FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE NEWS LETTER

Dairy Queen Of Britain May Pay Visit To Island

The past week and the coming one to a lesser extent have been a period of farm meetings. Breed associations, A. I. Association have been together.

Tonight the Dairymen's Association directors meet to consider a lengthy agenda ranging all the way from approving the assessment to deciding whether the British dairy queen will be invited to visit the province later this fall and that steps will be taken to chose a dairy princess for this province.

From a Maritime and national standpoint one of the more important meetings was that of persons interested in the hog industry held Tuesday in Moncton and arranged by the Federation of Agriculture. This province was represented by 14 persons out of a total of 35. Good interest and excellent discussion featured the gathering which decided to recommend to the national conference to be held later this fall that a national committee be set up representative of the different agencies interested for the purpose of making an extensive study of such matters as meatiness versus fat, controlled cross-breeding, grading, disease, feeds and feed conversion, and artificial insemination. In addition, it was recommended that a study be made of programs and developments in relation to swine in other countries.

Next Thursday afternoon the directors of the Federation of Agriculture will be meeting to clear up for the summer season a number of policy matters, membership problems, financial matters, and a new proposed insurance venture.

LIME SPREADING

The department of agriculture is to be commended on its decision to provide lime spreaders for the province. Limestone is a vital element in crop and soil improvement and any move which reduces the labour involved will be welcome. On a number of occasions the Federation of Agriculture has made suggestions in this connection and now welcomes the move to introduce some mass efficiencies in lime spreading.

GOOD PROSPECTS

Travel about the province indicated a large number of very promising clover fields. However, many of them are quite patchy-evidence of the bad affects of the ice which covered fields last winter.

This week has seen grass silage making underway and that operation will be general for the next two weeks with the rather limited number of farmers who are involved.

In a limited way hay making will get underway during the coming week. There is no question as to the superior quality of the early cut product and its superior ability to withstand bad weather. Nevertheless many farmers are forced to make a compromise between quality and quantity and for this reason prefer the extra bulk of the later crop. Early cut hay being very palatable is more readily consumed and where the tonage is limited farmers do not like the idea of having to purchase.

CFA RECOMMENDATIONS

Shortly after the new government came to power and Harry Hays was named minister of agriculture, the executive of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture met with the new minister and Mr. Tremblay and made submissions with respect to agriculture. The main requests made were:

An early start on a national school milk program, and setting up of Canadian dairy advisory committee.

A planned rail line abandonment policy to avoid piecemeal abandonment in western Canada.

Continued aggressive efforts to develop export markets for wheat and the opportunities of using credit to expand those markets.

Continuation and improvement of the feed freight assistance program and measures to better stabilize supplies and markets of feed grains. a

Federal re-insurance of crop insurance to be established by amending present legislation.

New programs of farm credit, including emergency disaster credit and special credit for rural housing.

STOCKYARDS

Since its organization the Beet Producer's Association has directed much of its attention to matters related to marketing and particularly with respect to bringing about improvements in the prices received for cattle. Such endeavours can be justified on a number of grounds the obvious one being the need for the farmer to increase his income wherever possible. Over and above all this is, of course, the belief that beef raising can become a more important part of our economy, contributing to a much greater extent to total income provided the necessary encouragement is given.

Recent announcements that government interest is developing in the stockyard idea suggest that the idea is now getting public support which may very well mean that in the not too distant future the project may become a practical reality. However, it must still be borne in mind that there is a great deal to happen yet before final decisions are made.

BUTTER PRODUCTION

So far this year butter production has failed to reach the 1962 levels. For the week ending June 15th a total 172,466 pounds as compared with 179,075 a year ago.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Delayed Burial Of 'Poor Old Bill'

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

Premier Walter Shaw tells a good yarn about one, Hugh MacFayden, a son of St. Catharines who finished a winter in the Maine lumber camps and found summer employment nearby with a dour farmer. Talk was scarce as Hugh also was saving on the words; the work was hard and there was little time for conversation which explains, in part at least, the rather weird tale that follows.

"One day," to use Hughie's own words, "it had rained some during the night and the morning sky was overcast. It looked unfit for haying, so the old man said, 'Go and get the team hitched and back the wagon into the shed. I think we'll bury Bill'. Well, I didn't know who Bill was, but thought perhaps an old bull or a boar had died. After I backed the wagon into the shed, the old mossback said 'Come on, give me a hand,' and going over to a pile of straw, he kicked it away, and I'll be damned if under it there wasn't a rough coffin containing the body of Bill, who, I ascertained, was the former hired hand. After we had lifted Bill's remains into the wagon, and had gathered up some shovels and crowbars for grave-digging purposes, I was told to drive up the road about four miles to the cemetery.

"AND WHEN did Bill die? I asked, after we had proceeded on our way. 'Oh, a day or so before you blew in,' he replied, 'but the weather was fine, and I didn't have time to bury him.' "I thought that was a damn funny procedure," commented Hugh. "However we kept on in silence, and after we had got a mile or so on the road, the clouds began to lift. The old guy took a squint or two at the sky, gave his whiskers a hitch or two, and said: 'You'd better turn the team, Hughie, it's going to be a hay day after all. We'll have to leave burying Bill for another time.'"

Hugh turned the team around, backed the wagon into the shed, helped lift Bill out and deposited him in his former resting place in the straw. They put in another hard day at the hay, but tired as he was, Hugh could not sleep that night.

"I HAD seen some pretty tough sights in my woodsman experience, but nothing quite so disturbing or so cold as this. I began to wonder if my fate might be similar to Bill's, and I could see myself lying in a rough, home-made coffin, under the straw, in a Maine manure shed, waiting for a rainy day to be buried. I don't mind getting killed by a falling tree, or going under in the swirling waters of a log drive, but I'll not wait for this lousy kind of an end," thought the quiet Scot from P.E.I. Hugh packed his few belongings, stole quietly into the night without his pay, and arrived eventually on the Island..

But, in his dreams, he often saw that lonely farmstead in Maine and wondered what had finally happened to poor old Bill."

Speed Limit Proved To Be Too Slow

I STILL get the odd letter about the early days of the automobile, and this week I heard an interesting story about a Charlottetown development.

Charlottetown police were instructed to set up a speed trap on Euston Street between Prince and Weymouth, Phil Barlow recalls. They hauled in many of the people who had cars in those days—Mr. Barlow is not sure of the date but it was in the earlier days of the horseless carriage here—because they were exceeding a speed limit of eight miles per hour.

Finally one man, Jim Offer, challenged the court's opinion after several men preceding him had been fined. Mr. Offer said he owned the only car in the lot—it was a Chalmers—that could travel in high gear at a speed as low as eight miles per hour.

The story, as Mr. Barlow recalls it, is that the court was asked to come out for a demonstration, and the test resulted in the fines being returned to those who had been assessed.

I RECALL that Dr. Leo Frank, a former Southport neighbour, had a picture in his office of a farm horse hauling his car through Kensington. A sign had been painted which informed bystanders he wasn't out of gas, nor was he having engine trouble, then added "We are just trying to stay within the Kensington speed limit". That quotation is from memory but I believe it is substantially right.

Mr. Barlow recalls that he saw an old sign in the St. Avard's area not far from where the MacKay Construction Company is now located that bore the "Eight mile speed limit" warning.

First Car On Kings Northside

PETER McLELLAN, Souris wrote me a letter in which the names are campuflaged but he tells me he knew the people concerned, and the story was said to be true:—

"On the North Side road, St. Peters to St. Margarets, Angus who was in his seventies, was driving a few fat cattle to "The Bay" (St. Peter's Bay) where Mr. Pratt was preparing a shipment. He got along fine until he dropped in to D.M.'s at Cable Head East for a cup of tea, and to collect two more cattle that were to go.

"After Mrs. M. prepared the tea, and it didn't take much preparation as it was always ready in case of a caller, she went to the byre to get her cattle ready for the road.. It was while she was out at the barn that this car came along, the first seen on that road, and D's cattle took to the woods for shelter. He came out to see what was making all the noise and missed the animals, and Mrs. M. was standing in the byre door stunned by the development. He asked "In the name of God Nancy, did you see the thing?"

"I did," was the reply..

"And did you ken what it was at all, at all?" he continued.

"Indeed and I have no idea at all, at all what was it, unless it was a piece of the devil's train that went off the track at "The Bay," was the reply.

"This was told to me as a true story, and I used to know the parties concerned when I was with the department of fisheries", writes Mr. McLellan who was a fisheries inspector.

I have heard many comments on cars through the years, but I still like the one I heard as a boy. Two men were discussing the fact that some horses were afraid of cars. One couldn't understand the horses' fear, but the other replied:

"Well a horse is used to seeing a wagon coming down the road with another horse in it. If you saw a pair of pants coming down the road with no man in them, you'd be scared too." And I imagine he would have been

Foundation Is Started For Fish Packing Plant

SUMMERSIDE — The very latest processing equipment including vacuum sealers, automatic steam boilers, quick freezing and a new sewage disposal system will be included in the new fish processing plant now under construction at Queen's wharf, Summerside.

The plant, belonging to Island Packers Ltd., will be 162 by 75 feet. The contractors are M.F. Schurman Co. Ltd. who have sub-let a portion of the project to Morrison and MacRae Ltd. who began driving piles for the foundation yesterday.

The actual work of preparing the site, which was formerly part of the harbour, was commenced last winter when the H.J. Prillips construction company supplied the fill for the area and began work on a steel retaining wall which is 35 feet in front of the actual plant.

It is expected that at the peak season about 300 persons will be employed at the plant.

Other shareholders in the company are James Burden, Charlottetown, James Cousins, French River, and Everett Champion, Kensington.

The provincial government has approved a loan of more than $200,000 for construction of the factory and the company has a 21 year lease on the property from the federal government.

S'side Presbyterian Church Will Induct Elders Sunday

SUMMERSIDE — A special service of ordination and induction of ruling elders will take place during the Sunday morning service of the Summerside Presbyterian Church. The church members elected by the congregation to the high office are Robert Adams, John Ellis, Thomas Hall, Lorne Moase, Carl Moase, Kenneth Walker and Donald A. Wannamaker.

It has been stated that to be a ruling elder in a Presbyterian Church is the highest compliment a person can have from those who know him best. Social and financial considerations play a small part, although no church will willingly choose a failure as an elder.

The duties of a ruling elder more particularly are to be an example in the church and to all men of Christian faith, knowledge and behaviour in all public and private relations.

To share with the minister and other ruling elders in the gospel discipline and pastoral care of the congregation and in the work of training and leading church people.

Assisting the minister, Rev. J. Donald MacKay will be a former minister, Rev. Dr. Charles Carnegy of Hamilton, Ont. Dr. and Mrs. Carnegy are visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Carnegy, Lidstone Street.

At the conclusion of the ordination and induction service, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Dr. Carnegy will preach the sermon. The music will be under the direction of Mrs. Amos Hubley.

MORE DAIRY

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The Aryshire men engaged in judging a class of four cows that came from the Newfoundland Experimental Farm and had been sired by one of the best of the Bowater herd sires there.

SEE HAY DRIER

The visitors saw the Farm hay drier in action, had a tour of the farm and saw the farm's Ayrshire herd at close range as they had been stabled for the occasion.

Club president Wendall Moase, Kensington presided at the formal part of the gathering after the people had enjoyed a basket lunch under the farm's beautiful shade trees.

High production was boosted by practically every person who spoke. Eastern fieldman William Paul from Ottawa presented production records including a shield to W. A. Moase and son, Wendall, for topping Canada last year in both milk and fat in the junior 2-year-old class with their heifer, Clover View Mable with 14,988 milk, 618 fat for an average test of 4.12 per cent.

Col. F. I. Andrew, Charlottetown told of visiting the Ayrshire barn of Watson Steel, Gosfield, Halstead, Essex in England where 52 records had been made in the herd of more than 20,000 pounds of milk. The Island visitor believes the Steel herd was the highest producing in the world.

Mr. Paul said the Ayrshire breed has reached such a high standard with practically every herd reaching an average of 100 per cent breed class average or more, that the breed is going to raise the standard. No other breed has come close to matching this achievement, he said.

Maritime director W. B. Ross, Sydney Mines was introduced by Keith Boswell, a former National director.

Gold seal certificates were presented to Earle MacRae, Brookfield on the production of Raeburn Trinket, to Major MacRae of A. MacRae and Sons, Charlottetown Royalty for Fairvue Jeanette, Fairvue Fashion Duchess and Fairvue Gail, a cow that qualified for a silver seal certificate.

Winners in the senior judging class were as follows: 1. James P. Kelly, Major MacRae and Windsor Bell, tied; 2. D. R. Brooks, Florence Day, Elaine Stead, Bruce Stead, Sterling MacRae, Herb Love and B. Haslam, tied.

Winners in the 4-H Club class were 1. Robert Farquharson, and G. Mol, tied; 2. Norman Boswall; 3. Ed Sterling.

S'side Paving Contract Let

SUMMERSIDE — Two Council last night awarded a contract for street paving to Curran and Briggs Ltd. which submitted the lowest tender. The special meeting of the council was presided over by Mayor J. Ernest Morrison.

The tender was in the amount of $61,330. The only other tender submitted was from Morrison and MacRae Ltd. for $64,020.

Coun. Herbert B. Schurman said that the paving program would commence right away.

Council also approved erection of a new type of welcome sign to be placed at the intersection of Granville Street and the Sherbrooke Road by the electric light department.

Coun. George Key, Jr., chairman of the electric light committee said the sign would be of a single pylon design, 45 feet high, bearing the words "Welcome to Summerside". Near the bottom will be a plaque advertising the lobster carnival.

Saturday Night Has New Owner

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian Saturday Night magazine has been purchased from its fifth owner, the Fengate Publishing Company, by Saturday Night Publications Limited, it was announced here

President of the new company will be Arnold Edinborough, editor and publisher of the magazine from 1958 until last year when the magazine's name was changed from Saturday Night.

Directors will be J. A. Seed, J. A. Rhind and Lyman G. Henderson, all of Toronto.

Mr. Edinborough, who left the magazine when it merged with another publication last year, said the name will revert to Saturday Night. The magazine is published monthly.

Fountain Is Approved As Centennial Project

SUMMERSIDE — Summerside Town Council approved the proposed project of the local Centennial committee to erect a fountain at the southwest corner of Memorial Square. The special council meeting last evening was presided over by Mayor J. Ernest Morrison with Councillors George Key, Jr., Garnet Ross, H. B. Schurman and Mrs. Wilfred Perry present.

Also attending were Town Engineer J. C. McKenna and Town Clerk J. E. Cameron. Coun. Perry is the liaison councillor with the local centennial committee.

The fountain, to be known as "Centennial Fountain" will be dedicated to the citizens of the town and is estimated to cost $15,200 with annual maintenance about $275. A grant of 50 cents per capita is provided by the provincial government to municipalities who undertake such projects.

The fountain, will be a two-stage project with construction of the basic fountain, the erection of ten flagpoles and an inscription on the fountain face completed for 1964. In 1967 the reverse side of the fountain will be inscribed showing the borders of Canada at present, plaques will be mounted on the flagpole pedestals bearing a brief history of the 10 provinces and the date each joined confederation.

Due to the wind problem a downflow type fountain will be built and was designed by Laurie A. Coles and Associates. The first phase of construction is to begin this fall and completed by next spring at an estimated cost of $11,200.

Gonzales Fails In Comeback

NEW YORK (AP)—Richard (Pancho) Gonzalez, 35-year-old former king of professional tennis, failed sadly on a comeback attempt Thursday. Alex Olmedo of Peru demolished him in the first round of the U.S. pro tennis championship at Forest Hills 10-8, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Only in the first two sets did Gonzalez show the form that made him the king of the court for nearly 15 years. Then he wilted badly in the 95-degree heat that collected in the famous shell at Forest Hills and was barely able to run at the end.

It was the first competitive match for Gonzalez in 21 months. He retired in October, 1961, and was making an attempt to re-establish his reign in this feud - flavored tournament.

In the first match of the tournament's opening day, Earl (Butch) Buchholz of St. Louis knocked out another veteran campaigner, Lew Hoad of Australia, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.

Hoad returned to action two weeks ago after being idle four months with a shoulder injury.

Gonzalez entered the current eight - man tournament in a spirit of bitter animosity toward the current crop of tennis pros. They returned the compliment and altered the draw to pit Gonzalez against Olmedo in the first round. The original published draw had Gonzalez against Tony Trabert, spokesman of the pros.

Bickell Trophy Goes To Keon For Second Year

TORONTO (CP)—Dave Keon, centre of Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, was awarded the J. P. Bickell Memorial Throphy Thursday night as the outstanding performer for the Stanley Cup Champion Leafs during the 1962-63 season.

Keon also won it following the 1961-62 season.

The cup, which honors one of the key men in the early history of the club, is awarded "at such times and for such merits as may be designated by the board of directors of Maple Leaf Gardens."

Improvement Elates Lou

MONTREAL (CP)—Lou Fontinato, Montreal Canadiens defenceman who suffered a neck fracture nearly four months ago, is elated. A cast, which extended from his waist over the top of his head, has been removed but he will still have to wear a collar section.

The doctors are satisfied, after studying x-rays, that the injury has healed to the point where it won't be necessary to replace the cast.

Fontinato was injured March 9 in a National Hockey League game when he crashed into the boards.

"If I can improve as much during the next three months as I have during the last three I'll be more than satisfied," said Fontinato.

He has been undergoing treatment to restore full use of his arms and he plans to continue exercising.

"The doctors couldn't be happier," he said. "They feel that the healing couldn't be better. Naturally I'm elated."

Als Start Training Tues.

MONTREAL (CP)—Montreal Alouettes of the Eastern Football Conference start three weeks of pre-season training next Tuesday at Joliette, Que., with a few apparent problems and plenty of confidence.

The smiles and enthusiastic banter among players and staff at the Als' club quarters on northend Jarry Park attest to the new image of the team created by new coach and super salesman Jim Trimble.

Crowds watching the team's Canadian training camp this week kept growing larger, until many had to be let inside the fenced-off field.

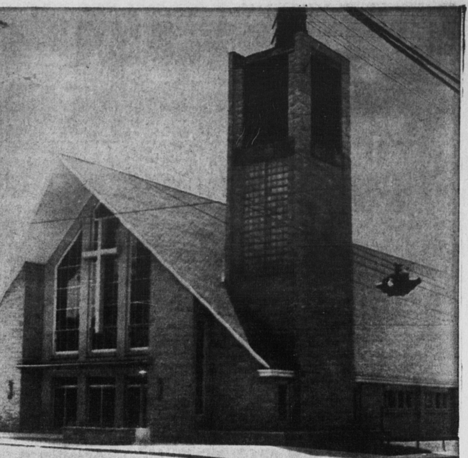
Club owner Ted Workman says advance ticket sales for the Alouettes' three exhibition and seven league games this year were up 10 per cent over the previous year. Many were French - speaking fans buying season tickets for the first time.

Workman says the new fan enthusiasm for the Alouettes is attributable to Trimble, acquired last February from Hamilton Tiger-Cats to replace volatile Perry Moss. The fans, said Workman, seem to have more confidence in Trimble, who handled 120 speaking engagements since arriving in an effort to sell the Alouettes.

Trimble also conducted a daily radio program answering telephoned questions of fans.

The farm community of Joliette, 50 miles northeast of Montreal, will be the site of the pre-saeson training camp.

Trying out will be 36 imports, 11 of them newcomers, and about 30 others, including eight of 10 selected from the Canadian camp which ends Saturday with the traditional inter-squad game.



TO BE CONSECRATED

Most Rev. Malcolm A. MacEachern, bishop of Charlottetown will consecrate St. Paul's Church, Summerside, Sunday afternoon commencing at 2.30. The only other Roman Catholic church in the province to have been consecrated is St. Dunstan's Basilica back in 1929 Rev. Dr. J. P. E. O'Hanley is pastor of St. Paul's Church. Following the consecration ceremony a pontificial high mass will be celebrated by His Excellency.

Hospitals Progress Under Insurance Plan, Ass'n Told

By GEORGE CONDON

Canada's program of prepaid hospital care insurance is "one of the most controversial and certainly one of the most expensive pieces of social legislation ever undertaken by Canadians", Dr. L. E. Prowse, chairman of the P.E.I. Hospital Services Commission told the members of the P.E.I. Hospital Association at the annual meeting Wednesday. The meeting was held at the Abegweit Yacht Club, Bayview.

He said, however, that although Canada's was an unique system "which has not produced an utopia, it has encouraged hospitals in this province to make more progress in four short years than they made in the previous 12 or 14."

Dr. Prowse explained that almost all other countries in the western world which had a system of hospital care controlled the plan through the government. In Canada advice and assistance, when needed, comes from the government but the bulk of the task is in the hands of the local administrators and therefore the public.

"Hospital care is publically financed in Canada", he said, and therefore a tremendous responsibility is placed on the administrator, medical staff, and the trustee board as they carry out the wishes of the public.

PRESSURE INCREASES

With a hospital care plan such as the one in this country, "increased funds are made available to your hospitals but increased pressure from the public follows." If more services are available free of charge, the more services the public wants, he explained.

Dr. Prowse also told of the importance of a social welfare system and how it affects each individual. "The program affects every citizen indirectly and one out of five citizens directly each year", he said.

A large number of representatives of all Island hospitals attended.

A. N. MacNeill reporting for the resolutions committee brought in a resolution to the effect that a liaison department with the general public should be formed with the object of improving public relations.

DISASTER PLANNING

The topic of hospital disaster planning was discussed by N. D. MacLean with special reference to lectures at the Charlottetown Hospital getting underway today. The exercise is to be conducted at the P.E.I. Hospital tonight.

During the sessions Wednesday afternoon a panel chaired by Sister Mary Ursula and composed of Miss Sylvia Taylor, dietary department, Miss Thelma Walsh, nursing services, and Leo Doyle, laundry, discussed interdepartmental teamwork.

Sister Mary David spoke about hospital week and expressed that the hospitals on P.E.I. should make more of this week next year and to better acquaint the public with hospital policy and facilities.

At a meeting of the directors following the annual meeting the following executive was appointed: J. M. Logan, chairman, Dr. G. G. Houston, 1st vice-president, Dr. F. A. MacMillan, 2nd vice-president, C. E. Praught, treasurer, and Sister Mary Ursula, secretary.

Eddie Cotton Scores Win

GLASGOW (AP)—Eddie Cotton of Seattle outpointed British lightheavyweight champion Chic Calderwood Thursday night in their 10-round bout.

The crowd booed the verdict against the hometown boy.

Calderwood, 173 pounds, appeared to have beaten the American, but Cotton, 170½, finished strong and had the British champion in trouble during the closing minutes of the 10th and final round.

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