

# Mayor Of S'ide Says S'ide Now Set To Meet Challenges

Following is a message of New Year's greetings from W.A. Currie, mayor of Summerside:

"I extend on behalf of the members of the Town Council and myself our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all citizens.

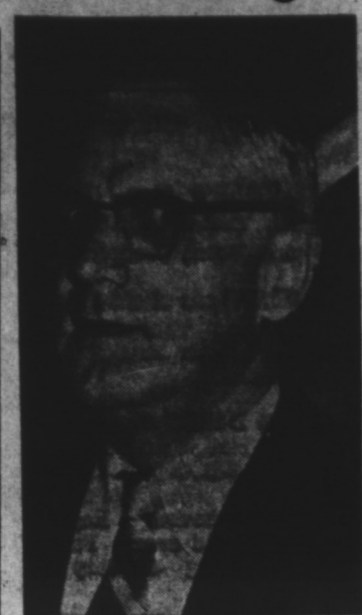
"The year 1959 has been one of consolidation as the results of previous years' re-organization of departments and operational procedures with the result we now have more adequate control of all departments of our affairs. We have not reached perfection by any means, but we are in a better position and on more solid ground to meet the challenges which constantly confront a growing municipality.

"Growth is always accompanied by demands for extensions of all civic services, more and better streets, additional parking facilities, more police protection, more fire protection, more school rooms and teaching staff, all of which must be financed out of taxation in its various forms.

**ASSESSMENT ROLL**

"Our assessment roll of real and personal property has reached \$13,068,365 which, with automobiles and trucks, produced a total tax roll of \$444,769.47 of which 92% has been collected as at Nov. 30. Automobiles and trucks were, this year, removed from the personal tax assessment and taxes at a flat rate of \$20 for passenger cars, \$25 for light delivery, \$50 for a two-ton truck and \$75 for three-ton trucks.

"We budgeted very carefully this year, and the figures at the end of November indicated we will be very close to the budget figures at the year's end. Next year assessment is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 29 which will enable us to produce the 1960



MAYOR CURRIE

budget by the end of April and have our tax assessment out in May. This will save many dollars of bank interest.

Lower and more equitable local electric energy rates went into effect last January resulting in lower costs to the general service customers and the heavier domestic users. Due to the steadily increasing customer demand, it became necessary to purchase a new Mirreles 12 cylinder diesel 2200 KW engine, which should, according to present forecast take care of our constantly increasing demand up to 1969.

**POWER UNIT**

"The new power unit will be completely financed through the money received from the sale of the remote portion of our rural lines, plus \$20,000 previously set

aside for this purpose and a small drain from next year's electric light revenue.

Hillcrest housing development, recently completed, has been serviced, with the exception of paving which will be done in the spring. This includes a large 12-inch water main extending from the standpipe to Victoria Road, which will not only service Hillcrest and future housing in that area but will, as well, strengthen the water supply for fire protection in the entire East Ward, and establish a perimeter pipe line in keeping with the planning and recommendations of the R. G. Lea firm of consultants in 1957 and again in 1957.

The sewer system of Hillcrest is connected to the main on Arcona Street and is capable of adequately servicing those 100 units plus all future development in that area. Sewer and water facilities have been installed on the Heckbert Lane and MacEwen Road with the resultant fire protection hydrants in those areas. Sewerage pouring into Bedeque Bay is causing a serious problem for which an early solution must be found.

**SPRINKLER SYSTEM**

Two properties have been maintained to a high standard. A sprinkler system has been installed in the Civic Stadium.

"The benefits of which are immediate as the insurance rate drops from \$20.50 per thousand to under \$4 as of Jan. 1, 1960 and result in a yearly saving of \$3,300 which pays for the system in five years. The steel work of the stadium was rusting to the point of deterioration and this has been scraped and re-painted with the cost of this work being taken out of stadium revenues. The stadium is in A1 condition and is serving,

as was intended, the young people of the town as well as serving many other functions in the interest of both young and older folk.

The curbing and paving program on Hawthorne Avenue, Cedar Street, between Beaver and Notre Dame Streets, Coronation Avenue and Victoria Road to Mr. Walker's gate was completed during the summer. All other streets were maintained and repaired where necessary. While we have more paved streets than most towns of our size, and in fact towns of much larger size, nevertheless, there are still demands for paving but next year, the emphasis must be on side walk repairs so badly needed in many areas.

**TOWN POLICE**

Our police department, while undermanned, has done a commendable job in both crime prevention and detection as well as traffic control when the men were available. The Town Council has recently authorized two more policemen and they will soon be in uniform.

"A three-day traffic survey has

been completed and the data obtained is now being correlated and charted by hourly density in preparation for submission to trained traffic authorities with the intention of being prepared with adequate traffic control for the forth coming busy season.

"Our volunteer fire department has maintained its good record in keeping with past traditions. The fire loss for the year has been approximately \$6,065 which, we believe, constitutes a local record.

**BUILDING**

"Building reached an all time high during 1959. Residential permits were issued to the extent of \$1,173,500 while commercial permits totalled \$772,000. Hillcrest housing accounted for \$875,000 of the total residential, and the balance taken up by individual housing. All of this added substantially to the growth of our town, and the risk capital going into new or enlarged commercial enterprises reflects confidence in further growth and continued economic stability of our area.

"I wish to thank my councillors for all measures of co-operation

and support, the town manager, town clerk and staff, all department heads and their staff who have laboured on your behalf for the good of the town."

## RED FARM PRODUCTION

MOSCOW (AP)—Nikita Khrushchev has told Americans in a speech to the Communist party central committee last Friday

that Soviet farmers already are better. He predicted they will ahead of the United States in per soon pass the Americans in most capita production of milk and output.



Both Holman's Main Stores  
SUMMERSIDE & CHARLOTTETOWN

WILL BE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2  
ALL DAY

Holman's Foodland  
Charlottetown Only

WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 to 9  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the CHARLOTTETOWN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

extends to you an invitation  
TO THE ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE  
FRIDAY JANUARY 1st, 1960  
3.30 to 5.30 P.M.

Both Ladies and Gentlemen will be Received

Thank You  
FOR PAYING YOUR  
CARRIER PROMPTLY

Collections by your Guardian carrier are timed to provide you convenient service and best meet his school and study schedules. He may begin collections Friday and continue them Saturday.

Your thoughtfulness in paying him the first time he calls to collect will encourage him in prompt service. It will save him extra work for which he would receive no additional profit. It will give him more time for school and other activities . . . and be greatly appreciated.



THE GUARDIAN



May your New Year be bright with all that means most . . . health, home, friends and family.

Est. of Mrs. John Williams  
Charlottetown

# DOES THIS CONCERN YOU..?

IT DOES.. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED UNDER THE HOSPITAL INSURANCE PLAN, OR IF YOU REGISTERED AND HAVE NOT PAID AT LEAST THREE MONTH'S PREMIUMS.

## BECAUSE . . . . .

- 1 RESIDENTS WHO REGISTERED BY NOV. 30 AND HAVE NOT PAID THREE MONTH'S PREMIUMS BY DEC. 31 WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THIS MONTH.
- 2 RESIDENTS WHO REGISTERED, OR WILL REGISTER, IN DEC. WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ONE MONTH AFTER THEIR REGISTRATION ONLY IF THREE MONTH'S PREMIUMS ARE PAID BY DEC. 31.
- 3 RESIDENTS WHO REGISTER AND PAY THE REQUIRED PREMIUM AFTER DEC. 31 WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNTIL THE FIRST DAY OF THE THIRD MONTH FOLLOWING THEIR REGISTRATION.

CHECK YOUR PAYMENTS NOW! IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF PREMIUM PAYMENTS YOU HAVE MADE... VISIT, PHONE OR WRITE . . . . .

HOSPITAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
BOX 4500 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL CHARLOTTETOWN

REMEMBER . . . YOUR HOSPITAL INSURANCE WILL EXPIRE ON DEC. 31, 1959 UNLESS THREE MONTH'S PREMIUMS HAVE BEEN PAID BY THAT DATE . . .