Among The Farmers

(Federation of Agriculture News)

Potato Meetings

The potato meetings held in Tignish and O'Leary were well attended, well conducted and in our opinion gave a fair opportunity for expression of opinions on both sides of the question.

We have always been in favour of joint political meetings believing that the voter is placed in a better position to decide when the pros and cons of any argument are presented at the same time.

The O'Leary meeting produced a motion to include a second question on the ballot, a question which would have sought the opinion of the growers on the merits of a central agency or one desk selling. After considerable discussion the motion was put to the meeting and lost by a large majority.

At O'Leary the secretary of the Potato Dealers Association appealed for greater harmony and more cooperation between growers and dealers. This suggestion we endorse as one which we believe growers will welcome and one which he hope the potato dealers will actively promote.

The potato meetings will conclude on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with meetings at Souris, Charlottetown and Summerside. Farmers are urged to attend these meetings as a means of gaining information in assisting them towards a reasoned decision on the question.

Dealers and Traders

Lest statements appearing in the public press develop the belief that we are hostile in principle to dealers, traders and those engaged in other worthy occupations, we wish to state that the contribution made by such people is fully appreciated and admitted. The merchant and trader can and usually does render a valuable service, a service which at times is carried on in the face of difficulties brought on by conditions outside the Province. The farmer is justified in demanding the best service possible and maximum returns for his product and is equally justified in criticizing or attempting to improve the system when there is evidence to indicate that the system may be inefficient or incomplete.

We grant the honest business man every right to conduct his business, but also reserve for the farmer the right to remove any bad apples that may appear in the barrel. We do not question any individual's right to a share of the farmer's business, but we do object to business people attempting to do the farmer's thinking. We also object to a state of mind which may be termed economic fatalism which produces the belief that any change in marketing inevitably leads to disaster for all mankind.

White Collared Farmers

A recent suggestion that we should go back to our farm and along with us, we assume, all the other farmers in executive positions with farm organizations, if carried out, would indeed have a crippling effect upon the activities of numerous bodies in Canada, bodies which we believe it can be fairly maintained play an important part in the economic life of Canada. It has been the experience of farm organizations that practicing farmers can render a more effective type of leadership in these organizations than is the case with officials having an urban background or lacking in practical farming experience.

Some of the larger organizations which may be mentioned as staffed with farmers are the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, The Dairy Farmers of Canada and its publicity section, The Manitoba Wheat Pool, The Ontario Hog Marketing Board, The Catholic Farmers Union of Quebec and also the Co-op-Federe of that Province. Farmer officials in such organizations as these are simply the farmer's hired men and for the most part their services are retained on the same basis as that of any other hired man — the value of the service rendered.

The Plebiscite

As presently planned the marketing ballots will go into the mail on May 24, with a deadline for mailing back on the 29th. All ballots will be returned to the returning officer, Sheriff John L. Beaton and be in his care under lock until counted by three scrutineers who will be completely independent of the Potato Board.

Every effort will be made by the Provincial Board to conduct the election fairly and every precaution taken to prevent practices which could in any way reflect upon the validity of the final results.

The Potato Board

There would appear to be a tendency in some quarters to view the Potato Board as a one-man organization dominated by a manager who is free to make decisions and initiate policies without being held accountable for them. Such a belief is so far from fact that it should hardly be necessary to discuss it, but nevertheless we feel it necessary to point out that the Potato Board is composed of ten members and that, before any action is taken the majority approval of the Board members is necessary. Our personal knowledge of the Board members indicates that they are a reliable, responsible group possessed of good judgment, but not necessarily infallible and genuinely interested in directing the potato industry in the best interest of growers in general .The general welfare of the growers is the Board's chief concern and it cannot be or should not be expected to make provision for protecting the special interest of any individual or small group of individuals.

Spring Prospects

At this time farmers and livestock are looking forward with hope to the appearance of nature's great blessing, grass. The hope has been dampened up to early this week by a cool dry spring, but the rains have come and if followed by warm weather grass in abundance will shortly be a reality and the cattle once more turned outdoors to become their own mowing machines.

Butter production for the last week of April amounted to 114,380 pounds an increase of 40,000 pounds over the corresponding week in 1953. Should growing conditions be favourable milk production will likely make a new record this year.

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Dorothy Dix's Column

hospitals or health centers, but her greatest worth is in the home. Caring for chronic invalids, aged people and convalescents does not call for the services of a professional nurse, yet is frequently beyond the ability of family members. A P.N. is nothing short of an angel of mercy in such homes.

CONSTANTLY IN DEMAND

Industry may turn its back on the woman crowding fifty, but as long as there are ill people, she can find work to do. The shortage of nurses is no idle rumor, and though the 11,000 practical nurse students now in training will alleviate the situation somewhat, they do not solve it completely. More are needed. Would you like to became a practical nurse?

If you'd like further and more detailed information on your prospects in nursing, write the National Association for Practical Nurse Education, at 654 Madison Avenue, New York 21, N.Y., or to me.

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Ellen's Diary

blacked sea gulls lost inland to glean treasure from the stirred red-brown clay.

Above, for him who cultivated on the heights of the rise and for us taken up with womens' work on a side of the valley below, a cool wind of day drove impressive ships of white along the horizon of blue. We lifted, cleaned and set in a new location in Jamie's flower-border a clump of Lamb's Ears. Silver-velvet they are, of those given us by a gifted gardener for our memory garden at Alderlea, and susequently shared with others. We must work fast for was there not a tea cake to be baked and also a trout to be timed?

CHURCHILL

A Man and an Era

Don't miss this illustrated story about a great man in a great era. Eighteen chapters beginning in The Guardian, Monday, May 17.

On the farms about, men and horses and machines were busy in the fields.

Here with a team one caretully fashioned drills for turnips; there another harrowed, and beyond in the first work of their cropping, farmers were at "the spreading" of manure.

"We chuckled recently at two farmers discussing the merits or otherwise of hog raising.

"Do you suppose a farmer can buy his little pigs, store-feed them and make a profit that would pay him for his time and labor?" one queried with some doubt.

"Depends on how you value your time and labor" the other offered. "In any case," he added, "you would have the manure!"

"But a farmer doesn't live by that," the first replied without thought.

"The more he lives by it, the better farmer he is, I should say ... And thats the very reason every farmer should grow plenty hogs or other livestock. Its not perhaps for immediate gain but for warrant of continued good farming along the years—or that's the way I see it."

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Golden willows show the first green lace of their leafing. Lilac buds unfold as Island farms now take up the cropping.

Until tomorrow — — — — Diary — — — — Good-night . . . . .

Legion Seeks WVA Adjustments

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Canadian Legion's executive council Wednesday requested an interview with Prime Minister St. Laurent before Friday to discuss war veterans' allowances.

The Legion wants WVA included in the terms of reference of the special parliamentary committee on veterans' affairs.

The Legion, which has long been seeking higher allowances for 40,000 "burned-out" veterans and their dependents, said it considers the "inadequacy" of WVA to be the most urgent matter in Canadian veterans legislation.

Present basic allowance now is $50 for a single veteran and $90 for a married veteran. The Legion wants these rates raised to $60 and $120, respectively.

Total permissible income ceilings now allowed are $720 a year for a single recipient and $1,200 for a married recipient. The Legion wants these ceilings raised to $1,200 and $2,000.

ST. ANN'S C. W. L.

The annual meeting of St. Ann's Lot 65 sub-division of the C. W. L. was held on May 2, with an attendance of 39 members and two visitors.

The meeting opened with the League prayer by the President, Mrs. Patrick Clarkin. The retiring President gave a satisfactory report of the year's activities. A large sum of money was realized from a ham supper, fiddlers' contest, card parties and several other functions which met all obligations also leaving a substantial balance on hand.

Mrs. Matthias Murray expressed her thanks to Mrs. Clarkin for her splendid work during the past two years.

Reverend Director, Fr. McCarthy addressed the meeting. He thanked members, especially those on the exeecutive, for their co-operation. He told the members to continue working as they have been doing—in harmony.

A-nicely-worded address was read to the retiring president by Mrs. Eugene M. Quellan while the presentation was made by Mrs. Walter Coady, on behalf of the members. Mrs. Clarkin fittingly replied thanking the members for their gift.

Mrs. Matthias Murray was appointed chairman for the election of officers which resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Wm. T. Coady; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Patrick Clarkin; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Vincent McCloskey; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Michael Murphy; secretary, Mrs. Matthias Murray; treasurer, Mrs. Eugene McQuillan. The installation of officers was next on the program so amid rounds of handclapping each took her place.

The newly elected president took the chair and conducted the business of the meeting. A letter from Mrs. C. Praught, convener of Lay Retreats was held over until the next meeting. A cash donation for the Grand Tea Party at St. Vincent's Orphanage, June 30, was requested. Receipts were read acknowledging donations to the Red Cross and Sacred Heart program.

It was decided to hold the annual ham supper. A donation is to be sent to Stella Maris School from the proceeds. Plans were made to procure a play as soon as possible. Ten members volunteered to clean the hall on May 5. The remaining women are to clean the church in the near future.

A few words were spoken by one of the past presidents of the sub-division Mrs. M. Trainor, who expressed wishes for success in the coming year. The meeting adjourned with prayer by the president.

Health Insurance Is Live Issue

OTTAWA, (CP)—Health insurance will continue to be a live issue in government study and planning, G. E. Wride, assistant director of health insurance studies with the federal health department told the Victorian Order of Nurses Wednesday.

Mr. Wride was addressing the closing luncheon of the annual national meeting of the order here.

Governments continue to be under pressure from a large section of public opinion for some scheme of health insurance, Mr. Wride said, and active study on the subject continues.

QUAKE FORECASTS

WANGANUI, N. Z. (CP)—Scientists in New Zealand are working on ways of predicting volcanic eruptions. Part of the project is construction of a power line to the top of 7,500-foot Mount Ngauruhoe and installation of seismological gear to record all disturbances.

Bowman - MacLeod Wedding in Mexico

A charming and informal wedding took place on Saturday afternoon, May 8 at the United Church of Los Alamos, Mexico, when Miss Barbara Alice MacLeod, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Douglas MacLeod of New York City, formerly of Valleyfield, Prince Edward Island was married to Dr. Melvin Gardner Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eva Bowman of Salt Lake City, Utah, and the late Mr. Henry E. Bowman. Dr. Archer E. Anderson presided at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Los Alamos Civic Club.

An arrangement of white flowers decorated a candlelit altar. Appropriate music preceding the ceremony was rendered by Miss Jean Fick, contralto and Mrs. Roderick W. Spruce, organist.

The bride was attired in a bouffant gown of white lace and net. The yoke of marquisette was decorated with pearls. Her matching tiara of pearls held a fingertip length veil of illusion. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and lilies-of-the-valley.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. MacLeod wore a gray lace dress with pale pink hat and gloves. The bridegroom's mother wore a pink lace and linen dress with matching accessories. Both were wearing a corsage of orchids.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. James Alanson Moore of New York, who wore a white and navy afternoon gown, and carried a bouquet of chartreuse orchids.

The bridegroom's best man was Dr. Dwayne T. Vier of Los Alamos, New Mexico. Ushers included Mr. Marion Bowman, Roosevelt, Utah, brother of the groom, Dr. Norman W. MacLeod of New York, brother of the bride, Dr. Roderick W Spence and Mr. Nerses H. Krikorian, both of Los Alamos.

The former Miss MacLeod is a graduate of the Horace Mann School of New York City and received her degree at Cornell University. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. For the past five years she has been associated with the Personal Department of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

Dr. Bowman is a group leader in the chemical and metallurgical division of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received his doctorate of Philosophy at Indiana University. He is a member of Sigma Xi and Phi Lambda Upsilon.

Following a tour through the southwest, the couple will reside at 1489 42nd Street, Los Alamos.

Time To Publish Sports Weekly

NEW YORK, (AP)—Time, Inc., announced Wednesday that it will publish a new national sports weekly magazine starting in August. The name of the magazine has not been decided.

The publication, designed "to heighten your enjoyment of the wonderful world we play in", will be about the size of Time magazine and will be illustrated profusely.

RECORD YEAR

EDINBURGH, Scotland, (CP)—Officiol reports show more than 250,000 overseas visitors came to Scotland last year. The actual figure of 260,200 compares with 221,500 in 1952 and officials estimated the tourist trade was worth about

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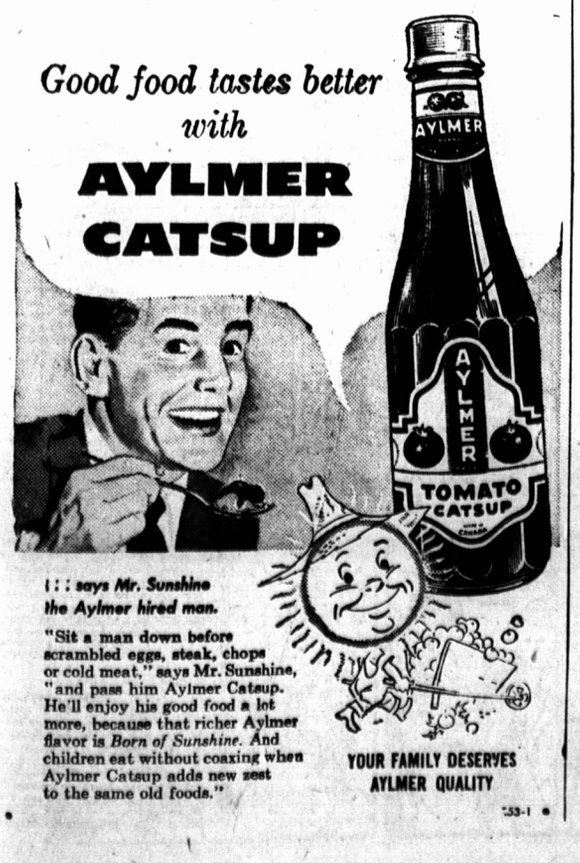

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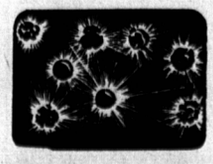

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