

School Boards Seek Government Help

During a joint meeting of the Charlottetown and Summerside School Boards with Cabinet ministers Wednesday afternoon a direct grant towards the cost of school construction and a contribution of 40 per cent of other costs, such as architect fees, purchase of site and landscaping, were requested.

It was also proposed the government provide assistance towards the cost of servicing the bond indebtedness incurred by the school boards and should share on a 40 per cent basis the cost of operation and maintenance of Regional High Schools.

LONG SEARCH
With education rapidly assuming the position of a financial bugbear for the two large centres of the province municipal authorities have long searched for some relief.

School Board representatives attending the meeting were William Jay, Keith Lapp and Francis MacNeill, superintendent of schools, from Summerside; and Dr. R. G. Lea, Dr. John Maloney and Dr. K. A. Parker, superintendent of Schools, from Charlottetown. They met with Premier Alex Campbell, Hon. Gordon Bennett, minister of education, Hon. T. Earl Hickey, provincial treasurer, and Hon. Elmer Blanchard, minister of labor.

GIVE ASSURANCE
Both Premier Campbell and Mr. Bennett gave assurance of careful consideration of the request as they congratulated both boards on the splendid program of school construction

Indian River Man Fined \$25

SUMMERSIDE—A fine of \$25 and costs was passed on Willis Heckbert, Indian River, for causing a disturbance in the Kensington Recreation Center, when he appeared before Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald, QC, in Prince County Magistrate's Court yesterday.

All other cases were adjourned.

Acres Report Expected Soon

A report on a comprehensive economic development plan from Acres Research is expected to be received by the government the end of this month Premier A.B. Campbell said yesterday.

Commenting briefly on the report, the premier stated: "We are maintaining close liaison with consultants of the Acres firm with respect to their present work in the province and we are now looking for an economic

advisor to the government with the expectation that his qualifications will enable him to assume a major responsibility in the province's assessment of the Acres' reports.

"His services will be permanently available to the government in matters of economic policy, development policy, budgeting policy, and other related fields."

NEED HOT AIR
It takes 75,000 cubic feet of helium to fill the 19 giant balloons used in the New York Thanksgiving Day parade.

Notre Dame Academy To Present Concert

Notre Dame Academy will present a Christmas concert at 8 o'clock this afternoon and at 8:15 Sunday night. The first half will consist of a Nativity play, *Venite Adoremus* by Victor Starbuck, which is directed by Sister Margaret McClosky.

The Notre Dame junior choir, directed by Sister Teresa MacAdam, will lend support to the cast.

ACTING IN PLAY
Acting in the play will be: You (Debbie Murphy), The Mother (Norma Morrison), Ezra (Debbie Doucette), Simeon (Irma Arsenault), Josias (Nancy Norton), Melchior (Ann Egan), Baltazar (Milanie MacAleer), innkeeper (Veronica Brown), a boy (Michelle Mac-

Donald), Martha (Debbie Berrigan), Julius (Mary Bell), first soldier (Josephine Brazil), second soldier (Brenda Pineau), Joseph (Valerie Davies), Mary (Peggy Coffin), first angel (Connie Noonan), second angel (Rosemary Doyle).

Federation Brief Is Presented To Cabinet

By **LORNE YEO**
A delegation from the Federation of P.E.I. Municipalities Tuesday presented a brief to the Executive Council asking that consideration be given to resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Federation in September.

PROPOSALS
Proposals were introduced to Cabinet by Mayor George Key of Summerside. Mr. Key is the president of the Federation. The delegation included Deputy Mayor Dorothy Corrigan from Charlottetown, Mayor Bruce Yeo, Montague; Mayor Roy Leard, Alberton; Mayor Gilbert Bell, Borden; Mayor Howard MacLean, Georgetown, and Mayor Key.

Briefly, the resolutions, are as follows: Assurance of continuous operation of car ferries in the event of another rail strike; that the Town Act be amended to give authorization to towns, to have unlighted buildings or structures repaired, that a traffic circle be built at Albany Corner, that the provincial government provide an access approach to the causeway for Borden, and for the public who wish to travel through Borden, that legislation be enacted forbidding the sale of beverages of any type, in no-deposit no return bottles, that the government continue to aid organized fire brigades.

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Magnificent Messiah At Centre On Sunday

Those who attend Sunday night's concert by the Confederation Centre Choir will see and hear the 45 members of the group poised and smiling, singing complicated harmonies with skill and feeling.

At least that's what the people down front will see and hear, and that's the mark of a truly professional group, to give not a hint of the enormous amount of rehearsal and effort that has taken place in the months before to ready material and voices for presentation and to blend the two elements together in perfect unison.

The magnificent Messiah, which forms the first half of the program, has its own particular challenges for the members, but according to choir director Margaret Hall, "It's sweeping rhythms and the glorious quality of the work seems to inspire both choir and audience as it goes along."

"But even so," she says, "there is plenty of challenge. There are three parts to the Messiah, and we'll only be singing part one, but that has given us plenty to work on."

There are also several good reference books and collections, and then it's a matter of selecting the ones that will fit into the format I selected to attempt the telling of the Christmas story."

ARRANGED BY DIRECTOR
"One of the carols, 'Virgin's Lullaby' was also arranged by the choir director. Others come from a number of different countries, but all speak in simple terms of the greatest religious festival in Christendom."

"I think what makes a carol so effective is the simple fact that it is truly a folk song," says Mrs. Hall. "It is truly music of people speaking to other people. They are often extremely simple in structure but they come from the heart and mean every bit as much to people no matter how many years go by."

Sunday night's Confederation Centre Choir concert will begin at 8:45 in the Centre Theatre.

BASS SOLOIST
Mrs. Hall also added that bass soloist Corie Smith of Moncton will be joining the choir to sing several solo parts.

The second portion of the program, "The Christmas Story in Song", offers challenges of a different sort. Many of the carols included in the program date far back to antiquity and a great deal of basic research was undertaken to find them and arrange them in story-telling form.

"The true carol is really a folk song," Mrs. Hall comments, "and I mean folk song in its purest form. We'll be singing some that date back to the 14th century and were handed down for hundreds of years by word of mouth."

"Where does she find them?" "I heard some of them sung on recordings by English choral

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Accidents Mar Safe Driving Week Here

SUMMERSIDE—The ninth accident of Safe Driving Week in Prince County occurred Wednesday morning when a half-ton Fargo truck, driven by Seafort Erskine Raynor, St. Eleanor's, collided with a Curran and Briggs vehicle. The accident is being investigated by the Summerside detachment of the RCMP.

Sergeant W. J. R. Macdonald reported that safe driving week was fairly good in the country. The nine accidents include all of Prince County, excepting the town of Summerside.

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