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..*AUDUBON SCREEN TOUR.—P. W. C. Tuesday, 8 P. M. Sponsored by P. E. I. Women's Institute. Admission 50 cents.

..*FUNERAL SERVICE YESTERDAY — The funeral of the late Maurice Daley, St. Mary's Road, who passed away on November 20, which was very largely attended by friends and relatives who came to pay their last respects, was held yesterday morning at 9.30 from Sturgeon Church, with the pastor, Rev. F L. Mullally, celebrating Requier High mass. The choir was under the direction of Rev L. Landrigan, assisted by J. A MacDonald, Cardigan, and Eugene Dunn, Greenfield. Organist was W. F. Steele, of Montague. Present in the sanctuary were Rev. J. W. McCardle and Rev. Owen Kiggins. Pall bearers were: Alex Jamieson, Leo Daley, John T. Landrigan, Philip Creed, James Farrell, and Nicholas Lannigan. Interment was in the church cemetery. The funeral was under the direction of the MacKinnon Funeral Home, Montague.

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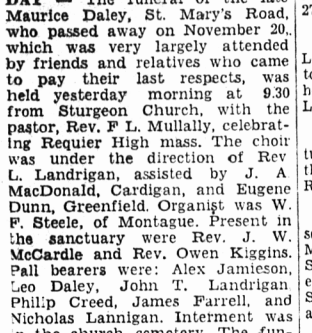
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in "LADY POSSESSED"
CARTOON - FEATURETTE

....*Mrs. Earle Jenkins Dundas has left for Vancouver by plane to visit her mother, Mrs. Edward Stanley who is seriously ill.

..*Mr. Robert Mosher, Summerside, was a weekend visitor to Montague where he was the guest of his parents, Capt. A. A. Mosher and Mrs. Mosher.

..*SHORT COURSE for Women's Institute Presidents, United Church Hall, Souris, Thursday, November 27th, 10 A. M.

..*Miss Mary Catherine MacLean, Iris, was a recent visitor to Montague where she visited her sister, Miss Charlesena MacLean.

..*Mr. Charles MacLean has returned to Alberton after spending the weekend at his home at Peter's Road.

..*Mrs. Alan Mosher, Mrs. Chessel Annear, and Mr. Cecil Mosher, Montague, were recent visitors to Sackville, N.B., where they visited Mrs. Annear's daughter, Miss Shirley Annear, who is a student at Mount Allison.

..*Mr. William J. Daley and son Maurice and his wife and family, all of Harverhill, Mass., left for home yesterday after attending the funeral of Mr. William Daley's brother at Sturgeon yesterday morning.

..*Messrs. Alen Hamilton, Reginald Mellish, and Glen MacLaren, of New Perth, accompanied by Alden, MacLaren of Brudenell and Irving Tweedy, Vernon River, returned home on Saturday from Toronto where they attended the Royal Winter Fair. They also visited Ottawa and Niagara Falls

..*FUNERAL YESTERDAY —The funeral of the late Louis Acorn, of Cambridge, who was instantly killed in a highway accident at Tea Hill on November 21st, was held yesterday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church, Montague, with Rev. F. N. Young conducting the service, assisted by Rev. Carl Currie. Mr. Young spoke words of praise and comfort to the bereaved family. Hymns sung were "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Abide With Me". Pall bearers were: Cecil Beck, Ralph Graham, Vernon Rielley, Wallace Burke, Lloyd Higginbotham, and Hugh Langtaigne. Interment took place at the Caledonia Church Cemetery, with Rev. Carl Currie conducting the service.

Freighter Loads Pitprops At Geo'Town

....*The German freighter, S.S. Venus, which arrived in Georgetown on Thursday, November 20th, from Bathurst, N. B., completed her cargo of pit props on Saturday, November 22nd and sailed that night for Rotterdam, Holland, via Sydney, N. S., where she will coal bunker.

The Venus, making her second call here within a year, is 2162 reg. tons and carries a crew of 32 officers and men. Sixteen hours work at Georgetown completed her cargo, as the bulk of her load was taken on at Buctouche, N. B. and Bathurst, N. B. Her total cargo amounted to 2635 cords, of which the greater part was pit props, with a small quantity of pulp wood. Mr. Albert Quigley of St. Peters was the shipper.

Harbor pilot, Tempel Gotell, assisted by co-pilot Victor Rafuse, took the ship in and out of port.

Another freighter is expected here within a few days to load pit props.

—A.C.

HALIFAX — (CP) — Although the rabbit hunting season now is officially open in Nova Scotia, officials warned hunters it is illegal to carry a .22 calibre rifle in the woods until after the deer season closes Nov. 30.

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Peters Road and Vicinity

..*The people of Peter's Road and surrounding districts were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. Benjamin Reid of Peter's Road. To his family and his 92 year old motner, Mrs. Malcolm Reid, the community is extending sincere sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnston and daughter June, Summerside, motored to Peter's Road on Sunday, November 2nd and were guests of Mrs. Don Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Lea, Vernon River, motored to Peter's Road recently, guests of Mr and Mrs. Neil VanInderstine.

Master John McKinnon, Kilmuir, was a visitor to Alliston recently, guest of Master Neil Hicken.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Butler and Mr. Julian Butler, Summerside, were recent week-end visitors to Peter's Road, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Campbell, Alliston, motored to Nine Mile Creek recently to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M B. McPhee.

The many friends of Mr. Don Johnston, Peter's Road are sorry to learn he has entered the P. E. Island Hospital for treatment, and hope to see him out again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Conrad, Miss Joyce Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Percy King and Miss Sybil King, Sturgeon, were visitors to Alliston on Wednesday, November 5th guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hicken.

Mrs. Otto Irving, Peter's Road, was a visitor to Alliston on Wednesday, November 5th guest of her mother, Mrs. L. J. Acorn.

Mrs. Don Johnston and son Earle, Peter's Road, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Hicken, Alliston, motored to Charlottetown on Sunday, November 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis McPherson, Peter's Road, were visitors to Nine Mile Creek on Sunday, November 2nd, guests of Mrs. M. B. McPhee.

Mrs. Levie Jordan, Charlottetown, was a visitor to Alliston on Wednesday, November 5th, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Campbell.

Mr. Vernon Acorn, Saint John, N. B., and Glen William, P. E. I. was a visitor to Alliston on Sunday, November 2nd, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Acorn.

Mr. Lowell Beck, Toronto, Ont., is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Beck, Alliston.

The many friends of Mr. Stanley Acorn, Alliston, are sorry to hear he is ill at his home and wish him a speedy recovery.

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SEES GREAT

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the Plains of Abraham, and one of the earliest was of course in P.E.I. The settlement of discharged military personnel after the long French wars, and the coming of the United Empire Loyalists, gave British settlement a strong upsurge and left lasting marks on agricultural development in the Maritimes and in Ontario.

"Gradually in the first half of the nineteenth century the gaps in Eastern Canada were filled — vast areas of good timber cleared, mostly by fire, and a lasting pattern of Eastern mixed farming established. Before 1880 Western Canada was almost untouched — the thousand miles of rock, muskeg and timber north of Lake Superior forming a formidable barrier. But Van Horne and the C.P.R. conquered it, and settlers poured into the West in an unbroken stream so that by the start of the first World War the cream had been skimmed from all Canadian farm land — and sizeable quantities of skim milk with it.

"Now we had another period of consolidating and filling of gaps Farming was reasonably profitable and farm population increased constantly. It even increased in the hungry thirties when farming wasn't profitable, because being hungry in the big cities was worse. Throughout all these years Canada has been looked upon both within and without as a land of unlimited agricultural potential, and dependent largely on export to unload our vast surpluses — all we needed was people for our great open spaces, and an export market.

"Perhaps it is still difficult to change that picture in our minds. But we have no vast open spaces left. With minor qualifications we could say all our agricultural land is in use — some of it over-used And Canada today is not predominantly agricultural, but rather industrial, if we judge by what our people do.

Industrial Progress

"Our farm population continued to increase up until 1939 when almost 1,400,000 workers were employed in agricultural. But the increase in farm workers had been falling behind the increase in industrial employment. And from 1939 on, with the tremendous demand for defence and other industrial man power, farm population actually declined.

" In 1939 almost 1,400,000 — farm workers.

"1945 — 1,100,000 + farm workers.

"1951 just over 1,000,000 + farm workers.

"Meanwhile non-agricultural employment increased:

1939 — 2,600,000 +
1945 — 3,300,000 —
1951 — 4,000,000 +

While total employment increased 25%; farm employment decreased almost 25%.

"In 1880 almost half our total employment was in farming; until 1940 a third was in agriculture; now only 1-5th.

"With our farm population declining so rapidly, what has happened to production? Actually our farmers have shown industry the way in the matter of manhour production during this period. With much fewer people our physical volume of farm production has gone up rapidly — and this in spite of some shortening of hours worked.

"Production per hour worked in Canadian agriculture increased at least 45% between 1939 and 1952. This has been a result, of course, of farm mechanization and finding easier ways of doing a job, combined with improved crop varieties, cultural methods and better livestock.

"While some improvement in methods has been general, the improvement by mechanization has been chiefly in crop raising rather than in livestock. The time required to plant and harvest Western wheat has been cut in half — but the time required to raise a hog has scarcely altered.

Hog and Feed Prices

"This means that the old ratios of hog prices to feed prices should change drastically. (The U. S. A. hog raiser has of course mechanized somewhat by running a water line to the hog yard and dumping in ear corn mechanically raised—and that is all. But such methods don't raise P.E.I. type Yorkshires!)

"Hay and grass are the foundation of our cattle industry. We are only recently realizing that grass is our largest crop — instead of something that grew where nothing else was planted.

"But handling hay has been our most laborious harvesting operation.

"When we combine: Laborious hay harvest; hand labour feeding cattle; laborious manure handling —we see that the cattle feeder, whether for milk or beef, has had the worst of the labour deal.

"But this situation is beginning to break:

"Hay baling and handling by conveyors helps.

"Forage harvesters cutting hay green for ensilage cuts labour and raises food value.

"Mechanical silage, and other feeding is increasing.

"Manure loaders and spreaders help finish the job.

"Loafing barns and milking parlours help the dairyman.

"The livestock feeder has not been less enterprising than the grain grower in reducing labour—the fact is he had a much more difficult job and he got much less outside help. But he is now well on the way, which is fortunate for all of us. We like and need meat and dairy products, and if prices are to be kept within reach, production work must be reduced. Certainly on a per hour basis we cannot expect our farmers to work any cheaper than they have been doing.

"Thus, in brief and as a broad generality, we have had a rapid increase in farm production per man hour offsetting a rapid reduction in farm working population.

"Where are we balancing out and where are we going?

"So far overall farm production seems to be increasing substantially but barely keeping pace with the increase in population. In fact I think we have passed the point where food production is keeping pace with our population increase.

"There is of course nothing particularly alarming about this. We are going to have food for our people of the kinds we grow, and food to export in return for the kinds we cannot grow. But we will not maintain the balance on the basis of the present average returns for an hour's work on the farm compared to an hour's work in town.

Serious Unbalance

"Surely a decline of 25% in our farm worker population in 12 years, and a decline from a third of our workers to a fifth being on farms in the same period shows that there is an unbalance pushing workers to urban centres. Perhaps in these years we have needed our people more in industrial production — if so, well and good; but when we need more food production the ratios will change.

"There is one phase of the farm population situation which gives cause for worry — the fact that this decrease of 25% has been almost entirely of younger people. The over-50 age group has increased by 27%, while the 25-49 group declined 17%, and the under 25 group by 23%! These figures do represent a serious situation, and one which could snowball on us rapidly a few years hence.

"It is natural of course that with such a marked trend to the city it is the young people who go. But one of the difficulties arises from the increased mechanization we were discussing. This makes it much more expensive to set up a farm on an efficient basis, and most prospective new farmers just haven't got that kind of money, and can't raise it through ordinary channels. Provincial governments are aware of this problem and realize that if a generation of farmers' sons leave the land the loss will be almost irreplaceable. Ontario, for instance, has started a special financing scheme to help start farmers' sons on the land.

"Incidentally, a good deal of financing is required to further mechanize farms in general, especially in Eastern Canada; but there is no reason why our existing financial institutions cannot take care of this business if they are co-operatively inclined, since reasonable security is available in most instances.

At snacktime — at mealtime!
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Montague Group To Attend Meeting In Charlottetown

....*A large delegation from the Montague Home and School Association to attend a provincial meeting to be held in Charlottetown on Thursday, was formed last evening at a special meeting of the Association held in the school. The meeting, in the absence of the president, Dr. G. S. A. Inman, was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. Archie Hilchey. Following the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting, reports of committees were heard and correspondence read. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the raising of funds, and it was proposed that a Christmas entertainment be staged. A committee was formed to look into the feasibility of the proposed plan and report at a later meeting.

Today's Problems

"Perhaps you would like a word about special problems of the moment — especially as we hear a lot of talk about surpluses of meat and dairy products — the very items on which one would expect us to be short in the light of factors we have been discussing.

"Today's problems arise of course almost entirely from the foot and mouth disease crisis — combined with a shortage of dollars in Britain where our product should be going. We had been exporting some quarter million cattle (or equivalent product) to the U.S.A. yearly — plus pork when we needed to do so, plus important numbers of dairy cattle. The foot and mouth embargo stopped all this suddenly in February.

"We already had a moderate support policy on frozen pork, but anticipated using all this in Canada during the summer if surplus beef continued to go to the United States at high prices. This hope faded immediately, and as the freezers were soon filled, pork simply had to be canned.

"With some ups and downs pork has been going into cans in large quantities ever since — a total of 75 million pounds — a lot of pork. We will discuss the market for it later.

"Meanwhile, with the abrupt closing of the border, just when beef prices were at a peak and cattle feeders loaded with dear stock, a disaster seemed iminent Once more the Federal Government stepped in with a support price — a bit lower than the previous market, but still quite generous. However this floor has been a bit shaky throughout. Freezer space would hold only a small fraction of the probable surplus, and no satisfactory outlet has been found.

Government Policy

"Therefore while the Government has taken considerable beef, they have seldom taken all the surplus at any time and the situation has not been too satisfactory. They have left the pressure on the packers to market every pound possible in consumer channels, and have constantly urged producers to hold back their cattle until the American market reopened. Unlike hogs, marketing of cattle can be delayed.

"In fact, the Government have gone so far as to buy a few cattle themselves and ranching them in Saskatchewan. And on several occasions they have made rather optimistic forecasts as to when the embargo would be lifted.

"Lowering of the floor this fall with a promise to advance it again in April has also discouraged farmers from marketing cattle now. The result of all this has been a heavy holdback of cattle—probably 300,000 that would normally have come to market in 1952. When the embargo is lifted it is hoped to market these at reasonably good prices.

"Actually, many farmers would be surprised to know that the American cattle market has been below the Canadian equivalent since early last spring — and that the cattle marketed in Canada since April have brought better prices than they would have if the embargo had not been on.

"It should be mentioned that our dairy cattlemen have been hit harder so far than the beef men. They have been out of a market which they had nurtured carefully and with profit — and to a great extent the cows held here have meanwhile added to the problem on milk products.

Meat Surplus Marketing

"What about the marketing of these meat surpluses?

"First, pork. The Government programme has piled up 75 million pounds of canned pork plus a little frozen. The British market has been entirely out because of shortage of dollars, even though they have had to cut their meat ration again while this surplus exists here. We just haven't been able to make any deal with them on pork.

"Through most of this period our hog support price has been higher than the American market, and even those products which could pass the embargo have been saleable in only small quantities.

"When about 40 million pounds had been packed, the Government took steps to merchandize Canned Luncheon Meat in the U.S.A. at a loss. To avoid dumping duties, they had to sell the same product freely in Canada at the equivalent price. Accordingly, since August the Government have been releasing for sale here, at 40c per pound, meat which cost them around 60c.

"The result has been that Canadian housewives have taken nineteen million pounds of this cheap pork — and the American market has taken practically none. Meanwhile 35 million more has been canned.

"Other sales channels at an even greater loss are being explored, but these are necessarily of a confidential nature.

"Because no reasonable outlet for surplus pork is in sight, the floor price is being reduced three cents, rail dressed, on January 1st, to bring production down to domestic requirements.

Beef Surplus

"On beef, a rather ingenious three or four cornered deal was arranged to market the surplus.

"Our beef could not go to the U.S.A., but could go to Britain. New Zealand was selling Britain frozen beef that could legally go to the U.S.A. It was arranged that Canada would ship up to 60 million pounds of Canadian beef to Britain and take an equivalent quantity of New Zealand beef for sale in U.S.A. The net profit made on this beef in U.S.A. compared to the British price (12c f.a.s N.Z. ports) would be split between Canada and New Zealand.

"The disappointment has come in selling the New Zealand beef in U.S.: It was not graded according to U.S. standards — it was not suitably dressed — It did not meet B.A.I. requirements, and had to be reconditioned at great expense — American buyers are heavily prejudiced against frozen beef — it arrived in a very weak beef market. Only some 7 million pounds has been sold out of 60 million. Prices have been disappointingly low. The loss will be cruel.

"The butter situation is fairly well in hand. The cheese problem arose because the British market was lost. The quantity remaining is less than feared, but is a problem. Heavy surpluses of canned and powdered milk have piled up and are moving slowly."

In conclusion Mr. Carroll emphasized that agricultural surpluses in Canada are temporary. "With our declining farm population and our increasing urban population on good wages, a shorter position will prevail," he said. "And a very important factor is that the same trends prevails in the U.S.A., with a very heavy population increase — over 15 million since 1940."

Canada Packer guests were: Mr G. A. Schell, vice-President and Assistant to the President, and includes Messrs. Norman J. McLean, Vice-President and General Manager, W. R. Carroll, Vice-President and Assistant General Manager, C. C. Polkinghorne, General Sales Manager, F. W. Condon, Toronto Sales Manager, C. A. Stewart, Manager Fruit and Vegetable Division (Headquarters Montreal), S. C. Prescott, Supervisor of Maritime Sales, and the following branch managers, Fred Smith, Halifax, C. D. Davies, Sydney, C. O. Landsky, Assistant Manager, Sydney G. W. Lawrence, Saint John, N. B., F. A. Baxter, Assistant Manager Saint John, N. B., F. L. Blair, St. John's, Nfld., A. W. Boyd, Cornerbrook, Nfld., T. Mellor, L. Tetrault and M. J. Leggatt, Maritime Divisional Supervisors, R. Munro and C. D. MacKay, Special salesmen and K. J. Leggatt, Manager Fertilizer Feed Division, Saint John, N.B., George McLean, aircraft pilot and Ted Lawrence, co-pilot, both of Toronto.

Other guests were Val Stype, E. H. King, John Baeur, and Ed Zuhoski, New York, H. E. Soulis and Fraser Ross, Halifax, M. Chepeswick, Moncton, Russell R. MacLean, New Glasgow, and W. A. Gaudet, Hiram Atkinson, Premier J. Walter Jones, J. A. Webster, Gil Henry and Capt. Carl Burke, City.

Whim Road and Vicinity

....*On Friday evening, November 14th., a number of friends and neighbours were invited to spend a social evening at the home of Mrs. Webb Nicholson, Whim Road. Mr. Willard MacLean of Peter's Road gave a very interesting demonstration of a line of well known products of which he is the agent. Mrs. Nicholson, at the conclusion of the evening, served everyone with a most enjoyable lunch. She was assisted in serving by a number of young ladies.

Mrs. Freeman Millar, Montague, spent several days at her home at Whim Road.

Miss Mary Farquharson, Kilmuir, recently spent several days visiting her sister, Miss Ishbel Farquharson in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Moore, Whim Road, were recent visitors to Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacDonald, Kilmuir, were visitors to Charlottetown, on Saturday, November 22nd.

During their visit they met the latter's brother, Mr. Sandy Ross, formerly of Lower Montague, who recently arrived from the west where he has been employed for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Molyneaux, Charlottetown, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Moore Whim Road.

Miss Rena Reynolds, Public Health nurse recently paid a routine visit to Whim Road School, to give each child a medical examination.

Miss Ishbel Farquharson, Charlottetown, recently spent several days visiting in Kilmuir at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Farquharson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. MacGowan recently returned to their home in Kilmuir after a motor trip to U.S. A.

Mr. Gordon MacKinnon and Mr Alex MacKinnon, both of Lewes were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock MacDonald, Whim Road.

Spr. Hugh MacKinnon, R.C.E., who is now on embarkation leave is visiting his sister, Mrs. Murdock MacDonald, and Mr. MacDonald, at Whim Road.

Mr. Lloyd Farquharson, Southport, spent the November 22nd weekend at Kilmuir with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Farquharson

Montague Hockey Meeting Tonight

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