

Spiraling Food Costs Strike At Apple Pie

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Further to last week's announcements re meetings dealing with Community Schools we are now advised that these meetings will be held as follows all at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, Charlottetown Regional Rural High School; Wednesday, October 26th, O'Leary Regional Rural High School; and Thursday, October 27, Montague Regional Rural High School. All meetings will open with a pertinent film followed by a statement on the nature and purpose of Community Schools given by Rudy Dalenbach.

An important feature of the meetings will be a panel by three persons from last year's schools at Tignish, Mount Stewart and Kensington on "How We Organized a Community School." We would like to urge good attendance on the part of all those who are interested in community improvement and community development.

APPLE PIE

As a young boy we enjoyed very greatly home made apple pie with whipped cream. It was always a fine treat and one keenly anticipated. No doubt it was an economical dessert because most of the ingredients were home produced and it was always possible to divide the pie so that everyone had a fair share. Probably no one ever gave any thought to what the pie cost.

On Monday the writer had occasion to have lunch in an Ottawa restaurant and chose for dessert apple pie (plain apple pie, no cream, no ice cream, no trimmings). We purposely avoided the more exotic choices in the interest (as we thought) of economy. However, spiraling food costs have hit the apple pie and we were charged 40 cents for what in many ways was a pretty indifferent example of what we had enjoyed so greatly years ago. Assuming that the pie had been sliced six ways we arrive at \$2.40 for one apple pie. We suspect that the producer of the flour and the apples received perhaps at the outside 10 cents. It is not to be wondered that the housewives are rioting in Ottawa if our piece of pie and the \$1.20 turnip are examples of what is happening in food prices. Seriously we are rather confronted by the fact that the consumer generally is not holding the farmer responsible for these high prices, possibly no particular person or group may be profiting unduly the problem is very likely related to the terrific complexity of getting anything done in large cities and the great number of different people that have their fingers in the pie.

While generally the development of large cities is considered to be an example of progress it must be recognized that even with the efficiencies of mass production the cost of doing many things is multiplied greatly. A number of years ago we watched workmen cut down and remove an ornamental tree in Montreal, this was a job which any smart farm boy would probably have cleaned up in an hour if the tree had been in the bush. In this case the tree was located in the asphalt jungle and in a forest of wires and buildings, at the time we suspect it probably cost \$1,000.00 to re-

move the tree, bush-whacking comes high in Montreal.

OCTOBER CLOSES

We have now reached the 21st of October and this leaves actually only eight working days in a month which is the last one that can really be depended upon to provide suitable conditions for the carrying out of farm work. While generally November can be counted on to provide considerably suitable weather there has been years when very severe weather occurred quite early in the month. It no longer seems possible to have farm operations neatly cleaned up by All Saints Eve and that was once considered the deadline for farmers who were on top of their work.

POTATOES

Doane's Agricultural Report in its most recent issue has the following statement on the American potato crop:

"Fall crop is now estimated at 203 million cwt.—up slightly from the August estimate still five per cent under 1965. There's a good chance the crop estimate will be raised in subse-

quent reports. Another factor to consider—cullout was heavy last year, so fresh market supplies could be greater than year ago. Current prices are some 25 to 75 cents higher than 1965 harvest levels. If these carry into harvest, storage gains for the season figure to be nil. Plant sales at harvest so long as bids hold above year-old levels."

CARROTS

The writer recently had the opportunity of seeing the fine fields of carrots being grown by a progressive pair of partners in the O'Leary area. The long straight rows covering some 40 acres made a very handsome

crop indeed and there was no doubt that a very high yield of good quality was being obtained. The machine which pulls and tops the crop is quite a marvel in itself, looking much like a potato combine it pulls the carrots, tops them and delivers them into a bulk wagon. The operation has demonstrated that carrots can be grown successfully on a commercial scale in this province.

GRAIN DEAL

Fortune has certainly smiled on Western Canada this year,

even the most cynical are admitting that there is a Santa Claus. The biggest wheat crop on record is practically harvested and the quality is good. Added to this are the great sales which not only mean that the cash registers will be kept busy in the West but that Canada's trading position as a nation is greatly enhanced.

In this province we have been blessed with excellent yields in our three most important crops, hay, grain and potatoes. In addition, the tourist industry was

New Seal Hunting Rules Expected By Christmas

OTTAWA (CP)—Revision of Canada's seal-hunting regulations should be completed by Christmas, a fisheries department spokesman said here.

Full details will not be made public until then because doing handsomely until the ferry fiasco and the impression is that fisheries is having a good year.

ment is awaited from the seal-hunting industry and humane societies, which have been given drafts of the new regulations.

The spokesman said the majority of proposals made by an animal protection society last week in the North Atlantic Fishing Organization in Denmark were endorsed in principle by the department. He added: New regulations will allow

limited use of firearms. The department expects to almost double the number of fishery officers aboard hunting vessels. Seal hunting has been the subject of wide controversy for several years, largely because of humane societies' claims that seals were being killed inhumanely.

Canada, along with Denmark and Norway, is on a fisheries commission which may ask the three governments to adopt regulations on seal hunting dates, prohibit killing of adults in

breeding seasons and limit use of aircraft to spotting—not hunting—seals.

The spokesman said a gentleman's agreement on the three items has been in effect for several years among the three countries.

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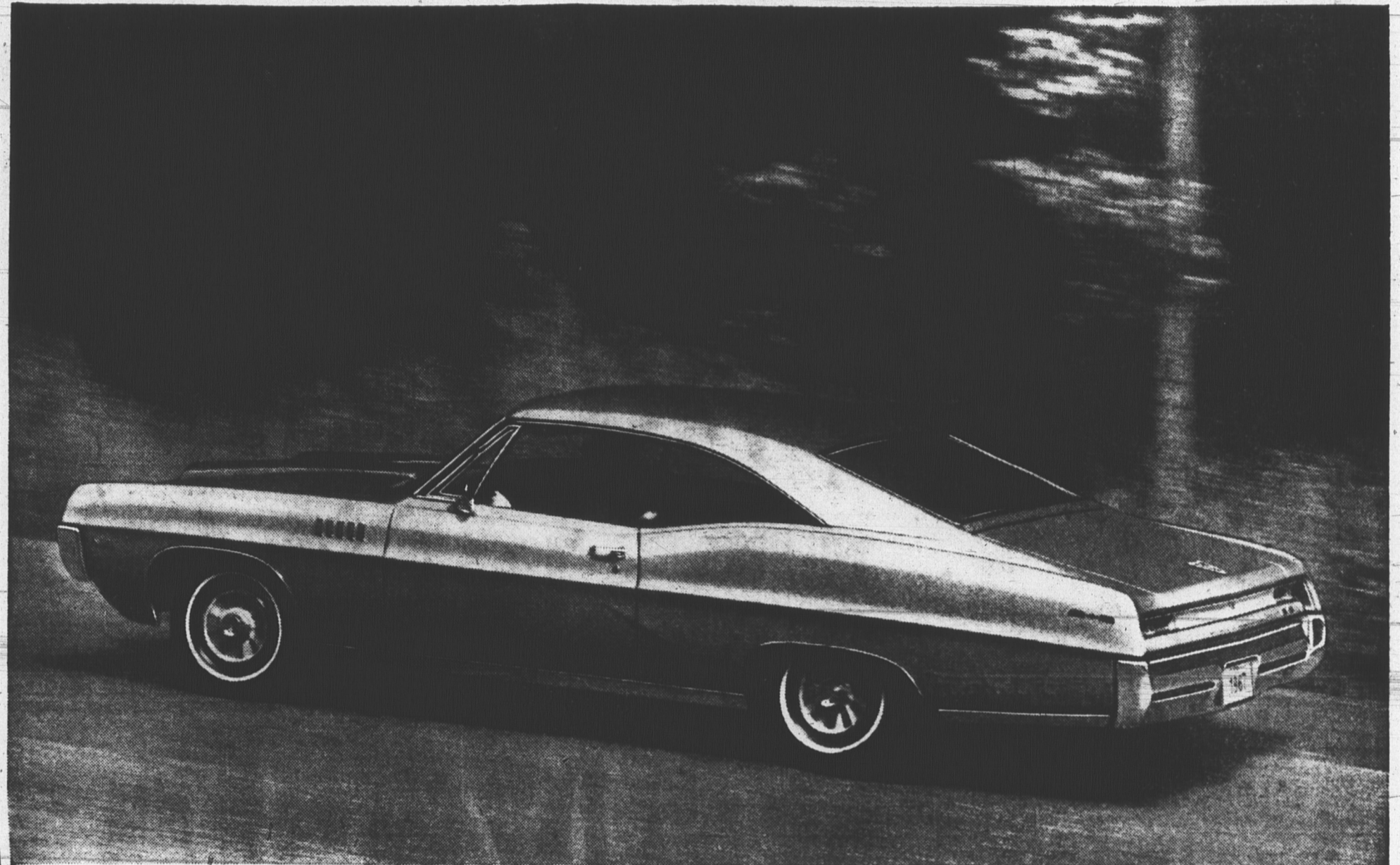
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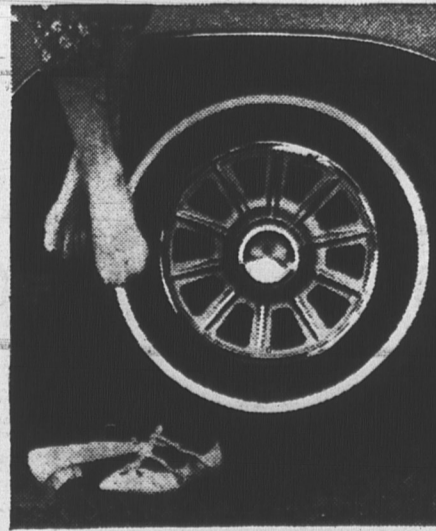


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