

### Zion Men's Ass'n Holds Father And Son Banquet

Last night the Fathers and Sons, totalling 190 men and boys, enjoyed a banquet presented by the Zion Men's Brotherhood in the Church Hall.

The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary took care of the banquet part of the evening's program and their meal was thoroughly enjoyed.

The guest speaker was His Worship B. Earle MacDonald, who in a heart-warming manner gave a very inspirational talk to the boys and their dads which was much appreciated.

President of Men's Brotherhood, Mr. Ernest A. Cudmore, presided. The program was as follows:—Supper; Toast to the King; Welcome to guests by Rev. G. C. Webster; Address on "Citizenship" by Mayor MacDonald; Remarks by President, E. A. Cudmore; Singing led by Rev. G. C. Webster with Mr. Frank Johnson at the organ; Toast to the Fathers by Arthur King; Toast to the sons by Bruce McLaren; Saxophone solo by Mr. J. W. MacAndrew; Readings by Mr. J. Robert Tompkin; Films "Hot Ice Hockey" and Calgary Stampede shown by Earl Beaton.

At the conclusion of the program a vote of thanks was presented to the Ladies' Auxiliary and guest artists.

### Ladies Night At Rotary

Charlottetown Rotarians celebrated their annual ladies night at a banquet at the Charlottetown Hotel last evening. President Reuel LePage presided and welcomed the following guests: Honourable J. Walter Jones and Mrs. Jones, the President of the Gyro Club Dr. J. A. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan, President of the Y's Men Mr. Arthur Duvar and Mrs. Duvar, President of the Kinsmen Dr. Loy Duffy and Mrs. Duffy, President of the Kiwanis Club Mr. Lawson Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins.

The program included two greatly appreciated solos by Mr. Torian MacLellan, an address by Past District Governor Percy Turner, some descriptive remarks on members of the club by Rotarian Darrel McGuire, the introduction of the members of the Stork Club Messrs. George Walters, W. W. Reid, Ian Burnett, and Hal Shaw. A new member of the Club Rotarian Eric Dowling was installed as chairman.

The toast to the ladies was given by Rotarian Hal Shaw and responded to by Rotary Ann Daisy Parent.

The Girls Choir of the Baptist Church under the direction of Mrs. W. A. MacRae sang several selections which were much enjoyed.

Rotarians and guests concluded the evening with dancing to the music of Don Messer and his Islanders.

### Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a few nature may be inserted at fifty cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

#### CRABWELL For Photographs.

HEAR W. Chester S. McLure from Parliament Hill over CFCY at 8:45 p.m. March 7.

RESERVE Saturday, March 25th, 2 p.m. rummage sale in C. W. L. hall, 162 Richmond Street.

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PAINTING BY ISLAND ARTIST—The oil painting presented to Barbara Ann Scott by Premier J. Walter Jones, on behalf of the people of the Province, was the work of Mrs. J. A. Fraser, 89 Upper Prince Street.

RESERVE Saturday, March 18th, 2 p.m. for "sale of home cooking" in Rogers Hardware store. Sponsored by C.W.L.

EDUCATION WEEK BROADCAST—Hear J. R. Murphy, president of the P. E. I. F. speak on Educational Problems CFCY March 10, 7:30 p.m.

FLUE FIRES — City Firemen were called out to three slight flue fires last night. The first, at 248 Grafton St., was at 7:15; the second, at 7:25, was at 75 Cumberland St.; the third, at 205 Weymouth St., occurred at 8:15. There was no damage at any of the fires.

CARD PARTY — At the card party held last evening at the League Hall the following were the prize winners: Ladies' first, Mrs. C. J. Gaudet; ladies' second, Mrs. T. Benoit. Men's first, Mr. Edward Jenkins. Men's second, Earl Harman. Door prizes, Mrs. Raymond Garnham, Mrs. Frezeon, Mrs. Everett Kelly, Mrs. James Revell.

INURED IN FALL—An elderly China Point resident, Mr. Joseph W. MacDonald was taken to the Charlottetown Hospital early last night suffering from injuries sustained in a fall into a cellar. It is believed that Mr. MacDonald fell down a flight of cellar steps and received slight head injuries. He was taken to hospital in an ambulance driven by Mr. Brendan Hennessy.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of Peter Jackman, Village Green, was held from his late residence yesterday morning to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River for Mass at 9:30 by the Rev. Robert Gillis. Father Gallant officiated at the graves. Pallbearers were Earl Buell, Charles Duffy, William Doyle, Ewen MacNeill, Leo Praught, Fred Mossman. Burial was in the Church cemetery.

TWO ACCIDENTS — City Police reported two accidents yesterday. The first, at 8:30 in the morning, occurred when a car proceeding east on Kent Street struck a car proceeding west on the same street. Considerable damage was done to the second car. No one was injured. The second occurred last night when a car parked on the north of West Street was struck by an unknown vehicle. Slight damage was done to the parked car.

INURED AT KINKORA — Mr. Theodore Lavers, Charlottetown, was badly hurt Saturday at Kinkora when he was jammed between a railway car and a warehouse. Mr. Lavers, an employee of the C.N.R., was in front of the warehouse when a car on a nearby siding jumped the track and wedged him between the warehouse and car. A special train was sent out and took Mr. Lavers to the P.E.I. Hospital here. Mr. Lavers suffered broken ribs and arms. At last report he was said to be doing favourably.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Mrs. George Wheatley was held yesterday afternoon from the Cutcliffe Funeral Home. Services at the Home and grave were conducted by the Rev. E. D. Ashford, Crystal Chapel. Mr. O. B. A. attended in a body and their service was conducted by Mrs. Jessie Larter and Mrs. Annie Darrach. Major Blanche MacLean sang very effectively "The City Four Square." Members of the Memorial Lodge also attended. Pallbearers were, Hampson Bowman, David Robison, Penna Moore, Gordon MacCallum, Colin MacPhail, Arthur Coffin. Interment was in the Sherwood cemetery.

BOY SCOUT CAMPAIGN — The Provincial Boy Scout Campaign for funds in Charlottetown reached a total of \$3,700, it was announced at an executive meeting held yesterday. Brig. W. W. Reid presided. Helping lend the campaign impetus and giving encouragement to volunteer workers was a donation of \$75 from the firm of R. T. Holman Ltd. and another of \$100 from The Guardian. The provincial objective is \$5,000. No returns have been received, as yet, but collections underway in other centres throughout the Province, but the Committee was optimistic that the objective would be reached and the way paved for the expansion of the youth movement.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES — GENEVA, March 6 — (Reuters) — Unemployment has risen in 16 countries of Europe, North America and Oceania in the last year, the International Labor Office reported today. The United States had nearly eight per cent of its labor force out of work. The U.S. unemployment figure — 4,480,000 — was the highest since 1941. Britain's total rose slightly from 360,300 at the end of 1948 to 352,800 at the end of last year.

## Leftist Party Wins In Greek General Election

By L.S. CHAKALIS  
ATHENS, March 6 — (CP) — Gen. Nicholas Plastiras' leftist National Progressive Union led all other parties in Greece's surprising election count today, and he claimed a "victory of the people."

The General was said by his associates to be ready to collaborate with the Liberals of Sophocles Venizelos and the Social Democrats of George Papandreu in forming a coalition government.

With 1,025,000 of the vote counted in Sunday's election during which 1,900,000 ballots are believed to have been cast, this was the standing of the six leading parties in returns published by the independent newspaper Ethnos (official figures from the Ministry of the Interior lagged considerably after the initial returns):

National Progressive Union, 190,632; Populists (Royalists) led by

Constantin Tsaldaris, 178,211; Liberals, 169,395; Republican Front, a far-left party led by John Sotiriou, 121,797; Social Democrats, 105,903; Independent Political Front, extreme right wing led by Constantine Maniadiakis and Constantine Kotzias, 68,966.

Since Greece has a proportional representation system, the make-up of the 260-member Parliament has not been definitely determined as yet.

Liberals and Populists, who have been governing the country since 1947 in a coalition were amazed by the showing of the two leftist parties led by Plastiras and Sotiriou. They said Communists, defeated in the guerrilla war, supported the two leftist groups.

Whether Venizelos of the Liberals will co-operate with Plastiras in a government remains to be seen.

## Minister Queried Re CNR Highway Proposals

OTTAWA, March 6 — (CP) — Transport Minister Chevrier said today in the Commons that he is not aware of a report that the Canadian National Railways has offered to take over all highway, bus and truck services in Prince Edward Island.

He was replying to W. Chester S. McLure (PC-Queens) who said the C.N.R. had made this proposition to the P.E.I. Government and said the services would be placed under control of the Board of Transport Commissioners.

"I am sure," said Mr. Chevrier, "that the Canadian National Railways, or for that matter the Federal Government, would have no jurisdiction over provincial highways on Prince Edward Island, and over one or two of the other matters which my honorable friend mentioned in his question."

"That is about the only information I can give him at this time," Mr. McLure's question was.

"Has the Canadian National Railways made a general proposition to all Provinces of Canada similar to that which has been made to the Government of Prince Edward Island, namely, to take over all the highway bus and truck services and to place these services under the control of the Board of Transport Commissioners?"

## Local C. W. L. Holds Monthly Meeting

Charlottetown Sub-division C. W. L. held its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 5th at 8:15 p.m. The president, Mrs. James Blake presided and recited prayer in the unavoidable absence of the Director, Rev. J. W. McCordie.

The business meeting opened with the minutes of previous, regular and executive meetings read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ernest McTague. Minutes were approved as read as was the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. P. J. Nealis.

Correspondence was read as received from the following: Catholic Social Welfare Bureau, per J. R. McMillan, with appreciation for donation towards welfare work; Sister Mary Henry, St. Vincent's Orphanage, thanking members for donations of children's clothing; Canadian Red Cross, per Mrs. Arsenault, inviting to annual meeting; Board of Governors, Charlottetown Hospital, invitation to president and members to attend opening of new Pavilion; Red Cross Drive Appeal, per Edwin C. Johnston; Miss I. Arsenault, Prov. Corres. Secy. C.W.L., resale of pictures of Pope Pius XII by the celebrated artist Yousuf Karsh; Musical Festival Association per Mrs. W. Burns, treasurer, acknowledging with appreciation the receipt of \$25.00 from the subdivision; annual circular letters from Mrs. Ernest Rossiter, Provincial Convener of Lay Retreats, appraising members of dates of annual retreat; from Mrs. F. J. Trainor, Prov. Convener of Education, with outline of five-point program of plan of action along this line; from Mrs. D. F. McNeill, Provincial Convener of Magazine, asking for a campaign to increase subscriptions to the Canadian League; from Mrs. Fred Steele, Recording Secy., appreciation of message conveying good wishes during her illness in hospital.

Mrs. Lorne Noonan, Convener of Education, reported having attended a public education meeting in Prince Street School which was addressed by Dr. L. Shaw, Dept. of Education.

Mrs. Stephen Trainor, reporting for Social Services, said there was need for more helpers to take care of the demand for garments for the needy. A large number of articles of clothing were repaired during the month and forty new garments made for children.

Mrs. Arthur Richard, Finance Convener, gave a most satisfactory report of the work of her committee, and proposed plans for further activities along this line. Plans were made for the holding of a rummage sale to be convened by Mrs. Richard, and also for a sale of home cooking, which will be convened by Mrs. Arthur Murray and Mrs. McKinnon. The dates of both events will be duly advertised.

Mrs. C. L. McDonald gave an interesting report a convener of the Lay Retreat Movement, and urged all to assist in getting retreatants for the annual retreat.

Mrs. C. Corrigan, convener, has received seven new subscribers for the magazine as well as renewals.

Literature has been supplied to institutions and donations of knitted and other garments for children were sent to the orphanage during the month. This work is convened by Mrs. W. J. F. McMillan.

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## Death Yesterday Of Mr. John McLaren

The death occurred in Charlottetown last night of Mr. John Alexander McLaren, for many years associated with the late Mr. James Paton in the well-known firm of James Paton and Company and later proprietor of the business on Mr. Paton's retirement.

Mr. McLaren was eighty-seven years of age, and had been in poor health since last summer. A native of Doune, Perthshire, Scotland, he came to Charlottetown about the year 1890 to enter the dry goods establishment of Mr. Paton. He became a partner in the firm in 1894 and the two continued in business until 1922. In that year Mr. Paton sold out his interest and Mr. McLaren continued as proprietor until his retirement in 1928. The first was one of the best-known in the Province, and did a very extensive trade.

As was a customary with merchants in early days, Mr. McLaren went on buying excursions every year or two to the Old Country, and in the course of his life made about forty return trips across the Atlantic.

It was on one of these trips that he was wrecked, along with five other island seamen, on the S. E. Labrador, off the Skerryvore lighthouse, in the Hebrides, in the year 1899. Mr. McLaren was the last surviving Islander of this adventure, the others being the late Messrs. S. A. MacLeod, W. A. Heustis, Col. Charles E. Leigh, L. E. Prowse, and W. W. Stanley.

Mr. McLaren was a lifelong Presbyterian, and for many years was an active member of the Faldoonian Club and of the Masonic Order. He was an ardent fisherman, and possessed a wealth of detailed information about the trout streams of the Province. He was also an authority on Scottish geography and history, which he had studied at first hand on his many visits to his native land. He died, his first wife who died in 1911 being the former Miss Marian Jamieson, of Scotland. The surviving family are, Mr. Irvine G. McLaren and Helen (Mrs. E. S. Notting) Charlottetown, and Russell in the United States. Mr. McLaren's second wife, formerly Mrs. Fope Welsh, of Charlottetown, died in 1918.

## Preaches Sermon On 91st Birthday

TORONTO, March 6 — (CP) — Mrs. A. W. Bannister was 91 Sunday. She marked the anniversary, as usual, by preaching a sermon. She has been a lay preacher for 65 years. When she started, women were not ordained.

Her kindly blue eyes still are bright and her walk sprightly.

Her sermon Sunday at suburban Downsview United Church was her third in a week, all in different churches.

"I'm independent," she told a reporter. "I'm eligible for service anywhere for Jesus."

During 1948 nearly 1,130,000 border permits were issued to United States motorists entering Ontario.

## Estimates To Be Taken By Easier Stages

The traditional all-night sitting on the Estimates will be abolished this year, and more time for study and discussion of this important business will be provided, Premier Jones announced in the Legislature yesterday.

The Premier said he expected the House would proceed within the next three weeks. The Draft Address debate would probably finish this week and it might be possible to get the Budget debate started next week. Most legislation could be cleaned up next week, leaving more time for discussion in committee on the Estimates.

"We expect to spend a couple of days on them," the Premier said. Customary procedure in the past has been to start the Estimates in the evening preceding the prorogation, and continue on until three or four o'clock in the following morning.

It was an exhausting procedure, and has frequently been criticised by members on both sides of the House.

## C. N. R. Restores Train Services

MONTREAL, March 6 — The following statement was issued here this afternoon by Donald Gordon, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways:

"When coal shortages forced the Canadian National to reduce passenger train services in Canada by 25 per cent, the railway management promised that the trains which were being temporarily discontinued would be put back into operation as soon as conditions permitted. Now we are keeping our word. Full C.N.R. train service will be restored as from Wednesday, midnight, March 8th. All trains in Canada that stopped running because of the coal shortage will go back on their normal schedules."

"To the public who have given us their understanding support we express our thanks and say that the Canadian National will, as in past years, continue to provide fast reliable up-to-date transportation."

"In addition to restoring passenger train services, the management has given instructions that coal consigned to commercial and other users be given preferential movement over our lines."

## FIRST BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

The first national championship pocket billiards tournament in the United States was held in New York in 1876.

ness meeting the president, Mrs. Blake, introduced Mrs. Frank Murray who addressed the members on the timely and vital subject of leadership.

Emphasizing the need of guidance to the youth of today who will be the men and women of tomorrow, the speaker said in part: "We should school ourselves in solid Christian thought and principle before attempting to lead others. Christianity recognizes the home as the most essential organization in the world. It has been rightly termed the "bedrock" of society and as such should prove to be the ideal training ground for leadership. It is in childhood that lasting impressions are made in moulding character for good or evil."

"On the parents rests the responsibility to develop all the best traits of character by eliminating all dangers to the home life; the lowering of goals through certain radio programs, lurid magazines, objectionable and pagan in subject and presentation, all of which tend to materialism."

Stressing the need of Christian leadership in the present world crisis, the speaker outlined the various essentials which are necessary to success. "The world," she said, "has known great leaders, whose characteristics were — courage, self-confidence, thoroughness, perseverance and the necessary intuition. If these qualities are cultivated, leadership will be a natural outcome."

The appreciation of the subdivision was fittingly expressed in a sincere vote of thanks to the speaker which was moved by Miss Evangeline Vessey and seconded by Mrs. Lorne Noonan. This was presented with an added tribute from the President to Mrs. Murray for her educational contribution to the program.



AWAITS ELECTION — King Leopold of Belgium will soon learn whether the Belgians want him to return from exile to the throne he surrendered during World War II.

## Urges More Government Assistance To Farmers

The belief that the best livestock in the world could be raised here and that the Island could become a cattle buyer's paradise if it were made an area free of Bang's disease was expressed by Mr. R. R. Bell, Conservative member for Second Queen's, in speaking on the Draft Address in the Legislature yesterday.

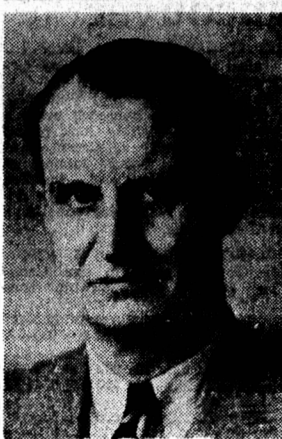
Mr. Bell pointed out that the average price of a purebred animal sold here to an Island buyer was between two and three hundred dollars where the same animal would sell for between five and six hundred in Ontario. He stated that some buyers are coming here to buy dairy cattle and could be induced to come here to purchase beef cattle as well.

He urged that a bill to make this a Bang's disease free area be passed immediately. He said that there is a small amount of the disease in this Province—possibly affecting about one per cent of the herds—but that we have no way to eradicate it. "We have gotten it into the Province from importation and if anyone wants to import a car load of feed or cattle it does not have to pass any examinations before entering."

He attacked the Government on the ground that they did not take advantage of a Dominion Government grant of money to be used towards the building of potato warehouses. Reading out of Hansard he quoted Agriculture Minister Gardiner as saying that the P. E. I. Government did not carry out their part in the deal as they asked that their share of the costs (27.5 per cent) be returned.

Mr. Bell urged Government assistance to breeders in the Province, stating that "if the new Minister would overstep the money in his Department he would never receive criticism from this side of the House."

He pointed out that assistance could be given to the farmers by paying freight rates on livestock as was the case in Ontario, and referred to the probable importation of Cheviot sheep as an opportunity for the Department to help out.



Mr. R. R. Bell

to the Government. He emphasized the danger of fire on the ferry during the summer months, when 500 or 600 are aboard and the lifeboats could only accommodate about 100 people. In this connection he urged the need of rigid inspections and tests.

If the ferry were still retained and no work commenced on the bridge he asked the Government to take an interest in procuring recreation grounds at Rocky Point. He said he knew where he could get assistance to help the Government in carrying out such a project.

He pointed out the need for improvement in the roads here. He noted that the Trans-Canada Highway would come here but thought that improvements should be made instead of waiting for this road. The hard surfacing of roads into the National Park was one of our road needs, he said. He also referred to the repairs which will be needed on the Summerside-Charlottetown highway.

Nearing the end of his speech he made the plea that "the Government watch out and provide aid in every way they can the farmers and those who are making a living off the farm." In conclusion he paid tribute to the Premier, whom he indicated would soon be leaving for the Senate.

## Farmers' Problems

Freight rates were cited as a cause of the high cost of production here. Mr. Bell stated that the outlook of Island farmers was not too good and that they could not survive if they did not get a price for their produce comparable to what they have to pay for what they buy.

"Tablestock potatoes," he stated, "were selling for 45 cents per 75 pound bag at the farmer's door, but the price was a great deal higher when the consumer went to buy them. The farmer's big bill for fertilizer was the highest in Canada's history in 1949."

Premier Jones asked: "What about the price of livestock?" Mr. Bell replied that pork was down about seven dollars per cwt. from this time last year and that all the farmers' profit was gone.

Premier Jones: "What about beef?"

Mr. Bell: "Beef has done wonderfully well. The prices are just not what they were a year ago but they are still good. There is a considerable demand at present and I see many farmers trying to buy young stuff to raise."

The reason for this is that the embargo on beef exported to the United States was lifted in August, 1948, and from then on there was a heavy exodus of beef from this country to the U. S. A. He predicted that this export will increase by another ten or fifteen per cent shortly. "Some of the farmers perhaps will come over to beef now that they realize the insecurity of the dairy business."

## Approves Dragger Experiment

Mr. Bell approved of experimenting in the use of draggers in the fishing industry. Although he maintained that he had an open mind on the subject he thought the Government should look into the matter and test it out with the aid of the Fishermen's Loan Board.

He said that he had inquired about the business from fishermen and had been told that the inshore fishing was not as good as it used to be. He thought the draggers would be well worth a try as they could go farther out and get the bigger catches.

If this were successful, he stated, the erection of fish meal factories could become a reality. He indicated that these plants could be of great benefit to the fishermen as it would give them employment during the off season fishing periods.

He expressed his desire to see the Government build the West River Bridge as promised in their 1943 and 1947 election platforms. He also asked for the promised harbour improvements at Charlottetown, especially for a slip where steamers like the Rocky Point Ferry and the Eskimo could dock.

He stated that such a slip would give year-round employment. As an example of the work that could be done he referred to the repairing of the Rocky Point ferry. "Let's have some action," he urged, "and let's get it started."

Premier Jones: "What do you want the Rocky Point ferry for if you get the North River Bridge?"

Mr. Bell replied that he would still have the ferry for a while, which at any rate is an expense

## Death Saturday Of Mrs. Wm. Mutch

Citizens of the Province learned with deep regret of the unexpected passing at her home in Rocky Point on Saturday March 4 of Mrs. William Mutch in her 76th year.

Always an outstanding leader, the late Mrs. Mutch contributed generously of her remarkable talents to her district in particular and to this province in general.

Her long and distinguished service in the work of the Women's Institutes earned for her the high honor of being a life member of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada. It was because of her long and meritorious service that the Provincial Women's Institute here applied for the life membership for her several years ago. And the honor was readily granted in recognition of her years of service.

But she was a past president of the Provincial Women's Institutes here and had been the Institutes official representative on the Provincial Sanatorium Commission ever since it was first organized. This work, like all of her other tasks, was carried out with efficiency and conscientious service. She was in attendance at the last commission meeting on February 20.

A kind and loving wife and mother, she was a kindly and thoughtful neighbour and a true and loyal friend. Her passing leaves a gap in the community life that will be difficult to fill and many throughout the entire province will join in extending sympathy to her sorrowing family, to her husband and her daughter Austina (Mrs. Percy Arbling).

## B.I.S. Preparing To Present Fine Comedy Drama

The Benevolent Irish Society celebrate their 125th anniversary this year with the presentation of the three act comedy drama by Dana Thomas, "Young Paddy Barry," on March 16th and 17th at the Prince Edward Theatre.

Under the capable direction of Mr. J. Plus Callaghan, this year's play is expected to exceed past successes in its public appeal. Many well known local players are in the well balanced cast, and specialties between the acts will include such favorites as Don Messer and his Islanders, Charlie Chamberlain, Marge Osborne, the Laval Choristers and children from St. Vincent's Orphanage.

## LOWER BEDEQUE SCHOOL

Report for the month of February.

Grade X.—1, Marine MacCallum; 2, John Waugh.

Grade IX.—1, John Montgomery.

Grade VIII.—4, Harold Leard; 3, George Montgomery; 3, Shirley Arsenault.

Grade VII.—1, Ralph MacCallum; 2, George Waugh; 3, Janet Waugh.

Grade VI. Senior.—1, Eric Jeffrey; 2, Robert Montgomery; 4, Ronald Wright.

Grade VI. Junior.—1, Lorne Holland; 2, Harvey Arsenault; 3, Alan Collett.

Grade III.—1, Velda Arsenault and Kathryn Jeffrey; 2, Arns Leard; 3, Harry Waugh.

Grade II.—1, Alan Wright; 2, Ruby Arsenault.

Ruth Wright—Teacher.

## E. C. A. CUTS OFF FUNDS

WASHINGTON, March 6—(AP) — The E. C. A. informed Congress today it is withholding recovery funds from the British oil industry as result of British decision to restrict American oil imports. Dr. Oscar E. Bransky, chief of the Economic Co-operation Administration's petroleum branch, told the House of Representatives commerce committee about the ban. He said it will continue until "satisfactory outcome" of British-American diplomatic negotiations over the dispute. Britain recently announced restrictions on U.S. oil imports to conserve dollars.

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