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—**CARD PARTY** in Margate School, Friday evening.

—**DOUBLE HEADER,** Borden rink tonight. Seven Mile Bay Bloodhounds vs. Legionaires; Youth Club vs. Cape Traverse Junior Rovers. First game 7:15. Admission 25c.

—**ENGAGEMENT.**—Mr. and Mrs. Michael DesRoche of Tignish, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dora of New York City to Ernest Arsenault of Toronto, Ontario, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amelie Arsenault also of Tignish. Marriage to take place in the near future.

—**SPOON COMPETITION**—The spoon competition held by the ladies of the Summerside Curling Club, in play since Christmas, was completed last week with the following results: Winners: Mrs. Wm. Morrison (skip), Mrs. T. A Campbell, Mrs. W. E. Smallman Mrs. Arthur Clark. Runners-up Mrs. Elmer Offer (skip), Mrs. Dick Henthorn, Mrs. Eric MacKay, Mrs. Ed Smith. Seven ladies' teams are now in play at Summerside for the Cecilia B. Campbell Trophy.—S.

Personals

—LAC. Linus Noonan left by plane for Trenton, Ont. R.C.A.F station, after visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S Noonan, Albany

S'side Rotarians Hear Review On Fur Farming

"Fur farming in this country and throughout the world' was reviewed by Rotarian Lowell Hancock speaking to the noon luncheon of the Summerside Rotary Club yesterday.

He expressed the opinion that fox furs would again become popular through the use of modernized names that are being introduced into the trade in describing the various type of fur. He showed color photos of fur coats and capes which highlighted the recent fur show held in New York City.

Guests at the meeting included Rotarians Austin A. Scales of Charlottetown, and Alfred T. Parks, Maritime manager of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and executive secretary of the Maritime Board of Trade. Non-Rotarian guests were Gabriel Chaisson of Summerside, and Owen Lockyer of Charlottetown

The meeting was presided over by the president, Rotarian T. Earle Hickey.

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Alberton Regals Defeat Lennox Island 10-8

The Alberton Regals defeated the Lennox Island Micmacs 10-8 at Alberton rink last night in a rugged, free-scoring West Prince Hockey League game.

The home team got off to a fast start, scoring four goals to the Micmacs' two in the opener. The second period ended 6-3 for Alberton. The final session was wide open with both teams playing fast and furious hockey, the Micmacs outscoring the Regals five goals to four.

M. Sark starred for the Indians with four tallies. The line of Richard, LeClair and McCrae was particularly effective for the Regals.

Micmacs: Goal, M. Bernard; defence, A. Callow, Ray Sark, Peter Paul; forwards, M. Sark, Ray Lewis, D. Feehan, F. Scully, L. Peters, R. Peters, L. Maloney, S. Lobobe.

Regals: Goal, F. Millman; defence, W. Hardy, T. Barbour, C. Bernard; forwards, E. Gavin, G. Matthews, R. Pridham, C. Richard, K. McCrae, M. LeClair, R. Fraser, M. Kinch.

First Period

1—Regals, G. Matthews, (W. Hardy) 2.15
2—Micmacs, A. Callow 8.50
3—Regals, A. Richard, (McCrae, C. Bernard) 9.45
4—Regals, G. Matthews, (E. Gavin) 10.40
5—Micmacs, L. Peters, (R. Peters) 15.10
6—Regals, E. Gavin 19.20
Penalty: P. Paul.

Second Period

7—Micmacs, M. Sark 10.10
8—Regals, A. Richard, (McCrae, LeCalir) 14.30
9—Regals, Gavin, M. Kinch) 19.10
Penalties: A. Callow, C. Bernard.

Third Period

10—Micmacs, M. Sark, (L. Maloney) 2.10
11—Micmacs, M. Sark, (R. Lewis) 4.13
12—Regals, LeClair, (Richard) 5.40
13—Micmacs, F. Scully 13.10
14—Regals, R.Fraser, ... 14.50
15—Regals, LeClair 15.20
16—Regals, R. Fraser, (M. Kinch) 17.20
17—Micmacs, Scully 17.55
18—Micmacs, M. Sark, (Lobobe)
Penalties: W. Hardy, R. Peters,

—**HOCKEY** Bedeque rink Wednesday, January 27th, R.C.A.F. Flyers vs. Summerside Aces. Admission 35 cents.

—**SOUTH SHORE** Musical Festival meeting, Wednesday, February 3, Tryon Consolidated Scohol. Institutes please see that representatives attend.

U.S. Rejects

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China talks Molotov proposed could not have been clearer: "I would like to state here plainly and unequivocally that the Soviet foreign minister already knows—that the United States will not agree to join in a five-power conference with the Chinese Communist aggressors for the purpose of dealing generally with the peace of the world."

Dulles' surprise acceptance of Molotov's agenda does not imply agreement on the points it contains—it is solely a procedural basis upon which to get the talks started. Nor does it mean the Western powers will agree to any move to make agreement on one item a condition to moving on to the next.

Dulles said Molotov's statement Monday was a matter of "profound disappointment." The United States is willing to deal with "and dispose of" the China talks point, Dulles said, but he gave this warning:

"The United States rejects the Soviet concept that any of the so-called five great powers has a right to rule the world and to determine the destinies of other nations."

He continued: "Mr. Molotov has proposed an agenda. It is not the agenda that we would propose but it is an agenda which we will take for the sake of getting down to work.

Important Thing

"The important thing is that we quickly show a capacity to discharge our responsibilities towards others and not waste our time in recriminations amongst ourselves."

Dulles said it was "saddening" that Molotov had seized on the opening of the new conference to accumulate and repeat the old false charges and recriminations so often heard from Soviet rulers.

"The future will never be a future of peace unless it reflects new ideas and new vision," Dulles said.

Molotov professed to fear that the European Defence Community would be dominated by German militarism, but this was precisely what it was designed to prevent, Dulles contended.

It was a program accepted willingly by the Germans themselves. "The German people are eager, as are the people of France, to find a way to end for ever the hideous spectacle of the European nations fighting each other," Dulles said.

No Substitute

Russia had proposed no substitute for EDC except a return to the obsolete, bankrupt system of Versailles and other so-called "peace" treaties which had bred only war, Dulles said "Surely Statesmanship can do better than to recreate the world's worst fire hazard . . . "

Commenting on Molotov's plea to accept Communist China as one of the Big Five, Dulles said this "offspring of Soviet communism' was condemned by the United Nations for flagrant agression in Korea and was "actively promoting agression" against French Indo-China.'

Though six months had passed since Communist China had agreed to hold a Korean political conference, it had "constantly found excuses and placed obstructions in the way," he added.

The sooner the four ministers could get to the German question the better, Dulles said. "Germany is a matter which primarily concerns us here." The Austrian treaty problem, he said, should be quickly disposed of, although "we would have preferred to deal with it earlier."

Dulles concluded his 20-minute address with this plea: "Let us get on with our work. Let us truly discharge that responsibility on which the hopes of millions centre."

Both Eden and Bidault backed Dulles' stand in brief following remarks. They stressed that the Molotov agenda was not what they wanted but that they would accept it in order to get the conference moving.

Molotov made no comment on the West's surprise acceptance of his talks.

He denied Dulles' charges that Russia is attempting to provoke Franco-German discord.

He then issued his resolution asking the conference to approve the China talks proposal. Molotov will open his formal argument on it at today's session.

Tuesday's session opened quietly in the ornate allied control authority building.

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S'side Board Of Trade Annual Meeting Last Night

Mr. William Hayward, manager of the Summerside branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia was elected last night as president of the Summerside Board of Trade at the 54th annual meeting held at Howard's Restaurant. Mr. Hayward succeeds Mr. Alan Holman, who presided last night.

Seated at the headtable were Mr. T. J. Ling of the Kensington Board, which was formed Monday night; Dr. Hillard Clark, representing the Town of Summerside; Mr. A. T. Parkes, Maritime manager of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce M,oncton, who was the guest speaker; Group Capt. A. G Kenyon, commanding officer R. C. A.F. Station, Summerside, and Mr. Hayward.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, John Mungall; secretary, Harold R. Rodd; auditors Jud Logan and Norman Hogg; council members, John S. Wright, Ross MacKenzie, R.S. Hinton, Fred Bingham, Vaughan Groom, H. T Holman, Edgar Cannon, A.S. Hopkins, Dan Chan, Charles Linkletter, F. Arnett and Earle Hickey.

Before submitting his report on the year's activities, Mr. Alan Holman recalled that during the year the Board of Trade had lost by death a prominent citizen and active member in the person of Donald Baker. Mr. Holman said that in the loss of Mr. Baker the Board had lost one of the most active members and the town one of its most influential citizens. However, he would be missed most by his family.

Reviews Aims

Mr. A. T. Parkes, the guest speaker, who is Maritime manager of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and executive secretary of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade, in his address dealt with the work and aims of the Maritime Board of Trade, particularly in reference to assisting local Boards of Trade to establish and foster industries in their own provinces.

He spoke of the four-province meeting held in September at Moncton at which three Maritime Premiers and a Newfoundland cabinet minister had met to discuss co-operation on mutual problems.

At this meeting, he said, a variety of subjects ranging from uniform standards of traffic regulations, improved standards of education and joint tourist program had been under discussion, out of which had come a 12-man commission to investigate the economic position of the four provinces.

Mr. Parkes reviewed the industrial activity in the Maritime Provinces. In New Brunswick he said, there is at present a great boom due to the finding of iron ore deposits near Bathurst, and there was also a record housing boom in Moncton. He spoke of big industrial expansion in the province of Newfoundland and of the industries which have been financed by the government there. He told of the methods used by the Moncton Board to induce industries to locate there. Booklets had been printed, he said, containing the

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results of an industrial survey, and these had been sent to other boards of trade througout Canada and the U.S.A. When it became known that any large industrial firm was contemplating industrial expansion this booklet, along with a direct invitation, had been sent to these firms inviting them to investigate the advisability of locating in Moncton. As a result of such a program he cited the fact that many large corporations now are operating there, firms such as General Motors, Chrysler Corporation, Massey Harris, John Deere Co., and others.

He concluded by saying, however, that it was not important that while using best efforts to induce industries to settle in a locality it is in the best interests of the community to first look after the local industries the town already has for such industries have been the backbone of the town and the community.

In taking over his office as president, Mr. Hayward expressed his thanks to the past president for the work accomplished during the past year. He said that he felt the Board was faced with a busy year in 1954 and asked for the full support of all the members and for larger attendance at the regular monthly meetings.

The full co-operation of all is needed, he said, to have a successful Board of Trade, and a successful Board can be of great service to the community.

Others who gave short and appropriate addresses were Mr. Ling, president of the Kensington Board, Dr. H. E. Clark of the Summerside Town Council, and Group Captain A. G. Kenyon.

Mr. Lowell Hussels presided at the piano for an enjoyable singsong led by past president A. S. Hopkins. Cigars were supplied through the courtesy of the M. F Schurman Co. Ltd., and cigarettes by Mr. Vaughan Groom of the Garden of the Gulf Cabins.

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Farm Activities Reviewed At Board Of Trade Meeting

The following report was submitted to the Summerside Board of Trade last night by Mr. T. J. Inman, chairman of the Board's agricultural committee:

"We have reached another milestone in the activities of our Board of Trade, and are pleased to report the continuance of a large agricultural trade in this centre, through the old established firms, with some new establishments and improved shipping facilities being added.

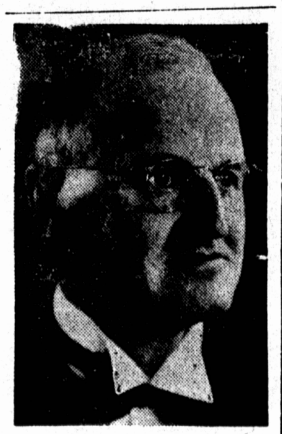
"The large fertilizer mixing plant have recently imported four large steamer loads of raw fertilizer amounting to 10,250 tons to be in readiness for next season's operations. Considerable dredging was done around Holman's wharf and nine large steamers were loaded there this past fall, taking away some 188,248 sacks of potatoes. When the Marine Wharf and frost-proof warehouse are completed shipping facilities will be very much improved for the handling of potatoes, and no doubt much larger quantities will then be shipped.

"The Jenkins Bros. continue to operate their large cannery and cold storage plant handling large quantities of poultry, also Burns and Campbell in nearby Bedeque have opened an up to date killing plant and handle large quantities of poultry.

Other Large Dairies

"Along with the Ideal and Perfection and Olympia Dairies another large dairy has been constructed, The Amalgamated Dairies'; this organization involved the consolidation of six former rural dairy concerns, namely: Tryon, Dunk River and Kensington Creameries with Grand River, Tyne Valley and Egmont Bay Cheese Factories, and is equipped to manufacture cheese, butter and ice cream, with space to install equipment for the manufacture of powdered milk should the market warrant it.

"Even with all these improved facilities for handling our farm products, if our export market prices are low both urban and rural citizens feel the loss. The farmer especially is caught in the squeeze between the high cost of production and the low return that he receives for his products; as labor, machinery, fertilizer, insurance, paint and hardware along



Mr. T. J. Inman

with many other farm requirements all remain at high prices.

Production Increased

"With the exception of a decrease of 2000 hogs most all other farm products were increased; we had 3000 more milk cattle this past year and 10,000 more acres of grain, and 3000 more acres of potatoes. There was a slight increase in sheep and lambs; the price of wool was up a little but lambs dropped from 46c to 39c per rail grade A lb

"According to the Bureau of Statistics, on a percentage basis Prince Edward Island was the hardest hit of any Province in the Dominion: where for a 9 months period in 1952 the farm cash income was $20,918,000, and in the same period in 1953 it was only $15,933,000, a difference of nearly 25% less.

"Possibly some of the urban population might consider with the lower cost of meats and vegetables that this should be a benefit to their town; but in this Province where agriculture is the main industry it is only a matter of a short time until the reaction of low farm returns is felt by all the business houses of the city.

Mutually Dependent

"In this town of Summerside most all the places of business are connected in some way or another, either directly or indirectly with agriculture, therefore the prosperity of the country means prosperity for the town, and vice verse.

"The Board of Trade of Summerside do not pretend to take the full credit for all those new and improved shipping facilities; however it has always been our endeavour to draw the attention of the powers that be to the future requirements of our ever increasing business; right now we along with the co-operation of several live stock shippers are trying to have Summerside made a port of call for some of the steamers that are running regularly to Newfoundland.

"In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the Agricultural Committee and all the members of the Board for their sympathetic co-operation in all business pertaining to our work."

Respectfully submitted,
T. J. INMAN
Chairman Agricultural Committee.

TONIGHT
CRAPAUD RINK
Cape Traverse Rovers
vs.
Parkdale Bombers
League game
8:30 sharp
Skate after

S'side Trinity Y. P. U. Meeting

—The regular weekly meeting of Trinity Y. P. U. was held last evening in Epworth Hall with a good attendance of members. In the business period with the president, Evelyn Underhay, conducting, it was announced that both plays are being rehearsed and preparations made for their presentation. A committee of Dorothy Moase, Shirley Wallace and Mary MacLure was appointed to make arrangements for the church fireside service to be held in conjunction with other town church groups in Epworth Hall on Sunday evening, February 7th.

Arrangements were also made for the presentation of a radio program by the group next week. The president read a letter from the clerk of Trinity Session, Mr. Wallace Bradshaw, in appreciation of the Christmas decoration of the church by the Y.P.U. group.

On invitation of Leila Townsend the group is planning a sleigh ride and social evening at her home on Friday night.

Rev. C. D. Matheson conducted a Bible study based on the four gospels tracing Jesus' life as rested by them. A few innings of Bible baseball was played, conducted by Ernest Murphy. The worship period was led by Dorothy Moase, assisted by Phyllis Boss and Shirley Wallis, on the theme "Being A Christian."

Following a game of twenty questions led by Mary MacGougan, lunch was served in the kitchen.—S.

S'side Mayor,

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wards will be open on election day, Tuesday, February 2nd, to record the wishes of the electors on whether the Water and Sewerage Commission is to be continued or whether its duties should be taken over by the Town Council.

For Mayor Wedge, who returned from hospital in Charlottetown last evening where he had been a patient since an accident in which he suffered severe facial injuries on January 10th, it will be the beginning of his 17th year in civic office, having served 12 years (4 elections and 2 acclamations) as a councillor, before winning an election to the office of mayor which he retained unopposed two years ago, and again yesterday.

During his past four years as mayor, great progress has been accomplished in civic improvement and expansion. Among the more notable civic accomplishments with which Mayor Wedge has been associated during that time, include the building of the beautiful Queen Elizabeth Park; providing financial assistance to the directors to encourage the construction of the new Summerside Raceway Stadium; construction of 4 miles of concrete pavement on Duke, Notre Dame, Schurmar., Beatty, Summer St. North, North Market, South Market, Upper Granville. Green, Arcona, and East Streets, the building of approximately 50 miles of rural electric light lines; the extension of water and sewerage, making these facilities available to everyone in Summerside; having enabling legislation passed by the Provincial Government to permit holding of a plebiscite to determine whether the electors wish the Water and Sewerage Commission to be administered as part of the duties or council, or as at present, by a commission; communication and co-operation with the Island Telephone Company in removing the telephone lines and wires from the business section of Water Street; the purchase of a new general purpose diesel machine capable of being used as a snow plow, shovel, or bulldozer.

Also during his time as mayor, a substantial town grant was made toward the building of a new hospital; and land was provided on which the new federal building was constructed.

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POSTAL CENTENARY

NEW DELHI, (CP)—The Indian postal department will celebrate its philatelic centenary here next October. Postal administrations and philatelists, and stamp dealers all over the world, are being invited to join in the international philatelic and postal exhibition being organized on the occasion.

Retiring President Reviews S'side Trade Bd. Activities

Following is the text of the address delivered by retiring President, Alan Holman at the annual banquet meeting last night of the Summerside Board of Trade:

"Once again we come to the end of another year's activities of the Summerside Board of Trade, and once again it becomes the job of the outgoing president to review, briefly we all hope, the activities of the past year, to give praise to those committees that have progressed well, to mention all the additions and improvements which have taken place in the Town of Summerside, and Prince County, most of which were done with no assistance from our Board, but to which we can point with pride, to mourn our losses and welcome our new-comers.

"During the last year Summerside has lost through death, many outstanding citizens, including Mr. Donald Baker, a former president of this Board and an outstanding community worker. His death has been a great loss to this Board, this community and to his family and fellow workers. We have welcomed to Summerside many new citizens, some temporary, while in Her Majesty's Services, and certainly some who, we hope, will make our community their permanent home. To these we say welcome, and I know that, I speak for all of our members, when I say that we all offer you every assistance possible in making your stay here, whether permanent or temporary, as pleasant as possible.

Change In Method

"Our Board, this last year, started out with a changed method of operation. It had been planned to have the Council of the Board take a more active part in the activities of the Board by having regular meetings and doing most of the planning and action on behalf of the Board as a whole, with the approval of the Board at the regular meetings. It was also planned to hold a supper meeting every three months, to report to the Board on the activities, and to invite to the meetings, some interesting speaker to help keep up the interest of our citizens in the work. I regret to day that, although this program started out with a bang at the first of the year, interest rapidly dwindled, and the program was not a success. We had one supper meeting in the spring, addressed by Mr. Watson Jamer, Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee of the Maritime Board of Trade, which was rather disappointing in attendance. I do not recall any other.

"We started out with regular Council meetings in the Spring, but, during the Summer, these dwindled out, and this Fall, to my knowledge, only one was held. Now, Gentlemen, this is due to a number of different circumstances, the absence of our Secretary, during the summer months had some bearing on it, but it is primarily due to the fact that your President did not give Board of Trade matters a high enough priority in his list of activities. I certainly should and will shoulder the most of the blame

Active Committees

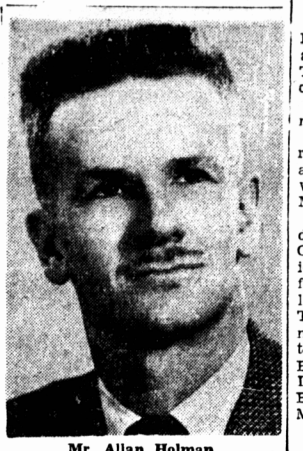
"Because our Board, as a whole was dormant, does not mean that we were entirely inactive. Luckily for us, we had a number of Committe chairmen, who were agressive, not afraid of work and who had the good of the Community in their minds and in their activities. The Tourist Committee was, as always very active. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Ross MacKenzie, a drive was made very early in the year to get the roads properly repaired before, not after, the tourist season started. They met with, at least some success. The Tourist Bureau was again operated, and, although we lost the operator who had run this Bureau since its first opening a most successful years service to the travelling public was given.

"A keen interest was taken in the Trans-Canada and Borden Highways, and numerous representations were made to the Department of Public Works about the different locations and turns on these roads. If 100% success was not attained, it was not through any lack of aggressive interested action by this Committee To Mr. MacKenzie and the members of this committee, I voice the thanks of our Board.

"Another active committee this past year was the Civic Affairs Committee chairmaned, very ably, by Mr. Jock Mungall. Again it was a matter of a great deal of labour, and a great deal of time used by individual members of this committee on a project for the good of the town, and again, although we still cannot see any concrete action, the groundwork has been laid for action on the part of the Town Council. I speak of the parking problem that is confronting this town. Mr. Mungall and Mr. Hayward worked tirelessly on this project, which will eventually bring forth action. These two committees were the most active in the Board for two reasons, first, because of the problems that confronted them, and second, because of the chairmanship and membership of the committees themselves.

Changes At Airport

"Summerside has had many changes in the past year. The changes at the Airport have been about the greatest, and one which our citizens have watched with much interest. We regret seeing the Navigational School leave. Many families who have been here for a number of years have left our community. We welcome the members of the Units who have arrived to take their place, the No. 2 Maritime Operational Training School and, of course it is even more interesting to have the navy with us in the 31st. Support Air Group Royal Canadian Navy.



Mr. Allan Holman

This year Summerside sporting circles and Summerside Youth and all the citizens of the town and Prince County have received a double benefit in The Summerside Raceways and the Raceways Stadium. Both of these units were erected through the private initiative and far-sightedness of five outstanding men: — Mr. Harold Gaudet, Mr. J. K. Curran, Mr. Sam Hewitt, Mr. Andrew Perry and Mr. Gerald Sheen. These men are not afraid to risk capital in Summerside and they deserve all the support that we, as a Board, can give them. Our pier is gradually taking shape.

"It is regrettable that it could not have been used this Fall for shipping produce, but it is better to have the work done on this pier now, so that, in the future, we will have a shipping point that will be permanent, and one which will not be a source of worry and a bottle neck for traffic. I have now 'praised' those that deserve praise, have 'pointed with pride' at our accomplishments, and it is now time to 'view with alarm' those conditions which to my mind are alarming.

Produce Prices

"The drop in produce prices should be a very grave concern to all the members of this Board. Reduced farm income will adversely effect practically every member of this Board, as the economy of this province depends on the farmer. When we consider that in many areas of the world, there is a severe shortage of food, which in some places amount to famine conditions, while in our country there is an over abundance, one wonders why our food cannot be transported to those countries.

"I would suggest that this Board work on this problem by urging our Provincial and Federal Governments to study more fully the distribution and exchange question with the idea of having this condition corrected. While speaking about produce prices and the farmer, I would also like to say that I believe that this Board can continue to do a lot to foster a better feeling between the Town and the Farm. It certainly cannot do so by talking about 'Daylight Saving.' It can do so by helping to make Summerside a better place for the farmer to visit, by trying to understand 'his problems, as well as 'the Town' problems, and by more actively working to help him dispose of what he produces at a reasonable profit to himself I say that with the firm conviction that the future prosperity of this community depends on the Farmer.

"I look with alarm on the discontinuance of the regular bus service between the Airport and Summerside. By the time that this speech is given, this condition might have been rectified, but, if it is not, this Board should take immediate steps to try and have some type of service re-instated. Why? Because, as a trading centre, it is of vital importance to this town to have good communications with a centre, such as Slemon Park where no regular stores are available for the convenience of the residents

Importance of Trade

"At this time, it should be pointed out that Summerside is a trading centre. There are no industries in the town, of sufficient size, to support the community as a whole, and, without our trade, this community would quickly shrivel and die. As a retailer, I believe that some effort should be made by the governing body of the town to make this community a better place for our 'out of town' shoppers, and, when I mean a better place, I mean a more convenient place, with better traffic facilities, parking facilities and better police supervision.

"Some of the larger stores have been in the fortunate position of being able to supply parking facilities, but these are badly overcrowded. Our front street is narrow and congested. We do have bad traffic jams, and in busy times motorists do have to park at considerable distance from our shopping area. Our retailers go to considerable expense to advertise in order to bring people into the town and into the stores. This advertising benefits all businesses in the town. Our retailers, whether we like to admit it or not, belong in the group that gives the town the largest proportion of its revenue, and it is time that some of this revenue is re-invested into the town in the form of future revenue-producing works to help this community as a trading centre.

"I wish to thank all the members of the Board for their help and support during the last year. I am sorry that I have not accomplished more. On behalf of the incoming president, Mr. Hayward, I ask the support of the Board for the coming year, and I do hope that the attendance will improve over that of this past term.

"From now on, as a member of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, I will take much interest in trying to smooth out some of the contenticous questions which sometimes arise between our two communities, and, if, at times, I will be unable to see Summerside's side of the question, I hope that you will forgive me."

P.E.I. Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Prince Edward Island Mutal Fire Insurance Company was held at the Town Hall in Summerside on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

The president, Mr. Chessel Annear of Lower Montague presided.

The financial statement, auditor's report and director's report which appear in this issue elsewhere were presented by the manager, Mr. T. Leland Linkletter.

The following is a list of the directors of the company in 1954. Oscar Johnstone, Long River, President; Walter MacKenzie, Springfield, Vice-President; T. L. Linkletter, Summerside, Secretary - Treasurer; John MacIntosh, Tignish; James MacKay, Charlottetown R. R. 6; Gregor MacCallum, Brackley Beach; Albert Linkletter, Linkletter Road; T. J. Inman, Bedeque; Chessel Annear, Lower Montague.

Alberton And Vicinity

Mrs. G. J. Johnston, Alberton, is visiting friends in Charlottetown this week.

Mr. H. W. Matthews returned to his home in Alberton on Monday following treatment at the P. E. Island Hospital, Charlottetown.

Annual Meeting Of St. Mary's Church

—The annual meeting of St. Mary's Anglican Church was held on Monday evening in St. Mary's Hall with a good attendance. Ven. Archdeacon Harrison presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Ven. Archdeacon Harrison thanked the officers and congregation for the splendid support given him in the last year. The financial report was read by R. T. Henthorn and showed the church to be in a healthy financial condition, It was the most substantial that the church had in its history and great credit was given to Mr. W. E. Henthorn, the vestry clerk.

The warden's report was read by Mr. James Connell and reviewed the work that had been done in 1953. The installation of the oil burners in both the church and the rectory had been completed during the year, he said. He also reported that a concrete sidewalk from the vestry to the sidewalk had been laid down.

The W. A. report was read by Mrs. Ray Clark and the report of the Guild submitted by Mrs. George T. Clark. Both reports showed good progress by these two organizations and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies for their help and support.

The laymen's report was read by Mr. Jud Logan and it showed that the association was on the move forward.

The following ocicers were elected: Messrs. James Connell and R. A. Horne, wardens (re-elected); for vestrymen: George T. Clark, Jud Logan, Stewart Harrison, Dr. John B. Downing, J. Wilfred Lecky, James A. Murphy, W.E. Henthorn, R. E. Henthorn, Firth Bowness, Ross MacKenzie, Dr. E. E. Parkman, Ralph Ozon.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. George Clark for the outstanding work done by Mrs. R. A. Horne in giving her time in teaching the junior choir. Dr. E. E. Parkman moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. W. E. Henthorn for the work he had done in conducting the senior choir.

Mr. J. R. Murphy moved a vote of thanks to Mr. W. E. Henthorn, the vestry clerk, for his untiring efforts as vestry clerk, to which the splendid financial condition of the church, the best in its history, could be attributed.

In replying, Mr. Henthorn thanked the officers and congregation for their co-operation and he said that under the guidance and leadership of the present rector that the membership had almost tripled. He also thanked the members of the "Every Member Canvass Committee" and said that their efforts had met with most gratifying success and that with the strong board of officers elected he looked forward with confidence to another record year in 1954.

Dr. E. E. Parkman was appointed as a delegate to the synod which meets in Halifax during the month of June. Mr. Firth Bowness was appointed as his alternate. Mr. James Connell and Mr. Ross MacKenzie were elected to the DSC which meets at Charlottetown in March. The meeting then adjourned, after which the ladies of the parish served a dainty lunch.

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INDIA CELEBRATES

NEW DELHI, (Reuters) — Low-flying jet planes screamed over a two-mile-long parade of troops, dancing girls, monks, and camel cavalry as India Tuesday celebrated the fourth anniversary of becoming a republic. Nearly 1,000,000 persons gathered to watch the 2 1-2-hour parade.