

LARGE VOLUNTEER FORCE

Island Red Cross programs undergo heavy expansion

The year 1965 was one of great expansion in several of the Red Cross programs carried out in Prince Edward Island, all of which were of great benefit to the citizens in general — both adults and youth.

Over 30,000 pupils in the elementary and high schools of the province belong to the Junior Red Cross which is the largest youth organization in the world.

Through this youth movement, our young people are receiving training in citizenship which fits them to lead a fuller life with a greater understanding of their fellowmen regardless of race, creed or colour. Their best qualities are being developed through participation in activities stemming from the threefold objective of the Junior Red Cross program: (1) Protection of life and health, (2) Service to others, (3) The development of mutual understanding among the young people of the world.

Greater interest than ever was evidenced by the girls taking Red Cross courses in Home Care and First Aid which gives them the background training required for service as "Volunteers" in the hospitals and nursing homes where 50 of these girls gave 800 hours of voluntary service last year.

High School Red Cross volunteers also gave many hours of service helping at Red Cross blood donor clinics held in their areas, and in other community undertakings.

The "Sudan Garden" project — a "self help" program designed to increase food production and improve the nutrition of an ever-increasing population — received the sympathetic support of Junior Red Cross members in this province. Special equipment and services were provided for children at the Rehabilitation, Cerebral Palsied and Sherwood Schools, the Sheltered Workshop and the handicapped who are home-bound.

OBTAIN WHEEL CHAIRS
Junior Red Cross members raised over \$1,300.00 by various means for the "Wheeler Dealer" appeal which was carried out across Canada as a special project for 1965. With these funds, 12 new wheelchairs were purchased for the Sickroom Loan Service operated by the Red Cross in this province. These were badly needed to replace equipment which is now all but worn out after having been out on loan continuously over the past 20 years.

Each year the demand for the

loan of sickroom equipment increases with the latest figures compiled showing that over 2200 articles were loaned into 2,000 homes in the province. (The saving to those who used this equipment represents an amount of \$100 — the cost of this equipment if it had to be bought by those who used it.)

Enrollment in First Aid and Home Care classes was disappointing particularly in view of the fact that the accident rate in Prince Edward Island is much higher than anywhere else in Canada. Only 1,115 participated in 62 First Aid classes, and 200 in the courses in Home Care, plus 200 in the "Baby Sitters" course. Some 557 accident victims were treated at the 41 permanent and mobile first aid posts established throughout the Island, and in connection with

various fairs and sports events.

With the inauguration of three additional Day Camps, the enrollment in Water Safety classes reached an all-time high of almost 10,000, or about 10 per cent of the Island's population. This program, commenced for the first time just 20 years ago, has grown steadily from 100 enrolled in 5 classes in 1945, to 10,000 participating in over 100 classes in 1965. These classes were conducted by 106 instructors trained by Red Cross which is also responsible for the training and supervision of the Life Guards employed by the National Parks to take charge of the swimming areas in these parks.

The attendance at Blood Donor clinics held in 17 centres in the province produced the largest number of bottles of blood

collected since the commencement of this service in 1946, although only 94.3 per cent of the overall objective was achieved.

Over 5,487 articles of new clothing — knitted and sewn-made up by members of women's organizations from one end of the province to the other with materials supplied by Red Cross — were sent to Tunisia, Hong Kong and India for distribution to refugees and disaster victims by the Red Cross in these countries.

VICTIMS AIDED

In addition some 125 articles made by this committee, were given to disaster victims in our own province as part of the \$1,400, emergency assistance provided by the various Red Cross disaster committees throughout the province for the 19 families who lost their homes by fires in the past year.

Fifty "Friendly Visitors" in the Charlottetown area achieved gratifying results with the aged, and shut-ins they visited in hospitals, homes for the aged and nursing homes.

All of these services were made possible by at least 3,000 volunteers who worked in conjunction with the small full-time Red Cross staff to carry

Group asks simplicity

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Construction Association has asked the federal government to make a simple percentage deduction mandatory for claiming rebates of sales taxes on materials used in building schools, universities and libraries.

At present the claims can be made on the basis of a detailed accounting of all the materials used in a project and the sales taxes paid on them, or on the basis of a 4.4-per-cent refund of the over-all contract value. The

association asked the government to make the formula mandatory and write it into the law so that it cannot be questioned.

claims are also handled differently within the construction industry in various parts of the country.

The association, which presented a brief to Finance Minister Sharp and Revenue Minister Benson earlier urging withdrawal of the sales tax on all building materials, sent them a supplementary brief covering the refund problem.

It said that while the percentage reduction formula now is permitted by the revenue department, some schools and universities require the contractors to make the detailed accounting so that comparisons can be made with the formula.

The brief also noted that Auditor-General Maxwell Henderson has questioned the 4.4-per-cent formula, casting doubt on its legality.

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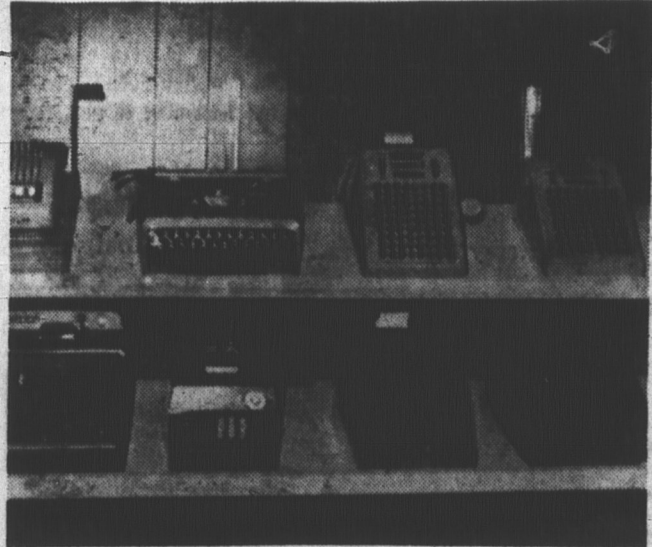
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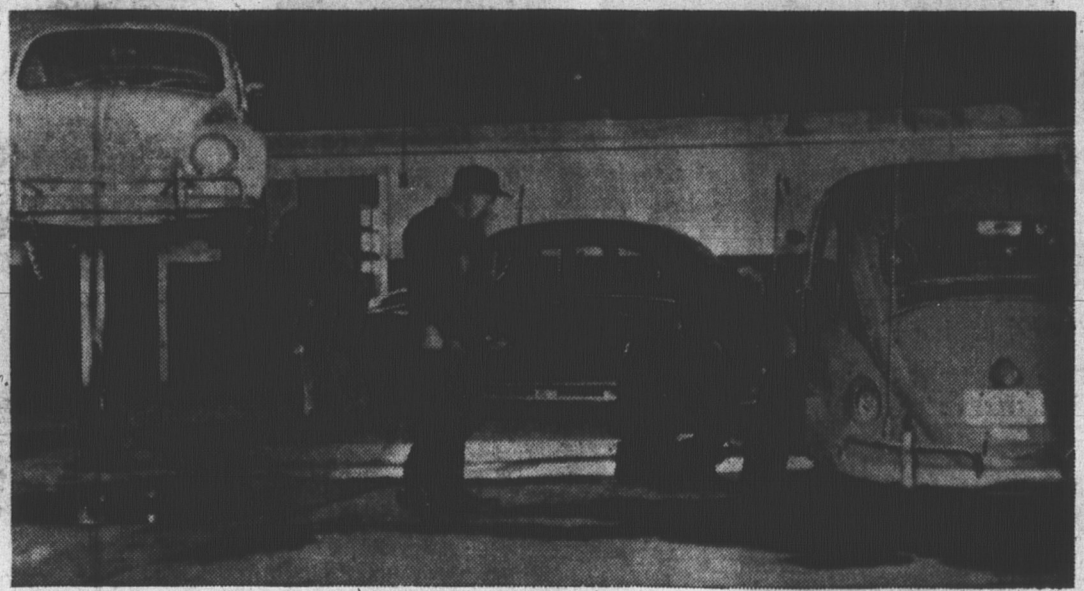


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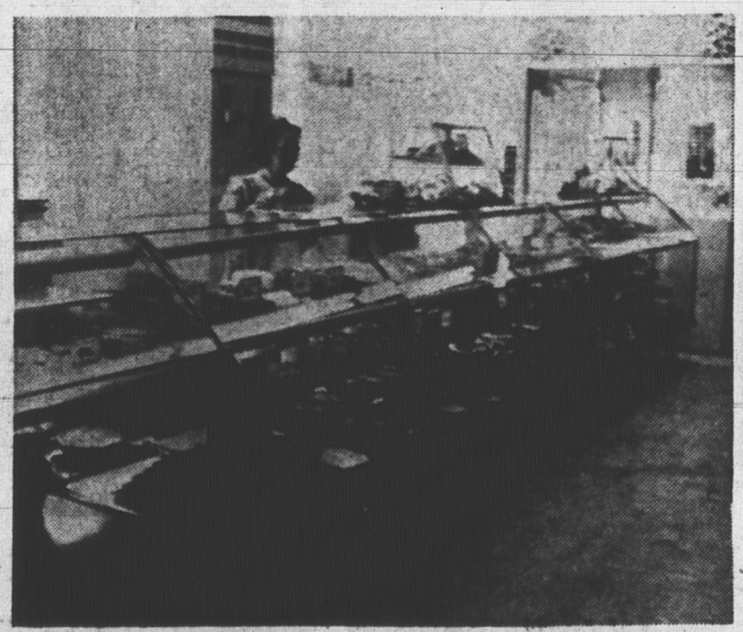
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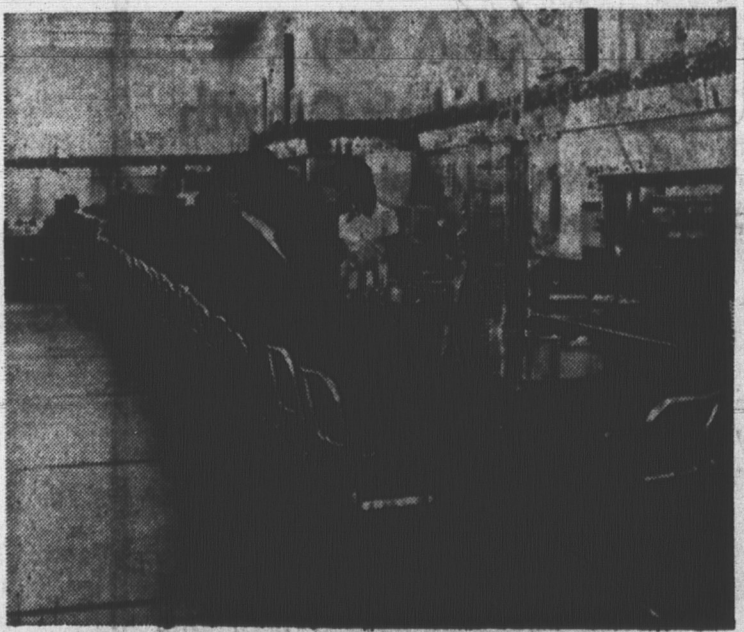
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