

Island News Page

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Legion Branches Sponsor Clinics

"All three Red Cross blood donor clinics in west Prince county at Tignish, Alberton and O'Leary on Wednesday and Thursday of next week are being sponsored by the respective branches of the Royal Canadian Legion," said F.A.S. Jones, provincial chairman of the Red Cross blood donor committee. Mr. Jones had great commendation for the excellent support received from the various branches of the Royal Canadian Legion in this province which

everybody that is except the bugs.

It might be something for our farmer friends to keep in mind as they work the land and get ready to plant this year's crop. If it isn't absolutely necessary to clear it out, why not leave a border at the edge of the field and let nature take its course. See you next week.

sponsor two-thirds of the clinics held at fourteen centres in P.E.I. Plus Smith, the provincial president of the Royal Canadian Legion, who is also an active member of the provincial Red Cross blood donor committee, has been in touch with each of the western Prince branches and reports enthusiastic committees at work in all three centres. "Each one" he said "is striving to achieve the best results in the province in order to insure that the province's blood bank will be well supplied to meet the needs, and to win the 'Manning Trophy' for the branch."
HEADS COMMITTEE
Arthur J. DesRoches is again heading the Legion committee for Tignish which has an objective of at least 150 for the clinic to be held at the Legion Home there on Wednesday, June 8th, between 8 and 10 p.m. Fred Hastings is the chairman

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OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY
VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—Pope Paul Friday commemorated the third anniversary of the death of Pope John XXIII by celebrating a mass at the central altar in the Vatican crypt and placing a white wreath on his predecessor's nearby tomb. Zaverio and Giuseppe Roncalli, the elderly peasant brothers of Pope John, and other relatives attended the mass and received communion from Pope Paul.

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PRESENTS RESIGNATION

Hon. Philip Matheson, defeated cabinet minister in the May 30th provincial election, (LEFT) presented his resignation to P.E.I. Lieutenant-Governor W.J. MacDonald yesterday before the Minister of Highways and Public Works, Keith MacKenzie sworn in. Mr. MacKenzie is the Conservative candidate as assemblyman in the July 11 by-election in 1st Kings. Mr. Matheson's home is at Oyster Bed Bridge.

OUTDOORS

Wildlife's Search For Homes Is Tough

By JACK McANDREW
One of the engineers on the Charlottetown to Borden CNR run was telling me the other day about the great numbers of rabbits he's been seeing on his daily trip through the countryside. According to him the bunnies are more plentiful than he's ever seen them, and he's spotted up to 30 and 40 along the right-of-way during the morning run. All our wild things are in the process of raising a new generation now, and this is the critical time of year for a good many of them. Each year house hunting gets a little harder as more and more of the land is turned to other uses, and the provision of suitable habitat is one of the most difficult factors facing any wildlife management program. There's a natural conflict between putting the land to economic use and saving it for wildlife, but there are ways to keep everybody happy. Wild animals need the same things as people to keep body and soul together, and take any one of them away and there's bound to be trouble. Food, water and shelter are the necessities of life, and the problem is to provide them and at the same time make use of the land in other ways.

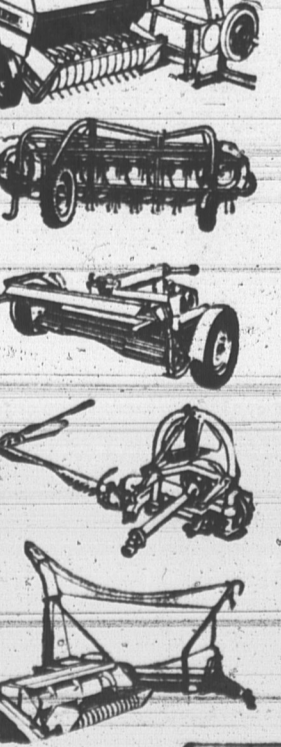
what have you can make up for the fresh sod you've overturned with the plow? Those are the kind of simple pleasures you don't miss till they're gone, and by that time it's a little late to start worrying about them. By and large nature knows what it's doing in the long run, and it's not by accident that the critters that inhabit shrub fence-rows are inclined to be those that feed on the bugs that feed on cultivated plants. What you actually do when you clear off the shrubbery is, not only drive out the good guys, but provide homes and breeding space for the same thieves who are taking cash money out of the farmer's pocket by using the cultivated crops as a regular dinner-table.

OUT OF BUSINESS
So the farmer had more bugs than ever but nature's exterminating squad was out of business. Of course that's the practical side of it, the fact that the farmer ends up losing more than he gets for the few extra feet of land he's able to plow. There are other things lost as well, things that you can't put a value on. What's the price of a bird song for instance? How do you figure out the going rate for the peace of mind you enjoy when you're watching mama robin feeding her brood with fat juicy earthworms she's just picked out of

NATURAL HOMES

There was a time for instance when rail and stone fences were commonly used to mark the boundaries of fields. Shrubbery and bushes would grow up around them in a wild tangle that provided all three vital elements, and you had a nature-built home for all sorts of small animals and birds. But nowadays most of the walls and fences have disappeared along with the thickets, replaced by barbed wire that lets the farmer get the most use out of his land. But the fact of the matter is that the farmer may be really getting the short end of the stick in doing away with the fence-rows of shrubbery. Most of those tenants he evict may be paying their rent in the form of useful service that's not immediately apparent, and the farmer is money out of pocket when he tries to make up for it in other ways. The fact is that by destroying their habitat is putting out of commission the best kind of insect exterminator ever invented, and no amount of DDT or

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