

Information services designed to aid farmers

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 One of the main purposes of the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture is to provide information and recommendations to farm people on various phases of crop and livestock production and marketing. As is well known, a great deal of research is being done at Experimental Farms, universities and by private companies. It is the job of extension personnel to take information from the scientist to the farmer. Unless the farmer received this information and puts it into use, then research will not have achieved its purpose. For example, the researcher and the extension person might know all there is to know about turning

ing, however, all this information is of little use unless a farmer who is actually growing this crop has the information to guide him.
 The Extension information programs of the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture have been centered on the following activities during the winter and spring months:
 (1) A 15 minute per week television program over CFCY from January 4 to April 19. The purpose of this series is to familiarize farm people with the personnel and policies of the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture.
 (2) A five minute per day radio broadcast over CFCY and CJRW from 11:55-12:00 noon.
 (3) A weekly column in The



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 Guardian and Journal Pioneer newspapers.

(4) Preparation of pamphlets on crop recommendations, fertilizer recommendations, and other phases of production for the coming crop year.
 (5) The Our Farm Business TV Series of four, one hour broadcasts on March 29, 30, 31, and April 1 on Livestock Feeding and Forage Production, from which scripts are available free of charge from this office.
 The reason for our extended use of mass media is to have a greater ability to get information to those people who can make use of it. This is the only way that a few people can reach a large number of farmers.
GROUP WORK
 Four Farm Management Accounting courses were conducted at Souris, Cardigan, Vernon Bridge and Kensington. Other groups interested should contact this Department for further information. Groups are also operating under the Resources Development Program of the

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INDIVIDUAL CONTACT
 Most of the remainder of extension work is being done through contact with individual farm operators through farm calls, letters, office calls, tours, etc.
 This is a brief attempt to summarize some of the work presently being carried out. At all times we would appreciate constructive criticism and requests for information. A large number of pamphlets published by the Canada Department of Agriculture and the Ontario Department of Agriculture are on hand and available free of charge upon request.
 The following list of personnel and their titles will give you an idea of some of the resource people available in P.E.I. on different subjects of Agriculture and Marketing:
 Graeme Linkletter, Ag. Engineering Specialist; David Smith, Field Crops Specialist; Doug Kilpatrick, Horticulture Specialist; John Chandler, 4-H Specialist; David Ward, Farm Management Specialist; Wayne Dickieson, Queen's County Ag. Representative; Andrew Humphrey, Soils Analyst, Experimental Farm; David Peacock, Director of Livestock; Earle Adams, Dairy Superintendent; Gerald Johnstone, Poultry Fieldman; Glen Cotton, Beef Fieldman; Reid Sangster, Marketing Director and ARDA Coordinator; Rudi Dalenbach, Rural Development Fieldman; Gordon Ripley, Fieldman; and John MacDonald, Fieldman.
 For further information contact the P.E.I. Department of Agriculture at 180 Richmond St. or Box 2,000, Charlottetown, P.E.I.



MR. AND MRS. Zempir Costache receive the T. Eaton Company prize for first place in the small homes competition, rural beautification, from D. B. MacKean, manager of the Charlottetown branch.

Husband, Wife are top farmers

Mr. and Mrs. Zempir Costache have a fine farm home in York in fact they won first prize for Queens County in the Rural Beautification Society's competition in 1965. Their victory was in Class B, small farm homes. The previous year the Costache people won first place in a flower garden competition.
 This interesting couple were married in Munich, Germany shortly after the war. They shared space in one large room with three other couples, and several other people for a period of time.
 The married couples were given space in one corner of the room. There were four corners on four married couples slept in the room. The men who were single slept in the centre of the room.
 The Costaches were able to pin a blanket up to give them some measure of privacy behind which to dress and undress. Their youngest child shared the meagre accommodation with them after she was born.
 Mrs. Costache worked in a German butcher shop in Munich from 1943, after the Germans had overrun her homeland in the Ukraine. The hours were long. They started at four o'clock in the morning, or shortly afterwards and they worked far into the night, sometimes until 10 or 11 o'clock, she told this paper.
 There was a man to slaughter the animals, but the girls shared most of the other work. Maria was 26 when she was taken to the camp.
 It was after the Americans arrived that the couple were married and they were able to live together in the crowded quarters. The Americans were good to us, she said, but they couldn't help the crowding. There was no building accommodations to do any better.
 When they learned from the Canadian consulate there was a chance to go to Canada, her husband applied. He came over

Leghorns work day

Mr. Costache had \$25 when he arrived in Canada. Now the family has 85 acres of land, a beautiful home, a barn and a machinery shed which houses the farming equipment. Mr. Costache works with Lewis Brothers through much of the year, though he and his wife look after their own farm chores before he goes to his other employment.
 Mr. Costache also does his own farm work in season. He works with his neighbors when he has the time away from his own farm, a neighbor told me.
PACKAGED POTATOES
 One story interested me in particular. For several years Mrs. Costache packed into 10-pound bags all of the potatoes they grew on the 10 to 12 acres they plant annually.
 Even at 250 bushels to the acre and they would likely have more than that, that would mean 15,000 to 18,000 of the small bags to be packed. She and her husband weigh the bags in the evening, to make sure the weight is exact.
 She started before Christmas and it would be early May before she would have all the spuds packaged, she told me.
 Last year she shared this task with her husband, I understand.
 The Costaches are happy in their new land, but they had some trouble spots along the way. Several years ago, for example, they lost their barn by fire and with 14 fat cattle along with feed and other items.
 But the neighbors were awfully good, Mrs. Costache told me. Some gave lumber some gave money, others helped with work and in other ways.
 "Everybody helped us," observed this new Island citizen with deep appreciation.
 Their oldest child, Gloria, was born in Munich several years af-

ter they were married. Maria was married when she was 17, Stanley, their other child, is two years old.

Profits run much higher

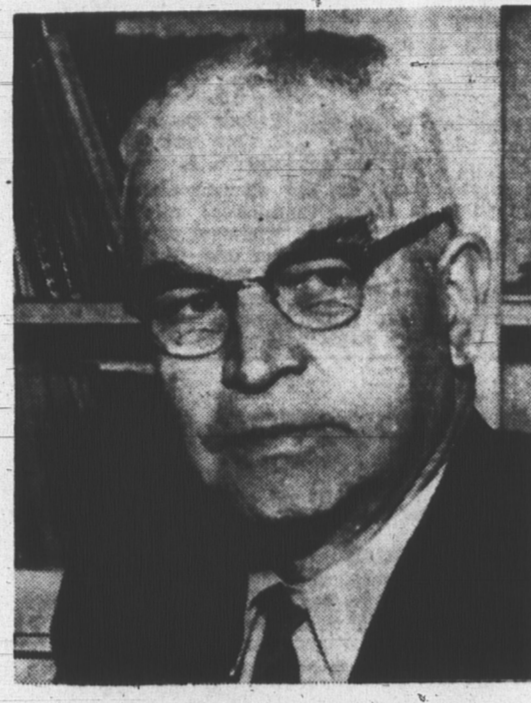
NEW YORK (AP)—Profits of U.S. corporations are averaging 11 per cent higher than a year ago. If this gain holds, the total net income after taxes for all 1966 would rise to more than \$48,000,000,000 from last year's \$44,500,000,000.
 The first 132 of the country's larger corporations to report on first-quarter earnings show only 19 trailing a year ago. The total for the 132 is \$3,054,596,000, against \$2,748,958,000 in the first three months of 1965.

Island Massey Ferguson Dealers Attend Special Service School at Indianapolis



From left to right: Allison Green (Layton Green, Albany), Pius Sutherland (Sutherland Bros., Morell), Robert Bruce (Young's Service Station, East Baltic).

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4-H Clubs and the Women's Institutes form an integral part of the farming community. The directors of these groups stimulate the interest and guide the activities of the members of the organizations.

The fieldmen are well qualified and experienced in the various aspects of agriculture. They keep up-to-date on the latest farming methods and experiments. Their job is to make this information available to you.

PHONE 894-8529 to arrange an appointment with the representative of your choice.

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