

Halifax Will Consider Tax Problems Solution

HALIFAX, (CP)—New proposals for solution of this city's tax problems will be considered by Halifax city council later this month. Among the proposals are complete reassessment of property in the city by an independent organization which would also investigate the city's assessment department. Tax troubles were discussed Tuesday night at a meeting of aldermen with representatives of the Halifax Board of Trade, the Community Planning Association, the Halifax-Dartmouth Real Estate Board and other citizens' groups. The meeting followed an earlier proposal that rental housing be taxed at the \$3.50 residential rate rather than the \$9.95 paid by business property. The aim would be to encourage building of more rental properties in the city to relieve the housing shortage. Several recent rental projects have been built in nearby suburban communities where taxes are lower. Gordon Black of the Community Planning Association said the crux of the matter was "the inadequacy of rental housing."

Abraham Sheffman, spokesman for the Real Estate Board, said business was paying the lion's share of the tax bill and home owners would have to pay more whether there was a reassessment or not. Under the present system the residential rate is fixed at \$3.50. The business rate varies annually with the size of the civic budget. Re-assessment proposals follow charges within and outside the council of assessment inequities, especially on business properties.

HANDICRAFT COURSE AT SHERBROOKE

Members of the Sherbrooke W.I. and others attended the two week course, October 19-30, in the Sherbrooke Hall, instructed by Miss Marie Taylor, Rocky Point, and Miss Rose Marie Brown, Plusville who taught sewing and leathercraft with the W.I. Extension Service on Handicraft Van.

On October 30 their Achievement Day was held when Mrs. Maylea Manning, supervisor, and Mrs. Harold Laird, past president, P. E. I. W.I., were special guests. Visitors were also present from Southwest Lot 16, St. Eleonors and Lot 16. The members exhibited their work while modelling their dresses, blouses, skirts and other garments and also their many pairs of gloves.

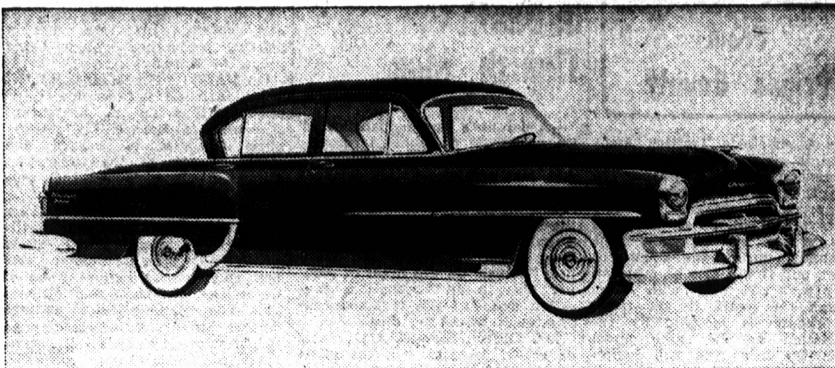
Miss Dorothy Townsend made a fitting speech and presented the two instructors with suitable gifts on behalf of the Sherbrooke class. Mrs. Laird, who was one of the delegates to the A.C.W.V. Conference in Toronto gave an interesting account of her visit to the Conference. She showed many souvenirs received from delegates from other lands and from places she visited in Ontario. The thanks of the meeting were expressed to Mrs. Laird for her attendance and talk which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Manning also spoke, expressing her pleasure with so much good work being accomplished during the course and explaining that Mrs. Laird was the person who conceived the idea of the Extension Service on Handicraft Van and through her continued efforts the Van Service became a reality.

Mrs. Manning then reorganized the Girl's Sewing Class with a membership of twelve girls.

A delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge.

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Seek To End Cannibalism In New Guinea Jungles

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea, (Reuters)—Dozens of young Australians are hacking through unexplored jungles of western New Guinea in a major drive to tame stone age cannibal tribes by the end of next spring. The hazardous campaign received fresh impetus from reports that two Australian patrolmen were cut to pieces in the last week by a savage pygmy tribe. Reasons for cannibalism in the remote tropical territory have never been clearly established. Some authorities say it is simply due to a meat shortage. Others say cannibalism is a tribal ritual unrelated to food supplies. Miss Beatrice Blackwood, a distinguished British anthropologist who spent many years with the tribesmen, is convinced that shortage of proteins among the pygmies is the main reason. Paul Hasluck, Australian minister for territories, has directed the Papua-New Guinea administration to wipe out all forms of head-hunting, cannibalism and black magic practised since ancient times in the wild western regions.

Bodies Found

Patrol officer W. J. Johnston said the first signs of cannibalism he had encountered were the gruesome sight of half-eaten bodies in campfires. He said he had found at least 20 tribes openly practising cannibalism. Tribal custom varies in each locality, he said. Some eat only their enemies and regard their own dead as sacred. The ancient belief that a man who eats the heart of a brave warrior will himself become brave still prevails among many tribes, Johnston said. After the Australian patrols blaze a path through every unexplored area, larger parties will go in to build permanent stations at strategic points. The largest expedition ever to penetrate the Teleomin district of northwestern New Guinea headed Wednesday for the scene of the two reported murders. Three white officers, 32 native police and 86 native bearers sought to determine the fate of senior patrol officer Gerald Leo Szarka, 30, and cadet officer Geoffrey Harris, 21. Tribesmen Angry Reports from Teleomin said the primitive tribesmen, who are only about five feet tall, killed Harris as he left his hut in his pajamas to accept food offerings from the native women. The tribesmen were reported angry because of the drowning of five of their members who had served as native carriers during a government canoe expedition last July. Harris and Szarka were conducting separate patrols in the dangerous area. They had planned to meet at a later date. At least five native policemen in their parties were also reported slain.

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