

Heavy Loss From Drought In Sask., Man Districts

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal drought payments to prairie farmers may rise to a record of perhaps more than \$40,000,000 year with hopes dimming that the parched areas of Saskatchewan and Western Manitoba can recover from one of the driest seasons in post-war history.

Trade Minister Churchill described the drought as a "disaster." A "great loss" had already been sustained in crop damage, he told the Commons Thursday. As time went on, the chances of recovery became more and more limited.

The major crisis was in animal feed. The bureau of statistics, in reporting a further deterioration in the Saskatchewan-Manitoba situation, said the hay crop will be poor. In many areas there

already was a critical shortage. Surpluses of feed grains held on many prairie farms now were being turned into strategic reserves, others had none. The wheat board was taking no chances. Mr. Churchill announced it was prepared to hold stocks of wheat, oats and barley as provincial and municipal authorities considered advisable.

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

Meanwhile, federal authorities were beginning to make preliminary estimates of what the drought may cost in the way of federal funds. Last year's prairie farm assistance bill came to \$17,750,000 just about half the high of \$33,000,000 paid out in 1954 when crops were almost ruined by rust.

Now the Prairie Farm Assistance Act is to be revised, to extend crop damage payments to \$4 an acre for half the cultivated acreage is not likely to be changed. But even so, officials estimate that unless a heavy, steady "soaker" of rain sweeps the prairies, the assistance bill this year may rise to more than \$40,000,000 and may even reach \$50,000,000.

With the exception of Alberta, the situation generally looks bleak. Canada still has a large wheat surplus and there will be no shortage in this grain. But the crop this year may be no larger than the below-average 370,000,000 bushels of last year. And some farmers now without surpluses may find themselves in a bad spot.

Girls Pleads Not Guilty In Death

LEWISTON, Me. (AP)—A sullen-looking teen-age girl pleaded innocent Tuesday to killing a policeman. Held for a grand jury, the dungaree-clad girl was later ordered committed to a mental hospital for examination.

Fourteen-year-old Sandra Knowlton appeared almost unconcerned as Judge Fernand Despins read a warrant charging her with the shooting of patrolman Paul Simard, 32.

The girl was charged with murder. She will be arraigned in Superior Court when the September term of the Androscoggin County grand jury convenes.

The results of the customary mental examination could be used by the defence in a plea of innocent by reason of insanity. The policeman was killed by a .22-calibre rifle slug between the eyes Monday night when he attempted to coax the slender brunette home after a family argument.

Wearing a red jacket, the girl stared straight ahead as she entered the packed courtroom, her sobbing mother, Mrs. Everett Knowlton, clinging tightly to her waist.

Judge Despins held her without

Cards of Thanks

The family of the late Benjamin L. Wood, wish to sincerely thank Dr. Pierce, Rev. C. W. Passey, and Rev. H. L. Mitton, the many kind friends and neighbors who helped and are still helping in so many different ways, also all those who kindly sent flowers, cards and messages of sympathy in the passing of our loved one.

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The family of the late William Weston Dewar, wish to thank all who helped in any way during his lengthy illness and death.

In Memoriam

There passed away at his home at McAskill River, Montague, November 25th, 1957, Joseph O'Hanley in his eighty second year. Although in failing health for the past few years his sudden passing was a shock and feeling of great loss to his family and many friends.

In Memoriam

The death of Miss Pheobe A. Sentner occurred at the P.E.I. Hospital on Friday, June 20th. Although she had been in failing health since January, when she was taken ill with "Flu", her sudden passing came as a great shock to her relatives and many friends.

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A native Islander passed away at his home, 833 Beacon Street, Boston, April 13, 1958, in his 78th year. He was a son of George and Mary MacKay, Clifton, New London, and left the Island when sixteen years of age.

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Many hearts were saddened on June 20th, 1958, when it became known that Mrs. Laura Somers (nee Laura Graham), had passed away at her home in Clinton, in her seventy-sixth year.

Aunt Laura, as she was fondly called, led a very active life, until a few years ago she was always ready to lend a hand in time of death, birth, or sickness. Mrs. Somers was a home loving person, and it is in the family circle she will be greatly missed, who in the last years of declining health had provided her with every comfort, care and fellowship that could be desired.

Her husband and two daughters passed away a number of years ago.

Left to cherish her memory are the following: a daughter, Mrs. Elsie Andrews, who tenderly cared for her mother, two sons, Ira, at home, and Elmer, Indian River. A sister Mrs. Elizabeth Folland, Granville. A sister and two brothers predeceased. Three half sisters: (Sadie) Mrs. Frank Dunning, Spring Valley (Stella), Mrs. Bruce Adams and (Ruby), Mrs. Ruby Paynter, New London, four half brothers, Lewis, N. B., Harry, Summerside, Claude and James, New London. Six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends who will cherish her memory.

The funeral which was largely attended was held on Sunday, June 22nd., from her late residence, the service being conducted by Rev. George Somers and Mr. Elmer MacLean, who visited her often in her sickness. Hymns sung were: "Nearer My God To Thee", and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". A favorite hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross", was sung by Mrs. Alfred MacKay.

The pall bearers were: Roy Folland, Ivan Somers, Harry Somers, James Gillispie, Roy Paynter and Glen Dunning.

Following are the floral tributes:

Pillow Mother — The Family.

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Clinton W. I. Edward, Dolly and Grant, George and Freddy, George, Eileen and family, Sister Elizabeth and family, James, Margaret and Laura, Harry, Ann and family, Della, Iew and family, Dan and Annie, Will, Jane and family, Collin and Alice.

POTTED PLANTS

Stella and Bruce, Earl, Florence and boys.

BOUQUET FLOWERS

Ernest and Edna.

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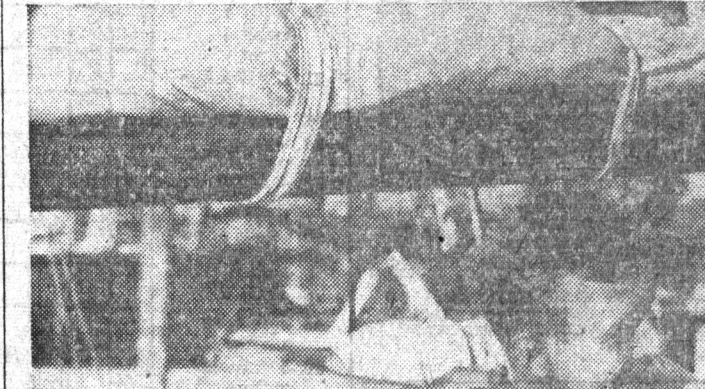
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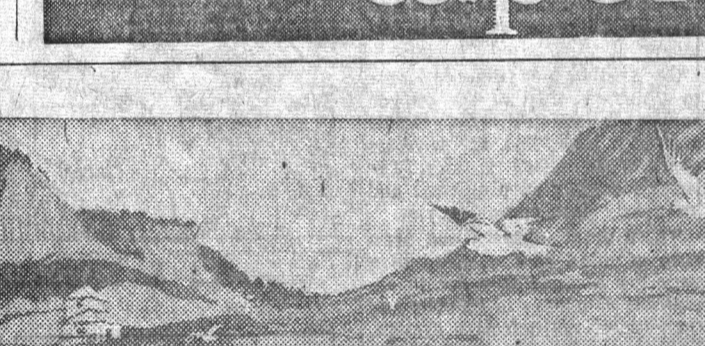
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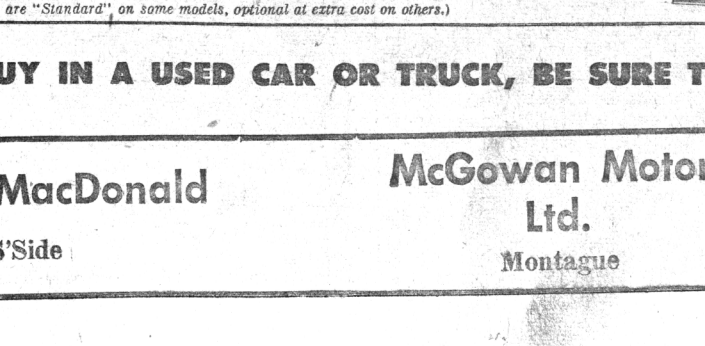
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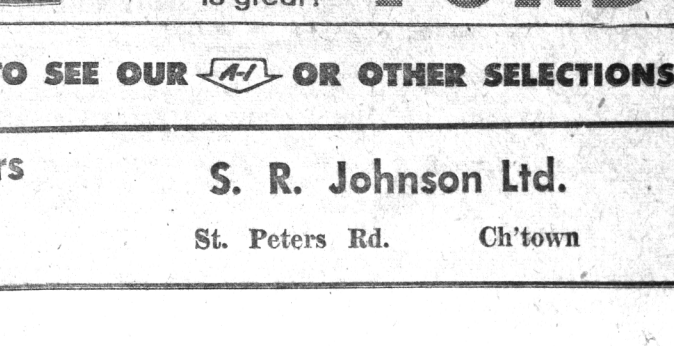
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