

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Cherry Valley Man Has Rare Type Fish

By NEIL A. MATHESON Provincial-Farm Editor

I SAW a big Ocean Sunfish yesterday on a shore field on the farm of A. H. Mutch, Cherry Valley. The big fellow weighed an estimated 400 pounds when it drifted ashore recently. The body of the odd looking flat fish has shrunk considerably since that time, but one can still get an idea of the size of the unusual visitor to Island shores. See page 24 for picture.

This type of fish is a rare visitor, apparently. Beecher Court, a veteran fisherman from North Rustico caught one in the Gulf of St. Lawrence a few years ago. That was the only other instance available. I was told by Warren Farrar, Canada department of fisheries here. I understand that the Mutch fish is considerably larger though.

The big fish has a small mouth though the people who know, say the teeth are large and powerful. One authoritative publication suggests that rare specimens grow to a weight of a ton. But a book "American Wild Life Illustrated" Mr. Mutch showed me yesterday states that one report from Sydney Australia describes a Sunfish "which was killed by a steamer's propeller was 10 feet long, 14 feet high and 4,400 pounds in weight."

That may be a fish story. It sounds like one. I pass it along for what it is worth.

Grandfather Clock-Heifer Is Smart

INCIDENTALLY I saw a Grandfather Clock at the Mutch home that must be 200 years old, though nobody knows for sure. It was brought to the Island, reportedly, by the first Irving man to land in that vicinity. Mr. Mutch's grandfather, Robert Mutch, purchased the clock at an auction sale of the Irving effects.

Alex Irving who died in Montreal a few days ago, offered \$150 for it some years ago, but it remained in the Mutch home. It has the phases of the moon, and the days of the month, among other things. It stands eight feet tall, which is probably normal height for one of those beautiful old clocks. I have seen a number of them in homes I have visited, but I can't remember measuring one accurately.

THEY BREED purebred Shorthorn cattle for some years and Mrs. Mutch told me about a heifer they purchased from Ed. Anderson who lived on the Tantram Marshes on the N.S.-N.B. border. The heifer developed the knack of turning on a water tap in the yard, when the tub was empty. Then she would hold up her head, open her mouth, and let the water trickle down her throat.

The heifer turned the tap with her mouth. Only trouble was that she wouldn't turn off the tap, when she was through drinking. They sold the animal to J. O. Hyndman who owned a farm where Fort Amherst is being rebuilt at the present time.

Liberals "Built Bridge, Railway"

WARREN LORD, Euston Street gave me this week a copy of "The Daily Patriot" of 61 years ago that carried the story of the construction of the Hillsborough Bridge. I'll tell you something at a future date about the more interesting engineering problems as the Patriot described them. But I got a real bang out of the way the story was colored to laud the Liberal government, here and at Ottawa, and to damn the Conservatives at the same time. The local Tories, the old Patriot claimed, voted against the resolution to build the bridge.

The opening paragraph of the story, incidentally consisted of one 70-word sentence. Here it is: "Among the monuments to the enterprise and practical patriotism of Canada's business Liberal government, among the beneficent results of a Liberal provincial administration and a Liberal federal administration working in harmony, among the great measures which Liberal representatives have secured for their constituents in Prince Edward Island, are those of the Murray Harbor and Belfast Railway and the Hillsborough Bridge."

And here's the last paragraph of a story that covered almost four full pages: "It is a work that Islanders can ever point to with pride, and the water will have ceased to flow down the Hillsborough and swirl around the massive piers firmly seated on their rocky bases before the memory of the good deeds of the great political party that gave us the Hillsborough Bridge will pass from the minds and hearts of a grateful people."

In between there is some interesting descriptive material which I'll try to condense for you in a future column. But I thought you would get a kick out of the extreme effort made at that occasion to grab credit for the political party the Patriot supported at the time.

Murray Harbor Completion Date

ONE PARAGRAPH in the old story said that the railroad link between Murray Harbor and Southport was completed and the first engine to run over it arrived at Southport at two o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday, November 28, 1903. The entire link was handed over to the Dominion Government in late November 1904.

Lobster Meat Will Be Costly

LOBSTERS ARE bringing more than 90 cents per pound down on the South Shore of Nova Scotia, I'm told, and that's a long way from the prices for the tasty shell fish back in the early days of the century.

Eddie Hamill, who used to work at the Patriot, told me he saw people buying lobsters on the Market Square for a cent apiece. For bigger lobsters, he said, the price was two cents. And that was retail price.

I heard Reid Sangster say last week that he remembers when Lobsters brought \$5.00 per ton to the fishermen, which works out to one-quarter of a cent per pound. So you see, compared with our summer price, winter fishing is a hazardous operation, where fishermen don't dare risk all of their gear at any given time. The winter price always is considerably higher. But the 97 cents per pound I've been told some Lobster fishermen have received for their catch is really something. Imagine what the choice Lobster meat will cost when it is ready for the table.

Original 'Vision' Note Is Seen

Mrs. Tom Arbing, 187 King Street showed me this week the original note that Madeline Hildey wrote for the train crew about which Alf Egan told me for last week's column. Tom Arbing—he died in 1961—had carried the note in his purse for 19 years.

To those who missed last week's column the note said: "There is a man who walks between the tracks on a slight curve. Be very careful for 'Thou shalt not kill'". The last four words were in capital letters.

LAST WEEK'S item about Mrs. Hector C. MacMillan of Charlottetown seeing the drowning of Lord Kitchener in the days of the First Great War should have read June 1916, instead of 1914. The man who was recognized as one of England's greatest military strategists at that time was drowned when the warship carrying him struck a mine and sank with the loss of almost all aboard.

Chinese Reds Launch Drive To Tighten Control Of Army

By VERGIL BERGER PEKING (Reuters) — China's leaders have launched a new drive to tighten Communist party control over the army, linking it with calls to the military to make full preparations for war in the event of U.S. aggression against China.

Observers reaching this conclusion after studying two official reports—within the last week—on the recent 20-day conference here on political work in the army, which officially has been called a pillar of communism in China.

Both reports—a general one on the conference published the day after it ended, and the main speech at the conference by Hsiao Hua, director of the army's general political department—followed the same main line—the need to put in first

place political and ideological work. WILL BE MAIN TOPIC Both reports, which have been splashed on newspaper front pages and repeatedly broadcast, will form the main topic of discussion at countless local Communist party and army meetings throughout China. The army has been held up as an example to the population. Hsiao told the conference: "Our army is the main instrument of the dictatorship of the proletariat." He called on soldiers "to ensure absolute leadership by the party over the army, to make our army the party's most responsible instrument which must faithfully carry out its line, principles and its policies."



MODERN FRONT-END TESTING EQUIPMENT

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Canada's Dairy Farmers Seek Four Dollar Minimum

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR DAIRY POLICY — 1966

The results of the Dairy Farmer's annual meeting are in part set out in the following extracts from the policy statement.

For the 1966-67 dairy year, the Dairy Farmers of Canada urgently request the Government of Canada, in co-operation with provincial governments as required, to adopt a program for the dairy industry that will assure to producers in all sectors of the industry a substantial increase in returns, and not less than \$4.00 per 100 pounds to any group.

The need to prevent returns to producers from falling below the \$4.00 level due to the cost of export subsidies.

CHURCHES

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Rest: Worship 2 p.m. Freetown: Worship 7.30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN Church, Summer-side, Minister, D.L. Howlett. Bible School 10 a.m. Classes for all ages. Worship and Communion 11 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. This will include a service of induction and Dedication for all church officers.

PRINCETOWN — Lot 16 United Church Pastoral Charge. Service Lot 16 11 a.m. Princetown, service 2.30 p.m. Minister, Rev. Frederick Lloyd.

TRYON — Bonshaw United Baptist pastorate. Sunday, Jan. 30. Tryon: Church School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Westmoreland: Worship 3 p.m. Bonshaw: Worship 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Rev. Edward G. Britten, pastor.

ANGELICAN Services. Parish of Port Hill. Rev. Delmont Yeo, rector. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, 11 a.m. Port Hill and Eilersie at Port Hill, 3 p.m. Lot 11 and Inverness at Inverness. Monday, Jan. 31, annual parish congregational meeting in St. James Church, Port Hill, 8 p.m. All members of the Parish are urged to attend. No AYPA meeting this week.

TRYON Charge, the United Church. Sunday, Jan. 30. Sunday Schools: Crapaud 11 a.m.; Tryon 2 p.m. Worship: Cape Traverse 11 a.m.; Tryon 3 p.m.; Crapaud 7.30 p.m. Minister, Rev. A.H. O'Brien.

KENSINGTON Presbyterian Church Pastoral Charge. Keir Memorial, Malpeque 11 a.m. Freetown 3 p.m. Kensington 7.30 p.m. Rev. George R. Tansahill, minister.

O'LEARY United Pastoral Charge. Rev. Elroy McKillop, B.A., B.D., minister. Sunday, Jan. 30. Worship: O'Leary and Bloomfield at O'Leary 11.15 a.m. West Devon and Brae at the Brae 3.30 p.m.

Dairy Farmers of Canada have no hesitation in pressing not only the desirability but the virtual necessity of such a policy. Dairy producers are greatly encouraged by the fact that in recent months representatives of political parties have widely acknowledged the fact that this is where dairy policy should go, often with specific reference to the \$4.00 figure.

In setting out its \$4.00 request for the coming year, Dairy Farmers of Canada emphasize that the 1966-67 dairy policy of the built around a target support figure, does not in fact guarantee an average return of the target level and certainly does not provide a minimum guarantee of the target level to all sectors.

Such shortcomings in the operation of dairy policy must be corrected so that in 1966-67 a minimum guarantee of \$4.00 to all sectors will be fully realized.

Why is this increase in returns necessary? The reason is that without it incomes of dairy farmers will certainly decline, and in comparison with rising levels of income in non-farm sectors will decline sharply. The economy is in a period of increasing prices, increasing non-farm incomes, and quite a high rate of employment, to the point where the demand for labour is pressing strongly on the supply.

Price supporting policy is not the whole story, of course. The projected Canadian Dairy Commission is needed and Dairy Farmers of Canada welcome the fact that in line with their policy of several years, such a national authority is soon to be established.

Co-ordinated and effective action across Canada to develop a comprehensive dairy industry price, marketing and development policy is necessary in order to ensure maximum progress, stability and equity in the industry.

Dairy Farmers of Canada believe that there is a definite place for policies of capital assistance for a wide range of farm improvements as well as for price assistance policies. Wisely handled, such capital assistance policies can, it is believed, make real contributions to making possible and encouraging the upgrading of the farm plant of many farmers, and would represent a good investment in a more progressive and occupationally attractive dairy industry.

Special notes should be taken of the need to prevent returns to producers from falling below the \$4.00 level due to the cost of export subsidies. SPECIFIC PROPOSALS Regarding the projected Canadian Dairy Commission, Dairy Farmers of Canada have some quite specific proposals for its organization, functioning and powers that have been placed in the hands of the government. All these matters will not be reviewed in this statement, but we do urge that the Commission be instituted at a very early date (as we know is the government's wish and intention), and note the following important matters for which the Commission should be responsible. A. The level of return on all milk, sufficient to provide for return on investment, depreciation and employment of adequate labour. B. The authority to establish marketing quotas to take into account national objectives and related to individual producers. C. Policies that will provide dairy products to supply the domestic market, if necessary by direction of the raw product. D. The management of supplies in excess of domestic requirements. E. The control of imports to prevent undermining of domestic programs and pricing structures. F. Expansion of the Set-aside program in support of the Canadian Dairy Foods Service Bureau. CANADIAN DAIRY BOARD The following outlines in part the suggestions of the Dairy Farmers of Canada on the proposed national board. A national dairy board would be expected to facilitate the orderly marketing of milk, cream and milk products in the interests of producers, particularly from the point of adequate returns in relation to other sectors of the economy. The "Board" would be expected to have a status that would permit the development of long-term objectives for the improvement of the dairy industry as a whole in harmony with the De-

Talk Of Election Growing In P.E.I.

By A. C. HOLMAN

There is still no word as to when the opening of the Legislative Assembly will be, nor who the movers, and seconders of the Speech from the Throne will be.

The announcement of when the House will open is unusually late in coming this year and this has led to some interesting speculations by the political observers and pundits in Charlottetown.

There are a number of people who feel the House will open between the 15th and 22nd of February. But there are also some who go so far as to doubt the House will open until after a provincial election has been held. They claim this will happen around March 1 and the election will be held under the present election act, rather than the government proclaiming the new act which was passed.

Those who say there will be an election in March point to the fact that the government has seemingly made a number of typical pre-election moves in recent days. They list the raises given to the teachers, the raises given to the provincial civil servants, the recent development in the Georgetown complex and the belief they hold is that the Shaw government is a little worried about the efforts of the newly elected Liberal leader Alex Campbell.

On the other side of the coin there are those who claim there will be a spring election, but not until after the House closes nor until the new election act has been proclaimed. They look for the election to be held early in May.

There is no reason for the Shaw government to go to the polls until the fall of 1967, but most observers feel they will not wait this long.

If there is not an election this spring they feel there will be one sometime this fall. They seem to feel that the Conservatives would like to go to the polls with Premier W. R. Shaw leading them.

Premier Shaw celebrated his 76th birthday in December and though he is showing no signs of any ill health there are those who question waiting too long before an election is held.

The Conservatives feel they can win with Premier Shaw leading them. If this proves true and there is an election sometime this year it would give the Conservatives the government until 1971, when they would have to go to the people again.

On Monday evening at the regular supper meeting of the Parkdale Lions, Bill Mathews, King Lion, extended an invitation to the three charter members, Danny MacAskill, Aubrey Found and Theo Ling to conduct the meeting. Donny MacAskill, a former King Lion, acted as chairman, assisted by Aubrey Found as secretary and Theo Ling as first vice-president.

It was decided to promote a Valentine's Party and dance in the Parkdale Hall, Tuesday evening, February 15th, and to hold a pantry sale, Friday evening, Feb. 26, at Ellis Bros. Bill Mathews gave a brief report on the mid-winter conference held in Moncton.

Danny MacAskill reported on the activities of the club since receiving its charter, August 29, 1960, and urged members to attend regularly and to accept positions of responsibility within the club.

Theo Ling stressed fellowship and the many opportunities to serve as reasons for remaining a charter member. Aubrey Found also spoke briefly on the events leading to the formation of the club.

BANKS TO CLOSE SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters) Australian banks and stock exchanges will close Feb. 10 for a four-day weekend to facilitate the change-over to decimal currency Feb. 14.

COMPOSITION The Board would be composed of three members: a chairman (chief executive member) and two board members, assisted by a full time secretary. The board members would be appointed by the Governor-in-Council. Its members should be men of judgement, having knowledge of producer concerns and with proven administrative ability.

CFA ANNUAL From a Maritime standpoint the first stage of the C.F.A. annual meeting took place on last Friday and Saturday when the delegates from the East met with Quebec and Ontario in Toronto and came to agreement on some forty resolutions to be presented to the annual meeting.

Many of these resolutions are pointed at relieving the income position of the farmer, others cover a wide range of topics from livestock disease to research on farm production costs. DON. J.J. GREENE Delegates to the CFA annual will have had their first opportunity of meeting the new Minister of Agriculture on last Tuesday when he was guest speaker at a banquet tendered by the Ontario Government.

WATER PROBLEMS After over 100 years the well on the writer's farm is beginning to show signs of yielding to the below normal rainfall of the past two years.

True the demands are heavier on it but we suspect that unless the cycle changes well diggers will be in demand all over the province.

Two Remanded On Break Charge

Douglas Joseph Strickland and Barry Joseph Gass, both of Charlottetown, were each remanded to Feb. 9 on two charges of break and entry by Magistrate James B. Johnston, Q.C. in Queen's County Magistrate's Court yesterday. Frank Sigsworth represented Gass.

Douglas Joseph Mahar and James Gary Mahar, both of Charlottetown, were each remanded to Feb. 7 on an assault charge. Allison Gillis is counsel for the accused.

Edison Walter Strickland and Clinton, was remanded to Feb. 9 on a charge of theft of an article valued at less than \$50. Counsel for the accused is Gordon Tweedy.

Harry John Cotisins, New Glasgow, was remanded to Feb. 2 on a charge of assault. Bail was set at \$50.

Ernest O. Roche, Georgetown, was fined \$20 and costs or five days on two charges of making

false representations on Unemployment Insurance claims. Two persons were each fined \$20 and costs or 30 days on charges of illegal possession of liquor.

KIDNAPPED SINGER WARSAW (AP)—Sofia Kierpacz, 18, a Gypsy, has been sentenced to 12 months in jail for abducting gypsy songstress Bronislawa Korsun, known as Randia. Kierpacz, married and father of a child, told the court in Legnica he kidnapped Randia last September because of his great love for her.

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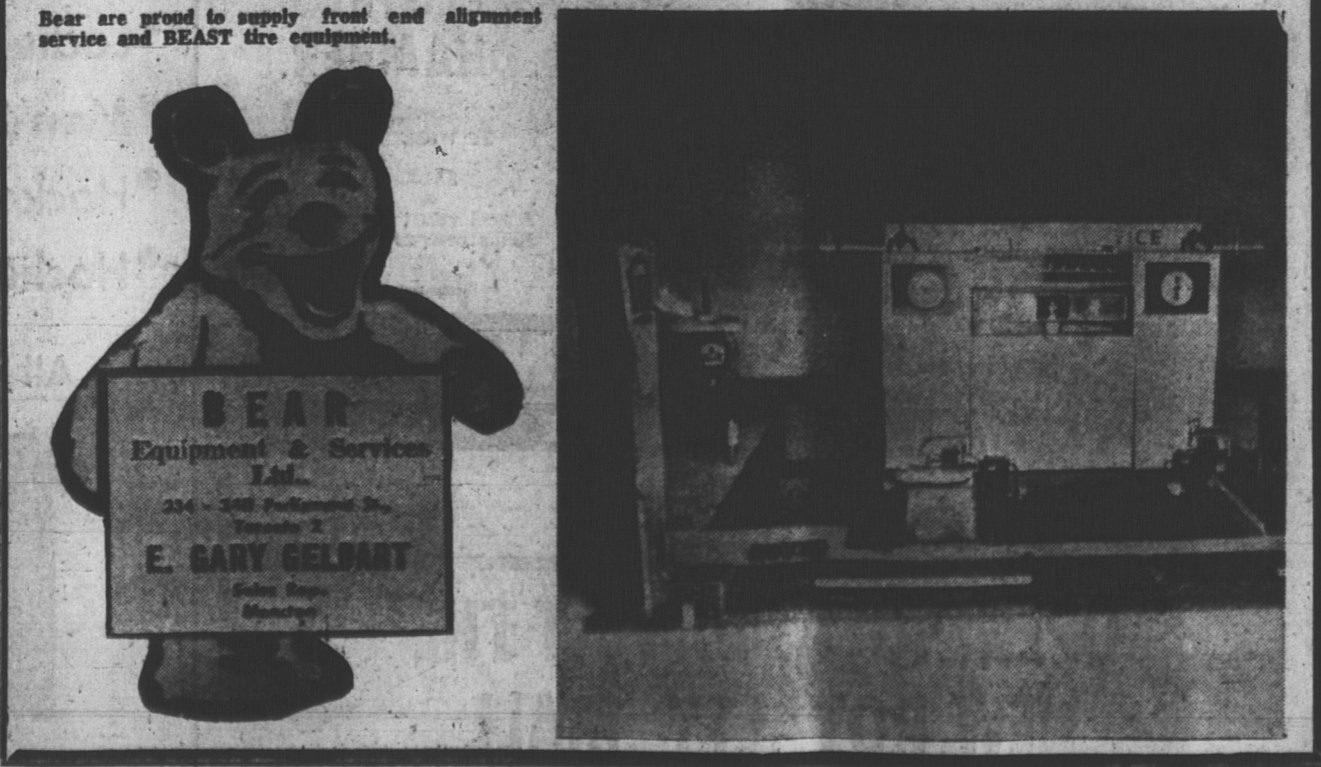
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