FEDERATION OF AGRIC. NEWSLETTER

Weather Takes New Toll From Farm Operations

Farmers generally recognize the precarious nature of their occupation, are conditioned to take risks and normally do not expect guaranteed security.

The simple press statement that tobacco, beans and cucumbers had been frosted tells only part of the story. To the farm families involved these crops meant income to pay living expenses, to provide education, to make improvements, to pay bills perhaps even to finance a holiday which rarely comes in the farm year.

In some cases payments on the mortgage will be at stake, even the rather precarious future of the operation in some instances maybe balanced the wrong way. Possibly the salaried person will understand the situation better if without any notice they were advised that the take-home pay had been cut in half for the next year.

However, the difficulties of the tobacco, bean, and cucumber people are a continuation of the troubles which had been afflicting agriculture generally this season. We have already referred to haying problems, now something very similar is projected into harvesting. For the combine operator who is depending on custom work for part of his income and to pay for the machine the past three weeks have seen practically o work done. Combining is slow, the days are rapidly getting shorter, and the humidity almost invariably high. Judging from reports and from the appearance of stooked fields the crop is a bumper one and the quality is excellent. There must be a drastic improvement in the weather or harvesting will be a long drawn out process.

FEED GRAIN

Since 1941 the movement of western grain to the east has been assisted by the payment of freight. This did not mean that the grain was always available when required or at a price attractive to the buyer. Generally the wheat board had been reluctant to store in eastern elevators feed grains over the winter as price drops might leave it with storage costs and no one prepared to buy.

Recently the Federation of Agriculture has recommended to the Hon. Alvin Hamilton that the governments of Canada undertake to pay five months storage for the period Nov. 15 to April 15 on any freight assisted grains which were brought down prior to the close of navigation and which still remain unsold in eastern Canada on April 15. This proposal does not suggest that the governments be asked to pay storage on the grain in theeast, but only on stocked grain which may be in excess on what has not actually been sold. In addition, it is recommended that the government pay storage charges at the Lakehead in such a manner as to enable the wheat board to offer the position of the Eastern feeder.

Another recommendation is that facilities be supplied at the Port of Saint John for the unloading of ships into the elevators. Finally the federation proposes that a special effort be employed by the National Harbours Board to expedite and plan the best use of storage space.

The provincial Farm Forum committee will meet with the national secretary, Rodger Bowman on Monday evening for consideration of the coming season's program and to plan for promotion and the involvement of what is referred to as the special interest groups such as 4-H Clubs, owmen's institutes, co-operatives, dairy people, rural churches, etc.

This year the Farm Forum program will be heard at 9 o'clock one-half hour later than the traditional time. One advantage of this change will be to eliminate the competition of a very popular TV program which is aired at 8:30 and which for the last few years has certainly been causing some trouble for Farm Forum.

This year's Farm Forum topics include such practical problems as property taxation, dairy policy, the Common Market, career opportunities for rural youth (the special 4-H topic), ARDA, the rural church, and two programs for co-operatives on March 11th and 18th.

Special for women's institute people on Feb. 4th will be "Canada's world obligations as women see them."

PASTURE RECOGNITION

The province's fourth pasture improvement competition will wind up its affairs on Oct. 29 at the second complimentary banquet tendered by Dominion Potash Limited. Invited to the function at the Charlottetown Hotel will be the 130 persons who entered together with their wives. Judges, officials, and directors of the Dairymen's Association will make up an invitation list of some 200 persons.

Those invited are asked to keep the date of Oct. 29 in mind in order that they may attend.

Over 40 persons will receive prizes offered jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the Dairymen's Association.

FLUID MILK

The fluid milk people have no argument with the fact that the consumer is entitled to good milk. There may be some difference of opinion, as to what good milk is. We suspect that with some people the per centage of butterfat is the yardstick, with others flavour is important, and still others have confidence in the sanitary qualities.

The decision of the Fluid Milk Association to ask for short courses in plant practices is evidence of determination to do th best job possible. The production of fluid milk is a demanding job 365 days of the year. Much long range planning is required, close attention to detail, continuous vigilance from health and sanitary standpoints required, and in short high standards are necessary all through the operation.

The producer or the processor who is not interested in doing a good job has no place in the fluid milk business.

Temperance Worker Dies

HALIFAX (CP) — Donald R. Gilchrist, superintendent of temperance education for the Nova Scotia education department, died in hospital here Wednesday. He was 66.

A native of Pictou, N.S., Mr. Gilchrist was also provincial leader of Allied Youth. A graduate o. the universities of Saskatchewan and Toronto, he was a teacher at Pictou Academy. After serving in the Second World War he became supervisor of schools in Stellarton, N.S., and principal of Stellarton High School.

URGES MORE RED TRADE

TOKYO (AP)—A senior member o. Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda's Liberal Democratic party said Thursday this time to step up trade with Communist China because Japan is plagued by overproduction, especially in steel and fertilizer. Tatsunosuke Takasaki, expected to lead a businessmen's mission to Peking next month, made the comment in a television chat with Kenzo Matsumura.

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Spud Problems Are Discussed

BY NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

I'VE HEARD so much about potato prices and quality these past few weeks I decided to do some investigating, as it's one of the most important problems we have in this province. I want to say at once that I make no claims to knowledge on either count, but I talked with men who do know.

They were C. A. Park, Ottawa, who is supervising inspector for fresh products with the department of agriculture; District Inspector Garth Harrison, who handles table stock potatoes; Alvin Hardy, senior inspector, Summerside; Jerome O'Brien who gave the dealers' viewpoint, and Marketing Director Reid Songster.

I wanted a dealer representative present and Mr. O'Brien was chosen as it was felt he was close to the situation because he represented the P.E.I. Potato Marketing Board and presided over a session on their behalf at this year's Canadian Potato Conference in Quebec, and he would have a picture of marketing developments across the country.

THE BEST information I got was that we have an excellent potato this year so far as quality is concerned. I was assured, too, that the superior quality of Island potatoes is still recognized in our best markets. "But it won't hold that position long, unless we do something quick to step up quality, package and appearance."

Our quality has not been slipping. That was assured. It's been improving, and so has packaging and other merchandising practices. In some areas—Morell and O'Leary were mentioned as examples—Mr. O'Brien said improvement has been sensational.

Island Spurt Is Said Needed

BUT THE improvement has been even more rapid in other provinces, and they'll catch up quickly unless the Island spurts to stay in front.

A "pride in the pack" was the one thing stressed most as I talked for more than an hour with those chaps, and probed from every angle I could think of.

It's not good enough just to put up a pack that will pass the minimum requirement, that 'will get by the inspector". One man was cited who boasts he has never had a bag turned down" and he never will" it was agreed, because he always goes a bit farther than the regulations demand. He never thinks of just getting by on the tolerance allowed.

I'm not trying to preach—I despise the idea of someone trying to preach at me—and I know that inspection requirements irk some people. I went through it myself when I produced poultry some years ago. But in this case, at least, there's no alternative. The competition elsewhere is getting too keen.

ONTARIO HAS been driving for sometime now to become self-sufficient in potatoes. That means they have to get as good and attractive a spud as ours, or better. And they are making progress. Jerome O'Brien told me yesterday he saw in Quebec this year the best warehouse and the best packaging equipment he ever saw anywhere. He added that Quebec subsidizes liberally that sort of thing. "I only wish they were as generous here", he said with some feeling.

Packaging here is reasonably good in sizes up to 20 to 25 pounds. It's in the 50 and 75-pound bags we fall down worst, Mr. O'Brien said.

Used Bags Are Finally Out

AND THAT brought us to the final shot. It sounds like a threat, but I don't know how else you can say this. Inspectors this year will definitely adhere to the requirements for new jute bags. That received 100 per cent endorsement from dealers who met with Agriculture Minister MacRae here Wednesday night. From what was said there and what I heard yesterday, used bags are finally O-U-T.

I'll admit I make this comment with probably more hope than conviction, but it looks as though the potato industry is making progress on a drive against price cutting. Every dealer who talked with the minister and others here Wednesday, gave the idea solid endorsement. I believe steps are finally underway to let growers know at intervals what the price should be. At any rate I think the minister merits commendation for making the effort.

Dealers, Lawyers Are Not Crooks

IT'S NOT that dealers as a class are unreliable, or inefficient, though unfortunately that opinion seems to be prevalent in some areas. These men are just like the rest of us, but there are marketing problems that they haven't yet found a way to solve.

When I was a boy at home practically everyone thought lawyers were crooked, I'm serious about that. That definitely was the general feeling. I've known many lawyers well in the intervening years. And, of course, the idea is plain nonsense. They're just like the rest of us. Most of them are good, other perhaps not so good. But several of the finest and most honorable men I've ever known have been lawyers, so that explodes that theory.

Oldest Fisherman Is Visited

I VISITED recently with Vincent McGrath, Morell, a veteran of 70 years in the fishing business, who was selected last year by the P.E.I. Fisheries Federation as the province's oldest active fisherman.

Mr. McGrath proved to be a most interesting man and his story is featured in the fisheries section which appears in The Patriot this afternon and will be in The Guardian tomorrow.

He told me among other things that he worked for 10 cents an hour, or one dollar for a ten-hour day when the City of Charlottetown was laying sewer lines many years ago. Mr. McGrath is 90 and he was only a boy then. He recalls distinctly digging the portion that goes past the old Prowse Brothers establishment on Richmond and Queen. Other facts about this fine old gentleman will be found in the fisheries section.

Strange Animal Seen At Donaldston

I HAVE no details on this but a report yesterday from the Donaldston area told of seeing a strange black animal in that vicinity. One person suggested it was a panther, though the identification was far from definite. Another said it was a wolverine.

It reminds me of the "red-coated prowler" that was reported recently in the Elmira area. That story died out, after several people were reported as having seen the "prowler", and one report reaching here described a bed that had been built in an old grain barracks. I'm naturally wondering what will come out of the Donaldston story.

Hunt For Hungarian Dancer Was Frustrating In Paris

Editor's note: Two Americans turned detectives on a cold, Rainy Paris night, finally located the young Hungarian dancer they hoped to rescue. This is the second chapter of how Emese Szklenkay fled the Reds. It is made available exclusively to the Associated Press through the co-operation of the Detroit Free Press and the Knight Newspapers.

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PARIS (AP) — When I opened the door of my room at the Hotel Castigleione here, a big, powerful man with piercing and compassionate eyes smiled and said in a surprisingly gentle voice.

"I am Stephen Dinka."

This was the man with whom I was to try to steal a beautiful Hungarian dancer from the Communists.

Dinka handed me long memoranda and a lengthy personal note from Dale Nouse, the Free Press assistant city editor who in Detroit was the third member of our rescue team.

Although he had been almost sleepless for close to 72 hours, Dinka spoke clearly and concisely of our plan to rescue Emese Szklenkay, the 20-year-old sister of Dinka's wife.

Other than the Communists, time was our biggest enemy.

The girl's cryptic letter mailed from Paris to the Dinka home in Ann Arbor, Mich., had said that her travelling Hungarian national dance group would be in Paris Sept. 19 through 21.

Our task was to find the troupe, check its movements and devise a scheme to help Emese flee.

SEARCH HANGOUTS

Calls to several French governmental offices proved fruitless as did Dinka's call to every Hungarian-sounding organization in the telephone book.

That night we hailed a taxi and careened, as only Paris taxi cab, off to search. I know Paris and I know where the young people and artists and tourists hang out.

Bet it was late when, in front of the Unlon Nationale des Etudiants de France in the student sector, Dinka spotted a battered Bulgarian bus loaded with luggage.

The Bulgarians spoke only their own language, but I said over and over, "Hungarian. . . hongrois."

One Bulgarian nodded, got out a card and pointed to it. "Hotel de la Paix," it read.

To our utter dismay, we found at least 20 hotels by that name in the telephone book. We prowled through half a dozen Hotels De la Paix without luck.

Next morning we were back at the first hotel de la Paix. A woman said the students' union generally handled touring cultural groups. I asked casually if she'd call and find out where the Yugoslav, Bulgarian, Iraqui and Hungarian dancers were quartered. She called, and while our excitement mounted, routinely obtained all the addresses.

ASK QUESTIONS

The Hungarians were at the College Neederlans. I knew the place—a complex of buildings on the southern outskirts of Paris where foreign students live in dormitories built by their governments.

At 10 a.m. I was asking careful but casual questions of a gatekeeper at the College Neederlans, who said the Hungarians had gone sightseeing and would not return until late that evening.

With a French friend who had volunteered his car for the evening, we parked in a good position to get away in a hurry and yet keep the big walled dormitory complex in sight.

Books For Blind Are Presented

HALIFAX (CP)—The Wolfville, N.S., Rotary Club Thursday presented a 145-volume braille encyclopedia to the Halifax School for the Blind.

The set of books, ordered more than a year ago, cost about $650. It was purchased from sale of Easter seals.

Mary Whiffen of Rushoon, Nfld., and Darrell Pike of Hawkes Bay, Nfld., accepted the books for the students.

BUSINESS MAN DIES

TORONTO (CP) — Arthur Howe Allen, 78, a former managing director of the Taylor Instrument Companies of Canada, died at his home here Tuesday. Mr. Allen, who retired seven years ago, was a past president of the Canadian Dairy Industry Suppliers Association.

Dinka took up his vigil, pacing before the huge iron gate leading to a courtyard. It was closed and locked, but a small arched gate next to it was open.

It was almost exactly 1:30 a.m. when he heard Hungarian voices, coming from a nearby subway. It was the dancers, chatting about a ballet they had seen, hurrying along in the cold rain!

The group strode past in the darkness and vanished into the courtyard.

Emese had passed within a few feet of him. But partly because of the night, partly because the dancers were muffled in collars and babushkas, he had been unable to recognize the beautiful girl he had last seen when she was 13.

We drove away.

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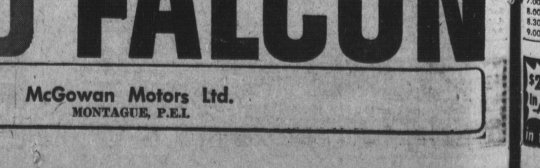

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Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Hume and family, Marion, George, Barry and Lucy spent their Labor Day vacation visiting the Annapolis Valley, Halifax and other places of interest in Nova Scotia.

Miss Flora Stewart, High Bank, went to Ontario some time ago to visit her brother Sydney, who was ill in the hospital. Since he has been released from hospital, they plan to visit in Massachusetts and may soon be on their way home to High Bank.

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