.

The offer has no significance in terms at the moment, with the economy on the rise but it could help the provinces in a recession.

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## Government's Borrowing Is Given Close Scrutiny By Opposition Leader R. R. Bell

Questioning on the part of Opposition Leader R.R. Bell featured second reading of two Acts for raising money on the credit of Consolidated funds which came under discussion in the Legislature yesterday.

Both bills were introduced by the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. B. Earle MacDonald who explained that the first would give the Government permission to borrow up to three million dollars for the purpose of taking care of a two and a quarter million dollar deficit and a bank overdraft which would bring the total close to the \$3,000,000 mark.

The second bill asked for permission to raise \$1,250,000 to take care of maturing debentures in 1956.

**UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT**  
Mr. Bell asked how the bills affected the indebtedness of the Government to the chartered banks of the Province which he understood was, at the 31st of December, close to five million. He termed this an unprecedented amount in the history of the Province.

The Premier answered the Opposition Leader's criticism by saying that the money received from Ottawa comes every quarter and the Ottawa grant would not be shown against the bank overdraft as of December 31. He also pointed out that in February of this year the Government was able to sell debentures amounting to \$1,700,000 which again would substantially reduce the bank overdraft which he said was \$4,800,000.

Mr. Bell asked the promoter what interest the bank was charging on their overdrafts to which Mr. MacDonald replied, 3 1/2 per cent. The Opposition Leader suggested that the Government was using bank overdrafts in preference to issuing bonds because the financial position of the Province would not permit the Island to compete on the world market.

**NOT UNUSUAL**  
The Premier reminded the Opposition leader that this was not an unusual procedure. He said that from time to time the world market is in such a condition that it would not be profitable to issue debentures. He recalled that in 1936 the Government of the Province found itself in this position.

The bank in Charlottetown which was carrying the overdraft was trying to force the Government to sell bonds when it was not to the Government's advantage the Premier maintained. The result was, according to that particular bank and ever since has been dealing almost wholly with one other bank.

He said that last Fall the Island offered bonds for sale on the New York market and a very good issue was named. In the meantime Nova Scotia and New Brunswick offered their bonds for sale with the result that the brokerage houses would not handle the Island issue.

The Premier went to New York where he interviewed one of the best known brokerage firms. He found they were comparing the Island with New Brunswick and Nova Scotia but when he was able to give them a clear picture of the productivity of this Province they became very much interested with the result Prince Edward Island was able to make a very profitable sale of its bonds to the New York firm, at a better rate than those issued by the Ontario Hydro Company.

**BENEVENTO, Italy (Reuters)** - Three children, to spite a school companion, tore off his clothes and threw them into a well, naked except for an undershirt, Luigi Minicucci, 7, froze to death in the snow around the well. Police said Sunday the three children, 13, 12 and 8, were set free under Italian law which says they are too young to be prosecuted.

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