

# ISLAND NEWS PAGE

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## Local Cub, Scout Committee Decides Needs At 1st Meet

KENSINGTON — The first meeting of the Kensington Cub and Scout Group Committee was held recently in St. Mark's Hall.

Members of the group committee who were present were Mrs. Ruby McInnis, chairman; Earle Carrier, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Velma Blakeney, Fenner Stewart and Willie Thompson.

Leaders present were Scout Master Walter Fryatt; cub masters Albert Boyle and Stewart Darr; Bob Sharp, assistant district commissioner for training, was present to acquaint the committee and leaders in their various duties.

Fenner Stewart, camp chairman, will be on the phoning committee to get required cars for transportation to summer camps. Willie Thompson as chairman of the training committee, will be expected to inform any one interested in helping with the scouts and cubs, that leadership training courses can be provided for them.

The group committee was informed that assistant leaders are needed. There are between 45 and 50 cubs in two packs, and about 20 scouts. The group committee chairman, Mrs. McInnis, said that the committee would be pleased to hear from any one who would be willing to help these eager young boys and teenagers and their energetic leaders.

Mr. W. Larter and Roscoe Pendleton, are at the present time, unable to give their time to the project. Cub leaders and assistants are Morris Lussier, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boyle, Stewart Darr, Mrs. Hary Caseley, Ms. Austin Pendergast, Mr. and Mrs. William Walsh.

Immediate needs of the troops were discussed, especially how the committee can take some of the responsibility of the scout leader.

Hockey has been played by the scouts before meetings, each paying himself toward the rental of ice time.

## EDUCATION

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the tax base in rural areas is "insufficient to support greater expenditure on education" and that this was a problem for the government, with greater expenditures underwritten by the provincial treasury.

Dr. Dewar reviewed the report of the Royal Commission on Higher Education in which it was recommended that a university of Prince Edward Island be created, in which Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University would be federated components.

## UNIVERSITY PROBLEMS

Commenting on the suggestion, Dr. Dewar said, "when the Boards of governors meet to consider the proposal they are going to have a number of problems to iron out. Some people stand for maintaining the status quo, some say there should be a federation with separate camps, and others say there should be a federated university with a common campus."

One recommendation of the commission was that the two educational institutions should co-operate on fund raising campaigns. "I feel," said Dr. Dewar, "that there are private and industrial sources."

Dr. Dewar said the report, which will be tabled in the Legislature, will have a bearing on the higher education picture in the years ahead.

Another problem that will have to be faced, according to Dr. Dewar, is the need for expansion in the province's vocational training program. He said vocational training is an absolute necessity for young men entering the trades professions.

Dr. Dewar said the Provincial Vocational Institute near Charlottetown and the Prince County Vocational High School in Summerside were built at a cost of about \$3,200,000. He said the federal government contributed \$2,624,593 toward the capital cost of the institutions.

## SERIOUS BURDEN

Operating these schools, he said, is a serious burden and I feel the federal government will have to give further consideration to this." He said Ottawa pays a small percentage of vocational training program costs and that he recently made representation to the federal department of labor for further assistance.

"We have been told," he said, that it would cost the federal government from \$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in Canada if Ottawa were to underwrite 50 per cent of the costs of the vocational training programs in the provinces."

Dr. Dewar said there is a need for further expansion in the vocational training program. He said there are demands from West Prince for vocational training facilities and another area

# Federation Of Agriculture Brief Condemns Margarine Sale Here

The Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture presented a brief to the Legislature yesterday condemning the sale of margarine on Prince Edward Island.

The delegation was comprised of the federation's executive, led by president John A. Rodd, Milton.

There have been suggestions recently that during the current session of the Legislature a bill allowing margarine to be sold in the province, will be introduced. Prince Edward Island is the only Canadian province that prohibits its sale.

The federation takes the stand, according to its brief, that should the Legislature decide to legalize the butter substitute, it would appear in order for our dairy people to conclude that interests of farm people have now become of secondary importance to those of the consumer who on the average probably already enjoys a better standard of living than most people who perform the demanding work associated with dairy production.

## MINOR IMPORTANCE

Pointing out that while there may be some genuine arguments base on the right to freedom of choice," the federation suggests these considerations become of rather minor importance when the problems of the average consumer are compared with those of our agricultural producers.

The federation went on to say as saying we do not accept the proposition that many people are unable to buy butter due to its cost, those who have no money to buy butter certainly have no money to buy margarine.

In addition, the actual savings may very well be illusory as a pound of butter is roughly equivalent to a pound and a half of substitute which is described under food and rug regulations as a substitute for butter. It is a statement which means that, for instance, the percentage of moisture may range over a very wide area. Butter, on the other hand, has very rigid standards and the consumer has at all times the assurance of standard composition.

Margarine is made from the cheapest available oils, often imported and its manufacture involves, on a national basis, unimportant amounts of labor and capital when compared with a billion dollar industry.

## EXPORTS MUCH BUTTER

The federation said it felt it is under the necessity of pointing out that Prince Edward Island exports a large percentage of its butter production. Is it logical or reasonable to consider placing our own people on a margarine diet and then expecting others to buy our surplus product?

"We freely recognize the very substantial assistance provided by the federal authority to the dairy industry. It is consistent for us on the one hand to accept this assistance and then on the other hand initiate policies which we are convinced will lower the income of the dairy farmer?"

Pointing out that a very serious income position prevails in agriculture — 2,500, statistically low income farmers in the province and 3,000 rural workers earning less than \$2,000 a year — while the wage earner has been able to buy his food requirements with a generally smaller percentage of his earnings, the federation stated its position on margarine "as simply as possible."

This position is: "We can see no real benefits accruing from the introduction of margarine in this province. We can see a worsening for our dairy producers and, in addition, a related impairment in purchasing power generally."

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## APPROVES RAILS

The federation, on behalf of the province's potato industry, said it takes the position that when and if the proposed P.E.I.-N.B. causeway is constructed "it should include provision for rail traffic."

"While the possibility exists that at some date in the future the railway will cease to be a transportation factor, we do not appear to be close enough to that point to accept any proposal for discontinuing rail services until there can be established a guarantee of a satisfactory alternative."

Suggesting that when a causeway is completed there will be "quite marked effects on the economy and on our way of life," the federation asked "would it not appear in order to have a study directed to the possible impact of the causeway and what adjustments may be necessary? It would appear logical to be prepared, as far as possible, for it rather than merely trying to live with it."

Commenting on the forthcoming plebiscite among registered potato growers on whether or not the growers favor the continued operation of the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board as it is now constituted, the federation said "we believe that all potato growers expect a potato marketing board to provide leadership, to be active and aggressive in protecting and developing the industry, to act as its spokesman and further report to the public on its program and further to account for the rather considerable sums which present and future will produce."

only be responsible to report to the minister of agriculture, we suggest that this is hardly good enough if the growers are providing the finances.

"We realize that there is division of opinion in the industry. However, there must certainly be points of agreement. There should be no further delay in trying to get action on the less controversial problems and moving from there — keeping the industry abreast of the times in production, promotion and marketing."

Mentioning that the farmer has been a "consistent and heavy contributor in support of education through property tax," the federation claimed "little or none of this money has been used for training people to be farmers."

The federation said, however, "we are encouraged that the ministers of education and agriculture have co-operated in the setting up of a committee and make recommendations on a program of education for farming."

## CO-OPERATION POSSIBLE

"We suggest that pending the report of this committee that our legislators be encouraged to think in terms of effective government policy and the probable requirements for the allocation of quite substantial amounts of revenue in this connection. We see the possibility of co-operation in this field among the Maritime Provinces and recommend that explorations be made at the highest level."

Stating that the financing of education on a property tax presents "increasing inequalities," the federation said this should be the subject of studies by the department of education "of solutions which would tend to distribute the load more fairly."

Mentioning the system of closing high schools in the fall so that students can assist with the potato crop, the federation recommended that fall teachers' conventions take place in October and around the Thanksgiving holidays. "By this sort of arrangement," it suggested, "it should be possible partly to satisfy the needs of education and at the same time assist potato growers."

The federation recommended that further consideration be given by the department of agriculture to setting up a committee related to the supply and servicing of farm machinery. "May we suggest," the federation said, "that the prime consideration in this matter should be the position and the problems of the users of the machinery rather than those of the man that sells it."

## POULTRYMEN COMPLAIN

During the past season, according to the federation, com-

plaints were received from poultrymen that they were unable to have their poultry processed in the province. The federation backs a resolution that "a good look be taken into the possibility of having fowl processed and canned in the factories of this province rather than canning the product of our competitors from other provinces."

A need for study of land use was pointed out by the federation. It was stated "the impact of the causeway, the interest of outsiders in acquiring real estate, the policies of processing plants with respect to land together with government responsibilities in providing services, all point to the need of at least some thoughtful consideration on the score of what the future may hold."

Other recommendations were: Some special consideration be given for dairy industry trucks in the matter of weight restrictions on provincial highways; Investigation be made into the year to year variations in the price of baler twine;

That a comprehensive cattle survey be started immediately "in an effort to have a sound and effective cattle production program established at the earliest possible time."

Unemployment insurance for farm workers on the same basis as in other industries; A continuing study of the proposal to establish ferry service between West Point and New Brunswick, "with a view to determining its possibilities and advantages."

## LONG-TERM CHANGES

In conclusion, the federation suggested that "important changes which must take place are of a long-term nature and involve planning for the future. The most important ones are education for farming, re-organization of farms on the basis of size and capitalization, much greater emphasis on management and recognition by government that farm organizations are not in competition with it and have a part to play in bringing about changes in public policy and the right to be involved."

"To summarize, we feel the need of more working together not only by farm organizations but also with other groups and different departments of government."

In addition to Mr. Rodd, other executive members of the federation are first vice-president, Dan MacPherson, Oyster Bed Bridge; second vice-president, Eric Hamill, Newton; past president, Smith MacFarlane, Harrington; secretary, J.L. Dewar, New Perth and Albert Linkletter, Linkletter Road; J. E. Mellich, Summerside; Shirley Sutherland, St. Peter's; Knud Jorgensen, Fredericton, and Mrs. Clarence Marchbank, Summerside.

# Surplus Centennial Funds Designated For Future Use

KENSINGTON — The board governing competition, the jamboree and street dance, the barber shop quartette, the Centennial ball and the Centennial Chorale, were believed by the local centennial committee, to be among the most successful events of the Kensington Rural Jubilee '64.

The committee held a final meeting at the home of the chairman, Boyd Beairto, Friday evening.

A committee of four, Boyd Beairto, Morris Caseley, E.C. Moore and Willard Stewart, was selected to draw up plans for the guidance of future committees for future events.

The chairman asked for ideas for using to the best advantage a surplus on hand after all bills were paid, and a number of suggestions were made by members of the committee.

Following a suggestion by the chairman that ideas from others would also be acceptable, Rev. L.M. Murray moved that the guidance committee receive for consideration, suggestions from the general public for the best use of the balance of the centennial funds up to \$1,000.

This motion was seconded and passed and it was announced that any of the members of the committee will be pleased to receive suggestions.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the chairman expressed appreciation to Ray Smith, who he said was called upon many times during the past year. He expressed regret that Mr. Smith is leaving Kensington, and hoped that he would return, at least to visit. A gift was presented by E.C. Moore. Mr. Murray added a word of appreciation.

In thanking the members of the committee for their gift, Mr. Smith said a gift was not necessary for him to recall pleasant memories of Kensington. He commended the chairman for the wonderful amount of personal effort he had put into the centennial project.

## 'Abbie' Maintains Good Crossings

The MV Abegweit had no difficulty with ice in Northumberland Strait yesterday. The CNR despatcher reported six round trip crossings, with each crossing a little under the hour mark.

The Borden train was 15 minutes late last night due to a short delay in loading at the

asking for facilities in Kings County. The whole problem," he said, is one we will have to consider in greater detail."

The province's secondary school program, according to Dr. Dewar, has been meeting with "marvellous success. He said there are now 4,339 students attending regional high schools. The number attending," he said, has grown by about 1,000 since 1960 and most of the province is now covered by regional high school facilities."

## MORE STUDENTS

Dr. Dewar said that since 1940, the number of pupils in all schools in the province showed a phenomenal increase." He said in 1940 there were 18,000 pupils in school; in 1950 there were 18,000; in 1965 there were 20,000 and in 1964 there were 27,000. No wonder the cost of education is up," he said.

He said the increase has a bearing on the teacher increase. In 1958, he said, there were 979 teachers in the province, while today there are 1,119. The upgrading of qualifications among our teachers is still more remarkable," he said. Dr. Dewar, as an example, said that in 1959 there were 99 teachers with superior licenses; in 1964 there were 379, an increase of about 300 per cent.

All this, he said, takes extra expenditure. In the last five years, the total expenditure for education increased by 200 per cent; salaries from the government increased by 150 per cent; expenditures by districts are up 66 per cent, and expenditure by government is up 300 per cent.

Agricultural education is a great problem in the province, the minister said. He said very few young rural people consider agricultural subjects as a necessary part of education.

## RURAL INCOME NEEDS

One reason for this," he said, is that it is felt there are greater economic returns in other fields. I think that this is over-creating rural income. I think that through education and production increased by 200 per cent; salaries from the government increased by 150 per cent; expenditures by districts are up 66 per cent, and expenditure by government is up 300 per cent.

In one part of his speech, Dr. Dewar reviewed a portion of the province's Centennial Year celebrations. Commenting on criticism here and in other parts of Canada of the Confederation Memorial Building in Charlottetown, he said this is a national memorial and was considered so by the Prime Minister when he was here last year. I feel that Canada, as a great country, should underwrite to a great extent the cost of the upkeep of the building."

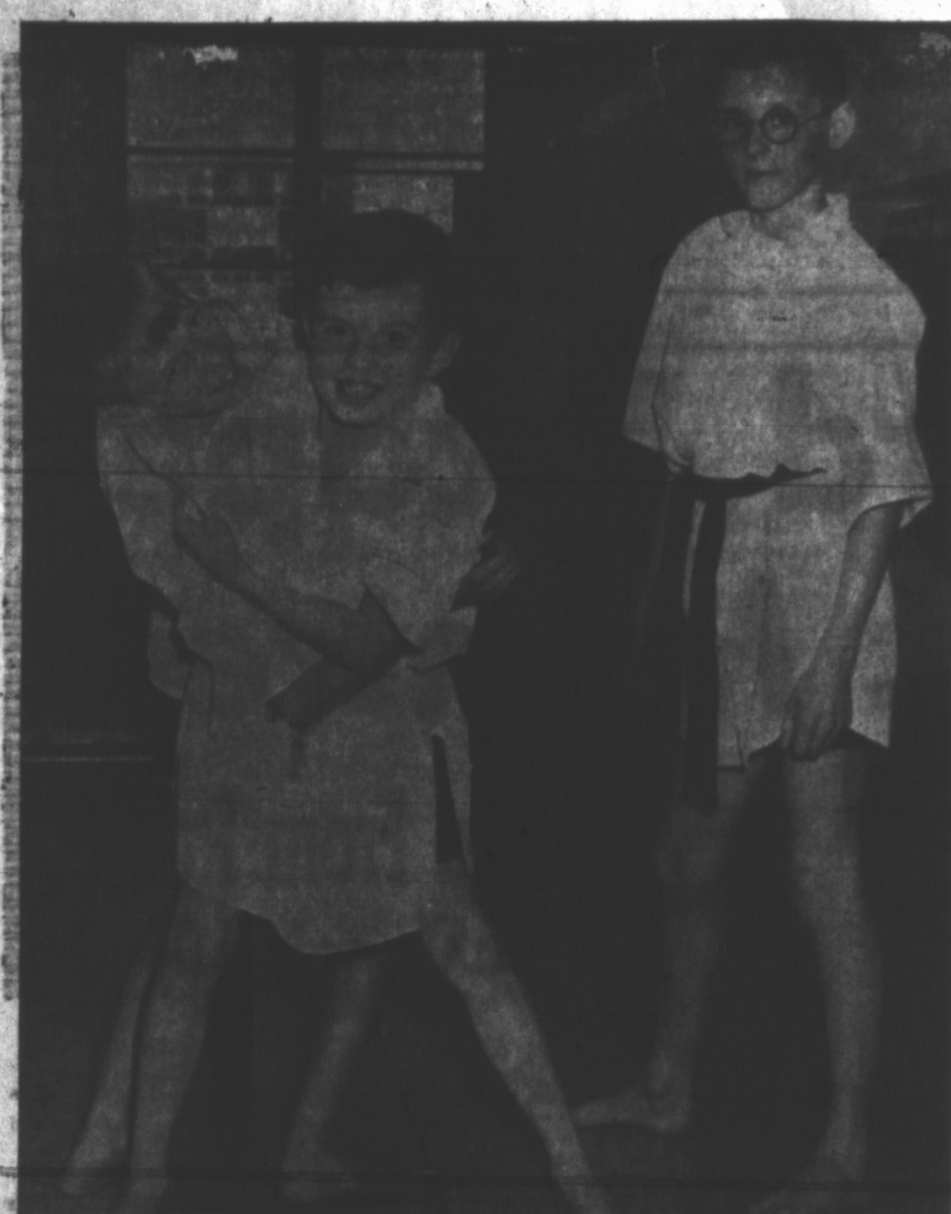
Dr. Dewar also suggested that Robert Grindlay (PC-2nd Prince) be nominated post laureate of Prince Edward Island. Dr. Dewar read one of Mr. Grindlay's poems which was published in a Centennial publication.

## ISLAND MAN-MADE

Seven miles off the Louisiana coast is a half-mile long island made of steel which serves as a base for sulphur mining operations beneath the seabed.

# Is it that nagging backache again?

If it's backache that's bothering you, it could be due to primary irritation and bladder discomfort. Dr. Dewar's Pills stimulate the kidneys to help relieve the condition causing the backache. The pills feel better and rest better. You can depend on Dr. Dewar's Pills.



## JUDO JACKS REHEARSE FOR VARIETY

Judo jacks, trained by the physical instructor of the school, Robert Mills, are pictured above showing their ability to one of their number. The picture was made

at the rehearsal for the Montague Elementary variety show held yesterday afternoon. The Montague Home and School has already sponsored a show previous to Christmas and

intends to hold four such shows. A feature of the shows is that every student takes part in some aspect of the display. Left to right are Kenny Bryant, Barry Hanwell and Hal McFerron.

# Fortune Cove Youth Sentenced 30 Days

SUMMERSIDE — A 16-year-old Fortune Cove youth, Clarence Perry, pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald in Prince County Court yesterday to a charge of unlawfully taking a vehicle without first obtaining the owner's permission and was sentenced to 30 days in Prince County Jail.

Ivan Joseph Arsenault, of Summerside pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance in or near a public place and was fined \$35 and costs or one month in jail. He was also ordered to enter into a recognizance bond of \$200 for six months under the following conditions: Keep the peace; stay away from the Kensington Legion; and appear for sentence when told to do so.

The case of George Michael Charles Kinch of Summerside who pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance in or near a public place by fighting, was adjourned to Thursday, March 4.

Alex MacLean, also of Summerside, pleaded not guilty to a similar charge and his case was also adjourned to March 4.

## REPAIRED DRIVING

A MacNells Mills man, James Wilfred Phillips, entered a not guilty plea to a charge of impaired driving and his case was adjourned for trial to March 16.

Joseph Victor Donnette, of North Bedouque pleaded guilty to stealing two gallons of gas and 20 quarts of oil valued at less than \$50 from Francis MacKay of New Annan and the case was adjourned to March 9th for sentence.

## FAST GROWING

Washington is the fastest-growing metropolis among the U.S.'s top 15, and now has an area population of 2,600,000.

## STUDENTS TOUR WOOLEN MILLS

Students from the Provincial Mills yesterday. The tour was explained the methods used in

## 14 Scouts Pass First Aid Tests

KENSINGTON — Fourteen boys of the 1st Kensington Scout Troop, passed the Junior Red Cross First Aid Course recently after practicing for five weeks in St. Mark's Church Hall.

They are: Allan Harding, Don Boyle, Brian Greenan, Allan Pendergast, Errol Tuppin, Jordan Walsh, Donald Evans, Lowell Evans, Garry Campbell, David McInnis, Donald Brander, Donald Thompson, Clifford Caseley, Leslie Hunter.

The course was conducted by Bob Shairp, assistant district commissioner for training.

Exams were also conducted by Mr. Shairp, with Scout Master Walter Fryatt, who is a qualified St. John Ambulance instructor, assisting.

## P.E.I. Liquor Laws Get Pat

OTTAWA — Secretary of State Maurice Lamontagne gave Prince Edward Island a pat on the back Monday on, for all things, the liberality of its liquor laws.

He said the province, which only last year lifted its ban on cocktail lounges and bars, set a good example for the federal government by allowing the sale of liquor in the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Centre in Charlottetown.

Mr. Lamontagne had been asked whether the \$18 million Canadian Centre to the Performing Arts to be built here will have bar facilities.

He replied: "the federal government has not yet given its approval for bars in the Ottawa centre, but I certainly hope it will. Prince Edward Island has set a good precedent by allowing the sale of liquor in its arts centre."

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