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Dartmouth gets \$20-million housing project

By Hugh Townsend
Provincial Reporter

A \$20-million land assembly and development project for the north end of Dartmouth was announced Friday by Consumer Affairs Minister Laird Stirling.

He said the project, bordering on part of Albro Lake and all of Martin Lake, will be undertaken on 120 acres of land purchased by the province from the department of national defence.

The program, through the department of housing, will provide 700 man-

years of direct and indirect employment, said the minister.

Mr. Stirling, in whose constituency the area is located, told a Dartmouth news conference it will be the government's intention to provide 340 "highly attractive and much needed serviced residential lots within the city of Dartmouth."

The complex will include single family, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings.

Approximately 70 acres of the land will be designated as parkland and general open space "to provide a long overdue recreational resource for

the people of the north end of Dartmouth."

Known as the Albro Lake Land Assembly, the residential lots will be serviced by the Nova Scotia Housing Corporation before being sold to future individual homeowners. This, he said, will control the setting and the type of homes in the development.

Because of the rock content in the area, the lots will be more expensive than other housing corporation developments, such as in Sackville, Mr. Stirling said.

"The fact it is located in a prime area in the heart of the city, where there are not that many areas open to

be developed, will determine a high quality of housing for the development."

He said the federal government was "very gracious in their dealings" with the province over the purchase of the land, but he did not reveal the purchase price.

"A very exciting part of this deal is the amount of land being set aside for park and recreational purposes," he said.

"Ever since I entered politics in 1978, I strived to have a good amount of parkland established because there is very little concentration of green

areas and recreational space in a part of the city where the concentration has been on apartment buildings."

The plans will give "the right combination of quality housing and parkland."

He said the city was instrumental in the concept plan and has already approved it.

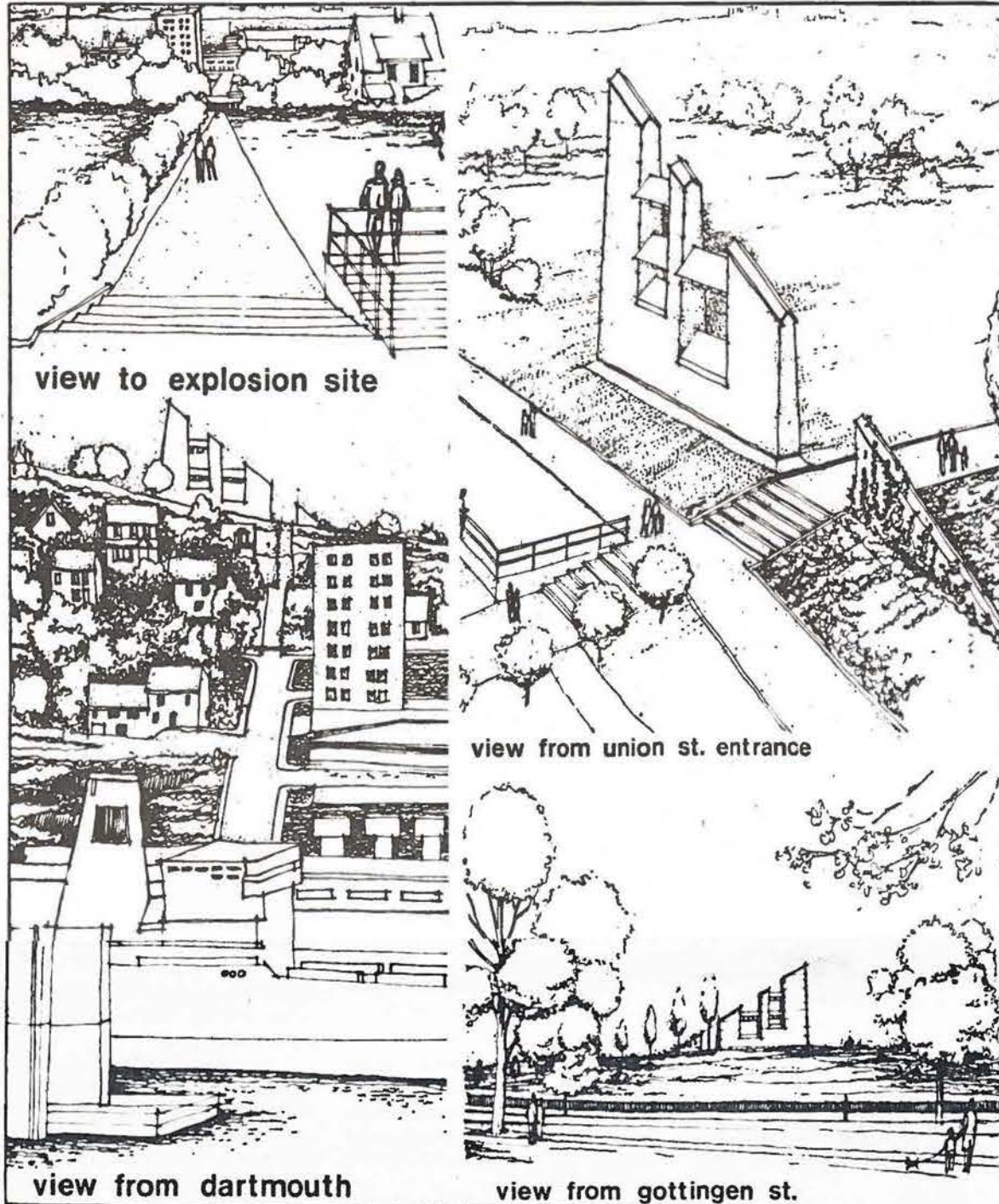
"It's in the city's best interests, as well as ours," he added.

"This development will allow the province to continue its support of the residential construction industry by ensuring a supply of serviced residential land.

"Once the final steps of acquisition are completed, we will be able to proceed with other phases of the assembly and development."

The housing corporation hopes to start servicing some lots by late 1984, and primarily will be servicing the land in 1985.

Mr. Stirling, who represented Housing Minister Dr. Mike Laffin at the unveiling of the plans, said the Albro Lake area is "one of the best known in the metropolitan region. Its origins go back to early Dartmouth families and its vital role as a World War II naval radio station is known across the country."



'A house divided'? BUF's public disputes spark speculation

By Robert Gordon
Staff Reporter

Fifteen years after its birth, the Black United Front now finds its internal disputes have become public, sparking speculation the 30,000-strong black community in Nova Scotia is "a house divided."

Along with charges of financial mismanagement from several black citizens' groups, government and opposition leaders, BUF's purpose and direction has been bought into question.

"It (BUF) is no longer the legitimate representative of the black community," says Wendell Thomas, spokesman for the Concerned Citizens for a Responsible BUF.

But BUF's umbrella structure and history makes dissent almost a natural course, according to Rocky Jones, a pioneer Nova Scotia black activist.

"There is an assumption that is very unfair to blacks and that is that we are a homogeneous group. Whites don't agree on everything; there are left wingers, right wingers, religious freaks and all sorts of groups. When blacks reflect the same diversity it's seen as a split," said Mr. Jones.

From its beginnings in 1969, when even the concept of black unity was considered radical, BUF had to tackle the diverse nature of the black community.

A controversial visit to Halifax by an American Black Panther leader, T. D. Pauly, representing a Washington group called the Black United Front, helped to hasten the notion of black unity in Nova Scotia.

A meeting was held at the First Baptist Church on Cornwallis Street with the idea of starting a loose coalition. Dr. W. P. Oliver was elected first chairman of the newly-formed BUF which at that point was a community-funded organization.

"BUF was started as a true umbrella organization, consisting of representatives from various black groups, to show a united front to the

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Haamid Rasheed ...
BUF executive director



Wendell Thomas ...
concerned citizens group



Clyde Bishop ...
ex-chairman, BUF council

Inside Marchessault found guilty

Henri Marchessault, scourge of dope pushers when he headed the Montreal police drug squad, was convicted Friday of stealing and selling hashish and cocaine.

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Surgeons are in short supply

Nova Scotia has only half the orthopedic surgeons necessary to meet the demand and, although 11 of the 13 surgeons are based in Halifax, not even these numbers meet the city's need, much less the rest of the province. Page 21

Coast guard has new hangar

Doors to a \$1.4-million Canadian Coast Guard hangar officially opened Friday during brief ceremonies at CFB Shearwater. Page 22

Ottawa denies MacKay charge

Allegations by Halifax County Industrial Commission chairman Murdock MacKay that political influence led the federal government to locate its new archives centre in Burnside rather than in the commission's new Sackville Industrial Park are "completely unfounded," says a spokesman for the federal public works department. Page 23

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Halifax Explosion memorial: Project nears fruition

By Jim Gowen
Staff Reporter

A project initiated almost 20 years ago is finally nearing fruition as the Halifax Memorial Bells move from the conceptual to the realization phase.

The project is the first official monument to those who died when Halifax was rocked by the Dec. 6, 1917, explosion.

Originally conceived when Social Services Minister Edmond Morris was mayor of Halifax, the project moved beyond the planning

stage July 26 when, on the steps of United Memorial Church, a proclamation was read announcing to the world the beginning of the campaign to erect a memorial tower.

The plan centered around a set of chimes — a carillon, originally donated to United Memorial Church by Mrs. T. W. Thompson.

The carillon had been placed atop the church bell tower where it was played until 1975. At that time the weight of the bells, and the vibrations generated, were found to have caused structural damage. The

tower was weakened to the point where it was unsafe for the nine bells to be left in place.

The carillon was removed from the tower and sat under canvas on the Kaye Street lawn of the church until last July.

The bells were then hoisted on a flatbed trailer and removed to the naval gun factory in Dartmouth for storage and refurbishing, pending their installation in a tower which was to be erected in Fort Needham, overlooking the explosion site.

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SOVIETS THREATEN DEPLOYMENT — This map locates where the Soviet Union has been threatening since March to deploy its missiles close to the United States. Western leaders Friday urged the superpowers to resume their arms reduction talks. See story page 2. AP

Bill C-170: a \$500-million bailout of Atlantic fishery

By Jim Meek
Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA — The information was slow in coming, but by the time the Commons fishery committee concluded consideration of Bill C-170 at 4 a.m. Friday, it was evident that the federal government had fashioned a \$500-million bailout of the Atlantic fishing industry.

And several sources, including key Nova Scotia government witness Joe Zatzman, say the ink will barely be dry after the bill is given royal assent next week when more money will be poured into the industry.

The key evidence was presented at the committee's 11th hour, late Thursday night, when Fisheries Minister Pierre De Bane tabled a copy of the crucial agreement between his government and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The agreement, in a letter written to the bank by fisheries task force chairman Michael Kirby, states that "approximately \$355 million is required to refinance the companies (three Newfoundland firms plus H. B. Nickerson and Sons and National Sea Products in Nova Scotia) by conver-

sion of existing debt to equity and by infusion of new cash."

(The bill gives Ottawa the right to infuse \$138 million of that cash immediately.)

Add an additional \$100 million in loan guarantees, also authorized in the bill, and the bailout hits \$455 million.

And then there are the sundries. For instance, what happens to the \$41 million worth of shares held privately in NatSea?

Testimony to the committee revealed that at least one NatSea shareholder, Jerry Nickerson, head of the See Bill page 2

Ottawa pledges arts centre funds

By Sheryl Grant
City Hall Reporter

The federal government has pledged funding for construction of a multi-million dollar arts centre on Halifax's waterfront, but has yet to make up its mind on the controversial \$52-million federal building proposed for the waterfront earlier this year.

International Trade Minister Gerald Regan said Friday in Halifax the federal gov-

ernment is willing to provide \$3 million towards the total cost of the centre, but is counting on the provincial government and private sector to provide the remainder of funding.

"I am confident federal funds can be made available just as soon as the province is prepared to move," he said.

He suggested a matching \$3-million contribution from the province and an additional

\$2 million from private sources would be sufficient as financing for the project.

Mr. Regan stressed the arts centre would be built and financed as a separate project, not in conjunction with the federal building announced by Ottawa in April as part of its special recovery program.

The new building would be home to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia.

Halifax Mayor Ron Wallace said Friday

he is encouraged to hear the federal government talking about actual dollars for the project.

He said the construction of an art gallery on the waterfront would aid in bringing people back to the area, as would construction of the proposed waterfront federal building.

The fate of the \$52-million federal building is still up in the air.

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Overhaul of world's finances sought

By Michael Cope
and The Canadian Press
NEW DELHI — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and New Zealand's Robert Muldoon called on the Commonwealth summit Friday to press for a major overhaul of the world's financial system to help the developing Third World.

But a senior Canadian official noted approvingly that Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke had urged the summit to live in "the real world" and press for more gradual changes. Hawke said the IMF and World Bank, two of the biggest lenders to the Third World, should be strengthened with additional funds and authority rather than be replaced. He also called for economic policies that would promote growth and a renewed commitment to fight protectionism.

Prime Minister Trudeau had not spoken on the issue by the time the

New Delhi summit adjourned to the seaside Indian resort of Goa for a weekend of private discussions, but the Canadian official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said Canada would probably support "most of what Hawke was saying."

Ironically, Gandhi's and Muldoon's position is based heavily on a paper entitled Towards A New Bretton Woods, which was written by a group led by University of Toronto economist Gerry Helleiner.

Bretton Woods, N.H., was the site of the 1944 conference which led to the establishment of the IMF and World Bank.

British Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher served notice when the week-long conference opened Wednesday that she opposes both the call for a new Bretton Woods and the recommendation that international exchange rates be fixed.

The report's authors said fixed rates would help stabilize trade but Thatcher called it impossible.

However, she said the existing institutions could be strengthened and the Canadian official said Gandhi hinted that might also be acceptable to her — if the reforms went far enough.

In other Commonwealth developments Friday, two Caribbean leaders on either side of the Grenada dispute took their fight public by calling back-

to-back news conferences to defend their positions.

"We are sure we are right in what we did," said Dominican Prime Minister Eugenia Charles, spokesman for the group which participated in the U.S.-led invasion of their Caribbean neighbor last month.

She rejected the claim by leaders of some black-ruled African countries, who are reported to have been the strongest in condemning the invasion, that the invasion may tempt white-ruled South Africa to take military action against their countries by using the same doctrine the U.S. used in Grenada.

President Forbes Burnham of Guyana, one of four Caribbean countries which opposed the invasion, accused Charles later of "trying to sell an unstable story justifying the re-entry of colonialism and imperialism into the Caribbean on invitation."

Burnham also noted sarcastically that Charles said several weeks ago she had intended to tell Trudeau about the invasion in advance but there wasn't time and she couldn't find Trudeau's telephone number.

"He is the first head of government I know whose telephone number cannot be found by the telephone operator," Burnham said.

Capsule

Trudeau to take plans to Peking

NEW DELHI (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau, his peace initiative reported to be winning support at the Commonwealth summit, will take his proposals to Peking on Monday and Tuesday in a dramatic bid to step up the mission's momentum.

The bold move, announced at a hastily arranged briefing for reporters at midnight Friday night local time by press secretary Ralph Coleman, immediately heightened speculation Trudeau will also go to Moscow.

Coleman did not rule that out but said the Peking visit "does not imply in any way" that Trudeau will visit the Soviet capital.

How will seek uniform penalties

Nova Scotia's 22 provincial court judges have been called to a Dec. 9 meeting by newly-sworn Chief Justice Harry How to discuss, among other things, uniform penalties for convicted drunk drivers.

"I think whatever is an appropriate penalty in one part of the province should be appropriate in the other parts," Judge How said Friday.

Judge How, the outspoken former attorney general who was appointed to his new job following a cabinet shuffle, would not comment on what he thinks ought to be an appropriate penalty.

NSPC kept busy with outages

Winds gusting up to 90 kilometres an hour in the province last night prompted Nova Scotia Power Corporation (NSPC) to put to work every crew in an area stretching from Truro to Windsor and down through to Halifax to deal with numerous power disruptions.

Maurice MacDonald, an NSPC corporate relations officer, said by 6 p.m. Friday the company started bringing in extra men to help deal with outages.

Environment Canada's weather office in Bedford reported mostly overcast skies with high winds and light rains throughout the province.

Halifax International Airport registered winds gusting up to 90 kilometres an hour; Greenwood, 85 kilometres per hour; Truro, 82 kilometres per hour; Shelburne, 78 kilometres per hour.

Yarmouth and surrounding area was hit with its second major storm in less than a week as winds of 100 kilometres per hour knocked down wires, leaving a large portion of the downtown area without power.

CUPW offering Christmas rate

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadians will be able to mail letters and Christmas cards for the bargain rate of 10 cents during the week of Dec. 11-17, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers announced Friday.

The unauthorized cut from the normal 32-cent first-class rate is a protest by the union against the Canada Post Corp. policy of offering cut rates to business but not to individuals, union president Jean-Claude Parrot said in a statement.

The Post Office estimated it would lose \$15 million to \$20 million in revenue because of the union.



COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY — Vice-Admiral James Wood, right, was guest speaker last night when The Royal Commonwealth Society, Nova Scotia branch, held its annual formal dinner at Halifax's Lord Nelson Hotel. With Vice-Admiral Wood are: Captain Vernon Howland, left, chairman of the society; and Commodore B. S. C. Oland, a charter member of the society.

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Statements cast doubt on Palestinian ceasefire

By Joseph B. Treaster
The New York Times

TRIPOLI, Lebanon — The foreign ministers of Syria and Saudi Arabia announced in Damascus Friday that rival Palestinian factions had agreed to end their fighting here and withdraw from the area within two weeks. But subsequent statements by the Palestinians cast doubt on whether the agreement would be implemented.

At a news conference here Friday, Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said the forces opposing him had sent in reinforcements overnight and that "we expect tomorrow they will try another big attempt."

In Damascus, Col. Abu Khaled al-Omlah, the chief of staff of the rebels, indicated that the rebels were unwilling to comply with one of the four provisions of the agreement.

"We will never leave these camps," al-Omlah said of the nearby Baddawi and Nahr al-Bared refugee camps. "They are our camps. We are the only ones who can ensure the protection of our people in these camps."

At the news conference here, it seemed that Arafat had not yet seen the full text of the agreement and possibly had not given his final endorsement.

In response to the question, "Is there a political agreement?" Arafat said his two delegates in Damascus had three long meetings Thursday with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal and the Syrian foreign minister, Abdul Halim Khaddam.

In Damascus, Khaled al-Hassan, one of Arafat's representatives at the negotiations, said he had been "in constant touch" with Arafat and other PLO officials, including the members of the Central Committee in Tunis and Algier and that they were "in complete agreement" before "I conveyed formal agreement."

Ottawa pledges funding

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The project, originally planned to provide 28,000 metres of general purpose office space, was postponed in July after developers complained construction of such a large office complex could sap demand for commercial space downtown.

As a result, Mr. Regan said Friday the federal government may bring forth a scaled-down version of the project.

He said the objective of the proposal is to provide construction jobs, and if the building is so large it impedes other construction, its original purpose will have been defeated.

Project nearing fruition

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A design competition was held and recently, at a meeting in the hall of the United Memorial Church, architectural drawings submitted by the successful design team — CORE Design Group — were unveiled for public approval.

The tower is a sloping structure rising 60 feet at the peak and descending in a graceful, gradual curve, to merge with the slope of the hill.

The bells will be mounted along the top of the curve in the stone structure and capped with copper sheathing to protect them from the weather.

Reginald A. Prest, chairman of the Halifax Memorial Bells Committee, said the design was picked

because it makes a dramatic statement, suggesting an image of destruction while at the same time evoking the energetic civic renewal following the devastation.

With an estimated construction cost of \$200,000, the memorial building is to be privately financed. In a statement made at the unveiling, however, Mr. Morris committed the provincial government to match private donations dollar-for-dollar to a maximum of \$100,000.

Present plans call for the building to open Dec. 6, 1984, the 67th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.

BUF's public disputes spark speculation

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outside community and discuss differences internally," said Mr. Jones.

Blacks of every political persuasion, from the radical Afro-Canadian Liberation Movement to conservative church groups, came under the BUF umbrella.

It was an explosive time in Halifax. While American cities burnt as racial wars erupted on U.S. streets, much of the Halifax white society grew nervous.

"There is no question BUF got government funding so quickly because of what was happening in American cities. . . . Government was aware there was a time bomb ticking away in Halifax," he said.

David Hill, a Halifax businessman and president of the Black Business Consortium Society, remembers the community feeling at the time.

"If you were black you could not work in the liquor store, drive a bus, hail a taxi or find a house to live in. Things were very tough, something had to be done about employment and education. BUF was a good solution," said Mr. Hill.

A trip to Ottawa for government funding by some BUF members caused one of BUF's first public splits. Many felt government funding would shift the focus of concern away from the community while others fully supported the idea.

"It (government funding) caused a fair bit of dissention at the time," said Mr. Jones.

BUF did get government funding and, with it, W. P. Oliver's son Jules became the first paid executive director. In 1974 Jules Oliver resigned and was replaced by the current director, Haamid Rasheed.

"When BUF got its government funding it became a buffer between the black community and the powers that be. Government could say 'we support the black community,' but when something went wrong it would be BUF's fault not government's," said Mr. Jones.

The current controversy is seen by some to be nothing more than a group of people — under the banner of the concerned citizens' group — wanting assurances that good management and good programs are BUF's trade mark. Others are very upset with the dissidents.

"Who are they? They say BUF does not represent blacks. I can say that they (the group) do not represent anybody. The Black Business Consortium will not make a decision on BUF until we see the books. No responsible group would make the demands they (the dissidents) have until they did see the books," said Mr. Hill.

Liberal leader Sandy Cameron has joined the dissident group in calling for a freeze on BUF's \$250,000 annual budget. But Social Services Minister Edmund Morris says he will not freeze the funds because there is no evidence of illegalities and the whole issue is an internal BUF problem.

Haamid Rasheed says he will not resign and is critical of the dissidents' method of taking the problem to the media before coming to BUF's council. Council chairman Clyde Bishop resigned recently because he supports the dissident group.

"The whole thing has turned into a media circus. BUF has brought the black community a long way since it started and I've never read or heard a positive report on what it (BUF) has done," said Mr. Hill.

Bill is Atlantic fishery bailout

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once-mighty H. B. Nickerson empire, will be bought out.

The government will pay about \$2 million to buy out Mr. Nickerson's privately held six per cent share holdings in the firm.

In all, the bailout ranks in the big leagues in terms of Ottawa-industry relations, well behind the \$1.4 billion bailout of Canadair, but on par with Chrysler, which received about \$400 million worth of loan guarantees.

Furthermore, in the case of Bill C-170, there is no evidence that the buck has stopped.

In fact, it gives the minister of fisheries the right to appropriate more funds from the public purse by asking Parliament for more money.

Mr. De Bane told the committee Tuesday that he would provide no

more money to the restructured firms, which "must be economically viable."

By Friday morning, however, he was quoting China's Chairman Mao. "Prophecy is very difficult," he said, "especially as it relates to the future."

MPs worried about the fiscal implications of the bill could hardly take much encouragement from an information document circulated by Mr. De Bane's department. "While it is expected restructuring will cost more than \$138 million, this is the sum which the government has thus far committed in negotiations."

That tacit confession that more millions will be needed was given support from testimony from several key witnesses.

West urges superpowers to resume Geneva talks

By The Associated Press

Western leaders urged the superpowers Friday to resume the Geneva talks on reducing medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe, and the White House said the United States is ready to start negotiating again "any day, any hour."

In Brussels, American arms negotiator Paul Nitze reaffirmed U.S. readiness to talk, and expressed concern over the Soviet announcement Thursday that the Kremlin would increase its nuclear arsenal in response to NATO's impending deployment of new medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

In New York, Richard Ovinikov, the Soviet deputy United Nations delegate, told a news conference his government would be prepared to resume the negotiations "as soon as the American measures are rescinded, as soon as (the situation) before the deployment is restored, as soon as common sense prevails in this country (the United States)."

The rupture of the medium-range

talks Wednesday apparently has not affected parallel U.S.-Soviet START talks on limiting strategic — or long-range — nuclear weapons. Negotiators are scheduled to meet again in Geneva on Tuesday.

The Soviets had threatened to break off the talks on medium-range missiles and take counter-measures if the NATO deployment went on as scheduled. NATO says the new missiles are to balance existing Soviet nuclear strength in Europe.

Chief White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the United States does not consider the Soviet action to be a crisis and noted that the two countries are still engaged in the long-range arms talks.

"We are ready to go back and sit down any day, any hour," Speakes said. The NATO allies issued a statement deploring the Soviets' walkout from the medium-range talks, saying: "There is no justification for this decision."

The statement, which was signed by all NATO members except Greece, said: "The allies hope that the suspension will

be temporary."

East German leader Erich Honecker called Friday for continuation of a "political dialogue" between the superpowers and stressed the importance of East-West disarmament talks.

Without mentioning the Soviet walkout at Geneva, Honecker said East Germany considers disarmament talks important to help "reduce the military confrontation on our Continent and to make the relations between countries again more predictable."

Addressing his Communist party's Central Committee in East Berlin, Honecker said the Soviet decision to boost its deployment of medium-range missiles both at home and in Eastern Europe did not "cause joy in our country."

But he said the move, which was announced by Soviet President Yuri Andropov and reported by the Soviet news agency Tass on Thursday, is "necessary to foil military supremacy by the United States."

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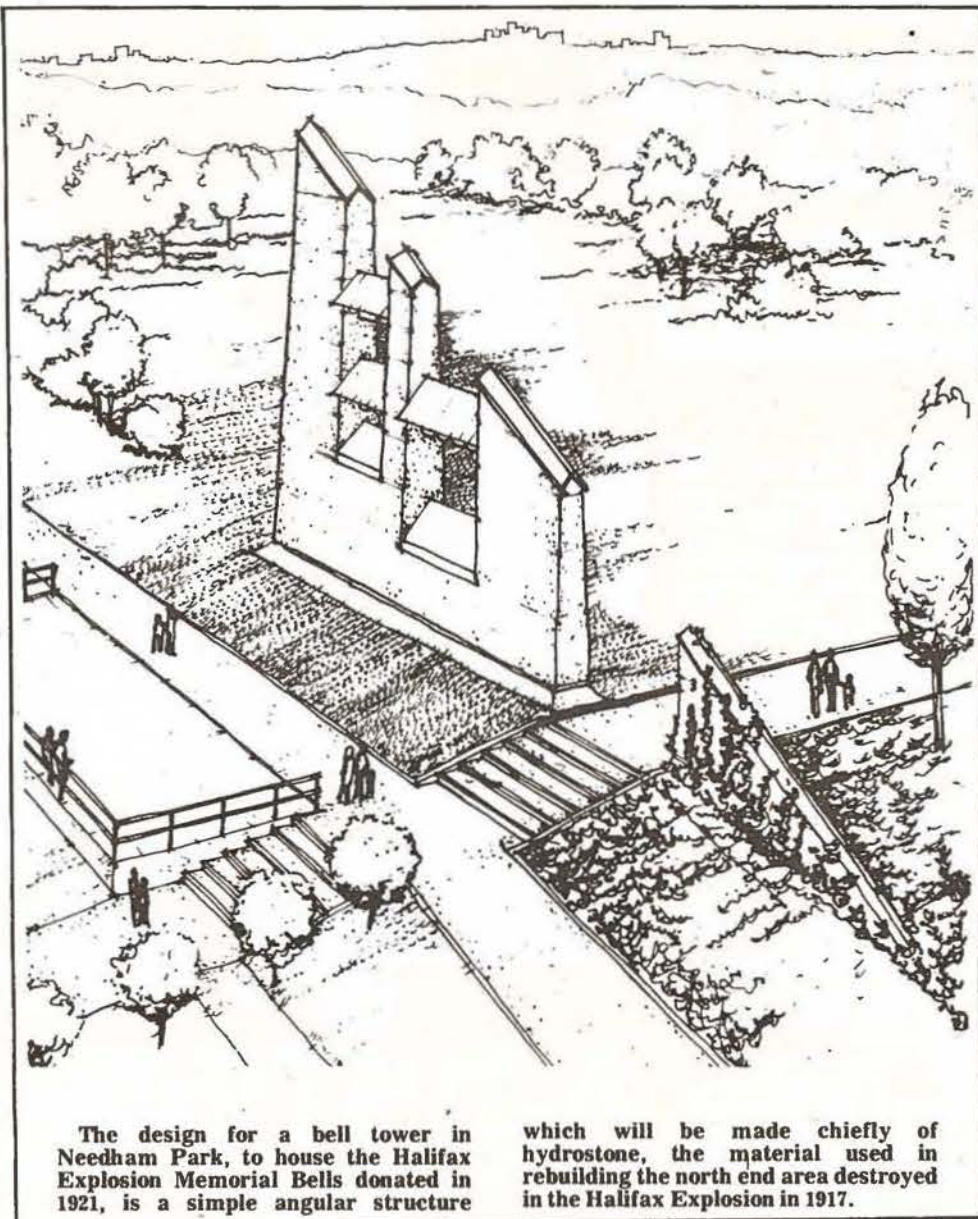
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Bell tower
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The design of a bell tower commemorating the 1917 Halifax Explosion was announced last night.

The design suggests an image of destruction while evoking the energetic civic renewal following the devastation, said Reginald Prest, chairman of the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells committee.

The \$200,000 structure, placed on a granite platform, is proposed for the northeast corner of Needham Park. The site, donated to the city years ago by the Halifax Relief Commission, overlooks the Narrows where the collision of the Imo and Mont Blanc took place.

The monument will be clearly visible from both the surrounding area and the harbor shores.

The narrow, angular construction will be 60 feet at the highest point, sloping 150 feet to disappear on to the side of the hill. Several rectangular openings will house bells of the carillon donated in 1921 to United Memorial Church in memory of the Samuel Orr family. Placed perpendicular to the harbor, the form will direct viewer attention to the explosion site.

Monolithic hydrostone - a reminder of the hydrostone homes put up in areas razed by the Explosion - will be the chief building material, with copper sheathing for the inclined surfaces and to protect the bell enclosures.

"Traditional materials will reflect the history and character of the adjacent neighborhood and project a feeling of stability and permanence," Prest said.

Ornamental plantings will complement the structural form, and there will be opportunities for commemorative tree installations around the base.

Walkways and paths are to be upgraded in the area and strong lighting installed to highlight the monument.

It will be possible to play the carillon from both Kaye Street United Memorial Church and the monument platform.

Edmund Morris, MLA for Halifax-Needham, has confirmed some government funding will be made available. The remainder will be raised from public and corporate donations.

The projected dedication date is Dec. 6, 1985, the 68th anniversary of the Explosion.

The design for a bell tower in Needham Park, to house the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells donated in 1921, is a simple angular structure

which will be made chiefly of hydrostone, the material used in rebuilding the north end area destroyed in the Halifax Explosion in 1917.

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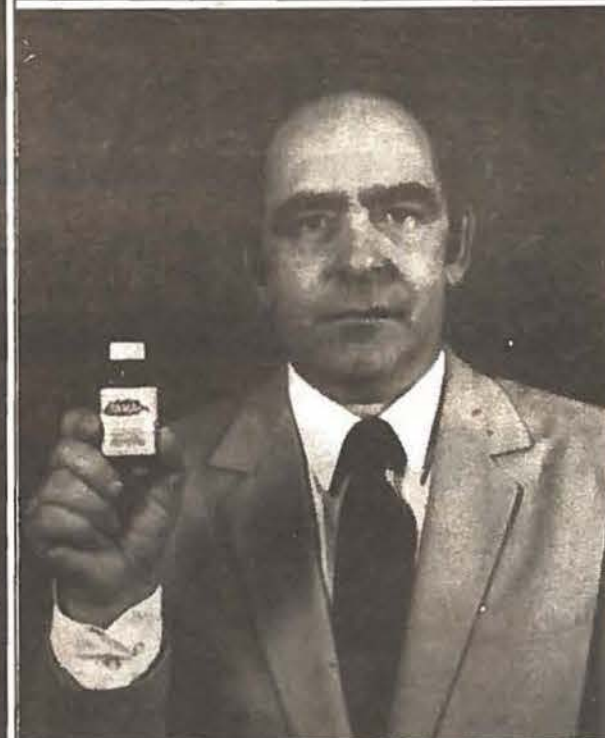
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Fort Needham 'logical' site for memorial bells

By Jim Gowen
Staff Reporter

The Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells should be located atop Fort Needham, say three former mayors of Halifax.

In an interview, Charles A. Vaughan agreed with Leonard Kitz and John E. Lloyd the heights would be the logical location for a monument to those who died in the explosion.

An approach to city council two weeks ago led to the Memorial Bells Committee's proposal being given to city staff for review. The matter will, on completion of the staff review, be studied by a committee of council before action is taken.

Ex-mayor Vaughan said: "Fort Needham is the logical location for the bells. It is right in the middle of the area hardest hit by the explosion."

Former mayor Edmund Morris has made his feelings well known. Interviewed in his capacity of honorary co-chairman, with Judge Robert E. Inglis, of the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee, Mr. Morris accused aldermen of playing politics when they referred the issue to staff.

"It's a get Morris campaign," said Mr. Morris, provincial social services minister.

Mr. Morris is supported by a group of elders of Memorial United Church and interested north end businessmen, who together form the backbone of the drive to mount the bells in a tower to be built on the Fort Needham site.

Allan O'Brien, Halifax mayor in the late 1950s, has moved to Ontario and could not be reached for comment on the issue.

In a telephone interview last week, Mayor Ron Wallace said he hoped it could open on schedule, Dec. 6, 1984.

The program must go ahead and it must achieve its objective by the scheduled date due to the existence of an agreement which, if the date is not met, returns the bells to their donors, the elders of United Memorial Church.

The committee has slightly less than one year to complete the project. Members must raise \$100,000 which, according to an agreement announced by Mr. Morris, will be matched by a dollar-for-dollar contribution from provincial funds.

Total monies required are \$200,000 to erect and maintain the monument.

Transfer of Fort Needham land from the city to the Memorial Bells Committee is to be considered by city council early in January.

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Forecast: city taxes up 4%, costs 5.5%

Budget plan tabled

By Sheryl Grant
City Hall Reporter

The City of Halifax has tabled a proposed 1985 operating budget which forecasts a 5.5-per-cent increase in expenditures to \$179 million, and a tax hike of less than four per cent next year.

Budget figures released Wednesday confirm those leaked to the media earlier this week, and show a proposed budget increase from \$169 million to \$179 million — about 1.5 per cent more than the four-per-cent hike requested by council.

The official budget document advises that the city should be able to keep the increase in the tax rate to less than four per cent because of increased revenues and a broadened tax base, which will produce an additional \$700,000 in revenues.

It also confirms reported warnings that expenditures cannot be kept to the requested four per cent without a reduction in services, possibly through personnel layoffs.

The proposed budget contains \$2.5 million in surplus funds from this year, to be carried over into the 1985 budget.

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However, the budget preamble makes it clear this figure is speculative, and can only be produced if careful spending patterns are continued.

There are several other areas of uncertainty in the proposed budget, including education costs and revenues, salaries for city employees who re-negotiate their contracts this year, and the effect of assessment appeals

on projected assessment changes.

The city has once again produced a budget without firm figures on education costs and, to compensate for the lack of financial information, has assumed a four-per-cent increase in the school board budget to \$63.6 million from \$61.2 million.

The proposed operating budget was tabled at Wednesday's committee-of-the-whole meeting, a little more than a month later than expected.

City staff said in November, when it was announced the budget would be late, that a lack of financial information made it impossible to present an accurate picture of the city's financial picture at that time.

Wednesday's figures are by no means final; council can add or subtract what it likes from the budget before giving it final approval.

Revenues likely to rise 1.5%

By Bill Power
City Hall Reporter

Halifax revenues are expected to increase about 1.5 per cent for a total of \$179 million in 1985.

New construction in the city, and the resulting increase in the assessment base, gets credit for this "positive factor" from city manager Paul Calda in his proposed operating budget preamble, but he warns against council being lulled into a total sense of well-being.

"We probably have a situation where the assessment growth of the next six or seven years is being condensed into these next two years," he says.

He adds plans must be kept lean and productive to effectively deal with the challenges of the uncertain growth years which probably lie ahead of 1986.

The city manager suggests the "pay-as-you-go approach" to capital financing should be adhered to. The repayment and overall reduction of the city debt will begin to make a noticeable impact on the budget from 1986 onward, and council, in these years "will be reaping the benefits".

The largest portion of city revenues, 50.6 per cent, will be generated through property taxes. Provincial transfers will account for 32.4 per cent, and other revenues 13.5 per cent. The remainder is provided by tax agreements, grants in lieu of taxes, and non-property taxes.

Mr. Calda says he expects the budget, as tabled by city council, would result in an increase of less than four per cent in taxes.

This has been achieved because of expanded revenues and an increased tax base, from which he has assumed an additional \$700,000 in tax revenues in 1985, for a total approaching \$90 million.

See Revenue likely page 2



Paul Calda

Inside



16 shopping days to Christmas

Turner says Tories are 'muck raking'

Liberal leader John Turner used a fund-raising dinner here Wednesday night to accuse the federal Tories of being more interested in "muck raking" than getting on with governing the country. Page 3

No questions asked by feds

The federal government and Crown-owned Petro-Canada never queried the directors of Petrofina Canada Inc. on its real assets before buying the company in a deal swung in only three days, says former Petrofina president Pierre Nadeau. Page 4

Administration budget increased

Just running the city will cost about \$276,000 more next year if the proposed budget for city administrative costs in 1985 is approved. Page 21

Funds sought for longer water line

Dartmouth is wasting no time applying for provincial funding to extend the city's water system to help residents along Waverley Road plagued with well problems, says Alderman Jack Greenough. Page 22

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Halifax Explosion:

67 years ago . . .

By Mike Coleman
Staff Reporter

It was the worst pre-atomic, man-made explosion in recorded history. Families and buildings perished, and now, 67 years after the Belgian relief ship Imo and munition ship Mont Blanc collided in Halifax Harbour, folklore, a few survivors, relics and memorials help recount the horror of Dec. 6, 1917.

Only the destructions of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, sites of atomic bomb drops in 1945, were greater.

Halifax was devastated, 1,963 lives were lost, 9,000 were injured, 199 blinded, more than 25,000 were left homeless or without adequate shelter, and 1,630 buildings were destroyed and 12,000 damaged.

Well-documented accounts have been made by a number of

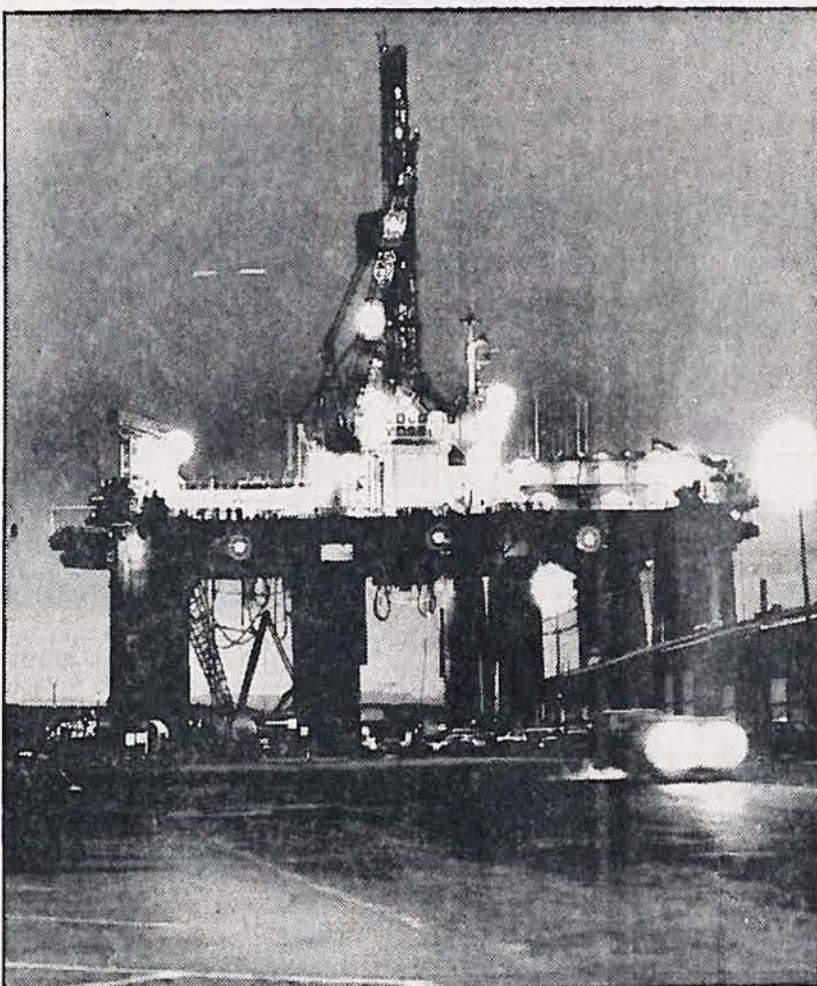
sources; but, even so, mystery continues to surround the circumstances of the disaster.

Exactly what time did the explosion occur? Why did Mont Blanc veer into Imo at the last second? Why, in the narrows of the harbour, were two munition ships able to pass each other in the first place? Were German spies involved?

The idea for an official memorial did not surface until 1977 when then-mayor Edmund Morris started the ball rolling. Today, work crews are expected to pour the final concrete as the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Monument heads into the final construction stage at Fort Needham.

St. Andrew's School, St. Stephen's Park and Fort Needham are the only memorial sites dedicated specifically to those who lost their lives in the explosion. The St. Stephen's site even fea-

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CHRISTMAS AT SEA — Brightly lit at dawn, the Sedco 710 oil rig looks like a fully-decorated Christmas tree. Scheduled to leave Halifax Harbour today for a well between Shelburne and Yarmouth, the rig will be home to 90 men for Christmas. Wamboldt-Waterfield

Rig plans working holiday

When the Sedco 710 oil rig finishes loading supplies today in preparation for its three-month stay off Shelburne, several Christmas trees and lots of tinsel will be among the special provisions hauled aboard.

While there will be decorated trees and a special meal of lobster, turkey and cranberries for the 90 men who will spend the holiday on the rig, for the most part on Dec. 25 it will be business as usual.

"There's no such thing as a holiday on an oil rig, be it Christmas, New Year's or Easter. We work 365 days a year," said Wally Doucette, transportation agent for Petro Canada.

Being away from family is not the most pleasant way to spend Christmas, but Mr. Doucette said the 710's men are luckier than other rig crewmen who will be working much further out in much colder temperatures. He said the men will be able to phone their families using ship-to-shore radio.

With shifts changing every two weeks, the transportation agent said those who work Christmas will be flown ashore by the end of the month and a new crew will ring in the new year on the rig.

Park and pay Violators donate \$1 million yearly to city's coffers

By Steve Proctor
Staff Reporter

Miserly motorists and penny-pinching parkers who try to beat the meters in downtown Halifax continually miss their mark and, as a result, annually contribute more than \$1 million in fines to the city hall coffers.

Every weekday, starting at 8 a.m., six commissionaires pound the pavement looking for cars and trucks which have over-stayed their paid welcome at the city core's 1,564 parking meters. And, every day, they find at least 500 violating vehicles.

"What can I say about a city designed 300 years ago?" asked Halifax ticket inspection officer Sergeant John Conn. "In the 1950s each city block used to support single-storey buildings. Now we have 10- and 12-storey buildings. It's just been a population explosion."

While almost everyone has heard a story about methods to "beat" parking tickets, Sgt. Conn said the majority of people pay their tickets within the first five days.

"All parking tickets are \$15 but under meter regulations the fine is reduced to \$5 as an incentive. . . . Sixty-five per cent of the people pay within the first five days. Another 14 or 15 per cent pay shortly thereafter," he said.

After 14 days have passed without payment or an explanation, Sgt. Conn said the police computer taps into the system at the registry of motor vehicles and accesses the registered owner's name and address.

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Official refused entry to plant

BHOPAL, India (AP) — The head of Union Carbide Corp. arrived today to inspect the area where a leak of poisonous gas from a company pesticide plant killed at least 1,267 people. Indian officials were reported to have refused to let him enter the sealed and guarded plant.

Union Carbide chairman Warren Anderson flew to Bhopal from Bombay, where he discussed compensation for victims of Monday's leak of methyl isocyanate gas.

But the government of Madhya Pradesh state barred Anderson and a team of U.S. technical experts from entering the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, United News of In-

dia news agency reported. The agency quoted an unidentified government official as saying the Americans were denied entry because the plant was sealed to prevent any tampering with evidence.

Press Trust of India news agency reported that detectives from the Central Bureau of Investigation seized all log books and documents pertaining to storage and release of gas at the plant.

Vasante Sathe, the minister of chemicals and fertilizer, said Wednesday he expected Connecticut-based Union Carbide to pay American rates of compensation to victims of the poisonous gas.

Arjun Singh, chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state, said today the official death toll was raised to 1,267, from 706 on the basis of reports submitted by authorities who visited the city's mortuary and cremation grounds.

United News of India said its investigation confirmed more than 1,400 deaths. It said there were unofficial estimates that 2,000 died from the leak.

Another 150,000 people in Bhopal, a city of 900,000 in central India, were treated for blindness, eye irritation, nausea, shortness of breath and other effects of the gas.

Workers today carried out mass crema-

tions and used cranes to remove animal carcasses that posed a threat of epidemic.

Also today, about 500 residents of a slum neighborhood near the plant marched to the chief minister's residence to protest inadequate relief for the victims of the gas.

Their leader, city councillor Sumir Khan, told reporters that more than 4,000 residents of Indira Nagar had been affected by the leak of methyl isocyanate. He said some people in the area had been without food for the last four days.

Doctors have said side effects of methyl isocyanate poisoning include blindness, sterility, possible mental retardation and kidney

and liver damage. Investigations are under way into long-term effects of the gas on human beings and the environment.

Technical experts continued to seek the exact cause of the leak from a 45-tonne underground storage tank early Monday. Company officials said a valve broke under rising pressure inside the tank.

The pressure was so great, they said, that the gas escaped without being neutralized by chemical "scrubbers." Investigators were trying to determine why the pressure was allowed to build.

Halifax Explosion:

67 years ago . . .

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atures a piece of twisted steel from Mont Blanc.

Smaller memorials, either plaques or artifacts, are also abundant throughout Halifax.

A plaque at St. Stephen's School honours children who perished while in attendance at Richmond School. The plaque, recording names of 88 victims, is located in the hallway.

St. Mark's Church displays a melted chalice, cross and key from the original building. Rector Calvin Pretty says the key was blown a mile-and-a-half from the site on the morning of the explosion, but was found days later and returned.

Two libraries, one in Dartmouth, are also reminders of 1917's devastation. A sculpture in front of Halifax's North Memorial Library, on Gottingen Street, is symbolic of the explosion and Halifax's rebirth after the catastrophe. It was designed by Jordi Bonet.

The Dartmouth Regional Library and Heritage Museum is home to the explosion's most travelled artifact — a gun from Mont Blanc — which is on display at the front entrance. On the day of the explosion, the gun was blasted almost to Albro Lake. In 1918, led by town councillor E. H. McElmon, the gun was placed at Greenvale School on Ochterloney Street. It was later placed in front of the Dartmouth Post Office, town works department and the front lawn of former-mayor A. C. Johnston on North Street. Clarence Misener acquired the Johnston property and the gun, before it made further stops at 69 Tacoma Drive and 2 Mount Edward Road. Sidney Oland, whose family acquired the gun, finally donated it to the Dartmouth Museum on the explosion's 50th anniversary.

Perhaps the most intriguing memorial site is St. Paul's Church, the oldest of British origin in Canada. On the Argyle Street side of the building glass was shattered in such a way that a silhouette of a human head could be seen. Since the figure was an astonishing likeness of Abbe Moreau, an early assistant minister, the remaining frosted glass was left and the window's centre was filled in by transparent glass.

The inside entrance to St. Paul's is also somewhat of a mystery. A wooden relic, supposedly from the church's blown-out, front window frame, still remains lodged in a wall, high atop the entrance way.

The explosion's most popular story is that of Mont Blanc's anchor. It landed two miles away from the collision site on Edmond's Grounds and, says noted Halifax historian Lou Collins, the site was probably the first memorial.

While Mont Blanc scattered herself throughout the area, Imo lay virtually intact on the Dartmouth shores. Four months after the explosion, says Michael Bird in *The Town That Died*, Imo was towed to New York, refitted, renamed *Governoren* and used as a tanker. Three days before the explosion's fourth anni-

versary, Dec. 3 1921, she hit a rock in the Antarctic. She was finally abandoned at sea.

The eeriest reminder of the explosion is on display at the Nova Scotia Archives. Vincent Coleman, a telegraph operator at Richmond Station whose fountain pen, watch and telegraph key appear in the showcase, watched the Imo-Mont Blanc collision from his office.

His last message, to a Halifax-bound train, read as follows: "Hold up the train. Ammunition ships afire in harbour and will explode. Guess this will be my last message. Good bye boys."



MEMORIAL — A sign hangs in St. Stephen's Park, Halifax, marking it as one of the few memorial parks dedicated to the Halifax Explosion. A piece of twisted steel from the ship Mont Blanc has also been erected as a monument to the 1917 disaster. Wamboldt-Waterfield

Parking violators

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"In view of the fact the registered owner may not have been the driver, a summons notification is mailed out and the owner has 14 days to respond by payment or explanation."

If the summons notification fails to produce action a summons is hand delivered by a constable or special commissioner. The ticket inspector said about 18 per cent of all offences reach this stage, providing more than enough work for one officer delivering the summonses on a full-time basis.

In 1983, statistics indicated commissioners and traffic officers wrote a total of 168,141 parking violations in the city.

But, each year, some owners with addresses listed as post office boxes could not be reached in person. However, Sgt. Conn said that does not mean action will not be taken if an offender continually collects tickets.

Chief of commissioners Ed Kline said if the police computer indicates a Nova Scotia vehicle has 10 parking violations or more, the licence number goes on a "pick-up" list which is updated weekly.

"Since an integrated program started in September 1983, 711 vehicles have been towed away or their drivers have been brought into the station. We've recovered over 14,000 unpaid tickets with a cost recovery of over \$200,000. And we are short two commissioners."

As of Dec. 1 close to 150 Nova Scotian vehicles and an additional 100 out-of-town vehicles were on

the pick-up list, registering between 10 and 34 tickets.

Within the the last few months, using the computer to determine the area in which a particularly abusing motorists parks, Ed Kline said he got the vehicle with 57 outstanding tickets worth \$968.

For those who take the time to turn the crank of the city's meters, budget estimates indicate the mechanisms will eat close to \$880,000 in nickels, dimes and quarters before year's end, money which goes into the city's general revenue.

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Quick thinker saves woman

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Dartmouth fire officials said the caretaker, who asked that his name not be released, saved a woman who had become disoriented by smoke after fire broke out in a one-bedroom apartment at 223 Windmill Road.

The woman was not seriously injured during the incident which occurred at about 12:55 a.m., fire officials said. Other tenants were evacuated from the building due to heavy smoke.

Papal visit loss is increasing

The deficit from Pope John Paul's 18-hour visit to Halifax in September is substantially higher than the \$200,000 initially estimated, says Monsignor William Wamboldt, local visit coordinator.

Exact figures of the deficit will be revealed soon, said Msgr. Wamboldt. He said the major reason for a larger-than-expected deficit is the poor sale of a commemorative booklet put out by the local committee.

Only 14,000 booklets of the 100,000 printed, were sold at the Friday morning outdoor Papal mass. It cost \$200,000 to print the booklets and they were expected to generate \$100,000.

Revenue likely to rise by 1.5%

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The revenue statement indicates some of this will be generated through hoped-for increases in the bits-and-pieces additions to the city coffers that include parking meters, expected to add an extra \$200,000 for a total of \$900,000; and even dog licences, expected to increase about \$6,000 for a total of \$45,000.

Provincial transfer grants to the city are expected to amount to almost \$60 million next year, with the largest portion of these dollars allocated for education costs.

Through the province's education funding formula the city will receive about \$33 million, up slightly from the \$32 million received in 1984.

Social services account for another sizeable portion of provincial transfers. The city is expecting to receive \$12 million in 1985, compared to the \$10 million received in 1984.

Licences and permits will add \$622,000 to the city's coffers, slightly less than this year, while fines are expected to bring in about \$2.1 million, up slightly from 1984.

Investments will generate more than \$12 million, while other miscellaneous revenues will generate about \$6.5 million.



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Opinion

Halifax Explosion recalled

There was a thunderous noise beyond description

When the First World War broke out in August, 1914, I found myself master of the S.S. Dominion Trader, a freight ship making weekly trips from Halifax to north Cape Breton ports with occasional trips to the Magdalen Islands and other Gulf ports.

I was quite happy with my employment and remained with it until the ship was sold to other interests and was sailed away from Halifax, never to return. Following this, in the spring of 1917, I accepted an appointment in the Royal Canadian Navy and on April 17th of that year left my home in Hunt's Point and took passage on the Halifax and Southwestern Railway train bound for Halifax.

When we were only a few miles beyond Liverpool a portion of the train left the tracks. This caused considerable delay before we were rolling again. About one hour later practically the same thing happened again which caused another delay before the wheels were placed on the tracks. After that all went well, roadwise, until a few hundred yards before we reached Chester Station, when most of the train was derailed. We then walked the short distance to the station, where we were advised that a train would be sent out from Halifax to pick up passengers and baggage.

To finish up this trip we arrived at North Street Railroad Station about sunrise on the morning of the 18th. As the middle gate of the Dockyard was nearby, I walked there, was admitted by the officer of the guard and rather wondered what the next delay would be. But all went well and during that same day I was posted and installed commanding officer of the S.S. Coast Guard used for general salvage work and sundry duties both inside and outside the harbour area, being completely equipped for deep sea diving and having water pumps of large capacity, air compressors, derricks and powerful steam winches for handling heavy weights. Having had previous experience salvaging ships of both large and small tonnage, I

took the command in full and easy confidence that I could carry out my duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

As our services were constantly in demand, the weeks and months passed very quickly. On the morning of Dec. 6, 1917 as we steamed up Halifax Harbour a new and rather appalling experience awaited us and, unaware of any unusual event happening, we docked our ship at 7 a.m. at the south end of Pier 3 in HMC Dockyard.

With our last assignment completed, I was prepared to proceed to the naval superintendent's office to report inward and pick up any further orders. As the office door opened at exactly 9 a.m., I was just ready to step ashore when a thunderous noise beyond description came upon us with the mighty rushing of air so great that I was picked up bodily and landed in a corner of the ship about 25 feet away, toward the farther side. Immediately flying pieces of hot metal began to land all over and around us, any of which would deal a fatal blow to any person not under solid cover. A large shed of steel and iron construction only about 100 yards from our port side was completely demolished and now as flat as a house of cards. I never knew how many workmen perished within this building.

After the noise subsided and the rain of steel ceased, I came on the main deck in to see the waves that had rolled down the harbour from the area of the narrows, mount the sea wall in front of our bow and flood over into the dockyard. When these waves receded the force of water snapped all our mooring lines and the ship shot out into the harbour in only an instant. Now out and clear of the docks, we had a firsthand view of the dreadful destruction that had taken place in the last few minutes. As yet we only had a very vague idea as to the cause of the explosion, and in our vicinity who may have wit-

The following account of the Halifax Explosion was written Nov. 16, 1964, by Capt. Robie Frellick of Port Mouton, as personal record of the event for his family. Capt. Frellick was working on a salvage boat at the time of the explosion. A copy of this account was provided to these newspapers by the Frellick family.)

nessed the cause were beyond speaking anymore in this world. These things happened in less time than it takes to write this.

Now lying adrift on the harbour waters, we immediately took stock of our situation and rapidly made some adjustments so we could return to the berth from which we had been so swiftly swept. As soon as we had our ship once more tied up, the commander of the Dockyard, seeking a way to survey the situation from the harbour, came in our pilot house with me. Only then did I learn more about the situation and then could plainly see the whole northern area of the city ablaze with a raging fire felling everything in its wake.

Our first stop was alongside a warship anchored in mid-stream. No questions were asked in my hearing but a large heap, covered neatly with tarpaulins on the main deck of this ship needed no explanation, since we had already seen the hail of metal that had covered the whole area. This ship's commander and a volunteer boat's crew had made an attempt to reach the cause of this disaster but all quickly perished.

The next thing that drew our special attention was the large number of ships showing evidence of having no active crew aboard. Some of these ships were of large tonnage and were simply drifting on the harbour waters with their mooring lines hanging loose over their broadsides. Some were still clinging to the piers. One small ship was landed on the railway tracks at the Richmond pier with only one man surviving. We learned later that many in our vicinity who may have wit-

nessed the cause were beyond speaking and sudden loss of human life? During the morning hours a French ship, the S.S. Mont Blanc, proceeded up Halifax Harbour loaded with ammunition and (as was told me also) a large quantity of nitro-glycerine in metal containers on deck. This was all destined to be delivered for the Allied cause overseas and the ship was to entre Bedford Basin to await a convoy being assembled for the voyage across the ocean.

To any reader not familiar with the harbour setting, the north end of the harbour proper closed in on both east and west side to a largely reduced width of navigable water usually called "the Narrows." This provided a channel northward to Bedford Basin.

As the S.S. Mont Blanc drew near the Narrows, the S.S. Imo, a Belgian relief ship, was making her way south to pass out through the Narrows. It so happened that they met in collision before either reached the wider areas of open water in either direction. To my mind it is still a \$64-question just where the fault lay in the matter and I am not sure that at this date, 47 years later, anyone else could positively say. But one thing I do know — that had traffic regulations been in force that day as were brought in quite quickly after that day, there would not have been that great disaster. The new regulations required all ships entering the Bedford Basin to do so during hours stipulated by the Naval authorities each day so there would be no meeting or passing of ships in the Narrows.

deeds of heroism that I can now re-

call and I now that many brave men died that day. One of my best friends, Capt. A. Branem of Shelburne County, N.S., facing great danger to assist in saving lives, was instantly killed before he reached the stage of action. Such as this was repeated many times.

When I was a boy there was a saying: "the good die young." But I know for certain that it is often the brave who die young.

Intensity of the explosion

The shock from the explosion was felt distinctly in Charlottetown and other parts of Prince Edward Island and very plainly in Sydney, Cape Breton. The towns of Truro, Amherst, Windsor, Annapolis, Liverpool, etc., felt the shock so severely that many thought the explosion had taken place very close at hand.

Relief was quickly forthcoming from Truro. As there were thousands wounded, many from flying glass, a relief train was on its way to the city less than an hour after the disaster befell the city. It brought doctors, nurses, and many willing workers.

At three o'clock the first trainload of wounded arrived at Truro. These were mostly women and children and I might say right here that it was often difficult to recognize many of these as the smoke and other matter of pollution in the air sprayed over faces as well as clothing.

Before midnight the same day, the second trainload of wounded arrived at Truro. The other provincial towns were also receiving numbers of wounded. But train facilities were not so quickly in readiness, particularly in the South Shore towns.

In the meantime, all the hospital facilities were more than filled as well as a number of public buildings. These were hastily made ready and filled with the wounded. Naturally those living and with any hope of survival attended first.

Speaking personally, the harbour

front was the part I worked in until Saturday at 10 p.m. We left behind only those we were certain were already dead. These bodies would be gathered later and taken to Chebucto school which had been one of the buildings turned into a morgue.

Many killed

The first estimate of the number that lost their lives was somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000 but as the city was jammed with people who had come to work in the war effort, many with families from various far-reaching areas, I still wonder if the count to this time would not be more than that estimated.

Among the larger groups of workers, those known killed, feared killed or missing, three days later were tabulated as follows: In employ of Furness Withy Co. 57, at their pier; at the dry dock (not including machine shop, 192; stevedores at pier 9, 22; and On S.S. ... (with a N.S. captain, 49. This list could be continued at great length. This, however, gives a glimpse of the destruction of life not mentioning the army of people killed in the northern area of the city, where destruction was much more severe.

Only yesterday, in speaking with two former residents of Halifax, I was told this story. One was saying that he was a lad in the sixth grade at school at the time, and the other was a bit older. They were both at school in the northern area of the city the morning of the disaster. One escaped injury, the other lost an eye. Many have told me about their personal experiences, but I fear that only a few of us who were actively engaged in naval work on that day at Halifax are now around to tell the tale.

Much that I have written here about the great Halifax explosion, I witnessed myself. Some of the items included were gathered from the Halifax daily newspaper dated Dec. 10, 1917. I think this was the first edition published following the disaster.

Religion

Stained glass windows dedicated



The Halifax-Dartmouth Council of Churches this week honored two of its members for long-time service to the council. Awards were given to The Rev. W. J. Moore, secretary (left) and Ralph W. Kane, president (right). Making the presentation is O. R. Crowell, council treasurer.

Application by Interfaith to be heard Nov. 26

Calling the application of the Canadian Interfaith Network "unique and unparalleled in Canadian broadcasting history," the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has announced it will hear the application Nov. 26th in Hull, Quebec.

The CIN application was filed May 1st in response to the commission's call for the provision of a religious programming service. The network is the sole applicant and almost all of Canada's major faith communities have supported the initiative through membership or contributions to research and development. The Roman Catholic church and the Jewish community are expected to make decisions at a later time.

CIN proposes to offer its service via satellite to cable systems free of charge. Its programming will provide a clear alternative to that presently available and will range from regional to national and international in scope and will feature the participation of people and groups from coast to coast.

The network's own Cornerstone programs will serve broad faith interests through a range of formats including news, public affairs, music, drama and documentary. The complementary Mosaic service will feature a variety of productions from the member groups themselves as well as other organizations.

In its announcement, the CRTC has recognized the need for an adequate financial base to ensure a fully professional standard of operation. The CIN Board commissioned a feasibility study from a firm of fund-raising consultants last July and its report will be submitted to the Commission in advance of the November hearing.

The Hon. David MacDonald, former Canadian Secretary of State and minister of communications and CBC commentator during the recent Papal visit, is the network's president-designate. In response to the CRTC announcement he commented that "the Pope's visit made everyone, broadcasters included, aware of a great national reservoir of interest in matters of the spirit."

"On the other hand," MacDonald said, "most people have a very limited understanding of what religious programming is or can be. Relying on what they see, they're not at all sure we need more of it. But that's not what CIN is about. We're out to write a whole new book. We're going to tackle real issues, offer a significant new source of alternative information and entertainment, treat people as persons rather than consumers, and invite broad participation from the grassroots of faith across the country. All of this can have a major effect in stimulating our communities and in changing the way we think about television and our relationship to it."



Two stained glass windows were dedicated recently at St. James Anglican Church, Herring Cove. The window in the above photograph was dedicated by the Harrigan family in memory of Dale Harrigan. From left, are: Lt. Commander (retired) John Roddis, window designer and maker; Leonard Harrigan, brother of the deceased; Jason Harrigan, a nephew; The Reverend Arthur Cuzner, rector of the parish of Falkland; and Rt. Rev. Arthur Peters, Bishop of Nova Scotia. The window in the bottom photo was dedicated by the family of the late Florence and William Baker. From left, are: Edythe Day, a daughter; Aubrey Baker, a son; Anita Erickson, a daughter; Bishop Peters; and Rev. Cuzner.

Bells Tower tour to follow service marking explosion

A special ecumenical service will be held Thursday, Dec. 6, at noon in the United Memorial Church, Kaye Street to commemorate the 67th anniversary of the 1917 Halifax Explosion. The public is invited.

Following the service, guests will proceed to the Fort Needham site to view progress of the Memorial Bells Tower under construction. Due to technical delays, the monument will not be ready for dedication Dec. 6th.

The concrete structure designed to house nine bells donated to United Memorial Church in 1920 in memory of the Samuel Orr family, is half completed, reaching a height of 26 feet and clearly visible from the harbour bridges.

Basically a massive piece of concrete formwork, the monument will have 800 cubic feet of material with three apertures containing the bells. According to contractor Peter Corkum, H. W. Corkum Ltd., the "tower is a real challenge to build, because of its unique design, extensive height and tapered lines." Height of the finished tower will be five storeys.

Substantial reinforcement has been added to the concrete material to restrain vibrations from the carillon. The bells were removed from the United Memorial tower some years ago because vibration had weakened that structure.

The nine bronze bells are presently being re-

furnished by sandblasting prior to electrification and site installation. Technicians from the Cincinnati, Ohio firm, I.T. Verdin (who recently restored Peace Tower Carillon in Ottawa) will install the bells in the new year. Twin consoles at the base of the tower and in United Memorial Church will allow the bells to be played from either location.

Peter Corkum is pleased that the Bell Tower is designed as a permanent, living monument; his last project, the Papal Altar was torn down the following day.

For further information: Alexandra E. Carter 422-6501.

Special services at St. Matthew's

Saint Matthew's United Church, 1479 Barrington Street, will mark its 235th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 25, with two special services.

In attendance at the 11 a.m. service will be Lieutenant-Governor Alan Abraham. Speaker for this service will be Rev. Clifton Sturge, interim minister for St. Matthew's.

In the evening at 7 p.m. the congregation will be host to the North British Society for their annual St. Andrew's Day service. When the North British Society was founded by the Scottish people of Halifax in 1768, the group formed immediate ties with St. Matthew's, the city's Presbyterian congregation. The custom of a service at St. Matthew's the Sunday evening before St. Andrew's Day (November 30) has been traced back as far as the 1780s.

The speaker for the 7 p.m. service will be Dr. Alan Beveridge, a former minister of St. Matthew's.

Jay new head of theological schools

C. Douglas Jay has been elected the 16th president of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Jay is the principal of the Emmanuel College of Victoria University, Toronto, where he has held appointment to the faculty in philosophy and religion and Christian ethics since 1955.

Prior to his present office, Dr. Jay served from 1969-1981 as the first director of the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical consortium of seven colleges affiliated with the University of Toronto. He is an ordained clergyman of the United Church of Canada.

Dr. Jay will serve as the presiding official of the association, comprised of 200 member institutions in North America.

Among other functions, the association is the accrediting agency for graduate schools of theology.

Its membership includes school related to the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox Churches as well as interdenominational and university-related divinity schools in both national communities.

Dr. Orr at First Baptist

Dr. J. Edwin Orr, famed revival historian and director, Oxford Foundation for Research on Revival will speak Sunday evening, 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Dartmouth. Special music the senior and youth choirs.

The public is invited to attend.

Musical presentation

The New Song Singers of Bayers Road Baptist Church will present their new musical, Behold Him Saviour and Lord, in Bedford Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

Metro directory

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CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS — Toronto Village University Ave. Dean & Rector: Very Rev. J. Austin Munroe. Holy Communion 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. (1st Sun.); 11 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd & 5th Sun.); Matins 2nd & 4th Sun.; 9:15 a.m. Family Eucharist; 7 p.m. Evensong. Daily Holy Communion: Mon. & Fri. 12:15 p.m.; Tues. & Thurs. 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7:30 a.m.
- TRINITY CHURCH** — Halifax (Evangelical) Rev. Dennis Andrews Sun. 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. ST. PAUL'S — Grand Parade Rev. Peter Mason. Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10:30 a.m.; Evening worship 7 p.m.; Tues. Communion, 12:30 p.m.; Wed. Communion, 10 a.m.
- ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** — 3415 Dutch Village Rd. — Rev. Kerry E. Bourke, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH** — Cornwallis & Brunswick Sts. Rev. Robert Pettie 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Matins: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Eucharist: Wed. 10:30 a.m. Sun. Eucharist: Wed. 10:30 a.m.
- ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH** — Armdale Rotary Rev. R. E. Harris. Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays; 11 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays; Matins, Saints Days 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist as announced.
- ST. MATTHIAS'** — Chebucto Rd. & Windsor St. — Rev. George R.F. Ebsary, 8 a.m. & 11 a.m. Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun.; 8 & 11 a.m. 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sun. Holy Communion & Morning Prayer.
- ST. PHILIP'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** — Bayers Rd. at Connaught Ave. Rev. S. W. Miller, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- ST. MARK'S** — Göttingen & Russell Sts. Rev. A. C. Prety 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
- ST. PETER'S CHURCH** — Bedford Hwy. at Kearney Lake Rd. Rev. J.W. Tatnell. Holy Communion 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. 1st Sun.; 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sun.; 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. 5th Sun.
- CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS BY THE LAKES** — 192 First Lake Drive, L. Sackville. Rev. David M. Boston, 8 & 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
- EMMANUEL** — 322 Herring Cove Rd., L. Sackville. Rev. Arthur E. Cuzner, 11 a.m. Holy Communion 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m. except 4th Sun. 11 a.m. Matins & Holy Baptism, Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Tues.
- ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND** — 3761 Robie St. — Rev. William J. Moore, 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
- ALL SAINTS CHURCH** — Bedford, Canon Rhodes Cooper, 8 a.m. Family Eucharist (1st & 3rd Sundays); Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th Sun.); Holy Communion 11 a.m. (1st, 3rd & 5th) Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th) Sun.
- EMMANUEL** — 322 Herring Cove Rd., L. Sackville. Rev. Arthur E. Cuzner, 11 a.m.
- ST. PHILIP'S** — Purcell's Cove, Rev. Arthur E. Cuzner, 11 a.m.
- MISSIONS TO SEAMEN** — Pier 24, Hxwy. Rev. Arthur E. Cuzner, 6:30 p.m.
- ST. JAMES** — Herring Cove, Rev. Arthur E. Cuzner, 11 a.m.
- ST. DAVID'S** — Portuguese Cove Rev. Arthur E. Cuzner 9:30 a.m.
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The day after: **Liberals planning for future**

By The Canadian Press

It was the day after for the Liberals Thursday as the party began plotting a future without Prime Minister Trudeau and the country took quick, sometimes mean-spirited stock of the leader who dominated Canadian politics for more than 16 years.

Across the land, Liberals declared

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the prime minister's retirement gives them a chance to boost sagging party popularity in the glow of a coming leadership campaign and convention.

No one is in the contest yet. Still, pressure is on party president Iona Campagnolo to run. And backroom supporters, who waited for months for Trudeau's announcement, are awaiting word from favorites such as form-

er finance minister John Turner and Energy Minister Jean Chretien.

In Halifax, the phones haven't stopped ringing as the Nova Scotia provincial party plans a weekend meeting that is drawing high-profile Liberal speakers — some, possible leadership candidates — such as Chretien, Employment Minister John Roberts, Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan, Treasury Board President Herb Gray and Economic Development Minister Don Johnston.

As well, the party's youth wing, concerned that Turner would be practically handed the leadership with an early convention, plans to push today in Ottawa at a party executive meeting for a mid-July vote rather than one favored for June.

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Will he enter race?

MacGuigan to keep secret for one week



Mark MacGuigan

Sackville Bureau

If federal Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan intends to enter the Liberal leadership race, it will be at least one week before he makes an announcement to that effect.

"This is not the time for that question, nor the time for an answer; this is Mr. Trudeau's week," the minister told a small group of party faithful Thursday in Sackville.

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Asked if he was closing the door on further speculation regarding his potential candidacy, he replied only that he would prefer not to make any comments in this regard.

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Premier praises economy 'Good value for deficit'

By Alan Jeffers
 Provincial Reporter

Premier John Buchanan Thursday praised the way his government has guided the province's economy through the recession, playing down the massive deficit incurred on the way.

Speaking in reply to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. Buchanan said a higher deficit has to be endured to keep in place "quality safety net programs in health and human services."

"Nova Scotians have gotten very good value for that deficit."

That deficit stood at \$293 million for the fiscal year 1982-83.

"Our government successfully faced a management challenge presented by the economic circumstances and Nova Scotians are substantially better off than they otherwise would have been because of the manner in which we managed that challenge."

He said the government feels it would be "failing in its responsibilities" to cut back on the "safety net programs" during the recession.

Now, as the recession abates, government must move to reduce the deficit, he told the legislature.

"As this session of the House continues, we will make clear our plans to tackle the deficit."

The premier said he is not alone in his view of
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Premier John Buchanan



LEADING SKIP — Nova Scotia skip Colleen Jones led her team to first place in the round robin of the Scott Tournament of Hearts in Charlottetown, Thursday night, with a 9-1 record, advancing the team directly to Saturday's national ladies' curling championship playoffs. See story page 27. CP

Inside

MacGuigan shocked by treatment of Marshall

Federal Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan made a personal contribution to the Donald Marshall fund Thursday and said he was shocked with the way the province has handled the case. Page 12

Housing development is proposed for Montebello

A new housing development of single-family homes and apartment units has been proposed for the Montebello area. Page 16

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Today cloudy and windy with sunny periods and occasional flurries with highs -8 to -5. Tonight cloudy with flurries and lows -8 to -1. Saturday cloudy with sunny periods and flurries and continuing cold with highs near -8. Probability of precipitation 70 per cent today, tonight and Saturday. Sunday sunny. Monday increasing clouds. Tuesday rain. Temperatures near normal all three days.

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MacEachen won't seek leadership

By Wilkie Taylor
 New Glasgow Bureau

ANTIGONISH — A potential Liberal leader could run for election to the House of Commons at the same time he or she runs for the leadership of the party, Deputy Prime Minister Allan MacEachen said Thursday.

"He or she might be elected party leader and enter the Commons at about the same time," Mr. MacEachen said, adding he will not seek the leadership.

Mr. MacEachen was responding to a question about the possibility of John Turner being elected party leader without holding a Commons seat. He was asked that in such a case, would he (Mr. MacEachen) fill the role of interim time minister in the Commons.

The deputy prime minister said he would be receiving a telephone call from Prime Minister Trudeau about 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, three-quarters of an hour before the prime minister's resignation was delivered to Liberal Party president Iona Campagnolo. See MacEachen page 2



Allan MacEachen

Let the bells ring out!

Fort Needham gets nod for explosion memorial

By Sheryl Grant
 City Hall Reporter

At long last city council has approved a proposal to build a memorial to the Halifax Explosion on Fort Needham.

Halifax aldermen voted unanimously in favour of the Fort Needham site Thursday after more than two months of debate.

However, approval did not come without a fight.

The squabble developed early in the debate when Alderman Gerald O'Malley refused a request from Mayor Ron Wallace to split the first section of a motion, calling for approval of the Fort Needham site,

from the second part, committing the city to a \$10,000 donation to the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee.

"The committee had a mandate to bring in a recommendation to the site and not on any donation," Mayor Wallace said. "So, I'm asking you to separate the motion."

"I will not yield to separation of the motion," Ald. O'Malley replied. "If council wishes to separate the motion, it may do so."

The alderman resisted a second request from the mayor in similar fashion.

The squabble grew more heated when Mayor Wallace asked the alderman to explain his intentions, and ended in a bout of gavel-rapping and an order from the mayor for the alderman to sit down.

"No one is stopping them (the bells committee) from proceeding. Stop playing games. You've been playing them too long," Ald. O'Malley replied sharply, while taking his seat.

In the interim, the alderman's refusal to separate the two requests had been met with a ruling from the mayor that the motion be split.

The eventually-approved portion, supporting leasing of the proposed site at the northeast corner of See Fort Needham page 2

Supply ships expected to reach Vinland today

By John DeMont
 Business Reporter

Two supply ships, carrying generators, pumps, drilling mud, explosives and other equipment needed for the capping of a rogue gas well off Sable Island, were expected to arrive at the Vinland oil rig this morning.

A third supply ship was still in Halifax, but was expected to make the 12-hour journey to the rig today.

The weather continued to be the biggest foe for a team of Texas blow-out fighters Thursday.

Only this time it was the relative calm, rather than heavy winds that stopped Boots and Coats specialists from trying to cap the Uniacke well which continues to leak methane gas about 120 nautical miles southeast of Halifax.

After a string of foul weather, conditions improved yesterday. But the calm breezes were too weak to blow a thick cloud of flammable methane gas away from the drilling rig Vinland's helicopter pad and made landing on the rig impossible for the team.

"It just wasn't windy enough for them to land," said Shell Canada resources spokesman Jan Rowley.

The team has made some important repairs to the rig and is ready to make the first attempt to cap the rogue well. The process, however, must be a continuous one and cannot be interrupted by bad weather or darkness.

With strong southwest winds expected to continue today, the team, which spent the night on the nearby Zapata Scotian drilling rig, hopes to be able to land on Vinland.

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MONUMENT MODEL — Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells committee members Jean Harrington and Roy Wilson survey a model of the controversial monument which proponents hope will be constructed at Fort Needham in Halifax's north end. Wamboldt-Waterfield

Anniversary recalls

'Tarpaper Church'

A special service to mark the 66th anniversary of the Kaye-Grove congregation was held this week at United Memorial Church, Kaye Street.

On March 17, 1918, the first combined service took place in a temporary structure, the "Tarpaper Church," built within 100 days of the Halifax Explosion. The congregation comprised members of both Kaye Street Methodist and Grover Presbyterian churches. The "Tarpaper Church" was the first place of worship built in the devastated area.

Many familiar faces were mission at that first service; 239 parishioners

had been killed and several others were still in hospitals. Many homes were still uninhabitable and many came from a distance where they had found refuge. The record documents "the spirit was that of hope and satisfaction to be together in a place of their own."

Mrs. W. Swindells, who attended the 1918 service, cut the anniversary cake.

United Memorial Church, the permanent structure that replaced the "Tarpaper Church," was dedicated in September 1921. The memorial bells from the tower will soon be installed in the Halifax Explosion monument to be erected at Fort Needham.

Entertainment

Memorial Bells Bay Boy premieres in Glace Bay

Gala tells about Halifax Explosion

By ELISSA BARNARD
Canadian author Dr. Hugh MacLennan, confessing a lump in his throat, told a story at the Memorial Bells Gala Saturday night about a man wandering into one of Camp Hill Hospital's operating rooms after the Halifax Explosion.

He was missing an eye and his face was injured. As he consulted with Dr. MacLennan's father, an eye, nose and throat specialist, he said he had found his family dead in six different morgues.

However, after the doctor told him he would be alright, he said, "Perhaps I'm not too old to raise another family."

The message in that story — of grieving loss tempered by a gutsy will to survive — carried over into the entire theatrical and musical production of the gala at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, held to raise funds for erecting the Memorial Bells Tower Dec. 6 of this year at the top of Fort Needham.

The two-hour show attempted to tell the story of the explosion in song, theatre and dramatic readings, as a tribute to the victims of the horrifying holocaust and to the survivors who triumphed in rebuilding the city and their lives.

And it did that very well. The evening was tastefully moving for a turnout of 850 people, who included survivors of the explosion, those who recalled their parents' stories and those too young to have any direct link with the fateful collision on the morning of Dec. 6, 1917.

Also in attendance was Barbara (Orr) Thompson, who originally gave the bells to the United Memorial Church in memory of her family who died in the disaster.

Neptune's artistic director Tom Kerr produced a tightly-run show which cut a decorous balance between the sad and the happy.

A searing folk ballad, The Sixth of December, written and sung by local singer Penny MacAuley, to the backdrop of archival film footage, was countered by local folk singer Clary Croft belting out a selection of upbeat love songs from 1917.

At the heart of the production, though, was a tremendous drama, written by Nova Scotia playwright Cindy Cowan specifically for the gala, and featuring Canadian actor Gordon Pinsent, who hosted the gala, well-known Nova Scotia actors Terry DeWolf, Kate Rose and Mary Colin Chisholm, and students of Dalhousie University's second-year acting program.

Against a simple set of three towers, a model of the Memorial Bells Tower, Pinsent narrated the tale as well as acting out the pilot and captain aboard the Mont Blanc, while a team of actors and actresses broke into small domestic scenes of families before, during and after the blast.

Two children, one representing Barbara Orr, ran down to the docks to see the fire, a woman rummaged for her teapot in the aftermath, a husband comforted an agitated wife and a son returned home blind.

The actual explosion was expressed by piano chords, a screen lit up with orange-pink and shards of yellow light, and the Dalhousie theatre students perched on platforms on the model of the tower silently moving in a dance of pain.

It was a powerful and suspenseful drama, packed with accurate historical detail, yet charged with the emotions and comic quirks of ordinary human beings undergoing a disaster.

Almost every Haligonian knows the story of the explosion, yet the play brought the event into the present as a very immediate and human story.

Particularly good was a difficult scene between a kind husband, portrayed by Mr. DeWolf, comforting his distraught and rather cranky wife, played by Ms. Rose. In a short period of time, both actors portrayed well-rounded characters with a mature, emotional depth, in dialogues which could have rung melodramatic in the hands of less experienced performers.

Refurbished Opera House opens

BUDAPEST (AP) — The Hungarian capital's 100-year-old Opera House reopened with a gala performance Thursday night after three years of refurbishing that cost an estimated \$27 million.

Communist party chief Janos Kadar and government leaders were in the audience for the performance, which included passages from the Ferenc Erkel opera Bank Ban.

That work was performed at the original opening Sept. 27, 1884.

model of the tower and the singing of Silent Night could have been tacky in a less professional production, but on Saturday night they were not.

The play ended with Ellen Horst, in the cast for Neptune's Cabaret, singing the Lord's prayer, while Amanda Hancock, of the Charlottetown Festival's production of Johnny Belinda, acted out the prayer in sign language.

It was at the play's conclusion that Dr. MacLennan, on stage to read his description of the explosion from his first-published novel, Barometer Rising, said: "I can only tell you that I've got such a huge lump in my throat I can hardly speak. This has been a night that I think only this city could have produced."

Other local entertainers who added to the quality of the gala, co-ordinated by Memorial Bells Committee members Edwin Rubin and Lorne White, of the singing group The White Family, were singer Rick Fox, singing his song, The Rowdyman, to introduce Gordon Pinsent; the White Family harmonizing a selection of hymns; the local barbershop group, The Atlantic Swells; the adult Nova Scotia Tattoo Choir; and the tattoo's children's chorus.

The only official note of the evening was a presentation of a silver bell by honorary chairman of the Memorial Bells Committee, Halifax Needham MLA Edmund Morris, to Rear Admiral S.W. Crickard in tribute to the Royal Canadian Navy.

For someone who knows only of the explosion through history lessons, the Memorial Bells Gala was a theatrically sound and highly professional production which succeeded in making the world of 1917 and the explosion a real and moving event, worthy of a memorial bells tower.

By JULIE ZATZMAN
Cape Breton Bureau

GLACE BAY — With Mayor Bruce Clark beaming proudly, director Dan Petrie confessing his nervousness and the people of Glace Bay settling into their seats with all the anxious anticipation of loving parents, The Bay Boy premiered here in the Savoy Theatre on the weekend.

There were some glamorous touches unusual to life in this coal town such as police halting traffic while a piper-led procession of guests crossed the street from an invitations-only cocktail party at the Colliery Inn Hotel to enter the theatre.

But by Hollywood standards it was not a gala event. What it was a more heartfelt, personal and genuinely-proud premiere than Hollywood, or Toronto, could ever offer.

"We're thrilled to be here," said Dorothea Petrie, wife of Dan Petrie, before the film began. "(Mr. Petrie) is a little saddened that his family isn't living, but there are nieces and good friends here. It's more like coming home. Toronto was wonderful but this is like family, though it makes the anxiety higher."

The film, written and directed by Mr. Petrie, a native of Glace Bay, was shot entirely in Cape Breton late last year and portrays a young man's emergence into adulthood in Glace Bay in the 1930s.

The screenplay had its origins in a short story written 20 years ago and contains extensive autobiographical material. Its dramatic moments were inspired by the 1941 murder of an elderly couple in the town.

Earlier this month the film opened Toronto's Festival of Festivals and it will be shown in Sydney and Halifax later this week. It makes its New York debut later this month. All 800 seats for the premiere here were sold out within six hours.

During a brief ceremony in the theatre before the lights went out, Mr. Petrie, with a slight tremor in his voice, admitted he was nervous.

He described the film as a "gentle and good spirited" look at growing up in the town, adding he has a great love for Glace Bay.

"Growing up here was a very happy time. Everybody was poor but nobody thought it. We always thought we were terribly, terribly special. We were and we are."

"I thoroughly hope this audience, more than any other in the world, will enjoy this film."

The Bay Boy stars Liv Ullmann as the mother of young Donald Campbell, played by Kiefer Sutherland, son of actor Donald Sutherland. The accent of Swedish-born Ullmann is in keeping with her portrayal of a woman who came to Canada from Europe to marry Donald's father.

The cast also includes several local performers who Mr. Petrie said invested the film with "something realer by virtue of their being from the place."

Jane McKinnon, daughter of Rev. Angus and Mary McKinnon of Glace Bay, played a key role as Diana Coldwell, a playful and flirtatious young woman with an eye for Donald. Her performance has won extensive critical acclaim and gave many in the audience the feeling they had witnessed a star being born.

Town resident Al Tredwell echoed the sentiments of town residents who attended the premiere performance.

"It's a great thing for Glace Bay. It gives us a little piece of immortality."

Louisbourg Mayor Harvey Lewis said he thoroughly enjoyed the film, adding it accurately portrayed the life he knew growing up in the area. But he, like many others, admitted he will have to see it again because he was so busy looking for familiar scenes and items from his store lent to the film makers, that much of it slipped past him.

"I loved it," said another Glace Bay resident, Mrs. Ann Crosbie. "Family life was exactly like that. Most people would like to see it again."

Drama teacher Theresa MacKinnon said it was "just delightful. The scenes were just long enough to give you a feel for it, then it moved on quickly to the next part."

But there were some who had raised eyebrows over two nude scenes and conversations among Donald's schoolmates.

"I grew up here. We didn't talk that openly about sex," said John Howie.

Art Mann of Sydney said he found the movie "bordered a little on the sad. I don't think it portrayed the way most boys were. There was more fun than that."

At a public reception following the film, the director said he was ecstatic over the reaction to his film. Surrounded by well wishers anxious to shake hands with the native son, he admitted he had earlier been discouraged at making the film because stu-

Bach for lunch

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — The artistic director of the Toledo Symphony's ensemble plans to feed factory workers some Bach and Beethoven with their lunch in an effort to win converts to classical music.

Michael Dicker organized the series of cafeteria concerts to begin next week.

Dicker said he came up with the idea while playing with a West German orchestra. Classical music concerts there are often held alongside production lines to accompany workers, he said.

Peter Kent

back to NBC

TORONTO (CP) — Peter Kent, co-host of CBC-TV's The Journal, has quit to return to NBC and will report throughout the Caribbean and Central America.

Kent said his decision to move on was "entirely for family reasons".



It was what residents of Glace Bay have been waiting for — the premiere performance of The Bay Boy. Here, Mayor Bruce Clark; Roy McMullin, a member of the cast; drama teacher Theresa MacKinnon; Kathy MacGuire, another cast member; and film director Dan Petrie enjoy a cocktail just before the performance.

Franca honored

OTTAWA (CP) — For her grace, charm, leadership and formidable drive, Celia Franca was saluted Saturday night at a National Arts Centre gala attended by Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauve and most of the country's leading ballet dancers and directors.

Franca, now retired from the artistic directorship of the National Ballet of Canada which she founded in 1951 on her arrival from England, showed them all she is still very much alive and active.

Highlighting the evening were performances by such Franca discoveries and students as Karen Kain, Frank Augustyn, Veronica Tennant, Raymond Smith, and guest Evelyn Hart of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

"How wonderful it is that such a tribute is given to a Canadian in Canada before that Canadian expires," Franca said after making a dramatic entrance — as only she could — at the end of the three-hour special show.

When she retired from the National Ballet in 1974, Franca moved to Ottawa where her husband, James Morton, has been principal clarinetist with the National Arts Centre until this season. Both now teach at Ottawa University.

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Halifax requests Jack Lake study

By Bill Power
City Hall Reporter

With a massive Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) development in the works for Bedford's Jack Lake area, Halifax has asked that the social and economic implications of the project be reviewed on a regional basis.

City council committee-of-the-whole agreed Wednesday that the ramifications of the project will extend well beyond the boundaries of the town where it will be located.

"Because of the way in which any metropolitan area based on a center city operates, we are as affected a municipal unit as is the town receiving the development," states the city in a letter to CMHC.

The corporation is preparing to begin impact studies on development of the 964-acre site, which the city feels should be expanded beyond the confines of the town.

A letter from Mayor Ron Wallace indicates that for some time the city has been developing a greater appreciation for the negative effects decentralization of development has on the tax base, traffic patterns, employment trends and costs.

"As the central city for this region, we are paying a greater share for the provision of metropolitan services for an increasingly large population which does not contribute to our revenue."

The letter suggests it is urgent that the social and economic analysis be conducted on a regional metropolitan area basis.

Capsule

Seminar on VG

Heather Williams, R.N., M.N., will give a seminar entitled A Quality Monitoring Program at the Victoria General Hospital Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Williams, project nurse in the department of research and development at the Victoria General, will give the talk as part of the Current Research for Nursing Practice series sponsored by the Dalhousie University School of Nursing. The seminar will be held in the McMechan Auditorium in the Killam Library on the Dalhousie campus.

Secretaries meet

The Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter of Professional Secretaries International is holding a fall seminar Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Chateau Halifax. For additional information, contact Myra Piercey, at 443-1586.



JOINS FUN — Joe McSweeney, vice-president of the Board of the Home of the Guardian Angel, joins the fun at a centre the home has opened for single parents in Spryfield. The Spryfield Lions Club donated \$1,000 to purchase the playground equipment, and the Straight Ahead Project provided the carpentry. Wamboldt-Waterfield

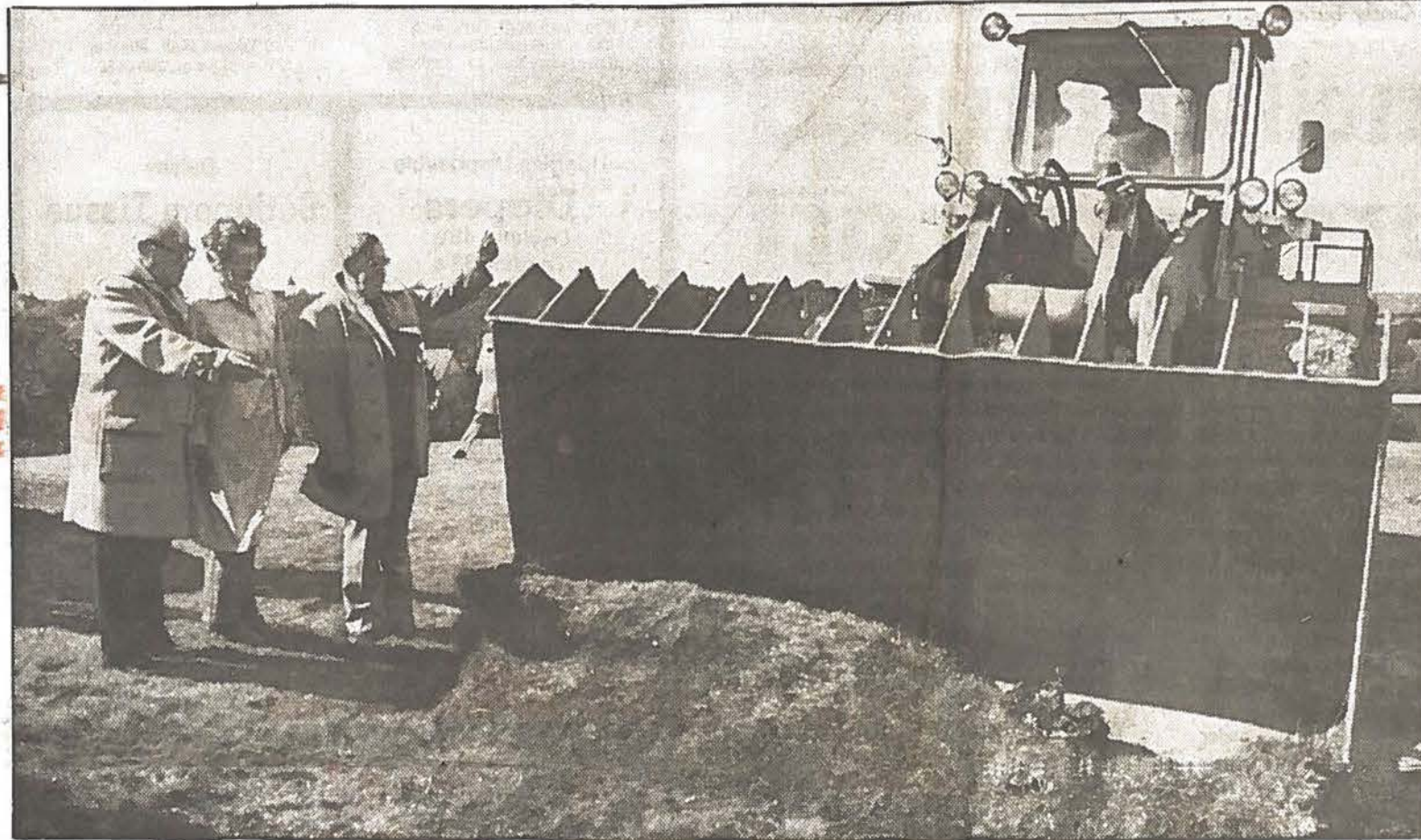
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2:30 p.m. Jess and Peppy, The Cowboy Monkey
2:45 p.m. Les Voltigeurs
3:00 p.m. Partner, The Ballet Horse
3:15 p.m. Ox Pull
5:30 p.m. Tug of War
7:00 p.m. Appaloosa Costume
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10:00 a.m. Exhibits Open
11:00 a.m. Pumpkin Weighoff Begins — Pumpkin Area
1:30 p.m. World Pumpkin Weights Released — Pumpkin Area
2:15 p.m. Green Hunter Over Fences #24
3:00 p.m. English Pleasure #21
3:15 p.m. Partner The Ballet Horse
3:30 p.m. Les Voltigeurs
3:45 p.m. Jess and Peppy, The Cowboy Monkey
4:00 p.m. Junior Jumper #14
6:45 p.m. Partner The Ballet Horse
7:00 p.m. Regular Hunter #28
7:30 p.m. Maritime Bred #19
7:45 p.m. Beef Parade
8:05 p.m. Belgian Unicorn Hitch
8:20 p.m. English Pleasure Horse #20
8:40 p.m. Les Voltigeurs
9:00 p.m. Jess and Peppy, The Cowboy Monkey
9:20 p.m. Preliminary Jumper #17
10:00 p.m. Junior Jumper #13
10:30 p.m. Green Hunter Under Saddle #26



WORK BEGINS — MLA Edmund Morris, left, Reg Prest, chairman of the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee, and Barbara Orr Thompson, bell donor, observe the sod-breaking Friday for the Memorial Bells monument being constructed at Fort Needham to commemorate the Halifax Explosion. Wamboldt-Waterfield

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A provincial General Election was called last week. Those of us working for the fund to build a new St. Martha's Regional Hospital are anxious that the election should not interfere in any way with the progress of the Hospital campaign. It would be deeply disturbing to us, and most disappointing, to have partisan politics touch the Hospital in any way.

Politics are not involved in this project, which was launched long before the election was planned, and which has won the enthusiastic support of communities in every part of the Hospital's service area.

The future of St. Martha's is not a political issue, but a community issue, to be dealt with by the people of the communities served. The Sisters of St. Martha, in a meeting with Premier John Buchanan earlier this year, received his assurance that top priority had been assigned to the new St. Martha's. Shortly after, his Minister of Health authorized the Hospital to proceed with engineering and architectural planning, which is now underway.

We know Mr. Buchanan well, and we have no misgivings about the validity of his assurance that when our communities have 20 percent of the funding in hand the Nova Scotia Government will meet its obligation.

Our committee and its many volunteer workers consider the matter closed, and will look upon any partisan meddling in the campaign as a shabby and contemptible intrusion in a worthy community enterprise.

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St. Martha's Building For Health Fund Committee

Work starts on Explosion project

Memorial Bells will peal again

Come December 6, the United Memorial Church Bells will ring out again as they did when they were first played nearly 65 years ago.

But this time, they'll be in a new home — a monument high atop Fort Needham, commemorating the Dec. 6, 1917 Halifax Explosion.

The Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee broke ground for the monument Friday, bringing to a head more than a year's work to make the monument a reality.

"This is the day and moment which we have all awaited," Halifax Needham MLA Edmund Morris said moments before the bulldozer lifted the first scoop of earth from the monument site.

However, despite his obvious pleasure the monument will become a reality, the minister sounded a sour note during the ceremony, reminiscent of the long and bitter struggle which preceded Friday's ground breaking.

Mr. Morris scolded the city once again for its stipulation the bells committee must provide fund-

ing for the perpetual maintenance of the monument. "I've never known a municipality to require funds for the perpetual upkeep of a monument," he said, adding that \$28,000 of the money collected will be used in for its upkeep.

The new monument is to be built at the northeast corner of Fort Needham, overlooking the actual site of the Halifax Explosion near the harbour Narrows.

The bells committee turned the sod for the monument back in June, but waited for approval of federal funding before beginning construction.

That funding came through Thursday in the amount of \$100,000, bringing to \$330,000 the amount collected for the construction and maintenance of the monument.

Another \$165,000 of that amount is provincial funding, pledged some time ago, and the remaining \$65,000 is from private donations.

Although enough money has been collected to construct the monument, the committee stressed Friday that more is needed for the future construction of a podium at the monument site.

Also on hand for Friday's ceremony was Barbara Thompson, who donated the bells to United Memorial Church in 1920 in memory of her parents, Samuel and Annie Orr, and five brothers and sisters killed in the explosion.

The bells eventually had to be removed from the church when the weight became too heavy for the weakened church tower to support; they lay under a tarpalin on the church lawn, and later in storage, before a decision was made to use them in a monument to the Halifax Explosion.

Fire safety education encouraged

Labor and Manpower Minister David Nantes has urged Nova Scotia fire departments to continue their efforts in educating the public about fire safety and prevention during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13.

He hopes fire officials will continue their efforts in emphasizing the dangers of poor installation and misuse of wood stoves. Chimney fires have been the leading cause of fires in this province during the past three years. These blazes have claimed five lives and caused 32 injuries since 1979.

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 657 fires starting in chimneys, stacks, and pipes caused a total property loss of more than \$1 million. Mr. Nantes said these were a direct result of either improper installation of wood-burning stoves and furnaces or failure to maintain equipment.

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'Bells' get gala boost

The much-discussed Memorial Bell Tower planned to be erected at Fort Needham to commemorate the victims, and the survivors, of the great Halifax explosion of December 1917, is to get a dramatic and musical boost later this month in the form of a fund-raising gala which is to be held at the Rebecca Cohn auditorium at Dalhousie Arts Centre.

Memorial Bells: A Gala, will be presented at the Cohn on Saturday, Sept. 29, starting at 8 p.m.

Co-ordinated by Tom Kerr, theatre director of Neptune Theatre, the gala will feature Canadian actor Gordon Pinsent as host, musical contributions, including popular songs from the First World War, played by the Stadacona Band, and noted Canadian author Hugh MacLennan, who will read from his book based on the explosion.

Pinsent, recently seen on the Neptune stage in the title role of the Stephenville Festival touring production of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, will also give dramatic readings, and other performers will be folk singers Penny MacAuley and Clary Croft, the White Family, the Atlantic Swells and both the Nova Scotia Tattoo Chorus under the direction of



Gordon Pinsent, host of Memorial Bells: A Gala.

Dr. Walter Kemp, and the Nova Scotia Tattoo Children's Choir.

Musical direction is by Scott Macmillan and set design by Andrew Murray.

The gala evening, tickets for which are \$25 a seat, or more if the patron desires, will be under the patronage of Premier John Buchanan.

Kerr is being assisted by Dorothy Ward, as stage director, and Cindy Cowan as script writer.

The program, say the organizers, the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee, is planned as "a joyful salute to the survivors" of the Halifax explosion.

Tickets are available at the Dalhousie Arts Centre box office.

Sept. 1984

Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee to construct a tower

by Janet F. Kitz

In Halifax, work is about to start on an unusual project. A unique new bell tower, to house a 65-year-old carillon of bells, will stand on Fort Needham, a hill in the north end of the city, the site of fortifications begun in the 18th century, overlooking the entrance to the Bedford Basin and the harbour, scene of the Halifax Explosion of Dec. 6, 1917.

The situation of Richmond, on the slopes of Fort Needham, and along the harbour and railway line, had attracted industry to the area. In 1917, every rentable room was taken, with soldiers and their families, visitors, and people drawn by the plentiful employment.

This was the part of Halifax which received the full blast of the explosion, and fire quickly completed the devastation. Well over 9,000 people were injured, many blinded, and some 2,000 killed.

After the initial period of horror and shock, reconstruction was undertaken with efficiency. Four churches had been destroyed. Two of them, Kaye Street Methodist and Grove Presbyterian, 239 of whose parishioners had been killed, and others, mainly those widowed or orphaned, had sought refuge elsewhere, decided to join forces to build a new church, later called the United Memorial Church. In its tower hung a carillon of bells, bought from the funds of a young girl, who was the only survivor of her family. She herself had an almost miraculous escape.

The inscription on the

largest of the 10 bells reads: In Memoriam. Samuel Orr and his wife Annie S. Orr and their children, Ian, Mary, Archie, Isabel and James, who departed this life Dec. 6, 1917. Presented by their daughter, Barbara, 1920.

For years the bells chimed out their tunes, carols on Christmas Eve, a special request for a wedding, a call to worship. Eventually the tower could no longer support their weight and vibration. They hung silent for a few years. In 1975, as a safety measure, they had to be removed, and lay, covered with tarpaulins, outside the church. Efforts were made by a church committee to obtain support to rehouse the bells, but to no avail. The carillon's value, both in dollars and historically, is high.

On July 4, 1983, a meeting was called by the Hon. Edmund Morris, MLA for Halifax-Needham. Present were the three members of the church committee, and others interested in the bells. Morris was able to announce his success in achieving a grant from the province of Nova Scotia, so that it would no be possible to consider building a new bell tower. Funds would have to be raised for the large amount of money needed to augment the sum given by the Province. Immediate enthusiasm led to the birth then and there of the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee, with Reginald Prest as chairman, and those present to be members. Others with special skills were added later.

On July 26, 1983, the bells were removed, with

some ceremony, for storage in the Naval Armament property, where they still lie. But now they have been examined by a firm of experts, and the contract has been signed for the refurbishing and electrification of the bells, which will be played both from the church and from the site.

An architectural competition was held and the winning tower design was that of Keith Graham of the Core Design Group.

Some initial difficulties about the site had to be ironed out, but in early summer, the first sod was turned by the original donor, Barbara Orr (now Thompson). Explosion survivors have expressed their satisfaction at having a suitable monument on Fort Needham, overlooking both the scene of the catastrophe and the reconstruction.

A time capsule is to be placed in the tower. It will contain photographs, slides, a videotape, lists of donors, and also copies of the many letters relating explosion ex-

periences, already received by the committee from all over the province, as far away as British Columbia, Florida and even California. It is hoped that more are to come. Donations have frequently been in memory of relatives killed in the explosion. Names of donors of \$1,000 will appear on a bronze plaque on the tower. For \$5,000 a bell may be sponsored.

On Dec. 6, 1984, the tower will be dedicated and the chimes ring out, played as they were in 1921 by Barbara Orr.

The tower and the bells are to serve as a permanent memorial to the men, women and children who died, the identified and the unidentified, to those who were never found, the maimed, the blinded; to the thousands who lost everything they owned in the Halifax Explosion of Dec. 6, 1917. It will also be a reminder of the spirit and vision which led to the rebirth of a whole selection of the city.



The Memorial Bells Campaign committee, a group of Halifax citizens actively raising funds to erect a bell in Fort Needham in memory of those who died in the Halifax Explosion of 1917 will be assisted by past students of Richmond School when they gather for a school reunion in June, in memory students who died in the explosion. Shown left to right are, honorary co-chairperson of the reunion; Gerald McCarthy, deputy minister of education and honorary reunion co-chairperson and Reginald Prest, chairman of the Memorial Bells campaign.

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Halifax visit a trip back home for author

By ELISSA BARNARD



Hugh MacLennan

Canadian novelist Hugh MacLennan was a young boy washing his knees when the Halifax Explosion shook the city and branded itself in his mind.

The special guest for the Memorial Bells Gala, who reads Saturday night from his novel dealing with the explosion, *Barometer Rising*, doesn't mind taking the train with his wife from Montreal to Halifax and back again in one long weekend.

At 77, the author, born in Glace Bay in 1907, still considers Halifax, where he spent his school years, home.

"I always leap to take any excuse I can to get there. I wish we could stay longer," he said in a telephone interview from Montreal Wednesday.

MacLennan, who completed his last novel, *Voices in Time*, in 1980, joins host Gordon Pinsent and Maritime entertainers for an evening of music, song and drama commemorating the explosion.

The close to two-hour event is being held to raise funds for the Memorial Bell Tower to be erected at Fort Needham in memoriam to the explosion's victims.

MacLennan was a small boy living in a house on South Park Street at the time of the explosion. "I was just getting ready to go to school, at Tower Road School. That December the schools didn't open until 9:30 a.m. In the North End, they unfortunately opened at 9 a.m. We wore short pants then and I was washing my knees and this tremendous crash came."

"As a matter of fact, I thought it was a super big blast of dynamite in the railway cutting. About two-and-a-half minutes later, the concussion hit the house. If I had taken three steps, a heavy window would have come down on me."

As an eye, nose and throat doctor in Camp Hill Hospital, MacLennan's father was seldom off duty after the explosion, while the author's sister, who still lives in Halifax, was attending prayers in Halifax Ladies College.

MacLennan drew on his intimate knowledge of the city, which he left after graduating from Dalhousie University and going to Oxford University on a Rhodes scholarship, for his first published novel in 1941.

After three rejected books, MacLennan decided to set his novel in a familiar Canadian city instead of an international milieu and to draw on personal experience.

"A novel depends on people recognizing things. I knew Halifax, practically everything about it."

Why did he write about the explosion? "Because I knew another war was just about to come. I started the book and the war broke out which was pretty disgusting because they should never have let Hitler get away with that."

While *Barometer Rising* is one of MacLennan's most popular books, which continues to sell and be taught in the schools, the author doesn't consider it his best.

"The end of it is obviously weak. I hadn't re-read it for years but I did a while ago. The prose is pretty good, it's certainly very visual and accurate."

With the completion of his last novel, *Voices in Time*, which took eight years to write and "nearly killed me," MacLennan ended his novel-writing career, receiving Canada's richest prize for cultural achievement, the \$100,000 Royal Bank of Canada Award, in June.

He had been working on his memoirs early this summer and was halfway through the Halifax years when he was knocked down by a bicyclist on the sidewalk near his Montreal home and sprained his wrist.

"There are so many demands on my time and my wife is not well. I'm not really able to get to it properly."

MacLennan is part of a program directed by Tom Kerr, Neptune Theatre's artistic director, which has at its centre a half-hour play about a family during the explosion, written specifically for the evening and for Gordon Pinsent in the lead role by Mulgrave Road Theatre playwright Cindy Cowan.

Tom Kerr has designed the evening, beginning at 8 p.m., to commemorate the explosion as well as to salute the survivors and the survival of the city.

Other entertainers are singer Penny MacAuley singing a song about the explosion from her album, Rick Rox singing "The Rowdy Man," written by him to introduce Gordon Pinsent, the adult and children's choirs of the Nova Scotia Tattoo and folksinger Clary Croft.

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Memorial Bells Tower sod is officially turned

Mail Star By Jim Gowen June 2nd
Staff Reporter 1984

Two-hundred people stood under threatening skies Friday as Barbara (Orr) Thompson — using a silver spade previously used by the Queen Mother to turn the sod for the Halifax Memorial Library — turned the first sod to begin construction of the Halifax Memorial Bells Tower atop Fort Needham hill.

Reginald Prest, chairman of the Memorial Bells Tower committee, and Deputy Mayor Ron Cromwell welcomed the guests before turning the microphone over to former Halifax mayor, and now MLA for Needham, Social Services Minister Edmund Morris.

Mr. Morris, honorary co-chairman, with Judge Robert E. Inglis, of the Memorial Bells Tower committee, spoke of the history of the Halifax Explosion, describing how “in a moment children, women, men at work, members of the clergy, all perished in the explosion.”



SOD TURNING — Barbara (Orr) Thompson turns the sod for the Memorial Bells Tower on Fort Needham, assisted by Deputy Mayor Ron Cromwell and Rod Macleod, chairman of the fund raising campaign.
Wamboldt-Waterfield

and of the importance of the Needham site “overlooking the scene of the disaster.”

The fund for construction, which stood at about \$46,000 Friday morning, was swelled by a contribution of \$25,000 in memory of seven members of the Stockall family who perished in the blast.

Paul Stockall, the donor, lost ancestors on both sides of his family. His great grandfather, grandfather, two great uncles, a great aunt and a great-great aunt died in the devastation which flattened the north end of the city. A great aunt on his grand-mother's side was also fatally injured in the blast.

Mr. Morris said the tower would not only commemorate the explosion, but would symbolize the spirit of the citizens of Halifax.

“As a result of the explosion, Halifax became one of the great small cities in Canada.” he said.

Round and about

with Shirley Ellis

Memorial Bells: concert to remember

Memorial Bells, held in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium at the Dalhousie Arts Centre, was a concert that will be remembered by those attending.

Produced by Neptune Theatre's artistic director, Tom Kerr, it was an outstanding performance with continuity that flowed flawlessly from beginning to end.

It truly was a tribute to the victims and survivors of the Halifax Explosion and the courageous spirit of the citizens who rebuilt their city.

This was a fund-raising project, coordinated by Edwin Rubin and Lorne White, both members of the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee. Its purpose was to solicit a contribution of at least \$25 from each person attending. Proceeds will be used for the Memorial Bell Tower on Fort Needham.

I chatted with Sandra Carter, a member of the planning committee, and we both agreed there was a special feeling in the air following the performance. It was a closeness of having shared a dramatic moment in time. The performance was unique, one that can never be repeated. The audience of some 850 souls viewed the concert as one. The only sounds in the theatre came from the stage.

Some survivors of the 1917 explosion relived it again that evening, others in the audience were made more aware of what those few days in 1917 were really like.

Tom Kerr was assisted in planning the program by theatre staffers Andrew Murray, who did the set design; Dorothy Ward, drama director; Scott Macmillan, the music director; and Cindy Cowan, who did the script.

Gordon Pinsent, actor, director, writer and star of stage, screen and TV, was host.

Hugh MacLennan, Canada's prize-winning novelist (five-time winner of the Governor General's Award) and author of *Barometer Rising* (his first book, a story of the Halifax Explosion) and Mrs. MacLennan were the gala's distinguished guests. Miss Frances MacLennan of Halifax attended the performance with her brother and sister-in-law.

That evening Mr. MacLennan read from *Barometer Rising* and related some stories as told by his father, a doctor at Camp Hill Hospital, who treated many of the eye injuries resulting from the explosion.

Along with the dramatization and also telling the story was the CFB Stadacona Band directed by Lt. R. MacAllum; folk singer Penny MacAulay, who sang a special song she had written for the program; Clary Croft; Ellen Horst; Rick Fox; Amanda Hancox; the White Family Chorus; the Atlantic Swells Barbershop Chorus, directed by Sydney Mitchell; the Nova Scotia Tattoo Choir, directed by Dr. Walter H. Kemp; and the Nova Scotia Children's Chorus, directed by Patricia Day.

Bouquets should go to those taking part in the dramatization: Terry DeWolf, Kate Rose, Mary Colin Chisholm, Kathryn Roe, Doug Carrigan, Edward MacLeod, Michael Arseneault, Annette Comeau, Shannon Eamon, Kelti MacMillan, Nonie McDonald, Paul Williams and Francisca Zentilli.

Lindy Meadows, the stage manager, is also deserving of mention.

In the audience that evening were a number of people, survivors, whose lives were affected in one way or another by the explosion. Noble Driscoll, Archie Uppam, Mr. and Mrs. William Swindells, Mrs. Elizabeth Broadhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Davidson, Eileen Meagher, Mrs. Violet Prest and her sister, Mrs. Ethel Swindells, were among them.

A particularly pleasant feature of this fund-raising celebration was that we were all invited to a reception held in the art centre's sculpture court following the performance. Guests at the gala had the opportunity to chat with and thank the performers and the members of the committee; but, maybe more importantly, it provided the interlude that everyone needed to return from 1917 to 1984.

Admiral Fred W. Crickard and Mrs. Crickard were among the guests that evening. The admiral's father was serving in HMCS Niobe in 1917 and he was among those who tried to fight the fires aboard the French munitions ship *Mont Blanc* after she collided with the Belgium relief vessel, the *Imo*.

During the performance the Honourable Edmund Morris, minister of social services, (in his capacity as honorary co-chairman of the bells committee) presented Admiral Crickard with a silver bell in appreciation of the services provided by the Canadian navy at the time of the explosion and the navy's present-day support of the tower project.

The British Consul Kenneth Kelley and Mrs. Kelley, the French Consul Bernard Malandain, and the Consul for Belgium Joz DeBeke and Mrs. DeBeke were in the audience that evening.

Also seen was Leonard A. Kitz, Q.C., and his wife, Janet. Mrs. Kitz is a member of the planning committee; one could say it was her interest in the Halifax Explosion and her research on events leading up to and following the explosion that re-kindled interest in providing a permanent memorial to those who lost their lives at that time. I understand Neptune's Cindy Cowan used some of Janet's research material when she was preparing the script for the gala.

Committee chairman Reginald Prest and Mrs. Prest were among those welcoming guests to the reception. Other committee people include Fred R. Nickerson, R.H. (Dick) MacLean, his wife Carol, Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Allard, Frank and Jean Harrington, Dr. H. Ian MacGregor (he sings with the Atlantic Swells), J. Rod McLeod, Bruce Nickerson, William B. Orr, Harold Shea, Terry Sullivan, Charles A. Vaughan and Roy Wilson, many of whom were in attendance that evening.

Deputy Mayor Ron Cromwell and Mrs. Cromwell attended the performance and were seen at the reception chatting with Mrs. Barbara Orr Thompson. It was Mrs. Thompson who donated the bells to the United Memorial Church in memory of seven members of her family killed in the explosion.

Reverend Lawrence W. Bone, minister at United Memorial, Archbishop James Hayes; Mr. and Mrs. Murray (Debbie) Metherall; Mr. and Mrs. John (Marjorie) Cooper; Eva Moore, executive director, Nova Scotia Drama League; Dr. Renata Kartsaklis; and Mrs. Winnie Townsend were also seen.

David B. Webster, vice-president, public and industrial relations; Mrs. Doris McGrath; Mrs. Sandra Foley; Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Cassie) Salterio, H. David MacKeen and Beverly Dubinsky were also among those holding seats that evening.

The ground has already been broken for the monument on Fort Needham.

It is the committee's hope the restored church bells will be in place and we will hear those bells sound out in a celebration of remembrance on December 6th for those who lost their lives or were maimed in that tragic accident in Halifax Harbour in 1917.

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The first night he stole her diaries.
The second night he read her fantasies.
The third night he started to live them . . .



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Park site sod-turning ceremony June 1

The planning phase is at an end and the first step in the construction of the Halifax Memorial Bells will take place June 1 at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Barbara (Orr) Thompson, donor of the carillon, will turn the first sod on the Fort Needham park site.

The bells which make up the carillon were originally presented to United Memorial Church on Kaye Street in memory of Mrs. Thompson's family, killed in the 1917 explosion.

Originally located in the steeple of the church, the bells were removed several years ago when the tower was found to be structurally unsafe to

support the massive weight of the bells.


Designed by architects

of the CORE design group, the memorial Bells Tower, to be built of native hydrostone, will accommodate the bells in copper sheathed openings along its length, descending from 50 feet to ground level.

Reginald A. Prest, chairman of the Halifax Memorial Bells Committee, announced that the fund-raising campaign has reached half its objective with approximately \$100,000 having been received. The provincial government has promised a dollar for dollar match, up to \$100,000 to the amount

of money raised from public contributions.

Completion date for the monument is projected for Dec. 6, the 67th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion.



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Site preparation a delicate job

Engineers and archeologists were on the future Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells site at Fort Needham late in the week preparing for what promises to be a delicate excavation job.

Memorial bells committee chairman Reg Prest said every stage of the excavation process, even preliminary site testing, will be closely monitored so that any historic artifacts found at the site of the one-time military installation can be saved for posterity.

"If artifacts are discovered, work

on the monument will cease to allow archaeological investigation," he said.

Observing the preliminary site testing together with volunteer engineers under the direction of memorial bell committee volunteer Frank Harrington, were representatives of the Nova Scotia Museum Archaeology Department, city historian Lou Collins and other committee members.

Historians and archeologists want to determine the exact location of Fort Needham, which once played an important part of Halifax's early de-

fence system.

Meanwhile, donations to the memorial fund are coming in from all across the country and the United States. As committee treasurer Fred Nickerson put it, a lot of people have a heartfelt interest in seeing the project proceed — on time.

The committee has asked donors to include information they might have concerning the dreadful Dec. 6, 1917, explosion that killed almost 3,000 Haligonians and wartime visitors and reduced large portions of the city to rubble.

Mr. Prest said this information will be included in a time capsule and recorded at the public archives for future reference.

Some of the letters received by the committee indicate many people, with varying associations to the tragic event, still have strong feelings about it.

A letter from Winnifred Bent, now residing at Granville Ferry, Annapolis County, indicates something of the magnitude of the blast.

"I was seven-years old, on the Dartmouth side, near South

Woodside. . . I can still see that awful cloud that formed over Halifax," she remembered.

Mary J. Nicoll of Clyde River, Shelburne County, reported her father was aboard the tug-boat Stella Maris as its crew desperately attempted to tow the blazing Mont Blanc away from the pier. The captain, her father's brother-in-law, was killed along with other crewmen. Her father, one of four survivors from the tug, was seriously injured but lived to see 88 years.

Another Shelburne County resi-

dent, Marion Hogg, reported her mother was working at Victoria General Hospital when the explosion occurred and, after running to the window to see what happened, was severely injured by flying glass. She survived her injuries and lived a lived to the age of 84, but never forgot the incident.

Mr. Prest said the committee was proceeding with plans to unveil the completed monument by Dec. 6, 1984, the 63rd anniversary of the explosion. A sod-turning ceremony has been scheduled for June 1.



CAREFUL WORK — Engineers and archeologists will keep a close watch for historic artifacts and clues to the exact location of the original Fort Needham as construction of the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells monument proceeds. During preliminary soil testing, city historian Lou Collins closely inspects piles of topsoil along with Frank Harrington, memorial bells committee; Bill Sutherland, Jacques Whitford and Associates, and John Dow, Whitman Benn and Associates. Wamboldt-Waterfield

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Explosion will be film subject

A television documentary on the Halifax Explosion entitled *The Memorial Bells...Halifax Explosion Remembered* will be aired June 18 at 9 p.m. and June 23 at 12:30 p.m. on Channel 10.

The half-hour documentary was produced by Jacqueline Kirk, written and narrated by Janet F. Kitz, and includes an original song written and performed by Danny MacIntyre. The film includes archival film footage shot immediately following the

disaster, the story of the Orr carillon to be placed in the memorial tower and accounts by the explosion's survivors.

Ms. Kirk said the film's producers, Halifax Cablevision, plan to expand the film to an hour-long feature with coverage of the bell tower's construction and the Dec. 6 dedication ceremonies. A copy of the tape will be put into the time capsule to be inserted into the monument.

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DONATION TO BELLS — Imperial Tobacco Ltd. has given \$1,000 to the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells committee. Looking over a plan for the bells tower are, from left, Reg Prest, committee chairman; Social Services Minister Edmund Morris, honorary committee co-chairman; Ron Dort, associate owner of the Quinpool Road Shoppers Drug Mart; Judge Robert E. Inglis, honorary co-chairman; and Rob Sampson, district manager for Imperial Tobacco. Wamboldt-Waterfield



Wamboldt-Waterfield

The Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Committee Friday received a donation of \$25,000 from the Stockall family. The committee recognized the donation by giving Paul Stockall, representing the family, a silver bell lapel pin. From left, Barbara (Orr) Thompson, who donated the chimes to be installed in the bells; Rod MacLeod, chairman of the fund-raising committee; Paul Stockall.

Stockall family remembered by donation to Bells fund

Seven members of the Stockall family killed in the 1917 Halifax Explosion have been remembered by a gift of \$25,000 to the Halifax Explosion Memorial Bells Fund by their family.

Paul Stockall lost ancestors on both sides of his family. His great-grandfather, grandfather, two great uncles, a great aunt and great-great-aunt died in the devastation which destroyed the north end of the city. A great aunt on his grandmother's side was also killed.

At a sod-turning ceremony for the Bells

Monument Friday, Edmund Morris, honorary co-chairman of the Bells Committee, said the \$200,000 monument will not only commemorate both the terrible loss and suffering inflicted by the disaster, but the courageous spirit of citizens in rebuilding Halifax.

"As a result of the explosion, Halifax became one of the great small cities in Canada."

Work on the bell tower will begin at once. The dedication will be Dec. 6, 1984, the 67th anniversary of the explosion.