THREE STUDENTS from St. Dunstan's University were guest speakers for "International Student Day" when upwards of 50 were guests of Rotary at the weekly luncheon in the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday. Left to right are: chairman, Dr. Tudor Gencheff; Grace Maria Au-Yeung Hong Kong; Paul D. Foster, Wanjohi, Kenya, East Africa. Somerville, Mass.; Gerald Wanjohi, Kenya, East Africa.

'Islander Of Year' Award Presented At Rotary Club

Two outstanding features marked the weekly luncheon meeting of Rotary at the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday. The presentation of the 'Islander of the Year' award plaque to Dr. Frank MacKinnon and the celebration of international student day, both now annual highlights in the club year.

On being piped to their places by John Evans, the distinguished guests were introduced by W. J. Hancox. These were Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman, Premier W. R. Shaw, Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell, Mr. Justice George Tweedy, Judge J. S. DesRoches, Capt. Carl Burke and Col. W. E. Johnstone.

More than 40 international students attending St. Dunstan's University stood and gave their names and home addresses when called upon by chairman, Dr. Tudor Gencheff.

After introducing the "Islander of the Year" Mr. Hancox called upon Burton Lewis, executive editor of The Evening Patriot and The Guardian, who in commenting on the Islander of the Year award said, "It seems to me that this award and everything connected with it—the manner of choosing the person to be honored and the annual presentation at a gathering of the Rotary Club—all have firmly established themselves as parts of an exceptionally happy Island tradition".

"I asure you that it is a great pleasure for The Patriot, as it should be for any newspaper, to have a part in such a fine tradition", Mr. Lewis said.

"Always, through the three years in which the Islander of the Year Award has been made, the selection has been such as to add honor to the award, in just as great measure as the award has been intended to honor the person chosen. That is as it should be, and certainly it is true today".

Mr. Lewis said, "The reason it has remained continuously true, I believe lies in the exceptional qualifications and earnest conscientiousness of all those who have had the hard task of deciding who should be honored. Their calibre is suggested by the membership of this year's board—Judge Des Roches, of Montague, Mayor Currie of Summerside, who was unable to be here today, and your fellow-Rotarian, Mr. Justice Tweedy—to whom I extend The Patriot's special thanks".

HONORS JUDGING

"The award being made today offers a further testimonial to the character of the judging, for Mr. MacKinnon, who becomes 1961's Islander of the year, to take his place beside Capt. Carl Burke and Lt.-Col E. W. Johnstone, is not only my valued friend and your fellow-Rotarian, but was himself the very first person ever invited to serve as a judge, when this award was created in 1959.

"There are very many reasons, therefore why I take exceptional pleasure now in inviting His Honor to make the award", Mr. Lewis concluded.

MAKES PRESENTATION

In making the presentation, Lieutenant-Governor Hyndman expressed great pleasure at being called upon to do so. "For very many reasons I agree with what the executive editor of The Patriot has said regarding the award".

Additional popularity of the choice made was evidenced by the many congratulatory telegrams to Mr. MacKinnon and read by Mr. Hancox; notably from the Halifax Board of Trade president representing 2,300 members, officials of APEC, several Rotary clubs and chambers of commerce in the Maritime Provinces.

STUDENTS INTRODUCED

Grace Maria Au-Yeung, Chinese student from Hong Kong at St. Dunstan's University, on being introduced by chairman, Dr. Tudor Gencheff gave a most entertaining and informative talk on Chinese customs.

"First I want to say happy New Year to everybody. Today is the Chinese New Year and the greatest feast in the year among Chinese. No matter whether they are Christians or pagans, their hearts will fill with joy and there will be no space left for sorrow.

"Now we can see in front of our eyes, how happy our own people are and how busy celebrating such a great feast. We can see their smiling faces, and especially the children, who are full of hope and joy. No wonder the Chinese proverb says "whenever there is a feast, those who are far away from home will think about their own people twice as much as they do in an ordinary day".

CHINESE NEW YEARS

The speaker described the great preparation made by house wives in variety cooking and home decorations. On New Year's Day everybody has to dress in all new clothing,usually red or other bright colours. Chinese believe that red signifies fortune and happiness.

The tradition has it that a monster from one of the mysterious mountains came down in the beginning of the first moon to catch children and animals to take back as food for the rest of the year. One year a family unconsciously hung up some red material in front of their house and in that year they didn't lose any. They believed that the monster was afraid of red, and the tradition remains until the present. She described the other interesting customs associated with New Years.

AFRICAN STUDENTS

The second speaker, Gerald Wanjohi of Kenya, East Africa, speaking briefly said that most students from his country attended university in either Great Britain or the U.S.A. One of the difficulties encountered in Canada was securing employment during the summer when college was close. This situation is being gradually cleared up and there are 33 East African students in Canadian universities this year.

Mr. Wanjohi said he was grateful for the kindness and consideration of the University faculty and many friends whom he had met since coming here.

The third speaker was Paul D. Foster, a resident of Somerville, Mass., representing the students from the U.S.A.

AMERICAN STUDENT

"I think it is valid to say that the predominent factor in bringing American students to St. Dunstan's is one of finance, as to come here is extremely reasonable when compared with colleges in the U.S.A., Mr. Foster said.

St. Dunstan's does not include or exclude a student by one test such as is administered to almost all students seeking admission to American universities. At St. Dunstan's however, a student is given a chance to exhibit his ability and is judged on his record.

Another factor drawing American students to St. Dunstan's is the record of academic excellence which the institution has maintained throughout the years. Here also the student is able to obtain a much more personal education. In a great majority of American universities, a student is merely a number and a number of a class, the speaker said.

Mr. Foster expressed thanks on behalf of the American students, to the Rotary club for all they have done for them.

Co-chairman N.W. Lowther extended the thanks of the club to the student speakers.

Other guests of Rotary were Wallie Andrew, city; Cecil Dunbar, Moncton; Ross Hawthorn, Toronto. Visiting Rotarians were Chief Justice Campbell, Summerside and Stan Weaver, Moncton.

College To Honor Its Patron Saint

A heavy schedule of events will take place at St. Dunstan's University today during the annual observance of St. Dunstan's Day, honoring the patron saint of the institution.

St. Dunstan's Day actually falls on May 19, but since that date is not suitable for the university, it is traditionally observed on the first Tuesday in February.

The day will start with Solemn High Mass at 11.30, celebrated by Rt. Rev. J.A. Sullivan, president and rector of the University. It will be followed by a banquet, staged in three divisions, for members of the faculty; for the men, in the students' dining room; and for the women in the dining room at Marian College.

At 2 p.m., there will be a hockey game in the college rink between the all-star day scholars and the college all-stars. At 3 p.m., the SDU varsity basketball team will face St. FX in a return exhibition game, and Benediction will be held at 5.35.

At 8 p.m., in the college auditorium, the student production of Rogers and Hammerstein's "Carousel" will be presented. This show will be repeated later in Charlottetown.

Former Resident Dies In Mass.

Funeral services for the late Mary Eliza MacEachern MacDougall, sister of Miss Frances MacEachern, Charlottetown, were held recently in Bedford, Mass.

She was the wife of the late Murdock MacDougall, and resided on Mt. Pleasant Drive, Peabody, Mass. Interment was in Shawsheen Cemetery, Bedford. Services were conducted by Rev. A. Paige of Holy Trinity Methodist Chuch, Danvers.

Also surviving are two sons, Major George A. MacDougall, U.S. Army (ret.) of Peabody and John C. MacDougall, Arlington, Mass.; a brother, Allen MacEachern Somerville, Mass.; a sister, Mrs. Lottie Bradley, Somerville, also three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Veteran Driver Is Nominated To Hall Of Fame

MONCTON (CP) — Col. Dan MacKinnon of Charlottetown, the deacon of harness racing in the Maritimes, was nominated for a place in the United States Trotting Association's Hall of Fame at the district 11 meeting here Monday.

The 86-year-old MacKinnon, a member of the Canadian Hall of Fame, must now be voted in by the board of sports writers, but his place is almost certain.

Two Drivers Fined $100

In Queens County magistrates court yesterday two persons pleaded guilty to driving while their abilities were impaired by alcohol, and were each fined $100 and costs or 10 days in jail by Magistrate James B. Johnston, QC.

Of the two accused, Louis Ernest Higginbotham, Parkdale, was counselled by Lester O'Donnell, while James Joseph McGarry, Iona, was not represented by counsel.

After being informed that an accused was a patient in a local hospital, an adjournment was given in the case of a person charged with possession of intoxicating liquor in a place other than residence, until March 5, by consent of defence counsel John P. Nicholson and Deputy Attorney-General J. Arthur McGuigan.

For operating a motor vehicle with defective equipment, an accused was fined $5 and costs or two days in jail.

Employees Meet Slated Tonight

Employees of the Government Garage meet at Prince of Wales College tonight to decide whether or not they endorse the P.E.I. Public Servants Association as their representative to their employer, the provincial government.

The meeting is being called by directors of the association who learned some time ago that a union, believed to be the International Association of Machinists, was seeking certification as bargaining agent for the garage employees.

J. Wilmer Blanchard Joins UNESCO Staff In Cameroons

J. Wilmer Blanchard arrived in Charlottetown on Friday last from Montreal for a brief visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Blanchard of 114 Upper Prince Street. On Saturday evening he returned to Montreal from where he proceeded by plane on Sunday evening to London, England.

He will go to Paris where he will spend a few days at UNESCO headquarters. He will then fly to Yaounde, capital of the Cameroons, where he will be attached to the operational executive staff of UNESCO.

J. Wilmer Blanchard began his education at the Model School of Prince of Wales College. For eight years he was a student at the Classical College of Joliette, Que. He obtained his BA degree from the University of Montreal.

He was a member of the teaching staff of Prince of Wales College for two years. He also taught at HMCS d'Iberville, Quebec, and HMS Hochelaga, Montreal.

J. WILMER BLANCHARD

During the past year he taught English at Leopoldville and Coquihatville in the Congo.

Parkdale Tax Case Appealed

Charlottetown barrister, C. R. McQuaid, Friday, filed an appeal with the Supreme Court of the province against the decision of Parkdale Justice of the Peace, Donald A. MacDonald, who fined Paul Hoy, Charlottetown, $50 and costs for failing to pay Parkdale's $25 work license.

Mr. Hoy is a part-time employee of the Charlottetown Driving Park.

Another Charlottetown resident, Ewen Stewart, an employee of the Dominion Experimental Farm, was summoned to appear before the justice of the peace on a similar charge.

According to Mr. McQuaid, the Stewart case will be stayed until the Supreme Court rules on the Hoy appeal.

Milton Group Has Speaker, Elects Slate

Rev. David MacDonald, Charlottetown, was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Milton Anglican Laymen's Association, held recently at the home of John A. Rodd.

Mr. MacDonald, who recently returned from a trip to India and other parts of Asia, gave an account, illustrated with colored slides, of the World Council of Churches held in New Delhi, India.

Verner Coles was elected president of the association for the year. Other officers are vice-president, James H. Coles; secretary-treasurer, Alton Rodd, and directors, John Rodd and Douglas MacDonald. Honorary president is Rev. A.E. Piercey.

The business part of the meeting included a report on affiliation with the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen. A decision was made to buy 20 new prayer books for the church.

Twelve members of the association and two visitors attended the meeting.

LOCAL BRIEFS

CARD PARTY WINNERS

The following are the results of the St. Pius X card party held last night: men's first, Wendell Gregory; second, Alfred Blanchard; consolation, P.J. MacInnis; ladies' first, Mrs. A. Doyle; second, Margaret Perry; consolation, Mrs. F. Szwarc; doorprize, Mrs. Stanley MacCabe; freeze-out, Emma Gallant and Alan Perry.

FUNERAL HELD

Funeral services were held recently in Musquodoboit, N.S. for Mrs. Elizabeth Lloye Day, 74. Survivors include six sons and four daughters in addition to her husband Alfred Caspian. There are also two brothers and three sisters. A son Sgt. Norman Day, was well known in Charlottetown having served here with the Canadian Army.

THOM FUNERAL — The funeral for Ben Thom was held yesterday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home, service was conducted by Rev. Donald Campbell assisted by Brigadier L.A. Hicks. Pallbearers were Ralph Yeo, Frank Lee, George Lee, Sam Ling, Thomas D. Hum and Harry Chen. Interment was in the Peoples cemetery.

White Cane Week Benefits Blind And Partially Sighted

"Many blind people see a little," declared P. C. Bower, P.E.I. field secretary, of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. In his comment on White Cane Week, the annual educational period of CNIB and the Canadian Council of the Blind, he exploded the popular notion that all blind people are totally blind.

"More than two thirds of Canada's blind population have some sight," he said. Some partially sighted see in a mist, like looking through a frosted glass. Others have tunnel or acute vision only which reduces their vision to a small area in one section of the eye. This is like looking through a pin hole in a piece of cardboard.

"In the low vision field each case must be judged differently," Mr. Bower said, "but each one has his own special problems." Though he carries a white cane, he frequently relies on his partial sight in walking from place to place. His blurred vision blends the on-coming cars with the roadway and when he distinguishes the approaching bus, he cannot read the destination sign. He told of one man who once stopped seven buses before finding the one he wanted.

One woman who has pin hole vision only, must take the arm of her companion or she runs into her. With every step she takes, she must watch where she is placing her feet. One day when looking for the curb, she bumped into a telephone pole. To the partially sighted, steps of the same colour are hard to navigate. It is hard to locate the first step, or to estimate the depth of those that follow. This causes nervousness and makes some people feel as if they are losing their balance.

"Many sighted people are glad to lend a hand at street crossings," Mr. Bower said, "but are surprised when they discover the white cane carrier has some sight. "They have a legal right to carry it," he said, "Acts of Parliament in nine provinces limit the use of the white cane to the legally blind. This means the totally blind and the partially sighted.

"So don't be put off by a little vision. Lend your arm just as you would to the totally blind and give the partially sighted the benefit of your good sight," he concluded.

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CNR Lawman To Receive Police Medal

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Mr. MacDonald is a member of the Canadian National Railways investigation department, has exactly 20 years service. He will be presented with the medal later this month.

Eagles Nip Bruins 5-4

GEORGETOWN — Georgetown Eagles defeated Murray Harbor Bruins 5-4 last night in the first game of a round-robin series among four teams in the Kings County Intermediate B League. Each team will meet the others twice, with the team having the most points representing the county in provincial playoffs.

The score last night was tied at the end of the first, 2-2 and Georgetown led 3-2 at the end of the second. Early in the third the Eagles went ahead 5-2 and staved off a closing rush by the Bruins to win 5-4.

Morell High Whips Souris

SOURIS — Morell High School walloped an inept Souris High hockey squad 5-1 at Souris last night. The game was the first of a best-of-three series for the Kings County high school B championship.

Scoring for Morell were Mike Kelly 3, K. MacDonald and A. MacKenzie. Scoring for Souris was P. MacInnis.

A total of 12 penalties were called with each team drawing three majors and Souris drawing a misconduct. Referees were Emmett Murphy and James Cheverie.

The game was played as part of the Souris High School's Ice Sports program.

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