

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture A. I.

The Eastern Prince County Agricultural Club officially commenced operation last Monday.

This is the first in a number of units which will be established within the province for the improvement of cattle.

The technicians are Mr. Kenneth Walker of Summerside and Mr. James Heffel of Travellers Rest.

Watch this column for future news and developments about artificial insemination

FARM WEEK

The Centennial Farm Week, sponsored by the P. E. I. Department of Agriculture and the Canada Department of Agriculture, will be one of the highlights of the summer's activities.

The three day programme at the Experimental Station, Charlottetown, will have many interesting features for both farmers and town's people.

The first day—Tuesday, July 5th will feature 4-H Clubs and Junior Farmers.

ACADIA — A WELL PROVEN SPRING WHEAT

It is not often that a new variety of virtually all growers, nor is it often that Agricultural Department members include only the recommended list.

The original seed multiplication and distribution of Acadia on Prince Edward Island was handled by the Experimental Station at Charlottetown.

The first distribution was in the spring of 1953. In that year yields of this variety ranged from 25 to 40 bushels per acre.

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City and Central

CRASWELL for Better Photographs.

ICE CREAM for everyone — serve it often.

Milk — the perfect food — drink another glass.

OPEN AGAIN. — Vail's Radio Service, 204 Kent Street, opposite Rendezvous.

RADIATOR repairing, recoring and flushing. Mallet's Battery and Radiator Service.

BROADCAST CFYF historic highlights 7:45 p.m. Thursday, 9 June. Edwina Johnstone on Victoria Park.

WILL THE HOLDER of the ticket 225 and ticket 450 in Canada Packers cooking school draw contact 9683 or 8452.

FREE CHURCH of Scotland, Communion services June 12th, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Preparatory services Wednesday, June 8th, 8 p.m., conducted by Rev. W. MacKay, Friday, June 10th, 8 p.m.; (above services on city time); (above services Thursday June 9th, 8 p.m., Sabbath, June 12th, 3 p.m. (Standard Time). Rev. J. H. Bishop.

POLICE COURT. — At City Police Court yesterday morning, held before Magistrate K. M. Martin, two drunk and incapable were sentenced to 30 days suspended sentence each, and a person charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident was fined \$20.00 and costs or ten days. In a case of assault, the accused was fined \$20.00 and costs or ten days. Charged with failing to stop at a red traffic light, the offender was fined \$10.00 and costs or five days. Two speeders were each fined \$30.00 and costs or ten days, and a person charged with obtaining money by false pretences was remanded for one week.

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Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank We And Our Neighbors

TOWN HOLIDAY

Over the long Memorial Day week-end, my friends scattered to mountains, seashores and more open spaces generally.

Washington Square is rightly considered one of the most fascinating sections of the world along with the Latin Quarter in Paris and the Chelsea section in London.

But it really presents a far more varied sampling of humanity than either of the two. Here can be found the struggling artist; and the successful artist, business man and professional man who can afford to live in the expensive apartment houses recently built in Greenwich Village.

On the same benches with groups of gesturing, articulate new comers—who live some blocks away, sit the earlier settlers, the more reserved folks from the old brown-stone houses still found in Greenwich Village.

In forlorn huddles, in another corner of the Square, are the elderly men from the Bowery—wearing a stone's throw. And here, there and everywhere are the students of New York University that borders one side of the Square.

By twos and threes, in crowds, they study and play games, and discuss and make love, and generally use Washington Square as their college campus—they have no other.

Most joyously alive and most joyous to watch are the children—in charge of uniformed nurses; young parents, and grandmothers, unshiny in costume and bulk. But of this, more later.

Another change that is taking place in Britain has been the introduction of myxomatosis, which is slowly progressing across the country-side and reaping a toll on the once populous rabbits and hares.

The dead carcasses of those already succumbed to the disease may be seen everywhere along the roads. For some unknown reason the animals take to the highways, where they are being killed by the hundreds by passing motorists or humane pedicab drivers, who are further surprised to find that the carcasses of those already succumbed to the disease may be seen everywhere along the roads.

For those interested in unique villages I have already mentioned the little village of Hutton-le-Hole in the Yorkshire Moors, not far from Kirby Moxside, which village is so beautifully cut up by tiny streams. To this I would add the village of Harkness a little further to the East and reached from the North by a steeply winding road, which descends into the village below.

At almost every turn the village is visible immediately below, amid its setting of ponds and trees. I think it is well worth a visit and it can be worked in without leaving the main highway very far. And for anyone interested in monuments, I believe that a drive over the Wolds to Sledmere would be most rewarding. The pet divisions of the monuments in this area, one to the soldiers who fell in World War I and a much older one to one of the early landowners in the area.

FARMING IN THE WOLDS

Not least rewarding is the farming in the Wolds. In some areas the top soil is very thin and unsuitable for deep or intensive cultivation, but on the lower ground there is quite a lot of land suitable for the growing of potatoes and sugar beet. All through the Wolds the chalk deposits which underlie them can be seen mixed with the soil. Providing the percentage of chalk is not too high it is not harmful to the growing of grain and grass. In fact the quality is considered better than the Vale to the North, but the yields are lighter.

Now changing the subject to something more constructive if not instructive. Concrete, stone

and brick are the chief building materials, with concrete slabs, asbestos, tile and steel more or less necessary constituents of every building. Of special interest to me due to the short life and labour involved in wooden posts, is the use of concrete for that purpose in Britain. Initially concrete posts are more expensive, but in their long life, uniformity and general appearance taken into consideration, any drawbacks they may have should be far outweighed. Tile and asbestos roofing materials are both attractive and long lasting as well as fire proof.

Perhaps an investigation into their properties might be advantageous, considering the quality of present day materials sold for that purpose in Canada. I am continually running into people, who have been in America or Canada and wonder at the way we go on paying exorbitant prices for building materials, which are non-permanent. To the average Britisher our buildings are neither considered convenient nor economic. For storage purposes, Dutch barns are considered the best. These are merely formed from perpendicular steel posts in a concrete base and roofed over, either with steel or asbestos sheeting. The asbestos has the advantage of not rusting or needing paint.

Recently I was in a piggery, which is about 65 feet long and 30 foot wide. This building has a steel frame throughout, the walls are of concrete slabs with asbestos roofing. Exterior lighting is entirely in the rooms by means of large sheets of corrugated perspex or what we know as plexiglass. This glass will not cloud, and is more or less unbreakable. The ventilators are also made of moulded asbestos sheeting. The only wood in the entire structure may be seen in limited quantities forming parts of the pens. The pen divisions are themselves concrete blocks. The entire building cost in the vicinity of £1300. Expensive, yes. But more or less permanent.

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but in some parts of the country beef are being experimented with by leaving them out entirely. This is thought at the present to cut down the rate of gain and require more feed.

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Revisits United Kingdom On Nuffield Scholarship

(Excerpts from letters received from Flying Officer Archie J. Johnstone, of Burlington, P.E.I., now travelling in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield agricultural scholarship; continued from a previous issue.)

The Easter week-end is over and the holiday crowds, which have been filling the roads here, for the most part, returned to their homes. A court reveals that on the route between Scarborough and York over a thousand cars per hour passed a certain point. Considering the narrow twisting highways, it can be easily understood that there was terrific congestion and why traffic slowed to a halt at some points.

The Automobile Association estimates that there were at least 40,000 cars on the road returning to London yesterday. Train travel was very near as heavy and extra buses were added to carry the trippers to and from the resorts.

Considering the numbers of cars being sold in Britain, which are greater this year than ever, it may be readily seen that the road system is in for drastic changes. Communication will be improved greatly in the future, but something of the charm of rural Britain may be lost in the process. It is to be hoped that large numbers of the narrow, winding lanes will be retained for the tourist and the lover of the countryside.

It is however undeniable that the main arteries for trade and commerce convert rapidly to the more modern trend of super highways for speed and safety.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A poll of 4,600 sporting goods stores came up with the result that 88.1 per cent of them carry fishing tackle. This makes fishing the most popular of 24 sports for which the stores stocked equipment.

The stores stocked equipment of King's whipping fell to Barnaby Fitzpatrick of the Court of Henry VIII in 16th century England.

Barnaby was brought up with the young prince who later became Edward IV. Each time the future king mistreated Barnaby was soundly thrashed. This uncomfortable occupation was thought necessary because the "Prince as the Lord's anointed was considered sacred." The theory was that Edward's conduct would improve in order to spare his royal playmate a beating.

Barnaby survived the ordeals and later in life was created a baron by Queen Elizabeth I.

Lots of people are troubled more by the cost of high living than by the high cost of living.

It's better to trust people even if you're deceived than to suspect them and be mistaken.

The habit of eating a hearty breakfast is not only conducive to health, but it provides an incentive for getting up in the morning.

A farmer friend of mine once saw a young duck get its first slip of down. He picked up the egg just as the bird inside was trying to get out. Suddenly the shell fell apart, and lo and behold the duckling was in his hand. "It appeared to be covered with coarse black hairs," said my informant, "which in a moment began to burst open, one by one, and out of each came a soft, downy tuft. Thus while my farmer friend stood by the side of a brook on his farm, the little wild duck was all decked out in its pretty dress.

There is only one male bird that never comes to the nest, either to help the eggs or to assist in feeding the young. That is our humming bird, the ruby throated. Why? Because his shining ruby would reveal the hiding place of the nest.

FIELD SPORTS

There would be no point-to-point racing if foxhunting were stopped, we are reminded by the British Field Sports Society. The point-to-point held on Easter Monday at Hawkes near Whiter was my second experience with this type of racing for we had taken in the point-to-point at Dalton Holme, Dalton Park, on Saturday. I was a little wiser yesterday, not even having had beginner's luck on Saturday. I left the betting to the more experienced horseman, being contented with a few side pools among ourselves. Fifteen thousand people turned up at Dalton Park and a much greater number yesterday up North.

Apart from the actual sport involved in these races, the really important thing is to raise money for the continuance of the Hunt money which maintains the hounds and the horses used in this sport, which seem to be national in character. Contrary to what I already believed many of the horses and hounds are not maintained by the members of the hunt but by the racing and by public subscription. Also contrary to my earlier opinion, anyone can take part in the hunt, even the labourers, providing they abide by the regulations as laid down.

The jumps are certainly the most exciting part of the course, which is usually about three miles in length. The horses with their riders at various points around the track are lost to sight and at times binoculars are valuable. Usually it takes twice around the track to cover the required distance. Often there are some empty saddles before the race is over and several usually drop out before the completion of the course.

The post I like best about the

Gov't Sued For Millions

OTTAWA (CP) — The government is being sued for millions of dollars by property owners around Toronto's Malton airport who claim federal zoning restrictions have reduced the resale value of their holdings.

About 90 damage actions have been filed in the Exchequer Court of Canada. Officers say the suits have not yet tabulated the total amount of damages requested, but they guessed it may run to more than \$7,000,000.