

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.)

From home upon Spalding Moore, Yorkshire, much could be written on the Paterson methods in making silage, but there are just a few points which he mentioned to us, that may be of some interest. When beginning the ensilage season the grass or grass and clover mixture is usually very green and contains a high moisture content. At this period it is well to wilt it up to twenty-four hours and not pack it too tightly. He believes that some air should be trapped within the silage because if it is all excluded the silage will become very rank and will smell and some of the value lost. It should however be rolled down enough to prevent excess air from entering the silage as additional amounts will cause spoilage and extreme losses in protein and nutrients.

As the season advances and the plants tend to become more mature, the more it should be pressed down in an effort to prevent as much air as possible remaining in the silage.

Another feature which is not new, but rather interesting as many of our Maritime silos tend to be too narrow, is that Paterson now makes his three or four times as wide as he once did. He doesn't recommend anything in the nature of a pit under the width of three buxcrakes, thus cutting down backing at the pit and a resultant loss of time.

Whatever the experience has been of other milk producers throughout the world Mr. Paterson claims that since he has ceased using concentrates and other feeds for his cattle, despite the drop in production the result has been a large increase in net returns, which as stated earlier is what was really interested in, in the first place.

I suppose that most readers of agricultural books have read at least one or two of those written by A. G. Street. He is not only a good writer but a humourist as well and the time we spent with him at his home near Salisbury, bordered on being hilarious times, as he uses vivid illustrations, together with a ready wit to illustrate his point. An entirely Free Enterpriser himself he gave us a complete description in plain language of what the duds, as he terms them, are trying to do in an effort at centralization and control.

Having read his latest book on the subject "Feather Bedding", I had a good idea as to what he might say and was not disappointed. He says that people are no longer willing to shoulder responsibility. We asked him why. "There are more porters on a railroad than engineers aren't there?" He asked. "Well then they have more votes than the engineers don't they?" We couldn't deny this. "Alright then if they control the votes they will want as much pay as the engineers won't they? And if they get as much as the engineers should anyone want to be an engineer and shoulder the extra responsibility? This is exactly what is going on in England now."

We asked him where in his opinion it would all end, if everybody continued to run to the Government whenever they got into difficulty but he didn't claim to have the answer, except that we might expect under such a system to become a weak and spineless nation, and cited the Roman Empire, which fell not because of being militarily weak but because of the weakness of its people. "Do you know what the British boy is thinking today as he walks out to bat on a cricket pitch?" he asked. "He is thinking, this is terrible, no one to help me and no support from the Government, and what is worse, there are eleven other B—out there who are out to get me." And yet they call it cricket.

In the end he summed the situation up as a losing game, but claimed to have great fun in sight-seeing for what he believes to be right. Having had a right good morning with him, we took his picture and shook hands, wishing that we could meet more people like him.

In the afternoon we were invited to accompany a farmer over his 500 acre farm in the Land Rover. On our arrival we found what is termed lunch to be ready. It was more like a dinner, for among other things were huge portions of freshly roasted chicken, topped off with generous helpings of ice cream. Let it never be said that the English are hard to get to know or are inhospitable. Our host is an extremely busy man, for in addition to managing his own farm, he is recovering from a serious sickness. And as if this were not enough, he finds time to serve on various committees and had undertaken certain very responsible civic responsibilities. He and his family seemed to be taking quite a serious interest in the election and with so much to lose one could hardly blame them. We feel that they will be breathing a heavy sigh of relief now that it is over.

We have been interested in land values and leases here that a certain farm close by in Wiltshire sold for the sum of £50,000. There are approximately 724 acres in the farm, land values here are about £50 per acre. Much higher, even than those values we heard of in the Scottish Border areas, where local people claim them to be ridiculous.

The rainy period remains unbroken and when we arrived in Ledbury on the Gloucester, Hereford border, it was a perfect down-pour. We were fortunate, having planned ahead, some friends had kindly arranged accommodation for us in the Tudor construction hotel there. The oak beams of the hotel are still alive up to

its name by being as quaint inside as it is interesting outside. Actually we didn't see much of the outside upon arrival, owing to the drenching rain. It was not until next morning when between showers we ventured out to have a look around and decided it an unfit day to go tramping through high wet grass in farmer's fields. There is an advantage being in England, that few other places can boast to the same extent and that is; if one thing is out for the day, there are still many ways of spending an interesting and profitable time. In fact taking Britain as a whole it is doubtful if any one could scratch the surface of what these countries have to offer.

To be continued

North Novies Plan Reunion August 20

This year's reunion of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, crack infantry unit of the Second Great War, will be held in Stewiacke on Saturday, August 20th.

Plans for the celebration were laid at a meeting held in Stewiacke and presided over by Lt. Col. G. I. Smith, M.L.A., a former C.O. of the post-war unit.

Previous reunions have been held in larger centres such as Truro, New Glasgow, Amherst, Charlottetown, usually where a considerable number of former members of the unit were located.

This is the first time it will be held in Stewiacke and the committees in charge are making every effort to put on a first class program for those attending.

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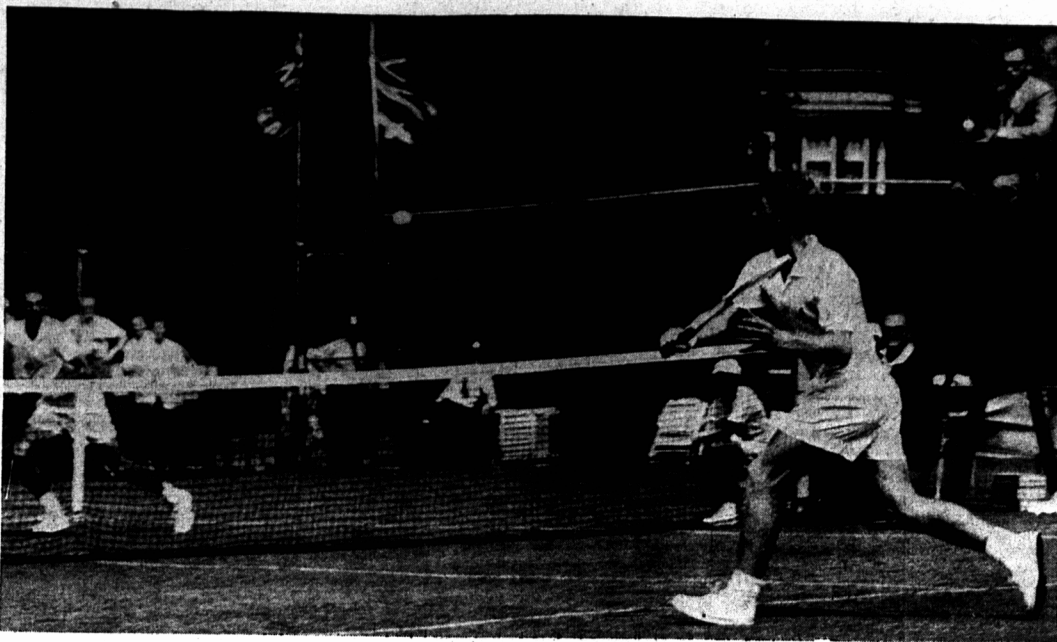
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AUSSIE RETURNS

MONTREAL—Australian sharpshooter Lew Hoad (right) smashed a return to Toronto's Don Fontana in a Davis Cup singles match at Montreal. Hoad made it four straight matches for Australia in the North American Zone Final with a 9-7, 7-5, 6-1 victory over the Canadian. (CP Photo)

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Space Travel Experts Hail Plans By The U.S.

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Films At Travel Bureau

The travelogue films on view at the Travel Bureau since July 20 have proved a highly successful attraction both to tourists and local people. Erected by the National Film Board, they have up to now consisted of two Island films and one of the Cape Breton Highlands. In a short time two more will be added, the most recent that the Film Board has produced—one of Nova Scotia and one of New Brunswick. The general movie of Prince Edward Island, the "Abe-gweil", and one other of the four now being shown, will remain along with the two new features. Each day there is one showing during the morning and three in the afternoon.

The Film Board is also supplying movies in various summer resorts on the Island, including Brackley Beach, Stanhope, Dalway and Cavendish. These are to encourage visitors to return to different parts of the Island in future years, and to give information about the Atlantic Provinces for anyone interested in knowing more about them. They are produced in color, with musical backgrounds and commentator giving the added effects and information.

Both visitors and Islanders are urged to continue taking advantage of this valuable public service, which will continue until the end of August.

NEW CANADIANS Canadian citizenship papers were granted in 1954 to 19,545 persons who formerly owed allegiance to other countries.

The cable said the federation will be "pleased" to co-operate with the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. National Science Foundation which are prominent in the satellite program. It applauded the initiative of the United States government in sponsoring an outstanding contribution to scientific progress.

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Fans Would Like Some Changes Made In Baseball

CHICAGO (AP)—Many baseball fans would like to see some changes made, particularly in regard to car parking and length of games, a survey authorized by commissioner Ford Frick disclosed Monday.

A preliminary report was made by a New York public relations firm to the summer meeting of the National and American Leagues.

"Although the survey is yet incomplete," the firm reported, "a sufficient amount of material has been gathered to give club owners and the commissioner a good deal of factual information which can be used in formulating policy decisions."

Specific findings include: A survey based on 10,000 replies to a questionnaire sent to 45,000 persons in 13 states covering major league territory showed that 93.7 per cent agreed with the statement that baseball is America's "national game."

Forty-nine per cent of these persons said their interest in baseball

had increased during the last 10 years; 39 per cent said their interest had remained unchanged; 30 per cent said they had been to a baseball game during the last 12 months from one to five times; 26 per cent said they attended more than five times.

Major reasons given by those who have not attended games were car-parking and other difficulties in getting to the ballpark, and preference for watching games on television.

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