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Absence From School Seen Running Normal

A recent survey shows that student absenteeism in local schools in the first four months of the present term varies in relation to the same period in 1964.

The principal of Birchwood High School said that the attendance this year is better than for the same period last year insofar as absenteeism through illness is concerned.

For the first four months of the 1965-66 school year 94.9 per cent of the student body was in attendance at Birchwood.

A smaller breakdown shows that in September 96.2 per cent of the students were well and at school, in October, 96.1.

At Queen Charlotte High School a total of 396 pupils were absent for a total of 1436 days since school began in September of '65.

The principal said this meant that 68 per cent of the student body was absent at one time or another during the first four months of the school term.

He said that absenteeism was at its worst in the fall, being greater than last year, at that time but has continued to settle down to normal as the year progresses.

At St. Jean Elementary School the principal reported that there has been one or more students absent for a total of 350 days. He said that this absenteeism was approximately five per cent higher than it was for a similar period last year.

Sisters St. Rita at Notre Dame Academy reported that there was "quite a bit more" illness among the student body there for the first part of the present term than during a similar period last year.

City School Superintendent Addresses Laymen's Group

Dr. Kenneth A. Parker, Superintendent of Charlottetown City Schools was the guest speaker at the largely attended monthly supper meeting of St. Paul's Laymen's Association held Tuesday evening in the parish hall. The president, T.D. DeBlis, presided.

Dr. Parker was introduced by the chairman, and took as the topic of his address "Education Today". He pointed out that man's knowledge for the four thousand years up to 1750, doubled itself by 1900, then again by 1930, 20 years later again by 1950, and 10 years later by 1960. Man's knowledge will further double again by 1980. This means that all communities have a terrific responsibility to see that our young people not only have modern schools and facilities, which have been provided in Charlottetown over the past 13 years, but that we also have fully trained personnel to impart this ever increasing knowledge to the youngsters attending our schools.

He drew a parallel between the countries of Japan and Canada. Just over 30 years ago when he went to Japan for 10 years as principal of an International Mission School, 97 per cent of the people of Japan at that time were illiterate, whereas in his own country of Canada at the same time only 92 per cent of the people were illiterate. Japan went all out during the 20's and 30's to educate her people, and by doing so sacrificed many of the comforts and luxuries which in Canada were given higher priority during these years, rather than education. Consequently Charlottetown has had a vast building program over the past 13 years, replacing antiquated elementary schools and building new high schools, at a cost of over six million dollars. Dr. Parker concluded by saying that "we as citizens and parents must ac-

cept these higher costs for education today if we want the best for our young people from an educational standpoint for the future with the vast amount of knowledge available to them today."

SPEECHES BANNED
MANILA (Reuters) — President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines has banned speech-making by cabinet ministers for the next 100 days so they can devote all their time to their duties.

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NEW SCOUTS WELCOMED

Two cubs received their Scout badges at a going-up-to Scouts ceremony in the 4th Charlottetown Scout Troop last night. LEFT TO RIGHT are Emerson Smallman, Scoutmaster; John Brehault, assistant Scoutmaster, welcoming Vaughn Horton and Buddy Matheson into the Troop. Four other Scouts received their Second Class badges last night they were Lane Worth, Blair Crosby, Billy Partridge and Kimberley Smallman.

Couple Records Unusual Score

The husband and wife team of Jack and Sybil Cutcliffe scored 103.5 out of a possible 132 points at the Abegweit Bridge Club Wednesday night at the YMOA. This amazing 78.4 score is approximately 4 per cent higher than any score made in duplicate bridge here since play began in 1957. Inez Kelly and W. J. MacDonald took second place with an above average score of 96 or 72.7 per cent.

Others finishing high in the seven table Howell Movement were: Louis Gaudet and Roy Vessey—78; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cauty—72 and Mae Hines and Mrs. L.I. Gaudet—67.5.

Series awarded for the first five games was won by Mrs. L. I. Duffy.

Stolen Goods Case Brings Fine Of \$50

SUMMERSIDE — A Conway youth, Judson Walter Bridges, was fined \$50 and costs or two months when he appeared before Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald yesterday for sentencing on a charge of unlawful possession of stolen goods valued at less than \$50.

The youth had in his possession two stolen car batteries.

The magistrate also ordered the accused to make restitution.

Two Summerside men, charged with break, entry and theft into Costain's store in Cape Wolfe, appeared briefly and were remanded to January 20.

The accused, George Joseph Grady and Ferdinand Joseph Gallant, are represented by J. Melville Campbell. A request by Grady to elect for trial was granted by the magistrate and accused elected to be tried by judge and jury rather than by magistrate which he had elected originally.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of care and control while impaired, John Nathaniel Evans, Irishtown, had his case adjourned to February 8 after the testimony of the arresting officers, RCMP Constables Donald Bartlett and Eric Bishop of the Summerside detachment, had been heard.

Evans is represented by J. Melville Campbell.

Marvyn Douglas Webster, Wilmet Valley, was fined \$10 and costs for parking on the wrong side of the road.

A Miscouche youth charged with being intoxicated in a public place and represented by J. Melville Campbell, was fined \$35 and costs or 30 days on the charge.

Sydney Loading Delays Tanker

The Irving Oil Company tanker, the Irving Glen, originally expected to arrive in Charlottetown yesterday morning was delayed a day when she had to load another tanker, the Irving Wood, in Sydney yesterday.

The Irving tanker which is carrying 5,000,000 gallons of assorted heating oils is expected to dock in Charlottetown tomorrow morning when the tide is high.

Assistant manager of the local plant, Ivan Doherty, made the announcement today in the absence of plant manager, W.R. Connolly who is aboard the Irving Glen.

APPOINTMENT



The appointment of Harrison N. "Fergie" Ferguson, as Co-operative Insurance Representative in the O'Leary-Alberton-Tignish Region, has been announced recently by G. F. Bray, Sales Manager, Co-operative Insurance Service Ltd.

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His offices will be located at the O'Leary Co-op Store, and the Tignish Credit Union when in that area, where he may be reached in person or by phoning the O'Leary Co-op Store.

'Islander Of The Year' Votes Are Pouring In

Nominations for Islander of the Year continue to pour into The Evening Patriot, the sponsor of this annual event.

Closing date for receiving nominations from readers is now midnight, Jan. 16. If letters are to be considered by the panel of three judges, they must be post-marked no later than that date.

Many letters already have been received by The Islander of the Year Editor and undoubtedly hundreds of others will meet the judges when they start their work of selecting a winner next week.

Several outstanding Prince Edward Islanders have already been suggested by interested readers. Included in this list are the names of Sister Mary Henry, Charlottetown; Mrs. Evelyn Cudmore, Charlottetown; Robert Cotton, Charlottetown; Dr. Todor Genecheff, Charlottetown; Dr. R.G. Lea, Charlottetown; Dr. Malcolm Beck, Charlottetown; Mrs. Gordon Avard, Charlottetown; H.H. Jewell, Charlottetown and Fulton Sanderson, York Point.

Supporters of the various nominees point out the contribution made by these outstanding citizens. Mrs. Cudmore was cited for her outstanding work in Red Cross Water Safety, Girl

Guides and United Fund appeal; Mr. Cotton for his foresight in establishing the Bunbury Nursery which each year becomes more and more a place of beauty; Sister Mary Henry for her noble work among the poor and her great efforts in re-establishing broken homes; Dr. Beck for his devotion in the mental health field and his work done among retarded children; Dr. Lea for his driving force in providing primary and high schools suitable for the educational needs of Charlottetown's young people; Mrs. Avard for her many years of service to the community in Hospital Aid work, Girl Guides, IOOE and church work; H.H. Jewell an efficient fire chief in Charlottetown who recently announced his retirement, and Mr. Sanderson, the York Point cattle breeder who showed the grand champion steer at the Atlantic Winter Fair in Halifax and thus brought wide publicity to Canada's smallest province.

Undoubtedly many other suggestions will be made before nominations close and the work of the judges should prove indeed difficult.

If you haven't as yet submitted your suggestions for The Islander of 1965 do so at once. Deadline is fast approaching.

Industry Group Visits Prince Co.

ALBERTON:—A group of officials toured Western Prince County yesterday afternoon for an on-the-spot look over the industrial potential of the area.

Included in the group were Lloyd MacPhail, minister of industry and natural resources; Leo Rosseter, minister of fisheries; Senator Orville H. Phillips, T.J. Foss of Fjell Navigation, New York; J. Moe, C. Davis and W. Bennett, representatives of Bathurst Marine Ltd. and Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. of Georgetown.

Places visited included the carrot industry in O'Leary conducted by Edwin Turner and Bernard Shea; H.B. Willis Co., potato brokers in O'Leary and the harbor at Alberton South.

WATER BURNS TOO

Swimmers in Utah's Great Salt Lake do not open their eyes or mouths because the mineral-heavy water burns like acid.

Dairy Production Increase Noted

Milk production was up by 10 percent for the first 10 months of 1965 in this province, despite a falling off in the late summer months and into the autumn because of the lack of rainfall, it was learned from Dairy Superintendent J.W. Adams.

The office is working on the total figures for the year but they are not yet complete, Mr. Adams explained.

Butter production was up by 2.8 per cent for the same period, cheese production was 7.2 per cent and ice cream showed an increase of 10 percent. In each case the comparison was between the January 1 to October 31 period in 1965 and 1964.

Though hay production, for example, was down sharply last year from that of the two previous years, it compared reasonably favorably with some of the production years in the present decade.

The estimated hay production in 1965 was 1.98 tons per acre, it was learned from S.C. Wright, deputy minister of agriculture. That's down sharply from the 2.02 tons per acre in 1964, but it's more, for example, than the 1.3 tons per acre in 1959.

Other yields noted by Mr. Wright as he searched departmental records were the 1.86 tons in 1960 and the 1.85 tons in 1961.

Cattle population has risen on the Island in the last few years estimates indicate, and the hay crops have been extra special in 1963 and 1964, for example.

Indeed many farmers left some hay fields uncut in the period of lush production. But few farmers left any possible fodder crop unharvested last year.

MacRae Reconsiders Decision Not To Run

Under a considerable amount of pressure from fellow citizens Councillor Elmer MacRae has been persuaded to reconsider his decision to retire and announced he would again be a candidate for City Council in Ward 6.

Mr. MacRae first came into council in 1958 following the amalgamation of the former village of Spring Park with the city and the consequent formation of a new city ward to be known as Ward 6. He was re-elected in 1960, 1962 and 1964.

For the past year he has been chairman of the contentious town planning committee and prior to that held the important post of chairman of the streets committee. He is also a member of the committees on streets, finance and rink. His terms at City Hall have seen him serve under three mayors, Edwin Johnstone, A. Walthen Gaudet and Walter J. Cox.

He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William MacRae of Wheatley River, where he was born in 1907. He was educated at the Glasgow Road School and Toronto Technical School where he studied electricity. He later worked for a time in Toronto with General Motors Ltd before returning to this city. In 1934 he became a partner in the firm of Ball and MacRae and some years later became sole owner.

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Election Talk Still Scarce

SUMMERSIDE — Nobody is saying anything about the Feb. 22 civic election here.

Mayor George Key, Councillor Frances Pery and Councillor Grant Mollison all decline to make any statement of their intentions.

Councillor Eric Johnston is unavailable for comment, since he is now vacationing in Florida after having undergone medical treatment in Boston. The consensus is that Johnston would make a strong battle for the mayor's office, especially should present Mayor Key be in the running. Many believe it would be an ideal situation for Johnston, with Key and Councillor J. Ernest Morrison making two strong contenders for office to split the vote.

Johnston will be back next week, perhaps to tell whether his health permits his offering and perhaps to commit himself. Till then, even rumors, are hard to come by.

Perhaps it is the calm before the storm.

Word Of Death Received Here

SUMMERSIDE — There passed away at the Geriatric Centre, in Regina on Jan. 4, George Montague Clark, son of the late Edward and Mrs. Clark, Wilmet Valley. He had lived in Kelliber, Sask., since 1902.

He was buried from the John Wesley Church, Jasmone, to the family plot in Kelliber.

He leaves to mourn a daughter, Alice and a son, Harvey. Both are married and reside in Saskatchewan.

Two sisters, Mrs. John Cotton, Camborne, Ont. and Mrs. John Falconer, Kelliber, survive as well as two brothers, Lemuel, Regina and John, Kelliber.

Two brothers, Irving and Stephen, and one sister, Mrs. John W. Hogg, predeceased him.

Prospect Probed For Pickle Plant

(By A. C. HOLMAN)

There are strong indications there will be a market for a large Island-grown cucumber crop this year. Catelli Foods Products Ltd., of Montreal have expressed an interest in some 200 acres of cucumbers.

The 200 acres grown this year will in effect be a test crop and if the company is satisfied with the results a strong possibility exists they will locate a pickle plant on the Island.

The variety of cucumbers the company is interested in is known as Windermere Long Marketers, more commonly known as Long Greens. These cucumbers are eight to 12 inches long and about an inch and half to an inch and three-quarters in diameter.

The company plans to truck the crop to Quebec for one or two years and it is essential that they are able to obtain the crop from approximately 200 acres to make this a profitable venture. If there are not enough cucumbers available they will not attempt any development in this area.

The Catelli company buys the crop from some 2,500 acres of cucumber growth throughout Canada. They have plants in Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta. They estimate that it is possible for Island growers to get a yield of five to eight tons per acre and it is believed they will be

paying in excess of \$50 per ton. A representative of the company is expected to be on the Island late in February to meet with interested growers.

The provincial department of agriculture and its research department played a major role in interesting the company to consider the Island in its future development plans.

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