

CARNEGIE TRUST DECISION ON GALA DAY

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After a year of indecision concerning the future of the Children's Gala Day, the Dunfermline Carnegie Trust, at their November meeting, decided that the gala was to continue, but with a maximum financial grant from the Trustees of £1000 and with the Trustees taking a very much diminished responsibility for its future organisation.

The Trustees are now to provide a sum of £1000—the present sum allocated—as their maximum contribution to the continuation of the Gala, in which 6000 children take part, and a new committee is to be charged with the function of administering the event, and, if thought fit, of seeking additional finance for it.

The first doubt about the future of the gala came in February, when the Trust agreed at their monthly meeting that the 1964 Gala would go on as usual, but added that the time was appropriate for them to review the function of the event, as they had reviewed other policies in recent years. The Trustees fully recognised that the tradition and sentiment attaching to the gala were very valuable features of the town, but they were also aware that in some quarters it was thought that the gala was no longer the outstanding attraction to primary school children that it used to be.

In any case the Trustees' present allocation of £1000 was only sufficient to provide the bare minimum of entertainment. It was agreed by the Trustees to invite the Town Council and other bodies in Dunfermline to express their views on the subject.

Viewfield Properties

The Trust decided at their January meeting to reject the proposal put forward by Dunfermline Town Council for the transfer to their ownership of the Trustees' properties in the Viewfield area. The Trustees were of the opinion, that, quite apart from other considerations, they had no constitu-

assets in an unrestricted manner for less than one-third of their value as adjusted by professional valuers. Accordingly, it was agreed to intimate to the Town Council that the Trustees proposed to discontinue further negotiations unless a more attractive proposal was received from the Council within a reasonable period.

However, negotiations went on and in early December it was agreed by the Town Council that they would take over the Trust's properties in the centre of the town. The Town Council agreed to pay £25,000 for the Music Institute, Dalgety House and the Craft School, all of which are in the Viewfield area. In addition, the Council were given the Carnegie Hall, on condition that it would continue to be used as a public hall, and the Dunfermline Museum with the stipulation that they would be prepared to accept responsibility for the museum service.

Grants totalling £500 in respect of the construction and equipping of the new hall which the 3rd Fife (British Legion) Boy Scout Group propose to erect in Piggie's Lane, Dunfermline, were granted to the Group at the Trust's monthly meeting in March. The Trustees decided to make a grant of £325 towards the construction of the hall, and a further £175 for equipping it. The Trustees also agreed to make grants of £275 and £25 to Dunfermline Horticultural Society and Rosyth Horticultural Society, respectively.

The Trustees, on the recommendation of Dunfermline Headmasters' Circle, agreed at the April meeting to

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