

# Driver is Cleared In Highway Death

SOURIS — A coroner's jury here Thursday night exonerated the driver of a car from all blame in the death of 12-year-old Betty Anne MacDonald of Bear River. She was killed Aug. 18 when a station wagon left the highway at Bear River North and overturned. Her father, Reginald MacDonald, was the driver.

The jury recommended the use of seat belts in all vehicles.

Coroner Dr. G.S.A. Inman of Montague presided. Kenneth MacDonald of Montague and Charlottetown represented the crown.

Witnesses included Henry Wilfred Carter, Souris, Louis Carter, also of Souris; Mrs. Percy Manning of Chateauguay, Quebec; Reginald MacDonald, Bear River; Gerald MacDonald, Souris; Constable James A. Cox, RCMP, Souris.

Henry Wilfred Carter said the car left the road and turned over on the highway. He said he was thrown out. He suffered minor injuries.

Louis Carter, another passenger, did not fall out. He said the dirt road was slippery and it was raining at the time.

The girl who was killed was in the front seat of the vehicle. Mrs. Manning, formerly of Bear River and a next door neighbor to the MacDonalds said the group had visited her house just prior to the accident.

The driver, Reginald MacDonald, described the accident. He said the car hit a grassy spot and despite his efforts he lost control and went into the ditch. He estimated his speed between 40 and 45 miles per hour.

**BRAKES GOOD**  
Gerald MacDonald, Souris garage operator said he examined the 55 Chev station wagon. It was badly damaged on the exterior but he found brakes and steering mechanism in good condition.

Constable Cox showed pictures and gave measurements. He said it appeared from the distance travelled the vehicle was going faster than 45 miles.

The report of a pathologist in Charlottetown indicated the girl died from multiple external skull fractures.

The coroner asked the crown representative to check whether a telephone guy wire extending from a pole to the side of the ditch was clear of the right of way. The vehicle apparently struck the wire.

Members of the jury were: William Pierce, foreman, William Townshend, Roy Coffin, Joseph Hennessy, James McCulloch, Stephen Chivers and Raymond Campbell.



# TANGLED WITH LARGE TRUCK

A half-ton truck, owned and driven by Martin Augustine DesRoches of Miscouche, was auto travelling in the same direction when his brakes failed and he collided with the large truck which was coming from the opposite direction. Occupants of the vehicles involved suffered no injuries but the extent of damage to the half-ton truck, above was estimated to be in the vicinity of \$600. Damage to the other vehicle was approximately \$100.

# Potato Blight Threat Greater As Rains Come

The recent rains gave ideal conditions for the potato late blight fungus and, on several days, more production was abundant. In fields in which the disease had earlier become established and which were not properly sprayed before the wet weather, the disease, in an increase in the amount of diseased foliage will have occurred. At the same time infections will have begun in many fields that were not sprayed.

Following further discussion in which several rate-payers took part, the ballot vote to commence the 1963-64 school year was 62 in favor of grades nine and ten remaining in the Georgetown school, they could, but he felt this should not be done as the space could be used for other classrooms or perhaps a library or retarded children's classroom etc. Mr. Hynes who has long been an advocate of the regional unit explained the operation of this type of unit in detail as did Mr. Herring.

The meeting was also called to decide whether or not the district pay an amount which the Montague Regional High School had instituted against the Georgetown district for tuition and transportation of grades eleven and twelve for the years 1961-62 and 1962-63. The result of this vote was 62 in favor of payment and 20 against.

Mr. Hynes said that although generally sunny and cooler, and much less humid, the weather was not entirely understood and many different opinions, pro and con existed.

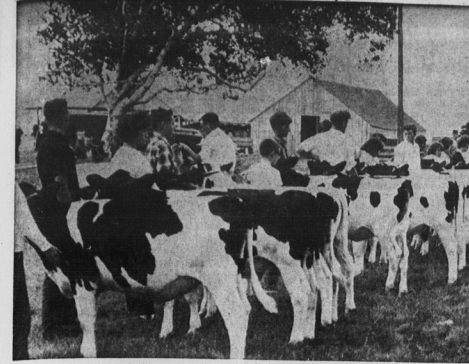
Special speakers at the meeting were Harold Hynes and Louis Herring, school superintendent. Mr. Hynes said that although

previously were healthy. In examining fields for signs of the disease, growers should pay particular attention to the leaves on the lower parts of the plant. Vine growth is heavy in many fields this season, and therefore moisture conditions suitable to the fungus, are retained. The sprayer should be run at high pressure in order to drive the spray into the dense growth of vines.

A full schedule of applications should be maintained through the remainder of the season.

The only insects that are troublesome in some fields at the present time are aphids. Where they are present apply Thiodan or a similar insecticide.

**DAMAGE INCREASED**  
Up to mid July, average 1963 fire damage in Ontario's forests was 73 acres a fire compared with 11 acres in 1962.



# HOLSTEIN C.A.F. JUDGING

More than one hundred and fifty Holsteins were exhibited at the Albion exhibition yesterday.

Judge Allison Profit is pictured above selecting five winners from a large entry of twenty-eight calves. Top place went to Allen Baglole, 14 of Mount Royal.

# Turnip Exports Showing Worst Decline In Decade

Island turnip exports showed an 80 per cent drop over a 10 year period, a special agricultural study on turnip production and marketing by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council showed.

Ten years ago Island farmers exported 700,000 bushels. Last year the total had dropped to 150,000 bushels.

The trend was similar for the whole of Canada. Exports in 1954-55 totalled 2,333,881 bushels, but by 1959-60 had fallen to 1,942,418 bushels.

APEC representatives were in Charlottetown yesterday and met with members of the Prince Edward Island Cabinet and other interested parties.

The study was conducted by the APEC food products officer, L.W.C. Limpert. It is titled, "A study of production and marketing of rutabaga (turnip) roots, with particular reference to the decline in exports of the Prince Edward Island product."

**WAYS TO IMPROVE**  
The report suggests ways for P.E.I. farmers to improve their product and thus regain lost turnip markets held a decade ago. Washing and waxing must be considered, the report says, along with proper storage facilities to allow for better annual distribution of sales. The report states that these steps can be undertaken only on a broad, or industry-wide basis in P.E.I., but they must be taken in order to meet competition from other areas.

The farm value per bushel for turnips has generally shown a steady increase in P.E.I. during the past decade, and the average return per acre has been well over \$200 during the period," the report declares.

Present consumer demand for turnips is less than it was 50 years ago, with higher incomes and more variety in packaged frozen vegetables tending to wean many would-be consumers away from the turnip.

"The turnip has undergone experimental processing in dried flake form and as frozen cubes. These experiments appear successful and as processing firms start production, additional markets will be available through the channel of consumer preference."

While increased production costs do not appear to be the major concern to producers, the lack of available cash and day labor to assist in cultivating and harvesting were considered to be contributing factors in reducing acreage.

The production of turnips, the report continues, "is a fairly labor-intensive enterprise and many producers are switching to other crops which are less labor-intensive and for which there is a growing demand. This study does not attempt to show in detail the relative returns in producing turnips as compared with other crops. It merely indicates the changes that have taken place in turnip production and marketing. Whether or not P.E.I. should divert additional resources to turnip production depends on the most efficient use of these resources. Further study indicating the best use of P.E.I. agricultural resources is desirable."

**VOLUME VARIATION**  
Regarding price fluctuations in turnips, at wholesale and producer levels, the principal factor is the wide variation in the volume produced and the relative inelasticity in demand.

The small producer is often unable to perform some of the services demanded by large buyers and distributors of turnips. This handicap needs rectification. Exports of turnips during the last 10 years have declined more sharply from P.E.I. than from any of the other eastern provinces. Practically all other provinces in Canada are marketing turnips that have been washed, dried, and then waxed, bring premium prices over dirty turnips. The report suggests a need for better packing such as the use of 50-pound mesh or polyethylene bags for the wholesale trade and individual poly bags for one to three turnips for the retail trade.

Many P.E.I. producers, the report indicated, have not been marketing what the public demands today and quality is only the minimum acceptable standard.

In its conclusions, the APEC study points out that the future of the turnip industry is in the hands of the producers and the shippers and that P.E.I. turnip growers can profitably produce a product of acceptable quality. Increased storage facilities are essential in order to regulate shipments throughout the year. Centrally-located, modern equipment for grading, selection and packaging is also recommended.

**"CONVENIENCE" FOODS**  
Any additional export volume is contingent upon the quality of the product. APEC also says that additional research is required to determine the feasibility of processing turnips to make them acceptable to the public as a "convenience" food. Encouragement should be given processors showing interest in the turnip.

# MCA Turn-Over Slated At St. John's Aug. 30

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Air Lines and Canadian Pacific Airlines, VCCM said. From MCA, EPA gets two Handley Page Dart Herald aircraft, two C-46s, three DC2s and a DC4, beside various airline facilities including hangars and maintenance facilities. MCA staff will be retained by EPA.

EPA now operates airline services through St. John's, Gander, Deer Lake and St. Anthony in Newfoundland and Twin Falls and Washburn in Labrador. Headquarters will remain at Gander.

MCA operates through the Maritime provinces with headquarters in Moncton and Charlottetown and has routes to Halifax, Quebec and into Goose Bay, Labrador.

The purchase was announced last spring by Premier Joseph Smallwood. However, no purchase price was announced.

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W.C. GREEN

# Island Man Gets New Air Appointment

Wing-Comdr. Arthur Green of Alberton, P.E.I., has been appointed director of air policy at air force headquarters with simultaneous promotion to the rank of group captain. The appointment was announced yesterday in Ottawa.

Wing-Comdr. Green, DFC, AFC, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Green, Alberton. He was born in 1917, and attended Alberton High School and Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown.

He taught school for a number of years before enlisting in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1937. He served in the Middle East during the Second World War.

Wing-Comdr. Green married the former Jean Hallam of Leicester, England. They have three children, Karen, Bruce, and Peter.

**WEATHER**  
TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	44	67
Vancouver	55	69
Victoria	56	67
Edmonton	47	65
Calgary	42	69
Regina	46	62
Winnipeg	58	82
Ottawa	60	79
Montreal	64	71
Quebec	59	65
Fredericton	62	74
St. John	53	71
Moncton	59	70
Halifax	58	69
Sydney	—	75
Yarmouth	57	—
St. John's	55	70

HALIFAX (CP) — The weather office says cloudy air pushed south across the district Thursday evening, accompanied by a few widely dispersed showers at its leading edge. Today, with the cool air entrenched over the Maritimes, it will be

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The best three Holsteins, Exhibition were shown by 16. Assisting their father in the ring are Susanne (center) and Garth MacLean (left) of Lot 10, and Lot 11, and Lot 12.