

### TCA PAY RAISE

It was announced recently by Trans-Canada Air Lines and the Canadian Air Line Pilots' Association that a new collective agreement has been reached on wages and working conditions of pilots in TCA employment.

The new agreement provides for pay increases for pilots flying present aircraft as well as for the larger turbine-propeller "Vanguards" and pure-jet DC-8's which TCA will place in service during 1960. Captains flying in domestic service with piston-power aircraft will earn between \$10,000 and \$17,000 a year, the average being approximately \$14,000. The exact amount earned by individual pilots depends upon a complex formula.

The rates for DC-8 jet aircraft will be approximately 30 per cent in excess of the top salary for flying piston aircraft. Only 17 senior TCA captains will be eligible for the DC-8 differential during 1960

First officers will earn between 50 per cent and 60 per cent of captain's rates. They constitute slightly more than 50 per cent of the airline's total strength of 725 pilots.

The new agreement is for a period of 18 months and is effective from October 1, 1959.

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### ALBERTA 5-YEAR PLAN

Grants based on a \$10-per capita basis for all Alberta communities of 100 or more, except Edmonton and Calgary, to assist in the acquisition of recreational facilities, will be made available this year as the second part of the Alberta Government's Five Year Programme, it was recently announced by Mr. A.R. Patrick, Provincial Secretary. An amount of \$3,653,000 is proposed for this part of the programme, which was first announced by Premier E.C. Manning on August 14, 1959.

Population figures used to compute the size of grants will be those used by the Department of Municipal Affairs in 1959.

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The grant will be approved for any feasible plan of recreation facilities and can be applied to any project undertaken since January 1959. Any project that can be proceeded with during the five-year-plan period will be eligible for approval.

Consideration will be given to projects planned jointly by adjoining communities, the Minister said.

Applications for the grants will be made by the council of the town, village or city concerned, to the Provincial Secretary. Hamlets in Local Improvement Districts must make representation through the Department of Municipal Affairs, while those in municipalities and counties will be handled through the municipal or county council.

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### TELEPHONE CLASSES

The proper use and handling of a telephone is now a part of the curriculum for students in the primary grades of some Alberta schools. The Calgary School Board has accepted a telephone kit made available by the Alberta Government Telephones for use in its schools. The kit consists of a projector and filmed movie which tells by animation the story of the proper procedure for using a telephone. Also included in the instruction kit are two fill size phones and two Directories. The phones are used in conjunction with an illustrated pamphlet which simplifies use procedures. The teacher is then able to instruct the pupils in the correct methods for dialling and answering the phone. Good manners are necessary on the telephone too, and this is not overlooked. The instruction given to primary pupils in the school is considered most valuable as it establishes a pattern for their use of the telephone during adulthood. The demand for use of the telephone instruction kits has been very gratifying in Calgary. The Alberta Government Telephones have also received numerous requests from other points throughout the province for use of the kit.