DYING FLAMES and a pile of smouldering rubble are all that remain of a Lot 16 farm home, destroyed Saturday afternoon by fire in less than two hours.

# Fire Levels Farmhouse, 12 Persons Left Homeless

By NICK FILLMORE

SUMMERSIDE — Twelve persons were left homeless as fire leveled a seven-room farmhouse at Lot 16, late Saturday afternoon.

The home of George and Ray Best, Lot 16, and their families was left in ashes in less than two hours Saturday as sparks from the chimney blew to the building roof, breaking into flames.

The Miscouche fire department was called to the scene but brought only one of three fire trucks and were unable to halt the blaze because of a lack of water.

Owned by George Best, the two story home measured 28 by 22 feet and had as an addition a large kitchen. Most of the family valuables were stored in the attic and were destroyed before anyone could reach them. Saved were some dishes, bedding and furniture.

The amount of insurance held on the building was unknown at press time as Mr. Best has been working in Halifax County, N.S., and was to return home late last night.

LIGHT WINDS

According to persons at the scene of the blaze, the flames were not aided by too strong a wind, and "they had a good chance to save it".

A Miscouche fire department official said the other two company trucks were not taken to the scene because they did not want to leave their own village unprotected for any length of time.

The same official said: "If we would have had 500 more gallons of water, we would have beaten it."

The fire had not made extensive damages and was at the mercy of the firemen when they ran out of water. Attempting to get water at a nearby stream, the newly purchased fire truck became mired in the mud and another vehicle was brought to pull it out.

Unable to get enough water from the spring, the firemen took the truck to a brook approximately three miles from the fire to be filled. "By this time", said a member of the Best family, "the blaze had a big headway and it was too late to save the house."

The firemen returned to the dying blaze and watered the basement to keep flames from jumping to a large barn and three small sheds, a short distance away.

POTATO HARVESTING

The Best families make their living from the soil, their cattle and hogs and will soon be confronted with the problem of harvesting five acres of potatoes.

Residing in the house were Mr. and Mrs. George Best, their four daughters, all under six years; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Best, their three children, all under three years; and the man currently looking after the farm, John Best.

George and family will live at the home of his father Floyd Best, Lot 16, and Ray and family will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Crozier, Reid's Corner, until further housing arrangements can be made.

# WESTERN BRIEFS

IN HALIFAX

Mrs. Amos Ramsay, Alberton is visiting relatives in Halifax.

VISIT GRANDPARENTS

Adele and Jimmie Marchbank of New Annan, are guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, Margate.

FROM TORONTO

Edward McAduff has arrived from Toronto to visit his mother, Mrs. Charles McAduff, Alberton.

RETURN TO U.S.

Mrs. Louise Loiselle, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Loiselle and their baby have returned to Cambridge, Mass., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Foley, Alberton, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Foley, Summerside.

FROM QUEBEC

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Ahearn, Verdun, P.Q., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Larter, Alberton.

RETURNS HOME

Peter Larter has returned to his home in Alberton after spending the summer in Belleville, Ont.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Miss Lillian Donald, RN, of Montreal and her brother, Everett Donald of Kensington were weekend guests at the home of Melville Donald, Alberton.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

Mrs. Frank McAlduff, Alberton, has returned to her home from the Western Hospital.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Miss Jean Gordon, Summerside, and Robert Gordon, Montreal, were Sunday guests of Mrs. A. C. Green, Alberton.

# Lieut.-Governor To Open 37th Prince Co. Exhibition

ALBERTON BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

The new Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, Hon. W. J. MacDonald, has been invited to officially open the 37th Prince County Exhibition at Alberton next Wednesday afternoon.

Other speakers invited to attend include Premier W. R. Shaw; Mayor Roy Leard of Alberton; Hon. L. G. Dewar, minister of education; Hon. Henry Wedge, minister of Welfare and Labor; Robert E. Campbell, MLA; Prosper Arsenault, MLA; Robert Grindlay, MLA; Senator O. H. Phillips and Solicitor-General J. Watson MacNaught.

The busiest spot in Alberton these days is the exhibition grounds where officials and workmen are making final preparations for the big display fair which attained "Class B" status last year.

A large new cattle barn has been erected, with Keir Ramsay as foreman, to replace three smaller barns destroyed by fire just after the close of last year's fair. This was not the first time disaster struck the exhibition buildings. Twelve years ago the main building was almost demolished by a heavy storm which struck only six weeks before the date set for the exhibition.

MEET CHALLENGE

On each occasion members of the association have met the challenge of property destruction by building something larger and better to replace what was lost.

This constructive outlook, combined with an eye to the future has been characteristic of the men giving leadership to the exhibition all through the years. Originating as a small livestock show in connection with a school fair in Elmsdale, the exhibition was sponsored by the Farmer's Institute of which A. D. O'Brien was president and William A. MacArthur was secretary, and for two years it functioned on institute funds. It was open to four school districts and lasted one afternoon.

The next year the exhibition was held in the old skating rink at Alberton and then, for several years, at Harry O'Brien's race track. By this time a government grant had been secured, largely through the efforts of Wilfred Tanton who was then a member of the provincial legislature.

The exhibition was now expanding to include a larger area and each year brought increased interest in the livestock and agricultural exhibits, so it was considered advisable to purchase land and erect larger and more suitable buildings.

Accordingly, a suitable site on Church Street was secured from Mrs. Henry Gard and a building which had been built at the race track was moved to the new location.

GRANTS INCREASED

Through the years the exhibition has extended its boundaries to include all Prince County. Government grants have been increased, new and larger buildings have been erected, and the amount of prize money offered has multiplied many times. It is now in excess of $5,000.

The exhibition association as it now exists had only three presidents, A. D. O'Brien, Lester R. Wallace and C. W. Hayes who is still in office. Secretaries of the association have been Fred J. Weks, Leigh Hodgson, Herbert Mathews, Winston Currie and Alvin Palmer who assumed office this year. Mrs. James Hodgson had completed 33 years as assistant secretary when she retired last year. Also assisting with secretarial work at exhibition time have been Mrs. Fred Leard, Mrs. Charles Johnston and Mrs. Alvin Palmer.

The present executive, president, C. W. Hayes; vice-president, Raynall MacNeill and Secretary, Alvin H. Palmer, are supported by 25 directors. There are three honorary directors, Lester R. WaEace, John P. Wallace and Mrs. James Hodgson.

Chairman of committees in charge of classes are: horses, Willard Coughlin; cattle, Raynall MacNeill; swine, Harry Pridham; sheep, Hudson Pridham; grains, roots and vegetables, fruit and flowers, Alton Rayner; poultry, Elvin Boulter; handicraft, Mrs. Isaac Dunbar; domestic science, Mrs. Lloyd Wilkie.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Many other individuals and business firms contribute to the increase of interest in the fair by offering generous special prizes. One of the most coveted awards is the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce trophy which has been offered annually for many years to the owner of the best group of three dairy females in the show. It was awarded last year to Harold Palmer and Sons.

The Hereford Breeders Association trophy will be up for competition again this year. It was awarded last year to "Lovely Lassie", grand champion female in the Hereford class, owned by Herman SmaKman.

Last year, for the first time, there was a special showing of 4-H garments and calves in connection with the exhibition. This commendable gesture of the exhibition association in encouraging young exhibitors to become associated with the annual fair received wide public interest and approval and it is pleasing to report that a similar showing will be held again this year.

The sale of fat steers will be held late Wednesday afternoon and it is expected that another weight guessing contest will be held.

Entertainment will include swings, merry-go-round and games of skill.

On Wednesday evening there will be a variety program and presentation of prizes by the District Women's Institute to the three students of the area who made the highest marks in the provincial grade 10 examinations.

Thursday evening there will be round and square dancing.

Attractively served meals will be served in the dining hall each day. There will also be canteen service to provide lunches, ice cream, fruit and soft drinks.

# Results Of Swine Judging At Provincial Exhibition

Following are the results of judging in swine classes at the Provincial Exhibition. Only the first three placings in each section are given.

YORKSHIRES CLASS 21.

Section 1, Boar born after Feb. 28, 1963, and before April 10, 1963: 1. Cecil Godfrey, North Wiltshire; 2. N.W. MacLeod and Son, Bridgetown; 3. Cecil Godfrey, North Wiltshire.

Section 2. Boar born between Dec. 1, 1962, and Feb. 28, 1963: 1. Cecil Godfrey, North Wiltshire; 2. Almon Boswall and Son, Ch'town, R.R. 3; 3. Almon Boswall and Son.

Section 3, Boar born on or between Sept. 1, 1962, and Nov. 30, 1962: 1. Sterling Willis, North River.

Section 4, Boar born on or before Dec. 1, 1961 and Aug. 31, 1962: 1. Harrison Green, Clyde River; 2. John R. Thompson and Son, Ch'town, R.R. 3; 3. N.W. MacLeod and Son, Bridgetown.

Section 5, Aged boar born before December 1, 1961: 1. Almon Boswall and Son; 2. N.W. MacLeod and Son; 3. Cecil Godfrey.

Section 6. Junior champion boar: 1. Cecil Godfrey; 2. Almon Boswall and Son.

Section 8. Senior Champion Boar: 1. Almon Boswall and Son; 2. N.W. MacLeod and Son.

Section 10. Grand Champion Boar: 1. Almon Boswall and Son: 2 N.W. MacLeod and Son.

Section 12. Sow, born after Feb. 28, 1963 and before April 10, 1963, 1, 2 and 3. Cecil Godfrey, North Wiltshire.

Section 13. Sow, born on or before Dec. 1, 1962, and Feb. 28, 1963. 1. and 3. Almon Boswall and Son; 2. N.W. MacLeod and Son.

Section 14. Sow, born on or between Sept. 1, 1962, and Nov. 30, 1962: 1. Sterling Willis, North River; 2, and 3. Cecil Godfrey.

Section 15. Sow, born on or between Dec. 1, 1961, and Aug. 31, 1962: 1. Almon Boswall and Son; 2, and 3. John R. Thompson and Son, Ch'town, R.R. 3.

Section 16. Aged Sow, born before Dec. 1, 1961: 1, and 2. Cecil Godfrey.. 3. Almon Boswall and Son.

Section 17, Junior Champion Sow: 1. Almon Boswall and Son.

Section 18. Reserve Junior Champion Sow: 1. N.W. MacLeod and Son, Bridgetown.

Section 19. Senior Champion Sow: 1. Almon Boswall and Son.

Section 20, Reserve Senior Champion Sow: 1. Sterling Willis, North River.

Section 21. Grand Champion Sow. 1. Almon Boswall and son.

Section 22. Reserve Grand Champion Sow. 1. Sterling Willis, North River.

Section 23, Senior Herd, consisting of one boar and two sows: 1. Almon Boswall and Son; 2. John R. Thompson and Son; 3. Sterling Willis.

Section 24. Junior Herd, consisting of one boar and two sows, 1. Almon Boswall and Son; 2 and 3. Cecil Godfrey.

Section 25. Progeny of Dam, Qualified in Advance Registry: 1, Almon Boswall and Son; 2. N.W. MacLeod and Son; 3. John R. Thompson and Son.

# P.E.I. Farm Herd To Be Auctioned

The big herd of 75 Brown Swiss cattle owned by Black River Farms at Covehead is to be dispersed next month it was learned from farm manager Ronald Dolloff.

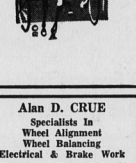
The cattle will be shipped from Hunter River Sept. 9 and 10 in five railway cars to Kitchener, Ont., where they will be sold by auction Sept. 18, Mr. Dolloff said.

Accompanying the herd in addition to Mr. Dolloff, will be Douglas Matheson and B111 Brown, both well known ROP inspectors, and farm employees Sterling and Fred Younker, and Charlie MacDonald.

The herd which has some of the best blood lines in the world, consists of four bulls and 71 females, Mr. Doloff said.

The Black River Farm has not been sold yet, it was learned. It is owned by Raiburn Willard a retired manufacturer from Rhode Island.

# Pony Show Ends Stock Competition



Wrapping up a week of livestock competitions at the Provincial Exhibition Saturday afternoon was "Class 5B: Ponies' This particular competition, an event which attracted over 500 spectators, was judged by Gordon Newson of North River.

Results are as follows:

Up to 42" in saddle: 1. "Teddy", shown by Stafford MacSwain, Harrington; 2. "Tiny", by Thorne's Pony Farm, West Royalty; 3. "Dimples", by Ivan Turner, Winsloe.

42" and over: 1. "Champ", shown by Thorne's Pony Farm, West Royalty; 2. "Smokey Sue" by Heather Burke, Charlottetown; 3. "Jeannie M," by Gloria Wise, Harrington.

Pony stallion in halter: 1. "Champ", shown by Roy Hood, Charlottetown; 2. "Topper", by Ivan Turner, Winsloe; 3. "Smokey Joe", by Thorne's Pony Farm, West Royalty.

Male or female born in 1962: 1. (no name given), shown by Carolyn Cameron, Brackley; 2. "Fury", 3. "Peppy", both shown by Cindy Bernard.

Mare with foal at feet: 1. (no name given), shown by Tymon and Nancy Varley; 2. Cindy and Hazel, by Carolyn Cameron, Brackley; 3. Lady, by Thorne's Pony Farm, West Royalty.

OFFICER KILLED

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (Reuters)—One United States Army captain was killed and another wounded by small arms fire during an anti-guerrilla operation Tuesday, military sources reported Wednesday. The wounded man was treated in the field and returned to duty. The captain's death brings to 25 the toll of Americans killed as a result of action against Communist guerrillas this year.

# Unexpected Reunion Occurs For Visiting U.S. Couple

How often would an experience such as the following occur in one's lifetime? Last Friday Colonel N. G. Bassett of the U.S. Army and Mrs. Bassett, vacationing in eastern Canada, paid their first visit to Prince Edward Island and surprisingly, met a distant cousin who arrived here from Lebanon some five years ago.

Col. Bassett, professor of military science at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, said Friday, "I remembered my mother telling me some years ago that a cousin had settled on some Island in Canada." This wasn't the cousin mentioned by his mother but still a happy experience.

As the couple were driving along Grafton Street, Friday, Col. Bassett noticed the name McKarris on a store and it "struck a bell". Then he saw the name Bassett, so he decided to stop and make an acquaintance.

As a result he found that George Bassett, who operates a grocery store on Grafton Street, is a distant cousin. George's sister is the wife of Said Tweel, 69 Elm Avenue.

Col. Bassett's father emigrated to the United States from Lebanon in 1893 and his mother arrived in America in 1900. The Colonel was born in West Virginia and attended local schools and the University of Michigan before entering the U.S. Military Academy at West Point from which he graduated in 1935.

Following his being commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Col. Bassett served in the U.S. and during World War Two served in Hawaii and 3½ years in the South Pacific area.

After the Second World War he returned to the United States and from there served in Austria and as chief of the military assistance advisory group to Libya. He returned from Libya two years ago and since then has been attached to Bucknell University.

Col. Bassett recalls that as a youngster he and his parents went for a visit to his father's native village a short distance from Beirut, Lebanon. While in Lebanon the First Great War was declared and the Bassetts were forced to remain there for two years.

"While there I played with George's father, who was also a young boy about my age," recalls Col. Bassett. As the years went by the families lost contact with each other and Friday was the first time he knew there were any members of that family in Canada.

Col. and Mrs. Bassett left for Nova Scotia and other parts of the Maritimes Saturday and then return to the United States with the happy recollection of meeting a son and daughter of an almost forgotten friend and relative from the distant country of Lebanon.

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Outdoor Miniature Golf—Casual Golf 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Indoor Miniature Golf—Open Golf at Civic Stadium 2:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. Two for One
Softball—Finals 6:15 P.M.
Driving Range—Seascape Driving Range 4:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Golf—Play proceeding in Men's Championship

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Outdoor Miniature Golf—Casual Golf 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 P.M.
Indoor Miniature Golf—Open Golf at Civic Stadium 2:00-11:00 P.M.
Baseball—Finals MacLellan Pontiacs at Legion Juniors 6:15 P.M.
Driving Range—Seascape Driving Range 4:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Golf—Club Championship Juniors, Play proceeding in Men's Championship

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Bowling—Casual Bowling, open lanes day and evening
Outdoor Miniature Golf—Casual Golf 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 P.M.
Indoor Miniature Golf—Open golf competition at Civic Stadium 2:00 - 11:00 P.M.
Softball — Finals 6:15 P.M.
Driving Range—Seascape Driving Range 4:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Racing—Summerside Raceway 8:00 P.M.
Golf—Club Junior Championship continuing. also Men's Ch'ship.

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Outdoor Miniature Golf—Casual Golf, 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 P.M.
Indoor Miniature Golf—Open Golf Competition at Civic Stadium 2:00 - 11:00 P.M.
Baseball—Finals MacLennans Pontiacs at Legion Juniors 6:15 P.M.
Driving Range—Seascape Driving Range 4:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Golf—Club Junior Championship continuing play proceeding in Men's Championship.

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Bowling—Casual Bowling, open lanes day and evening
Outdoor Miniature Golf—Casual Golf 10:00 A.M. - 11:30 P.M.
Indoor Miniature Golf—Open golf at Civic Stadium 2:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.—Moonlight Golf 11:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.
Driving Range—Seascape Driving Range 1:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Golf—Play proceeding in Men's Championship.

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Outdoor Miniature Golf—Casual Golf, all breaking par or under are eligible for $5.00 draw on Saturday.
Indoor Miniature Golf—Civic Stadium, Children's Special 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Open Golf 1:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Baseball—Finals MacLennans Pontiacs at Legion Juniors. Best 5 out of 9.
Driving Range—Seascape Driving Range 1:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Softball—Finals 6:15 P.M.
Golf—Final Round of Barbara Anne Tournament for Ladies.

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