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Sport Of Skiing Gains Popularity

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SUMMERSIDE — Residents of this province have participated in many sports over the years but there is one sport, although prominent in other provinces such as Quebec, Alberta and, even closer to home — Nova Scotia — which has eluded them. The sport referred to is skiing. Oh yes, there has been the odd skiing enthusiast but most of them were not Island natives but rather people transferred here who had gained interest in this thrilling and challenging sport in other provinces.

Skiing increased in popularity here last year largely through the efforts of one man, Bob Rankin, operator of the Clinton Heights Motel, who had a ski tow erected on a hill near his premises.

The Summerside Ski Club was also formed last winter with Ken Judson as President but this year interest has increased to the point where a P.E.I. ski association has been formed.

Slightly more than a month ago a meeting was held at Clinton with representatives from Montague, Georgetown, Charlottetown, Summerside and the local RCAF Station in attendance. It was at this time that the association was formed with Mr. Judson being elected to

head the organization. Also attending the meeting was Dave Boswell, director of physical education for P.E.I.

The association will be the governing body of skiing on P.E.I. and is also affiliated with the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.

Ken, as the president of the association is called by all who know him, is a real fan of the sport and you can see his eyes gleam when he discusses it.

Recalling a week-long skiing vacation he and his wife took last winter to the New England states, he said "from now on I'll always take a winter vacation".

Members of the association will do most of their skiing at Clinton where, Ken stated, another tow is being installed on a second trail which will present more challenge than last year's run.

Through affiliation with the national body it will also be possible to bring in professional instructors and the president hopes a pro might be brought in for a week this winter.

INSTRUCTION PROVIDED
Instruction will be for children of all age groups, he stated, as well as for adults and the association hopes to line up a transportation system for skiers

If the interest warrants it. Tentative plans are also being made to bring in top-flight instructors from the Westworth Valley, N.S. ski club on weekends to teach members the finer points of the sport.

of the advantages of belonging is that its members will be charged cheaper tow rates. The association dues are \$2.00 for adult members 20 years and over and \$1 for students. There are also family rates of \$5 per family, irregardless of how many in the family. Along with these rates there will also be .50 cent individual dues for the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.

RCAF Summerside, secretary, Dr. Wayne Cameron, Charlottetown vice president, Dr. John Robertson RCAF Station treasurer. Advisors to the association are R.T. Henthorn and Laurie Coles both of Summerside. Named chairman of the entertainment committee is Lloyd Millar of the RCAF Station.



REGIMENT'S ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE

The Basilica Recreation Centre was the scene last night for the 5 Signals Regiment NCO's annual dinner and dance. A number of presentations

were made prior to the dinner. Mrs. L. A. Dowling (left) presented Mrs. E. A. McCarey with a bouquet of roses and her husband Sgt. Dowling

(right), presented out-going Lieut. Col. McCarey with a gift, on behalf of the regiment.

TAX ABOLITION

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ized approach under provincial authority to the study of land use; and the setting up of a recognized body to deal with the problems involved.

FEED SHORTAGE

Noting the shortage of available livestock feed the meeting urged the P.E.I. federation to explore the possibility of getting further assistance on the cost of bringing in western grain. It's not practicable to import hay, it was suggested.

Other resolutions backed the effort of coal crop growers to obtain compensation for drought-caused crop losses this year and the effort to obtain unemployment insurance for farm workers; suggested an advisory committee on ARDA — the idea here is to assist in overcoming some of the difficulties that are in the way of ARDA's "direct application to agriculture and rural problems."

Agriculture Minister MacRae was commended for his efforts to have crop insurance extended to coal crops, but asked him also to review the terms and conditions under which the crop insurance plan now applies, creating "considerable dissatisfaction."

The federation complained once again that no relief has been granted for "excessive registration fees on farm trucks" and urged continued efforts for a more equitable rate. It also asked for a nominal rate "not to exceed 50 cents" for licenses for operating farm tractors. The rate now is \$2.00.

CRITICISM REPEATED

The federation repeated strong criticism of service supplied for farm machinery—the purchase cost "continues to increase"—and asked for legislation "providing reasonable protection" to the purchaser. It also asks that "terms and conditions" be established applying to the purchase of farm machinery. This one is addressed to the minister of agriculture.

The farm people represented at Cardigan asked, also, that the advisory committee on veterinary service be reconstituted, and that two livestock farmers be named on it.

Shirley Sutherland, Greenwich, presided in his capacity of president.

FRILL-LESS

ILKESTON, England (Reuters)—A company here has received an order from Russia for 2,000 pairs of women's panties in red, white and blue—but without frills.

Two Cargo Ships Active At Wharf

There were two cargo ships tied-up at the Charlottetown Railway Wharf last night. The Heering Rose docked at the local wharf at approximately 9:00 p.m. Wednesday night with a load of fertilizer from Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A.

A spokesman for the ship said last night they expect to be at the local dock for about six days.

The Heering Rose will travel to Souris from Charlottetown to pick up a load of potatoes destined for Jacksonville, Florida.

The Coral Bay is the other ship tied up here and it is scheduled to leave today with a load of potatoes. The Coral Bay sailed from Patras, Greece, and this is where it will be heading with their load of Island potatoes.

An Imperial Oil tanker sailed from Charlottetown early yesterday morning for Imperoyal. The tanker came to Charlottetown Wednesday night from Montreal and left 18,000 barrels of gasoline in the city before sailing early yesterday morning.

FEW HAVE STEADY WORK

Only a quarter of Britain's 65,000 dock workers have permanent jobs, the rest being hired for half-day shifts.

New Emergency Lighting Displayed For Hospitals

MONTREAL (CP) — Every time there is talk of power-company workers going on strike the first concern is for hospitals.

But what about the occasions when there is no advance strike notice and a technical breakdown turns the light out in the operating theatre?

For a surgeon working with a safety margin of perhaps less than a millimetre, light failure for even a fraction of a second might be equivalent to a jolt in the arm.

The importance of emergency power in hospitals was underlined during the recent power failure which plunged Ontario and the northeastern United States into darkness.

It showed how much apparently is taken for granted in many quarters but nowhere as much as in hospital services.

Some hospitals, it turned out, did not have satisfactory emergency power. In many, the emergency power was used up quickly or was not available at all.

EMERGENCY NEED

Even where there was emergency power there could have been trouble in the operating theatre in the transition period after the failure of normal power.

The transition period can last from two seconds to 20 minutes and can take any form from dimming to complete blackout.

In Montreal this week, an emergency power system designed to do away with any sort

of transition period was placed on display. The system, which was demonstrated at the Operating Room Nurses Association convention, took two years to develop.

With the system, lights are designed to continue in operation as if nothing has happened when there is a power failure—something that could mean a lot to a surgeon with a scalpel in his hand.

The system is so new, its manufacturers say, that most hospitals have not yet heard of it.

PLANS SALES

The American Hospital Supply Corp., one of North America's major suppliers of hospital equipment, put the system on show for the nurses and is preparing to market the system in the U.S. and Canada.

The idea for the mechanism was said to result from the desire expressed by surgeons for an emergency, failure-proof surgical lighting system.

The system uses special nickel cadmium batteries which are in a continuous state of discharge.

Failed To Stop, Fined By Court

Keven Curley, Freetown, and Winston E. Murray, Valleyfield, were each fined \$5 and costs or two days for failing to stop at a stop sign when they appeared in City Police Court yesterday. Magistrate A.J. Haslam, QC, presided.

There were two cases of illegal possession of liquor. A Tracadie Cross man was fined \$20 and costs or 30 days and a city resident was remanded to Nov. 28.

A Summerside resident, charged with being drunk and disorderly was fined \$15 and costs or five days.

Meetings Have Large Turnouts

ALBERTON — Large congregations have been assembling in the Church of the Nazarene at Elmsdale where special meetings are being conducted by Rev. J.W. Turple.

Mr. Turple has been well known in the western part of Prince County since he first came to minister here in 1919. Since he completed his pastorate at that time he has returned to the area on several occasions.

Although he is well past the allotted three score years and ten, he is still a vigorous evangelistic preacher and devotes most of his time to this work. In the summer he lives just outside Toronto and winters are spent in Florida.

Pleads Guilty In Theft Case

SUMMERSIDE — Pleading guilty to a charge of break, entry and theft after a trial by magistrate, a Carleton Place youth, Eric William Rogers, had his case adjourned for sentence to Dec. 1 by Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald in Prince County Court yesterday.

The court was told that all that was taken in the break at Carleton Place School were "a couple of binders and some pencils".

A St. Eleanor's man, Ronald Joseph MacDonnell, was fined \$25 and costs for unlawfully discharging a firearm in the village of St. Eleanor's.

DEATHS

GASS — The death occurred at New Haven, Nov. 23, 1965 of Duncan A. Gass in his 61st year. Remains were forwarded from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home to his late residence where they will rest until noon Friday then to Clyde River Presbyterian Church, service commencing at 2 p.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

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