



**WHEELCHAIR PRESENTED TO LOAN CUPBOARD**

Tignish Regional High School Junior Red Cross members completed their Wheelchair project of the year by donating a wheelchair to the Red-Cross Loan Cupboard at Tignish. The members raised \$185 during their project. Presenting the wheelchair are, from the left, Gerard Doucette, president; Ann Marie Gaudet, secretary. The chair is accepted by Mrs. W. J. Shea, who operated the Loan cupboard at Tignish, while

Mrs. L. Macmillan, provincial director of home services from Charlottetown, looks on.

**Contributions To Society By Economists Are Outlined**

The contributions of the home economist to society are general and specific. Mrs. De Woodell McKay at a dinner meeting of the P.E.I. Home Economics Association held recently in the home economics department of Kensington Regional High School.

association which was placed in the archives. Mrs. Allison MacLean presented the report of the nominating committee. Orlo Smith expressed appreciation to Mrs. McKay for her talk.

**First Cabinet Tour Of 1965 Set Tuesday**

The first cabinet tour of 1965 will take place Tuesday when Premier Walter R. Shaw and his cabinet plan to tour parts of Prince County.

Although the agenda of the tour has not been completed, it is planned to visit Tyne Valley, O'Leary, Tignish and Alberton.

Premier Shaw initiated the tours in 1960 and in the next few years cabinet meetings and tours were held in various sections of the province.

The weekly meeting of the cabinet is to be held in Tyne Valley, possibly in the library of the fire hall.

During the afternoon, the cabinet will visit schools, cultural centres, hospitals, as well as fishing and agricultural production centres.

According to the premier's office, cabinet meetings and tours will take place in other sections of the province during the summer.

**General Motors Name President**

NEW YORK (AP) — General Motors Corp. directors has elected James M. Roche, 58, as president and chief operating officer of the biggest manufacturing corporation in the United States.

Roche succeeds John F. Gordon, who is retiring under the corporation's mandatory retirement program. Since September, 1962, Roche has been executive vice-president and a director of General Motors.

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**Agricultural Course For Grade 9 Among Several Recommendations**

The province's ministers of agriculture and education have received a recommendation that an agricultural appreciation course be introduced in grade nine in all high schools in the province.

Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae and Education Minister George Dewar yesterday heard the report containing the recommendation from an advisory committee on agricultural education.

The committee said it was unanimous in the belief that formal agricultural education within the province has been neglected over the past decades and that strong action must be taken at this time to develop the future of the agricultural industry.

General recommendations of the committee were:

From grades one to eight, the emphasis should be on a broad general education, which has no direct bearings on any trade.

That in grade nine at all high schools an orientation and appreciation course in agriculture and natural science be given all students.

That in high schools there be a general course and a university oriented course of instruction.

That vocational high schools offer an agricultural course in grades 10, 11, and 12 as a follow-up to the agricultural courses offered in grade nine. This course is to be in no way a substitute for the courses at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

That serious attempts be made to co-ordinate both formal and informal agricultural training programs in the province.

That responsibility be accepted at the regional high school level for making available vocational high school facilities to students.

That maximum use be made of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

That career counselling be made use of in the schools of the province to ensure the greatest awareness of students of the many career possibilities open to them, both in agriculture and in other fields.

That all interested persons make a serious attempt to encourage those in school to get an education, investigate the opportunities of agriculture as a career.

That during 1965, and the following years, concerted efforts be made by extension and other

personnel to seek out young people eligible for entrance to courses at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

The committee felt grade nine would be the "optimum place" for an agricultural appreciation course as "approximately 25 per cent of students do not get beyond grade eight, and it would be extremely difficult to develop a meaningful agricultural course at the grades 10, 11 and 12 levels in the high schools. This conclusion is based on the lack of trained agriculturists to teach the wider number of areas to be taught such as farm management and animal husbandry, and the lack of laboratory facilities."

**AIM OUTLINED**

In outlining its thinking behind the recommendation of an agricultural appreciation course in grade nine, the committee said "not only would the knowledge gained be of value regardless of the occupation a student might enter but, more important, it would, over a period of years, produce a much improv-

ed social and economic interest for those involved.

"Again, we emphasize the necessity of upgrading the agricultural industry and submit that the recommended appreciation course can be justified as a minimum requirement, and a minimum deference, to our most important calling and employment in agriculture's related industries.

"The inclusion of agriculture at the grade nine level brings us to the matter of streaming in high school education. At present, most high school students have little choice in their education. The only course offered leads to university and this is good for those who have the ability and motivation for further training. It would appear to us that only 20 to 25 per cent of those in high school can hope to attend university and we strongly believe that other choices should be available. We suggest three—for those planning to attend university, a general high school course and the vocational high school courses.

"It is recognized that there is only one vocational school with a course in agriculture. It is assumed by the committee that in future the facilities of the vocational high schools will be available equally to all regional high school students in the province and that this responsibility should be accepted at the regional high school level. This will mean transportation and

tuition for students anywhere in the province who wish to take courses at a vocational high school. It would also seem reasonable that a special course be made available to the graduates of the vocational high schools and general high school courses so that if they desire to enter university this will be possible."

**OPENS OPPORTUNITIES**

According to the committee "a breakdown as described would give a student the following chances to develop a career in any phase of agriculture.

Appreciation course in grade nine, high school university course and university training toward a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

Appreciation course in grade nine, grade 10 in general high school course and entrance to diploma courses at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

Appreciation course in grade nine, either general or university oriented high school, and upon graduation, entrance to agricultural college courses in technology.

The grade nine appreciation course at any high school and entrance to the vocational high school agricultural courses through grades 10 to 12.

After grade 10 at the vocational high school, entrance to diploma course at the N.S. Agricultural College—second year.

Grades 11 or 12 at the vocational high school course would of 50 barrels

give entrance to the technology courses at the Nova Scotia agricultural college.

Members of the committee, which was appointed by the departments of education in January, are Mrs. L. Ramsay, president of provincial women's institutes; Mrs. C. Marchbank, of the Institute's agricultural committee; Lincoln Dewar, federation of agriculture; George Wright, Charlottetown; David Rogers, provincial department of agriculture; and W.S. McMurtry, provincial director of vocational training.

**Oil Discovery Made In Sask.**

REGINA (CP)—A new oil discovery in southwest Saskatchewan was announced here by Mineral Resources Minister A. C. Cameron.

The discovery well, located about 35 miles southwest of Swift Current near Simmie, is a seven-mile steep from near production.

It is on an exploration permit and is just northeast of the Bone Creek fields.

Mr. Cameron said the well is significant in that it opens up a possible new field in the Swift current area. He said fields in the southwest are prolific producers, with average daily production of 110 barrels compared with a provincial daily average of 50 barrels.

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