

### Sauer Ahead Of Schedule

CHICAGO, (AP) — Gangling Hank Sauer is off and swinging in the home run parade. The Chicago Cubs' 35-year-old outfielder has thumped eight homers and is two weeks ahead of his hitting timetable of 1954, when he walloped 37, drove in 121 runs and was voted the National League's most valuable player. Sauer admits that he is out to beat Ralph Kiner, his \$70,000-a-year teammate, in homer production this season. "If there is going to be a battle in the league for home run honors, I hope it is between me and Ralph," said Sauer. Last year Sauer was jinxed with some fractures in his hands three times and appeared in only 108 games. He rapped 19 homers, Kiner obtained from Pittsburgh Pirates in June, came through with 35 homers for the season.

### T.B. Suspect Has Clear Sheet

CALGARY, (CP) — Mrs. Jessie Alice Wilson, an Australian woman denied entrance into Canada by immigration authorities at Vancouver because she was a tuberculosis suspect, has been given a clean bill of health in Australia, it was reported Monday. Mrs. Wilson spent her savings for passage last year to Calgary, where she was to live with her son, Russ, but was sent home to Sydney after a two-day stay here. Mr. Wilson said he had received from his mother a letter containing a report on her condition from the anti-tuberculosis association of Australia. Exhaustive tests were conducted by competent doctors, he said, and Mrs. Wilson was found free of the disease. Her son said he will forward the Australian officials' report to Lt.-Col. Douglas Harkness, member of Parliament for Calgary North, who said Col. Harkness is attempting to obtain redress for his mother and, if possible, gain her admittance to the country.

### Low Temperature Aids Operation

MONTREAL, (CP) — A Toronto surgeon said Monday operations on the heart, previously considered "bad risks", now are possible through refrigeration of the patient's body. Dr. W. G. Bigelow, assistant professor of surgery at the University of Toronto, said surgeons by lowering body temperature by as much as 10 degrees have performed successful operations inside the heart. Lower temperatures slow the circulation of blood in the heart and enable the operation to be carried out without harming the patient, he told a meeting of the American Association of Thoracic Surgeons. Dr. Bigelow, who was reporting on findings of 22 such operations at Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Sick Babies Hospital, said that at present the "cold technique" can be used only on a limited number of patients. More study was needed before it could be applied more widely.

### Granted Freedom

PHILADELPHIA, (AP) — Frank Harris was acquitted Monday of a murder charge for which he served 24 years in prison. Harris, 54, was granted a new trial on the basis of testimony by ballistics experts that the bullet which killed his companion, Wilbert McQueen, in 1926, could not have been fired by the revolver that Harris was carrying. The shooting took place in a scuffle among Harris, McQueen and two policemen, in which all but McQueen fired shots. Harris denied the charge at his first trial, saying the bullet taken from McQueen's body was not of the type used in his gun. Ballistics experts were not available then to verify his contention. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. Harris was released on parole in 1947 and recommenced in 1950 on charges of assault and battery and carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

### Murray Harbour North

"Miss Gloria MacLeod who is employed at the Kinross County Hospital, spent the past week-end at her home. Gail and Myrna Clow, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Clow, are spending their holidays at the homes of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Collings, Lower Montague. Miss Mary Carver, Alliston, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Kennedy. Mrs. Lyle Boehner and young sons, Wayne and Lowell, Montague, were recent overnight guests of Mrs. John McLean, Peters Road. There was a large attendance at the Easter services held in the Murray Harbor North Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Rev. M. C. Currie delivered inspiring messages taking as his text, Matt 28, verses 5, 6, 7, in the morning and his theme for the evening was "The Road to Emmaus." The choir with Mrs. Annie Kennedy as organist led the congregation in singing appropriate Easter hymns. Mrs. Laurie McLure and Elaine Charlottetown, spent the Easter holidays at their home here. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar VanDerstine, Peters Road, motored to Borden on April 18. They were accompanied by their son Carter, who was returning to Halifax after spending the holidays with his parents. En route home Mr. and Mrs. VanDerstine visited with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Craswell at Car-

### Bristol and Vicinity

"Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dunn, were business visitors to the city on April 27. Another visitor on the same day was Mrs. P. R. Sinnott, also on business. Mrs. Herb Kenny spent a few days in the city last week with friends while on business there. Mr. Charlie Mosher, who has been suffering with a sore back for a long time is reported as much better now following a trip to Halifax, N. S. Mr. Anselm Lapierre, who was home for a few months while the dredges were laid up has returned to his duties as cook on one of the attending tugs for the season. Mr. Bill Jay was in this vicinity on business on April 26. Bill is well known here and always welcome. The postponed Easter Monday night dance in Memorial Hall was run off on Monday night, one week late, owing to the death of a business man in the village. The usual large crowd attended with quite a number coming from the city along with the orchestra. Rev. F. P. Aylward, bursar at S. D. U., was here on April 25, to relieve Father Sinnott, who has been ill with the "flu" for a few days. Father Aylward delivered an inspiring sermon at the regular Mass. Recently the busy Father has been around several parishes relieving sick pastors and a couple of Sundays ago officiated at The Brae, his former parish. The shore here has become a "bee hive" recently as most of the fishermen have moved down despite the cold weather, and boats are out with motors going early and late, many of the traps are being readied at the last minute before and after sundown. Mr. and Mrs. Lester McVarish, have arrived at their summer residence and being the first to arrive they will be about the last to leave in the late fall. Mr. Herb Kenny, one of the very few who has plenty of good hardwood in this vicinity states that he has a monster pile of this valuable fire wood already cut and ready for his customers and in fact it has been sold months ago and will be moved by trucks when the roads are in shape. We understand that Mr. Joe Kelly, who came home from Toronto, called by his sudden passing of his father on Easter Sunday will remain home to operate the meat market operated for years by his late father. Mr. Kelly will be assisted in the buying and killing by his brother, Somers, who has been stock buyer for Canada Packers for many years and who did most of the buying for his father in the evening hours. We are happy to learn that the business will remain in the Kelly family, which has often been said "any fool can cut and display it in the finest way and the cleanest."

That "big yellow friend of the travellers" arrived back again a few days ago, and received a royal welcome, yes, the big Bus is back again and Mr. McKenzie who filled in with his station wagons must be given credit for a big job well done when the weather and roads were pretty bad. Mr. Lou Kelly was a business visitor to the city on Tuesday. Lou is a busy farmer and isn't a visitor to the city either. Mr. Kelly, for many years now has carried the finest team of horses ever seen anywhere and scores of passers have stopped to admire this fine span of horses, as horses are getting so few now. Fine horses well kept in Mr. Kelly's style of working for many a moon. Mrs. James A. O'Brien says her name is getting mixed up a lot recently. A short time ago people were congratulating her on winning a big radio prize that later turned out to be that of a lady having the same name in the city. Two weeks ago Mrs. O'Brien was reported as being around that Addie, as she is better known had died suddenly. The news got to the city and was phoned from one to another. Addie O'Brien, is dead. This writer who is in contact at five of the lady was contacted at Hunter River by phone while there on business, to rush home only to find it was again another lady of the same name in Morell East who we regret had died suddenly. A big farmer here, informs us he is selling off all his potatoes this spring to get new seed that is being imported. The new seed will cost about \$1.50 per bushel while he will get about 18c per bushel for his present stock. Some chicken raisers are also reported as taking a loss on early chicks. A great many who has birds are reported as to have died in the cold snap. The baseball season is looming up again and the boys have already been out on the field getting in some practice. It will be remembered that our boys were in the running to the last, a year ago, when they lost out in the final games. Large crowds attend the games at all games is the lack of rest rooms, especially for ladies, and lack of refreshments especially drinks, on a hot afternoon. —N.

Miss Beverly Millar has returned home after spending several days visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Beck, Alliston. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Millar and Betty Ann were visitors to Charlottetown on April 20. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnston, have returned to their home at Peters Road, after spending the winter months in Charlottetown. AO.

### Finds Grass Farming Brings More Leisure, Cash



"Working with nature, not against it." Alfred Leatherbarrow, an Elora, Ont., farmer, now can enjoy new leisure, thanks to scientific farming. He is shown with his wife and their son, Jimmy, in a music session. Eight years ago the couple started farming on a broken-down farm with poor soil fertility. For two years they followed conventional mixed farming methods, involving long hours of work and near-bankruptcy. Then they turned to grass farming—the first crop ensilage, the second hay and third fall pasture. After six years of grass farming, they show a good profit and their land, called "Friendship Farm", has become a well-known model of conservation.



The grass and clover harvest is used as silo fodder for 70 head of beef, 1400 laying hens and 140 pure-bred English Yorkshire pigs which provide the main farm revenue. Jimmie Leatherbarrow, 8, is shown with a pet pig. His father, nearly 50 per cent disabled in the Second World War, finds grass farming easier than the conventional method.

### Murray River Vicinity

"Mr. and Mrs. Roland Moore and daughter, Miss Marion, Charlottetown, spent Easter in Murray River, guests of Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Sadie MacLeod. Dr. Giddings and family, Charlottetown, spent Good Friday in Murray River, visiting with his mother, Mrs. Edgar Giddings. Miss Kay Lowe, Murray River, spent Easter week-end at the home of her uncle and aunt in Summerside, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beck. Miss Janet Stewart, Charlottetown, spent Easter at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Stewart, High Bank. A. C. 2 Arnett MacLean, who is stationed with the R. C. A. F. in Halifax, recently spent a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard MacLean, Murray River. Mr. Harry Welton, who is employed with Canada Packers, Charlottetown, spent Easter with his wife and family in High Bank. Mr. Ralph Derby, student at P. W. C. is spending his Easter holidays with his mother, Mrs. Marjorie Derby, White Sands. Mr. Kenneth MacLeod, Charlottetown, spent Easter at the home of his father, Mr. W. F. MacLeod, Murray River. Master Roy Scantlebury, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to Murray River, guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Cook. Mr. Stirling Whiteway, Charlottetown, spent Easter at his home in Murray River. —CD.

### Peakes And Vicinity

Messrs. Ray and Walter Kelly, visited Charlottetown, April 20. Mr. Jervis Campbell, visited Charlottetown, April 27. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trainor, Stanhope Road, visited Charlottetown, April 22. Mrs. John Trainor, St. Patrick's Road, visited Montague, April 23. Miss Noreen Mooney, visited Charlottetown, April 27. Miss Carline McEachern, Mt. Stewart, visited Miss Pearl Grant, April 25. Mr. Herbert Handrahan, Charlottetown, spent the week-end of April 24, at his home on St. Patrick's Road. Mrs. Walter Rogerson and son Joseph, spent a few days of the week of April 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cullen, Charlottetown. Mrs. Joseph Myers returned recently to St. Patrick's Road, after spending a brief vacation with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Phelan, Morell. Mr. Walter Currie, Charlottetown, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Donnelly, April 25. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss Doris Donnelly. Miss Ellen McKenzie, Gaspareaux, spent a few days of the week of April 25, at the home of Mrs. L. Devine. Mrs. Joseph Kenny, who has been a patient at the Charlottetown Hospital, returned recently to her home on Byrnes Road. Mr. and Mrs. Russel Myers and family, were visitors to Charlottetown, April 20. They were accompanied by Mrs. Woodbridge. Friends of Mr. Joseph Duffy, Byrnes Road, who is now a patient at the Provincial Sanatorium will be pleased to learn that he is now making a satisfactory return to good health after his recent operation. Mr. Donald McEachern of Morell, while helping his uncle, Mr. Anthony Hughes, saw wood with a circular saw had the misfortune of cutting his finger which required medical attention. Mr. Ernest Grant, Borden, spent a few days of the week of April 26, at the home of his brother, Mr. Elmer Grant, Peakes Road. Mr. Allan Mooney, Rumford, Me., spent a brief vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mooney. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hughes, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Hughes and family, Charlottetown, April 27. Miss Ida McKay, R.N., Mt. Stewart, visited Peakes School, and conducted a public health inspection, April 29. —BU.

### P.Q. Liberal Votes Against Gov't On Tax Issue

OTTAWA, (CP) — A Liberal member of Parliament Wednesday voted against the government on the Quebec income tax issue. William LaCroix (L.-Quebec Montmorency) sided with the Opposition as the Commons voted 136 to 70 to approve the government's 1954-55 budget. He was the only Liberal to criticize the budget decision against granting Quebec's request that the province's new 15-per-cent personal income tax be fully deductible from federal tax payments. Federal tax laws allow a deduction of five per cent. In a brief speech before the division, he said he would vote against adoption of the budget "for, to do otherwise, would be to give my approval to the refusal of the government on this subject." Also voting against the budget were the three Opposition parties and three new members from Quebec: Paul Gagnon, Chicoutimi, Raoul Poulin, Beauce, and Fernand Girard, Lapointe. Prime Minister St. Laurent abstained from voting because of the absence of Opposition leader Drew Pearson who was attending a meeting in London, Ont. The vote, in effect one of confidence in the government's financial policies, was on a formal government motion that the House consider a series of resolutions giving legislative effect to tax changes in the April 6 budget. The division ended a nine-day budget debate in which the actual tax changes were almost ignored. Most of the speeches centred on the budget announcement that the Quebec tax would not be deductible.

### OYSTER BED BRIDGE W. I.

The Oyster Bed Bridge W. I. met at the home of the Misses Cora and Hazel Matheson on April 6th. The vice-president, Mrs. Wallace Higgins opened the meeting with the Creed. Roll call was answered by six members and one visitor. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Philip Matheson was appointed secretary for the meeting. Correspondence consisted of government grant of \$2.50, letter thanking the gift to sick, receipt for March of Dimes donation, letter requesting material for the next issue of the Institute News, letter from the Agricultural Convener and a letter concerning Rural Beautification. Bill of \$1.50 for gift to sick was paid. It was decided to send Easter cards and one Easter box to a former member. Members were requested to take their contribution to the Institute News to the next meeting which is to be held in the school, May 11th. Roll call to be answered with seeds, slips, etc. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. A delicious lunch was then served by the hostess.

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### Urges Revision Of Freight Rates On Grain Set By Gov't 55 Years Ago

MONTREAL, (CP) — Lifting of government restrictions on grain rates set for the railways 55 years ago would improve both railway earnings and the Canadian economy as a whole, President W. A. Mather of the Canadian Pacific Railway said Wednesday. Addressing shareholders at the company's 73rd annual meeting, Mr. Mather said the time is long past due, from the standpoint of welfare of the railways and "the vital interest" of the country generally, for the railways "to be permitted the greatest possible freedom in pricing their services." He said the grain-rate restrictions "have hindered the effective meeting of competition and have been indirectly responsible for the diversion to less economical means of transportation of much high-grade traffic that could best be moved by rail." In addition to loss of railway earnings, the over-all outlay for transportation for the country as a whole has increased "because the agencies handling the diverted traffic have costs greater than those of rail transport." Grain rates set in 1899 were 12 per cent higher than an average shipping point, said Mr. Mather, and average hourly wage rates for all employees was 18 cents then compared with \$1.59 in 1953. Also, the cost of new rail since 1899 had increased more than five times and a new box car more than 11 times. Mr. Mather said buoyant earnings in years of good crops could not be attributed to movement of grain but to general stimulation of the country's economy through the realization of a large crop—the westward movement of agricultural implements, general merchandise and other commodities, all indicative of improved business conditions and increased rail traffic.

### Mr. Mather foresaw continued curtailment of maintenance expenditures as a result of a drop in traffic and earnings. In the first quarter of this year net earnings from railway operations were down \$1,600,000, the result of a 13 per cent drop in traffic. The company hopes traffic volume will move closer to that of last year. "Every effort is being made, through the attainment of the highest possible level of efficiency, to improve net earnings. Continuing the curtailment in maintenance expenditures put into effect last year, there will be no maintenance work undertaken beyond that required for pressing repairs and safe operation."

Meanwhile, with a view to modernizing transcontinental passenger service and aiding low-cost operation, the company expects delivery next month of the first units of stainless steel cars. Also, the company has ordered 44 additional diesel units, which will bring the diesel locomotive total to 400. In a long review of the Canadian economy, Mr. Mather said at present there is "some uncertainty" in the business outlook but expressed hope that "before this year has progressed much further" the steady expansion of the economy will be resumed.

The trend towards an increasingly high-cost economy posed serious problems. Official figures showed that while the national output in 1953 increased four per cent, labor income increased eight per cent. "The second successive year in which the rise in national output lagged behind the increase in wages and salaries."

"Unless halted it could aggravate still further the deterioration in market conditions reflected in the worsening trade balance of recent months."

Mr. LaCroix was the only Liberal member to oppose that decision. He was met with catcalls from Liberal benches when he voted.

A 63-year-old Quebec City architect, he has been a member since 1935. He crossed the floor of the House in 1944 to sit as an Independent following the decision to send conscripted troops overseas and the following year was re-elected as an Independent Liberal. Later he returned to the party ranks.

In his speech, he said he had hoped the federal and Quebec governments would reach agreement on the tax issue "because the federal finance department cannot oppose indefinitely the just and reasonable claims of any province."

Two Opposition motions of non-confidence were defeated during the debate. Members voted 121 to 40 against a six-point PC motion which criticized the government for, among other things, "failure" to reach agreement with the provinces on a reallocation of taxing powers. A CCF motion urging income-tax relief for low-income groups and higher tax rates for corporations and wealthier individuals was defeated 126 to 26. Mr. Abbott's budget, which he said was his last, provided tax cuts amounting to \$40,000,000 in a full year. They were confined almost entirely to reduction or elimination of the excise tax on a long list of consumer goods, and elimination of the 10-per-cent sales tax on smaller number of goods. All changes took effect immediately.



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- \*4—Shirley MacArthur, Wellington English School, Grade 9—Reading.
- \*5—Barbara Day, Wellington English School, Grade 7—Vocal Solo.
- \*6—Myrna MacLeod, Park Corner, Grade 5—Public Speaking.
- \*7—Doreen Baker, North Bedeque, Grade 6—Vocal Solo.
- 8—Pauline De Moss, St. Mary's Academy, Grade 5—Reading.
- \*9—Wellington English School Chorus, Grades 7-8-9-10.
- \*10—Pauline Large, Wilmot Valley, Grade 6—Piano Solo.
- \*11—Neta Day, Wellington English School, Grade 7—Vocal Solo.
- 12—Cheryl Perry, St. Mary's Academy, Grade 5—Reading.
- 13—Joan Ann Heffell, St. Mary's Academy, Grade 5—Piano Solo.

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