



Burdette Sow Proves Outstanding Producer

By NEIL A. MATHESON
I don't know whether this is a production record for little pigs but I'm inclined to believe it may be just that.

Denis Burdette, Rice Point dropped in yesterday while I was writing this column, and told me he has a three-year old sow that has produced 47 little pigs in less than a year. She has saved 41 of them, he added.

The sow produced 13 pigs in July of last year and saved them all. On January 3rd she had 15 pigs. She lost four of them but that was mostly my fault. Mr. Burdette told me the third litter came on June 22 and 17 of the 19 pigs she produced are alive.

This young farmer purchased five young sows sometime ago and he has 54 pigs from them on their first litters. He has saved that number, he explains.

The sow with the three litters in less than a year is a Landrace-York cross. Sire of the litter is a Landrace boar.

STOLE SPOTLIGHT
An Ayrshire heifer calf consigned by A. MacRae and Sons, Sherwood, stole the spotlight Saturday at the sale of calves staged by the P. E. I. Ayrshire Breeders at their annual field day.

While Auctioneer R. C. (Bob) Parent had some difficulty working bids up to \$100 on the other calves - all but one eventually went well past that mark - the very first bid on the MacRae calf was \$100. The bidding was brisk and the eventual buyer was in doubt until the calf was sold to J. E. Palmer and his young son, Cecil, for \$215.

There was a reason for the great interest in this calf, Fairview-Royal-Jane. There's tremendous production behind this calf on the sire's side. The story on type is also impressive.

The sire is Mackay's Royal Lad who was brought here from the United States. The young bull's full sister, Mackay's Royal Lady is the highest classified Ayrshire in the United States with a score of 96.8 for conformation. She has a production record as a 4-year old of 20,760.

Two of the MacRae bull's paternal sisters have records of more than 20,000 pounds milk. One of them has two records of that calibre.

These cows and the MacRae bull are sired by Lloyd Royal and the average milk production for all of his tested daughters is 14,000 pounds milk, Arthur MacRae tells me.

It will be interesting to see how the calf turns out for M. F. Palmer and his son. They had the keenest kind of competition Saturday. Bob Rossiter, St. Peter's was the man who pushed them most closely, though there were a number of others bidding as well.

The sale was arranged with a double purpose in view. It gave the Island breeders a chance to get some new blood in their herds, and one half the proceeds goes to the national breed promotion fund.

PROMOTION PAYS
Breed promotion pays. If anyone doubts the statement, let him take a look at the Holsteins. No other breed comes even close to them in numbers across the country. No other breed pays as much attention to promotional efforts, or "extension work" as they call it.

I saw Keith Rossell, Victoria at the Ayrshire field day and he had in his pocket the long-term production record of Lealand's Royal Flash, a cow that has produced 102,103 pounds of milk, 4,778 pounds butterfat for an average test of 468. The produc-

Ont. House Hears Story Of Soldier

TORONTO (CP) - James Trotter (L. Parkdale) told the legislature a soldier disabled while on leave lost his pension because he married a girl who earned \$35 a week.

Robert Hannah, 24, was crippled in a car accident in June, 1963, while driving to Bancroft, Ont., from Toronto to see the graves of his brothers Bud and Bradley, killed in an accident a month before.

The army had refused to give him home leave from Germany to attend the funerals but had allowed him to go home in June. He had served three years in Germany and signed up for another three.

The accident left him paralyzed on one side, thick and incoherent in speech and unable to work. The army refused him a pension on the grounds the accident occurred on his own time.

He left hospital in January, 1965, with a \$75 monthly pension from the provincial public welfare department.

MARRIED SWEETHEART
ried Gail Mavers, his long-time sweetheart. They went to live with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hannah.

Gail continued to work at her \$35-a-week job and bought bedroom furniture on credit.

Just after Christmas the welfare department said it was discontinuing the pension cheques because Mrs. Hannah's salary put her husband over the allowable ceiling of earnings for a disabled pension.

The free medical and hospital care that went with the pension also were cut off.

tion covered a total period of 4,310 days.

This cow is Excellent with two stars and her best record came as an eight-year old cow. It was 12,931 pounds milk, 595 butterfat.

FEWER COWS, MORE MILK
It's less than 10 years since agriculturalists across the country were worried about dairy surpluses. Dairy commission studies most of the concern but there were other surplus worries as well. Now the situation is completely reversed. Dairy people are wondering where the milk will come from in the years that are ahead.

Recent moves taken by the government to establish higher prices for farmers for milk may or may not have the desired effect, namely, to stimulate production and farm income. The farmer, however, is a victim of another situation, which is only indirectly related to the economics of dairy farming. As the farmer is called upon to become more and more efficient, and this generally implies that he should become bigger, the need for help in the operation of his farm becomes more acute.

Consistent with this need is a growing enchantment on the part of experienced dairy farm labour with the demanding nature of a dairy farm. Good men are departing this field to seek employment where they can enjoy a five day, forty hour week, with week-ends free. Many of the best dairy farmers have prematurely retired because of the failure to obtain satisfactory help.

GUARANTEED PRICE
To those who are wondering why the Ontario farmers are staging traffic slowdowns by taking their tractors on to the highways, their main idea, apparently, is to get a guaranteed price of \$4.00 per hundred pounds for manufacturing milk at the farm, rather than at the plant. The guarantee of \$4.00 by the Canada government, is at the plant and this means in effect that transportation costs will be deducted. These amount to 35 cents on the average, I am told, so the actual guarantee to the farmer is for \$3.65 per 100 pounds instead of the \$4.00 that is generally listed.

The number of dairy herds is decreasing, as more and more dairymen drop out of the industry. But greater production is being achieved from fewer cows. In 1955, for example, 3,150,000 Canadian cows produced slightly less than 17 billion pounds of milk. By 1964 the cow population had dropped to just over 2,900,000 but their milk production was nearly 18,500,000 pounds.

It means that farm efficiency has increased tremendously, so far as milk production is concerned.

DENOMINATION NEEDS NAME

URBANA, Ohio (AP) - Ministers of a small religious denomination agree their church group needs a new name, but they could not agree on what it should be.

The general convention of the Churches of the New Jerusalem, also known as the New Church and Swedenborgian Church, opened here Thursday without any recommendation for a new name from the council of ministers, whose meeting preceded the general session.

A spokesman said the ministers agreed that the three names commonly used for the church now do not adequately describe it. But they could not agree on a recommendation for a new name.

The denomination has about 5,000 members in the United States and Canada.

End Is Sought To Church Feud

WARSAW (Reuters) - Roman Catholic members of the Polish Parliament have appealed to the Communist government for an end to the current church-state feud, it was disclosed here.

The appeal was made by the parliamentary group known as Znack, which has close contacts with the Polish church hierarchy.

A spokesman for the group said the appeal was made in a letter June 17 to Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz.

The letter urged an end to the quarrel which sprang up when the Polish church exchanged letters with German bishops late last year suggesting a spirit of reconciliation and inviting them to the 1,000th anniversary celebrations of Christianity in Poland.

The Catholic parliamentarians asked the government whether it considered it possible to establish a special commission composed of government and church representatives "which would begin to discuss the ways toward normalization of mutual relations."

The parliamentarians also asked whether the government saw any possibility for entering relations between the Polish state and the Vatican.

RIVER IS LONG
The Ottawa River, almost 500 miles long, is the second longest Canadian river flowing into the Atlantic.

Disorders Reported In Warsaw

WARSAW (AP) - Crowds of demonstrating Roman Catholics attempted twice Sunday night to march on the headquarters of Poland's ruling Communist

party and were dispersed by truncheon-wielding riot police. The disorders followed a tense evening of confrontation between supporters of Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Catholic primate, and party workers out in force to block the streets.

For months the regime and the Catholic hierarchy have been at odds over a bishops' proposal for Polish-German reconciliation. The controversy prompted the government to

close Polish borders to foreign pilgrims during the celebration of the Polish Christian millennium this spring and summer and to refuse a visit to Poland by Pope Paul.

Cardinal Wyszyński was barred from foreign travel. A few arrests were reported. The marchers started off towards party headquarters with shouts of "to the party house, to the party house." They then sang the hymn Mary Queen of Poland.

The group consisted mostly of young men, with a few young

girls and perhaps 100 middle-aged and elderly women bringing up the rear.

A truckload of riot police tried to stop them on the major thoroughfare, but the marchers shifted across the street and kept moving.

POLICE CHARGE
Further on, with clubs flying and tear-gas capsules ready, two dozen police charged and turned the crowd back.

STAMPS CAME EARLY
Newfoundland first issued its own postage stamps in 1857.

A-Scientists Caught In Peking Purge

HONG KONG (Reuters) - The Sunday newspaper Asian Week-end says about 40 United States-trained atomic scientists have been caught in China's current cultural purge.

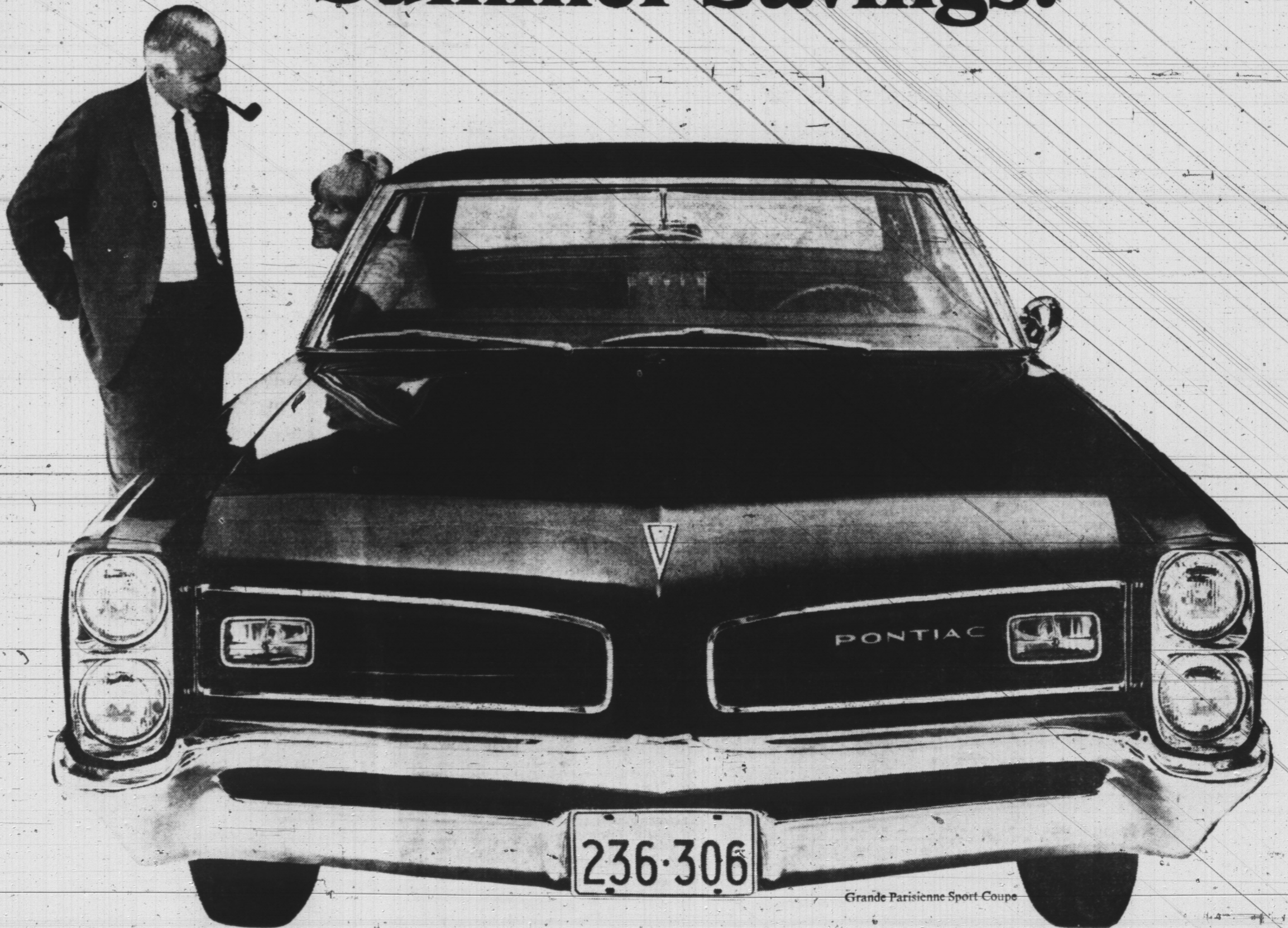
The men, who worked on the now in disgrace, the Australian-made paper said.

"According to reports from across the border this may set China back indefinitely in developing an H-bomb capability," Asian Week-end said.

The 40-odd scientists who went back to China for loyalty reasons from the United States have been working in laboratories at Sian, Lanzhou, Peking and at the H-bomb range itself in Sinkiang province.

LAKES DON'T FREEZE
The U.S. Geological Survey says none of the Great Lakes ever freezes over completely.

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