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Hillsboro Bridge Ownership Raised By Cabinet Minister

The old problem of Hillsboro Bridge ownership was raised again by Highways Minister J. Phillip Matheson when he talked to transport department officers in Ottawa last week.

The cabinet minister said on return that he tried to get Ottawa to take a "more realistic" approach to the ownership of the bridge particularly in so far as repairs to it are concerned.

Several years ago the transport department closed the bridge after trying unsuccessfully to sell it to the province for one dollar. The then premier, Alex Matheson, smashed the barricades with a bulldozer and the closure procedure was never tried again although the department did try later to disclaim responsibility for the more than 50-year old structure.

Substantial additions to the original 350 miles of highways planned under the roads to resources program are in prospect for next year, Mr. Matheson said.

The minister stated there would be at least 50 more miles added and possibly the figure would run as high as 75 miles.

He stated his talks with federal officials in Ottawa had seen "solid decisions" reached and only Ottawa cabinet approval was now needed before the official signing of the agreement. Provincial cabinet authority has already been given.

Mr. Matheson said both federal and provincial authorities were anxious to get final settlement and would expedite matters in all ways possible. He expected the signing to be done soon.

Service Is Led By Fraser Group

MONTAGUE — The service at Trinity United Church here Sunday evening was conducted by members of the Fraser Fellowship Group. The president, Mrs. Charles Fraser, gave the history of several of the best known hymns.

The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Robert Campbell, and Mrs. Basil Johnston lead in prayer.

Mrs. Cyrus Shaw gave a rendition of Edna St. Vincent Millay's poem, "Renaissance".

Miss Florence MacDonald sang a solo. She was accompanied by Mrs. D. M. MacDonald.

Bedeque Youth Assist Service

BEDEQUE — The members of the Bedeque Young People's Union assisted at the regular Sunday morning service in keeping with National YPU Week.

The president, Charles Wright, was chairman and conducted the service. The Scripture lesson was read by Frank MacFarlane.

The choir, made up of YPU members sang "Youth of the World" with Mrs. Edna Jenkins as organist.

Catherine Montgomery led in prayer. Edward Pearson, president of Central Presbytery YPU, gave talk on the local union is part of the national organization.

Rev. John T. Stewart, principal of the Atlantic Christian Training Center, at Tatamagouche, N.S., delivered the sermon and Rev. Harold O'Brien pronounced the benediction.

consider a working committee to explore ways of providing sufficient food for the world's expanding population. Canada's wheat surplus might not last as long as some expected.

Both the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and the Interprovincial Farm Union Council, representing the four western provinces and Ontario, submitted briefs repeating pleas for efforts to raise the farmer's level of income and provide more farm credit. Research, training and other benefits were also urged to help ease the squeeze on an industry meeting high costs and prices generally behind those prevailing elsewhere.

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LEMUEL PAQUET

Souris Singer Off To Quebec

Lemuel Paquet of Souris singer, song writer and guitar player, leaves Wednesday for Montreal, where he expects to entertain in night clubs and at special functions.

Mr. Paquet made quite an impression with his "Newfoundland Express" and other songs. He has performed in Boston including an appearance on the auto show various part of Canada and in wartime entertained Canadian troops in England.

In April he appeared in Pugwash with Morris Ruddle, the singing miner of Springfield.

A native of Souris, Mr. Paquet has been playing and singing since 1936. From 1940 to 1945 he served overseas with the Canadian Army.

TITLED GRAPPLER

LONDON (AP) — A former heavyweight wrestling champion of Britain became a baronet Monday, Edward Atholl Oakley, 59, succeeded to the family title on the death of his cousin Sir Charles Oakley, the sixth baronet. Sir Charles, also 59, had no children.

DE-VE ROMANCE

LONDON (Reuters) — A spokesman for the Duchess of Kent, Wednesday declined to comment on a newspaper report of rumors of a possible engagement between her daughter Princess Alexandra and Crown Prince Harald of Norway. The report by The Daily Sketch gossip columnist says it is known that the Crown prince's father, King Olaf, is "anxious that his son should marry into the British royal family."

Fisherman Pleads Not Guilty To Illegal Fishing Charges

SUMMERSIDE — An adjournment until Nov. 25 was given in the case of Theodore Arsenault of Wellington when he appeared before Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald at a special sitting of county magistrate's court here last evening.

Arsenault pleaded not guilty to separate charges of unlawfully being engaged in fishing in a fishing district where his license did not authorize him to fish.

The only witness heard last evening was Capt. George Allan Arsenault of the CGS Brant. The accused was represented by J. O.C. Campbell while E. C. Strong was acting for the department of fisheries.

Health Officers Return To Island

Dr. T.A. Laidlaw, chief of staff of the P.E.I. Hospital, and Dr. Burton Howatt, provincial health officer, have returned from Annapolis, Ont., where they attended the national conference of the Emergency Health Services at the Civil Defence College.

It was a "combined operation" so far as receiving information was concerned as national health and national defence authorities led a series of discussions during the three-day conference.

LABOR MP DIES STRASBOURG, France. (Reuters) — John Edwards, president of the consultative assembly of the Council of Europe and Labor member of the British Parliament for Brighouse and Spenborough, died here Monday of a heart attack. He was 55.

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AIRMEN SUPPORT BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

More than 20 officers, airmen and airwomen donated blood when the Canadian Red Cross held their semi-annual clinic at RCAF Station, Summerside last week. Red Cross officials were very pleased with the number of volunteer donors from the station. The blood obtained in the clinic is kept as fresh blood for 14 days by the Red Cross, and if not used for transfusions by that time the blood is made into plasma and other blood products, and refrigerated for use at a later time. The station personnel invariably give good support to this drive for blood.

Shown here are four of the Canadian Red Cross nurses who conducted the blood donor clinic. From the left they are Miss Edith Butt, Miss Ann Romans, Mrs. Roy Gibbs, and Mrs. Delma Beckett.

Schoolboy Is 24th Victim On Island Roads This Year

A nine-year-old Springfield schoolboy became Prince Edward Island's 24th highway traffic fatality yesterday morning.

The victim of the tragedy was James Wilbert Hagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hagen.

The boy is said to have been driving a bicycle which skidded on the icy road and collided with a 1956 car driven by George MacNeill of Charlottetown.

The boy was taken by car to the home of Dr. R.W. Auld, in Kensington, and was pronounced dead on arrival.

An inquest was ordered by Coroner Dr. W.E. Callaghan of Summerside and after the jury viewed the body at Davison's Funeral Home in Kensington, the hearing was adjourned.

Members of the jury are: Ivan Champion, foreman, Ronald Kennedy, Leslie Clark, Fenner Stewart, Edwin Bearsto, William Simmonds and William Thompson. All are from Kensington.

The boy, youngest in the family, is survived by three brothers and two sisters, Alan at home, Anita, Charlottetown, Emmett employed on the ferries at Berden, Jean a high school student at Kensington, and Paul, who is also attending school at Springfield.

Ass'n Executive Reviews Affairs At Moncton Meet

MONCTON — The executive committee of the Maritime Service Association held its quarterly meeting Saturday in the Blue Shield-Blue Cross headquarters building in Moncton. The affairs of the association were reviewed and found satisfactory.

To date this year, four and three quarter million dollars have been paid in member benefits and total Plan membership now exceeds 296,000.

Reports indicated a continued increase in enrolment for the Blue Shield Doctor's Plan in all four Atlantic Provinces. It was reported the Blue Cross Supplementary Hospital Plan's extended illness program is growing steadily.

The chairman announced that dependent children will now be covered to the age of 19. The former age limit was 18 years. This added benefit will become effective Jan. 1, 1960 and there will be no increase in rates.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. R. Fiske, Moncton. Board members and officials present included: J. A. Comeau, Meteghan River, N.S.; M. A. Farmer, Q.C., Charlottetown; L. E. Prowse, M.D., Charlottetown; J. A. MacDougall, M.D., president and general manager, Moncton; J. A. MacMillan, M.D. vice-president and medical director, Charlottetown; W. W. B. Dick, C. A., Moncton; C. J. W. Beckwith, M. D., D. P. H. secretary of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, Halifax; F. L. Whitehead, M. D. secretary of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Medical Societies, East Riverside, N.B.

Store Break Investigated

SUMMERSIDE — Jimmie's Meat Market, Summer Street in Summerside was broken into some time Saturday night.

Although a quantity of cash in the till was not touched, a light meter belonging to the town was broken and the change taken and found satisfactory.

Entry was apparently gained by removing a screen from a window in the rear of the establishment and lifting the inner window.

The break is under investigation by the town police.

Teachers' Fed. Outlines Plans

The board of governors of the P.E.I. Teachers Federation met at P.W.C. Saturday.

Reports of the chairmen of the various committees were given and fully discussed.

The presidents of the local groups outlined their plans for the year 1959-60.

The following officers were re-elected: president, John Hughes; 1st vice president, Marjorie Dover; 2nd vice president, Frank Castello; recording secretary, Mabel O'Brien; secretary-treasurer, Winnifred Hayter.

Capital Criticism

OTTAWA (CP) — Visitors to the capital this year were asked to fill out a questionnaire on what they thought of Ottawa. The civic tourist and convention committee last night announced the results. Tourists' complaints: Inadequate parking facilities, service stations close too early (most at 7 p.m.), tourist bureau signs not prominent enough, scenic routes are poorly marked, a "poor" archives display, insufficient camping facilities.

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Deficiency

Continued from page 1) Mr. Harkness' keynote address forecast Monday that farm cash income next year may be down, partly as a result of the premature western snowfall on crops and partly due to anticipated decreases in hog and egg sales.

PRICES LOW

Farm prices generally still are running below prices for most other commodities, he said, at the same time reiterating that the government does not intend to resume large-scale purchases of unsaleable farm produce.

He said there had been abundant criticism of the system of deficiency payments, imposed or due to be imposed on eggs, hogs and six other commodities. Under the system, the farmer sells his own produce and collects on a limited quantity if the price falls below a price level based on the 10-year average.

Such a system would help farmers generally and prevent further accumulations of pork — now about 100,000,000 pounds in government stocks—and other produce. He said there have been complaints that the system discriminated against some growers, namely larger ones whose output was far above the quota eligible for any deficiency payment.

"If you put a limit on government aid to individuals, as in old age pensions, you can't call that discrimination. In fact, it's the reverse."

MORE CONTROL

Mr. Harkness, noting that Canada's once-overflowing supplies of dried skim milk now have vanished, put in a plea for more control of such conditions. He suggested that both importer and exporter countries share responsibility in getting food supplies to the most important areas of consumption.

The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization should

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