LIVELY LOOKING LITTER

These lively looking youngsters are part of a Yorkshire litter—there were a dozen piglets in all—farrowed by a sow in the barn of Stirling Willis, Kingston. There are some Island swinemen who are turning to other breeds, the Landrace is strong with some of them, other are turning to crossbreeds, some with three crosses, but Mr. Willis holds to the Yorks.

Wheat straw, hay for overwintering

MELFORT, Sask., If the price of hay is high, it may pay to feed wheat straw and additional grain to overwintering steers even though subsequent gains on pasture may be reduced.

An experiment to determine the effect of overwintering rations of the gains made by steers when placed on pasture the following summer has been conducted at the CDA's experimental farm here during the last two years by Dr. S.E. Beacom.

In each of the last two falls, three groups of 20 Hereford steer calves were used to compare three overwintering rations. One ration was based on brome hay and barley; a second on wheat straw and barley; and the third on wheat straw and wheat.

Linseed oil meal (and some urea the first year) was added to the grain portion of the ration to compensate for differences in the protein content of the basic rations.

A vitamin A antibiotic supplement was added to the ration and steers had free access to a mineral mixture and cobalt-iodized salt.

The steers were fed as much roughage as they wanted. The concentrate portion of the ration was fed in amounts required to maintain an average gain of one pound per head per day in each lot over the 183-day wintering periods.

On the average, steers fed the hay and barley each ate 2,018 pounds of hay, 355 pounds of barley, 61 pounds of linseed oil meal, and seven pounds of miscellaneous additives during the winter.

Those fed the wheat straw and barley consumed 1,481 pounds of straw, 734 pounds of barley, 209 pounds of linseed oil meal and 12 pounds of additives.

Those fed the wheat straw and wheat ration ate 1,477 pounds of straw, 923 pounds of wheat, 53 pounds of linseed oil meal and 13 pounds of additives.

The figures for miscellaneous additives do not include minerals fed free choice.

Actual daily gains for steers on the three rations were: 1.02 pounds for those on hay and barley; 1.03 for those on wheat straw and barley; and 1.06 for those on wheat straw and wheat.

Valuing hay at $20 a ton, straw at $10 a ton, barley at two cents per pound, wheat 21½ cents per pound, and, linseed oil meal at five cents per pound, the cost per pound of gain during the winter period averaged 17.2 cents for the hay- barley group, 18.3 cents for the wheat straw-barley group, and 18.0 cents for the wheat straw- wheat group.

When placed on pasture, average initial weight losses per head in the three groups were 18 pounds for the hay - barley steers, 34 pounds for the wheat straw-barley steers, and 29 pounds for the wheat straw-wheat steers. The losses were recovered in 9, 15, and 13 days respectively.

Half the steers in each group were implanted. On the average, steers in the hay-barley group gained 180 pounds over the 91-day grazing period; the steers in the wheat straw-barley group gained 159 pounds, and the ones in the wheat straw-wheat group gained 168 pounds. Valuing total winter and pasture gains at 20 cents per pound, and subtracting the cost of the winter feed, the steers in the hay- barley group returned $41.24 per head; the ones in the wheat straw-barley group returned $37.09, and the ones on wheat straw- wheat returned $39.06. By applying your own feed costs to the above data, the relative economics of the three wintering rations can be assessed in terms of your own operation.

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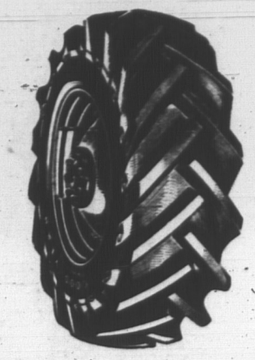

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Demand for farm credit increases

OTTAWA, April 15, 1965—The Canadian farmer's need for and ability to use long-term mortgage credit to establish or expand his operation is amply demonstrated in the latest Farm Credit Corporation report.

FCC Chairman George Owen said lending continues to soar with 10,142 loans amounting to $154,813,900 approved in the fiscal year ended March 31.

This compared with the previous high of 8,689 loans totalling $108,009,100 set last year, and was an increase of 16.7 per cent in the number and 44.3 per cent in the amount of loans.

The breakdown of loans approved in the past year is followed by the previous year's figures in brackets.

British Columbia, 487 (355) loans for $9,934,800 ($5,632,100); Alberta, 2,602 (2,043) loans for $42,512,300 ($27,157,600); Saskatchewan, 2,601 (2,332) loans for $35,570,100 ($25,200,900); Manitoba 691 (625 loans for $9,176,200 ($7,460,800); Ontario 2,131 (1,796) loans for $34,461,200 ($24,766,000); Quebec, 1,354 (1,221) loans for $30,336,500 ($14,710,400); Atlantic Provinces, 276 (317) loans for $2,832,600 ($3,081,300).

Mr. Owen predicts that the demand for credit will grow. The number of current applications for loans is 53 per cent greater than at the end of March last year.

The latest addition to the farm credit "family"—the Credit Act—came into being late last year and the Farm Credit Corporation began publicizing its provisions and accepting applications in January.

By the end of March, 22 syndicates had been set up involving 81 farmers. They had obtained approval of loans amounting to $215,404, for purchase of about 100 items of machinery and equipment.

Many similar applications are

'Just miller' consulted conscience

Years ago, grist mills stood on almost every stream in P.E.I., and every mill had its miller. It was he who ground the farmer's wheat into flour.

Being a just feller the miller always consulted his conscience so that all of his customers would get a square deal.

One day a prosperous farmer arrived with a load of wheat. The miller set the machinery in motion, put the grain in the hopper and then asked his conscience: "Shall I toll this chap heavy or light?" Replied conscience: "No doubt this farmer came by his wealth by cheating his neighbors. Toll him heavy."

A second farmer arrived a bit later in the day with a small grist. While turning it into flour the miller again consulted his conscience and again his conscience replied "Since this fellow is neither rich nor poor he must be doing O.K. Toll him heavy."

Then came a third man, so poor that he carried all the wheat in one sack, slung across his shoulders. As the miller was grinding the poor man's grist he asked his conscience "How shall I toll the poor man heavy or light?" "Well" spoke his conscience, the chances are he'll never get rich anyway so toll him heavy also."

Tilling Hills no picnic

Farming the hills of P.E.I. is no picnic as any farmer who owns such a piece of land will tell you. However, one farmer who owned a mountainous parcel of land in Hartsville thought he had the best place in the province. This was back in the days of prohibition, and John owned a flourishing still atop his highest hill. The hill was so steep in fact that John had to use a ladder to scale its summit. Here he made his mountain dew with no nosey prohibition officers to make him afraid.

Only on two occasions did Mr. X recall the liquor hounds trying to nose out the exact spot where the money making gadget lay. On both occasions the bootlegger was holed up in his hideout, and observed the officers approach with a wide grin on their face. First, he pulled up the ladder and, when they stood below the towering rock, he let down a shower of stones on their heads. The second time the officers tried to get old John he loosed a savage bull which he kept tethered in a clump of thick spruce trees hard by his hideout. The bull lost no time in pursuing the fleeing men who, being hard put, climbed a tree to escape being uprooted. And there they were forced to remain for the better part of that afternoon.

Mr. X continued moonshining till death overtook him some 30 years ago, and never again did the law enforcement officers try to oust him from his favorite farming site.

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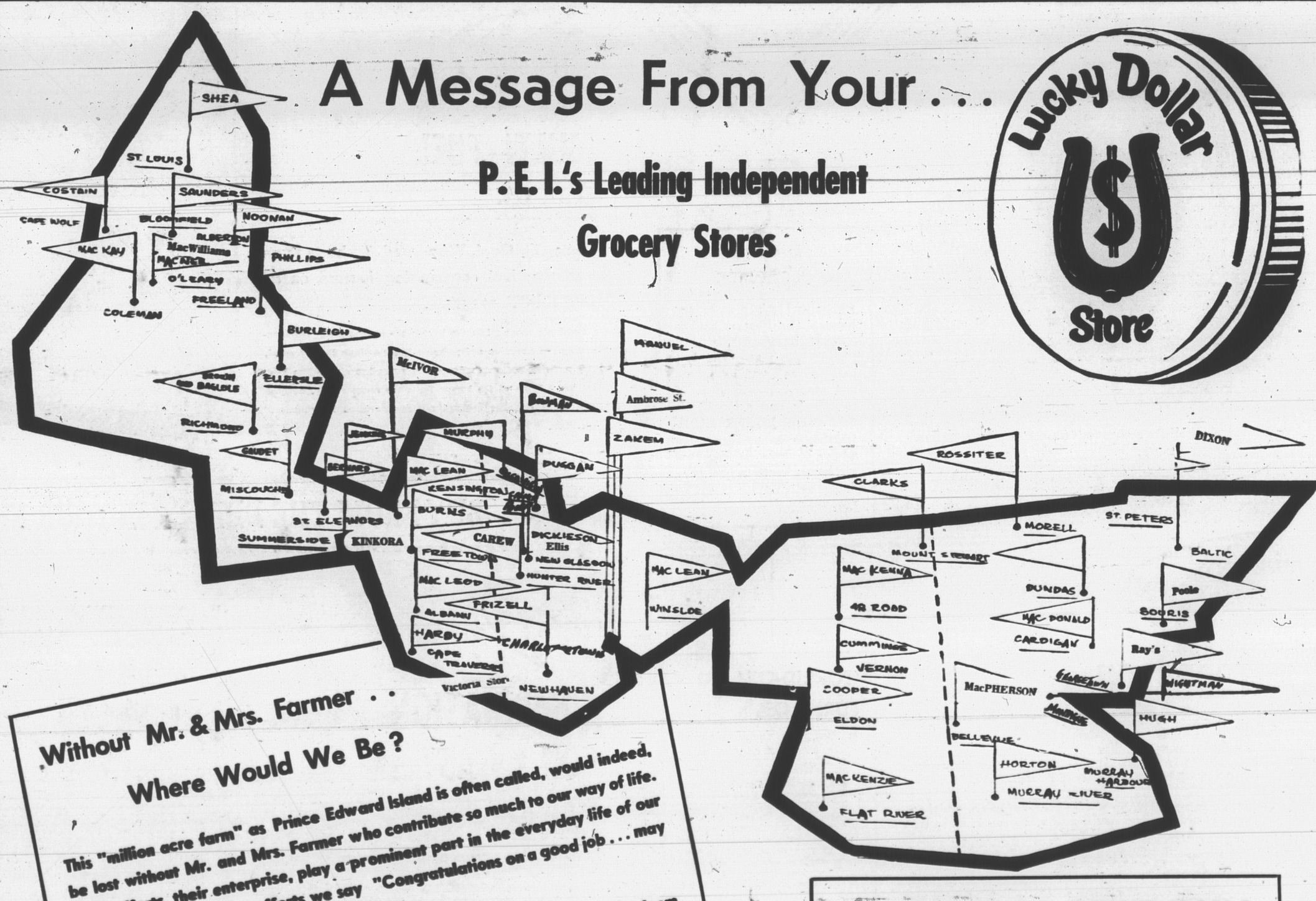

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