

Among The Farmers

Federation Of Agriculture News

Turnip Marketing

During the week a committee from the Federation met with a committee of turnip dealers to discuss the past, present and possible future of the turnip industry.

It would be fair to admit that a solution to all the questions was not found, but there was general agreement on the nature of the problems and evidence of willingness on the part of all to work out a solution.

Much of the discussion centered around the necessity of putting up a good quality product, uniform in grade, and in clean sacks. To achieve this it was felt that all turnips should be put up in warehouses where better control could be had.

It was remarked that many growers are sowing turnips very early, in the hope of catching a profitable market at the beginning of the season, this is a limited market and many of the early turnips after growing over a very long period become woody and are quite unsatisfactory for sale, when offered by themselves or mixed up with the June planted crop.

From a quality standpoint only very few turnips should be planted before the latter part of June.

In respect to turnip seed farmers are urged to plant for commercial purposes only the best Maritime grown Laurentian seed.

At a later date we hope to make available additional information on the best methods to be followed in producing a desirable article.

At the next meeting the question of markets and marketing will be gone into, in an attempt to work out a plan designed to develop our markets, to supply the available market in an orderly way, and to insure both the grower and dealer of a reasonable return—a condition which evidently does not exist at the moment.

New Glasgow and Vicinity

Several members of the local institute are busy preparing a concert which they hope to present shortly.

Miss Enid Donald had a pleasant visit recently with her aunt, Mrs. Harold Dickson and Mr. Dickson; also with her grandfather, Mr. Fred Toombs.

The teacher have all resumed their work at each school, after a refreshing week, which covered the holiday and convention. Many friendships were renewed at the latter.

Miss Doris Andrew had the misfortune of having a splinter in her hand, to the holiday, to close the car door on the thumb of her right hand, necessitating surgical attention as well as causing much discomfort. She was able to resume her studies after the holiday.

The many friends of Miss Martha Brown were sorry to learn of her indisposition, but will be pleased to know she is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Craswell and young son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heath Houston recently.

The members of the local auxiliary of the W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. R. W. Stevenson on the afternoon of April 9th, for the purpose of quilting a lovely new coverlet, which Mrs. Stevenson had made and donated it to the W. M. S. With the needles plying to and fro, it was soon completed. A delicious supper, prepared by the hostess, and her daughter, Miss Ann, was then partaken of, after which the regular meeting was held with Mrs. Murray Orr as leader. The thanks of the members were extended to these hospitable ladies.

Morning service was held in the Christian Church Easter Sunday, when the pastor, Rev. W. Waterworth, gave a forceful sermon. Miss Sheila Dickson feelingly sang "Alone."

Friends were shocked to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. Charlie Toombs of Moose Jaw, and will extend deepest sympathy to his sisters, Mrs. Davis Moffatt and Mrs. Warfield Orr, and brothers Messrs. William and Chester Toombs.

Mr. Sinclair Cutcliffe was a visitor to the Andrew stables on Sunday, April 12th.

Mrs. David McLeod and wife, Mrs. J. E. McLeod, have returned to their home in Borden, after a very enjoyable visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. L. Dickson.

Mrs. William Nicholson and young sons have returned home, Dickson and Mr. Dickson, after a pleasant stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gill.

Rev. and Mrs. Waterworth motored to Halifax on April 14th. They were accompanied by Mrs. Harland Hill who is visiting her brother, who has been quite ill.

Mrs. Chalmers Laird has returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Haslam, who has been ill with influenza.

On the afternoon of April 12th service was held in the United Church where the pastor, Rev. George Gough, gave his listeners a wonderful Easter message based on the text found in Mark 16:6. William Matthews and William Andrew pleasingly rendered a duet, "Let I Forget Gethsemane." It may be of interest to know recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buntain, where he thoroughly enjoyed their hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ling, accompanied by Mrs. George Dickson, motored to the capital on Thursday, April 16th.

Beef And Pork

Recent price increases in pork and decline in beef will likely have a marked effect upon the relative amounts of each consumed. Statistics for the past twenty years prove that when beef was one half times the price of pork that only six pounds of beef were eaten per one hundred pounds of pork.

When the price of beef is sixty nine per cent of the price of pork and one half times as much beef is eaten.

In between those figures a one per cent change in the price of beef relative to the price of pork results in a one per cent change in the opposite direction in consumption.

Present price levels would suggest that consumption of beef will likely be on the increase.

Margarine Sales Tax

Last week we mentioned that the Senate has under consideration removal of the ten per cent sales tax on margarine. Apparently, the idea gained little support, evidently more and more governing bodies are realizing that vegetable oil substitutes have been given ample leeway and that the dairy industry is of sufficient importance to merit consideration and reasonable protection.

Dairymen will appreciate the action of the Senate, but must realize that there will be no let up in the fight to keep the dairy industry in its rightful position.

Dairy Advertising

Last Friday night O. J. W. Shugg, Director of Publicity and Advertising for the Dairy Farmers of Canada met with a small group (too small in fact) of dairy representatives to outline what is being done in promoting the sale of dairy products and in improving public relations with the consumer.

For 1954 it is hoped to raise \$400,000 through voluntary contributions by dairy farmers of one cent for each pound of butterfat produced in the month of June.

Each province, with the exception of P.E.I., is making the June deduction. This province has made an annual contribution which amounts to approximately one third of the amount that should be raised, before another year passes it is likely that Island dairymen will be asked to give their support.

Farm Forum

East Baltic Farm Forum after the close of the regular Farm Forum season realized that there was still work to be done, and set about organizing a short course in their community.

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UNITED CHURCH EXPOSITION May 7th-13th, Trinity Church, Charlottetown. Pageant May 12th and 13th.

SOURIS Inoculating Clinic for infants and pre-school children will be held Friday, May 1st, 2-4 p.m. in the Public Health Nurse's office in the Town Hall.

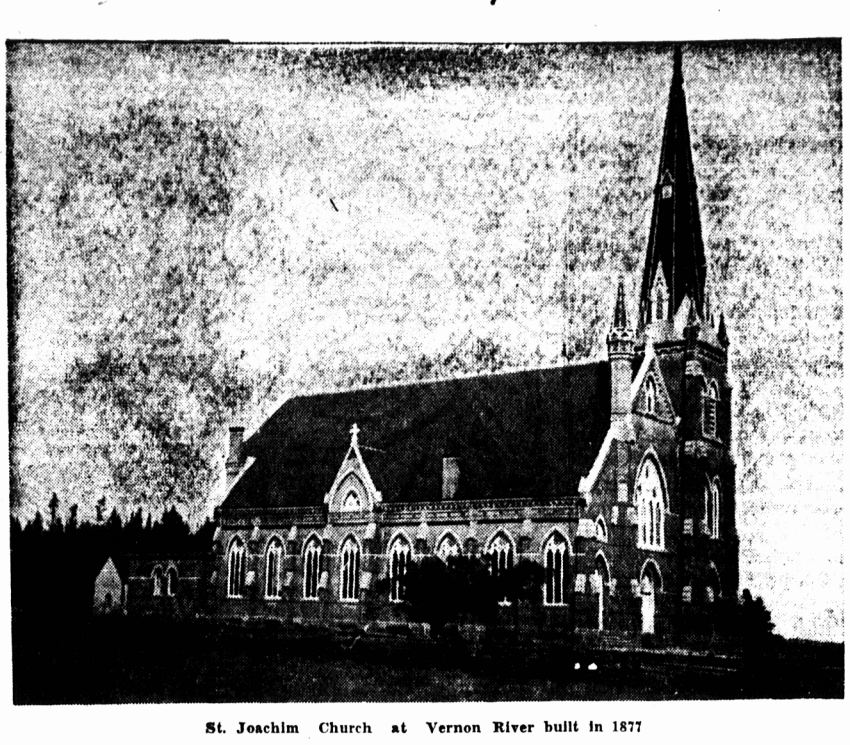
TRYON-BONSHAW GROUP OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES—Rev. W. G. Killam, B. A. (Th.) Pastor, Sunday, May 3rd, Services as follows:—Westmoreland, Sunday School, 10.00 A. M. Public Worship 11.00 A. M. (Rev. L. R. Atkinson, Guest Preacher) Tryon, Sunday School, 11.00 A. M. Worship Service merged with the Evangelistic Service in the Tryon United Church, (Rev. L. R. Atkinson, Guest Preacher.)

ST. PETER'S BAY PASTORAL CHARGE—The United Church of Canada. Services for Sunday, May 3rd, Greenwich: Sunday School 10 A. M. Service 11 A. M. St. Peter's: Sunday School 11 A. M. Service 3 P. M. Marie: Sunday School 1 P. A. M. Service 7.30 P. M. Rev. Russell A. MacLeod, Minister.

CAR COLLISION—Two cars collided at the intersection of Fitzroy and Queen Streets about two o'clock yesterday afternoon. One, travelling west on Fitzroy, was turning into Queen when it met the other going north on the latter street. Neither driver was hurt, but the front ends of both cars suffered damage.

THE RURAL BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITIONS for 1953 include Home Improvement, Outstanding Homes, Flower Gardens, Building Improvement, Cemetery Improvement, School Improvement, Special Classes in the Home Improvement Competitions are a War Veteran's Competition and a New Settler's Competition. Altogether 65 valuable awards are available. Now is the time to enter the contest. Your entry fee is also your membership fee to the Rural Beautification Society and gives you the privilege of attending the annual meeting and dinner of the Society. Send your entry before May 7th to the Rural Beautification Contest, c/o the P. E. I. Libraries, Charlottetown.

Interesting History Attaches To St. Joachim Mission, Vernon River



St. Joachim Church at Vernon River built in 1877

This mission comprises the districts of Cherry Valley, Gallows Point, Lake Verde, Avondale, Glencoe, Village Green, Summerville, Fairville, Alberry Plains, Orwell and Ulgg. As may be seen from the nomenclature of the country, the settlers are of various nationalities. The Scotch portion of the parishioners came to Vernon River from the estate of Macdonald of Glanadale at Tracadie. They had settled upon Captain Macdonald's land upon arriving from Scotland, but not being satisfied with their holdings, determined upon moving, and took up their position in what is now called the mission of St. Joachim.

Some of the Irish families in the mission are from County Monaghan and were among those who originally formed a part of Fort Augustus Parish; others again from the southern counties of the Emerald Isle, emigrated to Newfoundland and thence found their way to Vernon River. Here and there may be found a sprinkling of English Catholics.

Many of the first parishioners were U. E. Loyalists and retired soldiers, who have, to their advantage, exchanged the sword for the plough share. To the Highland families from Tracadie is due the credit of having built the second church, a small log structure on the southern side of the road, and very near the river. Prior to the existence of this chapel however, the earliest settlers of the mission had built a small log chapel at Cowan's Bay, near the present location of the Pownall wharf, on the farm of the late John Haley.

Near this chapel was a burial ground, the site of which is still clearly discernible and contains a solitary head stone, to the memory of John Haley. Both these chapels were built under the superintendence of Bishop MacEachern.

The third church was erected when Father John Macdonald of Glanadale was in charge of all the eastern parishes of the Island. It stood on the north side of the road, and was a frame building 40 ft. by 25 ft. It was enlarged by Father Brady during his occupancy of the mission; he also built a sanctuary and transept which gave the church a cruciform shape. The foundation stone of the existing church of St. Joachim was laid in 1877, the sermon on that occasion was preached by Rev. Dr. Cormac O'Brien, now Archbishop of Halifax.

The church is a magnificent edifice built of red brick. It is one hundred and twenty-five feet in length by sixty-two feet in breadth.

It was consecrated by the Bishop of Charlottetown in 1879, and solemnly dedicated in the month of August of that year. This latter ceremony was attended by a large number of clergymen, Bishop Walsh of London, Ontario, delivered the oration.

The church of St. Joachim stands on an elevated situation commanding a fine view of the surrounding country; exteriorly it is a very imposing structure. The interior of the church is frescoed; on the gospel side, the scenes portrayed by the artist's brush are taken from the life of our Lord; on the epistle side, they are from the life of our Lady.

The altar which was built by Mr. Newson of Charlottetown, Boston, is very elegant in design and coloring. It was painted by the late Mr. John Murphy of Charlottetown.

The sanctuary behind the altar is in the form of the ancient apse; it is lighted by three stained glass windows; above each of these windows is a medallion; that over the central window being a representation of St. Joachim; the other two portraying St. John the Evangelist and St. Matthew.

The gospel side of the apse is a large fresco of the apparition of our Lord to Blessed Margaret Mary Alcouque; at the epistle end is one of the agony of our Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Over the lateral windows, which are of stained glass and very handsome, are painted medallions of the Apostles. These windows are to perpetuate the memory of the following persons: Patrick and Andrew Stephens; Richard and

Georgeina Clarke; Patrick Phelan; Catherine Hickey; Mrs. John Kelly (Mother of Edward Kelly of Lake Verde); Daniel Walsh; Peter Hickey; Michael McInnis; Andrew McInnis; Thomas and Rose Sullivan.

The Stations of the cross are elegantly and were given by Father McInnis of Boston.

Facing the entrance door on the left side is a picture of St. Aphonsus and under it a statue of the Blessed Virgin. The entrance door to the right of the main portal opens on a picture of St. Theresa, and under it is a statue of St. Joseph.

Two handsome statues of adoring angels keep guard over the altar. The holy water fountains are in carved stone, the handiwork of Mr. Lewis of Cardigan Bridge.

Looking up the nave from the main entrance, St. Joachim's church presents a grand appearance. The columns which support the arched roof are particularly well painted and closely resemble colored marble. The windows which are numerous are all of richly tinted glass and shed a soft light in which the frescoes show to capital advantage. The pews, subside, and doors are of solid ash and black walnut. The church is furnished with a side chapel, as well as with commodious vestries.



Parochial House at Vernon River built before 1886

In the summer of 1886 the Rev. James Phelan purchased for the church of St. Joachim, a fine bell, weighing fifteen hundred and thirteen pounds. It was blessed by the Bishop of Charlottetown on Sunday July 1th and was named "St. John".

A large number of persons from the neighboring parishes congregated at Vernon River to witness the ceremony and the beautiful church was filled to overflowing. Mass was sung by Rev. J. C. McDonald, Rector of St. Dunstan's College, who also preached an appropriate sermon. A collection of three hundred and twenty dollars was taken up, toward defraying the cost of the bell.

The cemetery adjoining the church, is the last resting place of many of the prominent pioneer Catholics. Within its precincts lie the remains of Father Brady, for many years pastor of this mission, who died in 1862 and was buried in Vernon River, where a handsome marble shaft has been erected to his memory by his late parishioners. Here also a fine marble tomb covers the remains of the late Patrick Stephens of Orwell, whose Shakespearean epitaph gives a synopsis of his many virtues and useful life: "He was what? He was what? He was what? He was what?"

The first cemetery of Vernon River Mission was, as has before been stated, on the farm of Mr. John Haley; the second is discernible from the existing one; it stood on the opposite side of the road from the church and is now almost overgrown with trees.

St. Joachim's mission was first attended by Bishop McEachern. From 1823 to 1830, Father Fitzgerald, then missionary in Charlottetown, served the mission. Upon his successors in the capital devolved the same duty, until the arrival in 1838 of Rev. James Brady, who was the first resident priest. Upon the death of Father Brady in 1862, Rev. X. de Langie was for a time in charge of the mission. He was

succeeded in 1863 by Rev. James Phelan.

During the period of Bishop MacDonald's ministry in Charlottetown he attended the Vernon River mission. He was there on one occasion when there arrived at his house, a woman tired and weary, carrying an infant upon her back. She was a Mrs. Toher from Point Brule, N. S., a pious and devout Catholic, who, having no other means of having her child baptized, brought it over to Charlottetown, in a boat, and finding the priest absent, started on foot for Vernon River, where she was told that she could find him. Father McDonald was deeply impressed with her strong Catholic faith and courage. He treated her with the utmost hospitality, sent her back to town in his own carriage, and arranged for her voyage home in a schooner. The little boy, thus baptized, was afterwards sent by Archbishop Connolly to the Propaganda in Rome, where he died.

First Catholic Settlers of the Mission of St. Joachim

John Haley, Martin Keoughan, Edward Morrissey, Roderick McNeill, Donald McMillan, Alexander McDonald (Doctor), Angus McDonald, Hugh Fraser, Roderick McIsaac, John McInnis, John McDonald (North Pole), Ronald McDonald, Alexander McGilivray, Chisholm, Henry Wright.

Vernon River Parish Since 1886

Pastors: Rev. James Phelan, 1863-1890; Rev. Patrick Doyle, 1890-1907; Rev. James Morrison, 1907-1912; Rev. P. D. McGuigan, 1913-1937; Rev. Maurice McDonald, 1937-1948; Rev. Urban Gillis, 1948-1952. Assistant Pastors: Rev. Eugene Boyd, 1887; Rev. A. E. Burke, 1887-1888; Rev. Martin Monaghan, 1904-1905; Rev. John F. Johnson, 1905-1906; Rev. Mathias Smith, 1912; Rev. D. P. Croken, 1913; Rev. F. L. Connolly, 1913-1914; Rev. Joseph Trainor, 1937; Rev. Sylvère Gallant, 1949-1950; Rev. James Smith, 1950-1952; Rev. Sylvère Gallant, 1952; Rev. J. A. MacDonald and others have also assisted at different times.

The mission church at Earncliffe (Star of the Sea) was built in 1897, and the Parochial House in 1875. The Parish Hall was built by C.M.B.A. in 1900. The parish cemetery has been extended several times. New pipe organ blessed on Aug. 17, 1902. Star of the Sea church blessed on Dec. 19, 1926.

Eucharistic Congress (4th) in P. E. I., Aug. 14th, 1935.

The Church built and artistically decorated during the pastorate of Rev. James Phelan, was re-decorated in 1915 and in 1950. Extensive repairs were made for the Congress in 1935. In 1950 the brick work was re-painted and the roof was re-shingled.

Extensive repairs were made to the parochial house in 1950 and its brick work was re-painted in 1951.

Mrs. James Morrison was parish priest of Vernon River when he was made Bishop of Antigonish in 1912.

Two double ordinations have taken place in Vernon River Church: In 1917—Rev. Joseph C. MacDonald and Rev. Joseph Rooney (both deceased); in 1931—Rev. Joseph Walsh (deceased)

Co-Operative Journeys Down Through The Years

Province, proved a regular clearing house for agricultural thought, progress, propaganda and action. Through its channels were voiced the observations and findings of many rural organizations, including Farmers' Institutes, Sheep and Swine Clubs, Dairy Associations, Potato Growers', Egg Circles and Poultry Clubs and others of lesser capacity but of equally ardent interest and intent.

Here together under one roof, in one room at one time, were problems peculiar to some and of interest to all, discussed. Reports of past activities of the particular phase of farming under review were given and appraised, with plans espoused for the future, being unfolded, analyzed, and conclusions established. Farmers interested in maybe only one or two phases of general agriculture, sat in with their brethren of different persuasion, listening intently to proceedings as they merged and not infrequently were persuaded to add to their farm activities certain lines in which they had not hitherto been interested but now spied as a side line of potential opportunity.

In this manner an expansion in mixed farming materialized, a logical basis upon which to build, for an assured regular income as against specialization and one crop failures.

Between sessions were occasions for more congenial personal contacts and social intercourse; periods when East met West with 'shake' and South acknowledged North with a similar gesture, all indications of a renewal or the formation of a new acquaintance. Frequently at these corner conferences were voiced a difference of opinion from that given expression to at the open forum session just recessed, and usually from those more inclined to listen in silence, than of being heard in open discussion, and withal nonetheless important in content.

Somewhat or other such previously embalm'd gems of wisdom had the happy faculty of finding their way into circulation later, by way of "quotation" with credit given where such was involved or as an original observation — whether which way matters not — but it seems an established fact and prophetic too, that even now the meek really do "inherit the earth" and usually at the expense of the more locustious.

(To be continued.)

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear Grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Birt, who passed away May 1st, 1945.

My Grandmother's memory is my keepsake. With it I will never part. God has her in His keeping. I have her in my heart.

Always Remembered by Her Granddaughter Mrs. Olive Carr.

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