



ISLANDER PROMOTED

Selection of T. L. Harris as president of the General Motors Club of Boston for 1958 was announced recently. Mr. Harris is zone manager in Boston for the GMC Truck & Coach Division of General Motors.

The GM Club is an organization of General Motors management representatives in the Boston area who meet regularly for programs of interest both to the automotive industry and to the community.

Mr. Harris was born in Guernsey Cove, Prince Edward Island, Canada. He attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada, and graduated from the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance in Boston.

He started his career with GMC Truck in January, 1936, in the accounting department. In 1937 he was promoted to zone truck distributor and remained in that position until 1945 when he was transferred to the home office distribution department in Pontiac, Mich. Four years later he was transferred to New York City as regional truck distributor, a job he held for two years. In 1951 he was assigned distribution manager at divisional headquarters in Pontiac and held that position until his present appointment as zone manager for the Boston area in 1955.

Mr. Harris is married and has two children. They reside at 185 Lindbergh Avenue, Needham Heights, Mass.

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

On February 5 the Directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture met the Dominion Cabinet in Ottawa and their representations placed price support and guarantee legislation at the top of the list as a matter of prime importance. Emphasis in addition was the need for continued development of policy in farm credit, land use and rehabilitation, crop insurance, transportation matters, policy in agriculture to assist in alleviating unemployment condition and a world food program.

The brief is much too lengthy to be reproduced in this column but extracts from it will serve to indicate Federation thinking.

The Federation believes that if public expenditures are to be undertaken to improve the employment situation that consideration should be given to making funds available in agriculture for housing construction, improvement of drainage, erosion control, improvement of fences and building, etc. It was argued that capital made available for these purposes could improve business and employment over very wide areas.

FARM CREDIT

In its brief the Federation had the following to recommend on farm credit.

"A re-organization of the Canadian Farm Loan Board policy in the direction of lower interest rates; a higher loan maximum; a more realistic appraisal policy—that is to say, one that sets higher values for lending purposes than is now the practice; and a higher maximum loan in relation to appraised value, at least for the smaller loans up to \$10,000.

"A special system of super-package" deals by means of which for every dollar of assets, inland, buildings, livestock or machinery, a young man starting to farm, or a farmer trapped by an inability to get adequate credit through regular means, can borrow up to \$3—also to be spent for land, buildings, machinery and livestock. An element of supervision is necessary and desirable for such loans, since making them, close attention must be paid to the likelihood that the borrower will be able to make a living; the proper use of the land in the area concerned; the personal qualifications of the borrower, and his probable need for some help and guidance at least in the early stages of his undertaking.

Recent farm radio forum broadcast indicate wise acceptance of this type of credit, which is closely related to the problem of the low income farmer, the development of better land use policies, and the problems of the young man starting up in farming today.

PRICE SUPPORTS

In the field of price supports the Federation believes that the value and effectiveness of farm-price supports will depend to a very large extent on how they are administered. Taking into account the improved features of the new act and the assurance we have been given, we look forward to a more systematic use and a more generous use of farm price supports in the immediate future. We wish to work with you, and we offer our fullest co-operation in making this legislation operate to the greatest possible bene-

fit of the farm people of Canada. The additional requests contained in the brief were as follows:

To retain the legislative provision for appointment of a transport controller.

To increase the quality premium on Grade A hogs.

To institute an enquiry into the price and quality of leather products, and their relation to the returns received by farmers for hides.

To publish at the earliest the report of the Inquiry Commission into prices being paid for pulpwood.

STABILIZATION

Probably the most significant piece of legislation passed at the last session of parliament so far as farmers are concerned is bill No. 237 known as "The Agricultural Stabilization Act." This act is intended to provide legal machinery for the bolstering of farm income and the adjustment of farm prices. The Act provides that there will be support price in effect at all times on cattle, hogs and sheep; butter cheese and eggs; and wheat, oats and barley not produced in Western Canada. These nine products are referred to as "named" commodities. Other farm commodities may be dealt with as need and circumstances indicate.

For the purposes of the Act three different prices are involved first, the "base price" which is the average price of the commodity for the previous ten years; second, there is a "guaranteed floor" on named products which is 80 percent of the average price for the previous ten years and thirdly, there is the prescribed price which may be any percentage of the base price decided by the Board and the Advisory Committee. The Act is to be administered by a Board of three consisting of three members, three will be appointed by the Government-in-Council.

In addition there will be an Advisory Committee which will have not less than seven members and not more than ten, who will be either farmers or representatives of farm organizations. It is presumed that the Advisory Committee will guide the Board in its decision on the application of price supports, deficiency payment, purchase plans, etc.

FARM LABOUR

A new committee was appointed at the recently concluded meeting of the Federation in Montreal to consider and report on the matters related to farm labour and unemployment insurance for agriculture. This is a three man committee composed of Mr. Wales from British Columbia, Mr. Art Stewart from Ontario and J.L. Dewar from Prince Edward Island. The committee is expected to report to the semi-annual meeting at Port Arthur in July.

POULTRY PROSPECTS

The poultry industry is a far bigger dollar-earner than is generally realized, it accounts for one-eighth of the farm income in Canada, exactly the same fraction is true on Prince Edward Island. Admittedly the industry in this province is not in a condition of buoyant health. The report prepared by A.P.E.C. suggested the need of larger and more efficient flocks but not necessarily of commercial proportions. Next there was need for improved quality of the eggs marketed. Thirdly, the marketing system required reorganization.

The latter observation is borne out by the fact that on January 28, Charlottetown prices to producers were the lowest in Canada by at least 2 cents and in some cases by as much as 7 cents. The poultry industry is handicapped by the fact that it has no effective organization of producers, it is difficult to determine the thinking of poultry producers and to get their opinion on what steps should be taken to revive the industry.

The poultry industry and the potato industry find themselves in similar positions at the present time, an effective organization and clear cut need for the most efficient production, the improvement of quality and improved marketing techniques.

B. P. Earnings Reported Down

MONTREAL (CP)—Building Products Limited Thursday reported net income of \$1,699,219, or \$3.52 a share for 1957, down from \$2,054,974, or \$4.25 a share for 1956.

Current assets were \$9,044,157 against \$9,170,986 and current liabilities \$2,036,585 against \$2,409,834.

Says Tunisia Ready To Go To War Over Bizerte

TUNIS (AP)—President Habib Bourguiba declared Thursday "we are ready to make war on Bizerte" but he held open the door to mediation of Tunisia's quarrel with France.

The president also suggested in

a broadcast that while he is determined 15,000 French troops in Tunisia must go, the big French naval base at Bizerte might be used by the North Atlantic Treaty powers.

That base and French army garrisons are blockaded. Jittery Tunisian civilians and national guardsmen, patrolling with light arms, manned roadblocks to prevent the movement of French troops. They threatened to fire on any French ships attempting to enter or leave Bizerte.

Bourguiba's eyes flashed as he spoke on his sixth day of a crisis brought on by a French air raid on the frontier village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef.

Tunisia put the toll at 68 men, women and children killed, 84 wounded and 10 not accounted for.

TO TUNIS REBELS

The French said the raid was to punish Algerian rebels who fired on French planes from border hideouts in Tunisia. But several diplomats are reported to have confirmed there were heavy civilian casualties.

Bourguiba is trying to force withdrawal of French troops who remained when France recognized Tunisian independence two years ago.

"We are ready to go to war if

French ships force their way into or out of Bizerte," he said in his broadcast.

"Today I am president of the republic, but if it is necessary, I would be the first to take to the bush with the freedom fighters. The French have not understood that our country is independent and that it is inconceivable that a foreign army can live freely on our soil and receive orders from others than us.

"How can one explain to the inhabitants of Sakiet Sidi Youssef the presence on our territory of this same army which bombarded their village?"

But at the end of his broadcast he was asked by a French reporter whether he would withdraw his complaint to the United Nations "if France would accept the mediation of the United States to return harmony."

Bourguiba replied, "yes, I would."

French Ambassador Herve Alphonse said in Washington no formal offer of U.S. mediation had been made. But an Italian foreign ministry spokesman in Rome said a request may be made for Italy's mediation and "Italy will be ready to mediate."

Of Bizerte, Bourguiba said he realizes the base is of strategic importance to NATO and said he

Montague Fire Department To Use 2-Way Radio Setup

It was announced at the annual dinner meeting of the Montague Fire Department which was held last night, that an order had been placed for a two-way radio to be used for communication between the scene of a fire and the pumper.

Nineteen of the twenty members were present at the sumptuous banquet held in the Rainbow Room of the Bison and they were pleased to learn that

the installation of the buzzer alarm system, which had been held up for lack of equipment, would soon be completed.

Great satisfaction was expressed by the members on learning that Fire Chief Coffin would continue in office. The Chief thanked the men for their support and mentioned the fact that a cheque for \$25.00 had been received from His Worship Bruce H. Yeo, in appreciation of the efficient job done in extinguishing the recent fire at the theatre.

Heads Poultry Products Group

WINNIPEG (CP)—Albert Pond of Jarvis, Ont., has been elected chairman of the Poultry Products Institute of Canada. He succeeds W. J. Landreth of Winnipeg.

Others elected to the executive at the institute's seventh annual meeting which ended Wednesday: vice-presidents, W. H. McLellan of Regina and Donald M. Shaver, Galt, Ont.; secretary, S. L. Rowdy of Toronto; treasurer, R. Blair of Toronto and Prof. W. A. Maw of MacDonald College, St. Anne de Bellevue, Que.

Civic Election Vote By Polls

The following tabulation shows the results by polls in Wednesday's civic election:

FOR MAYOR	
Johnstone	114
McCorrigan	91
Ward One West	72
Ward One East	73
Ward Two West	59
Ward Two East	59
Ward Three	171
Ward Four West	232
Ward Four Central	127
Ward Four East	112
Ward Five W-A-K	244
Ward Five W-L-Z	219
Ward Five West-A	114
Ward Five West-Cen.	107
Ward Five East-Cen.	248
Ward Five East-A-H	125
Ward Five East-I-Z	133
Totals	2,095

FOR COUNCILLORS: WARD ONE

Ward One West	131	Gormley
Ward One East	120	Leonard
Totals	251	98

WARD TWO

Ward Two West	46	Driscoll
Ward Two East	35	Gaudet
Totals	75	171

WARD THREE

Ward Three	141	Lord
Totals	172	O'Neill

WARD FOUR

Ward Four West	200	Baker
Ward Four Central	95	Cortigan
Ward Four East	99	Crockett
Totals	394	292

WARD FIVE

Ward Five West A-K	270	Boyles
Ward Five West L-Z	254	Duffy
Ward Five West-A	131	Foster
Ward Five West-Cen.	127	Hyndman
Ward Five East-Cen.	237	MacKinnon
Ward Five East-A-H	170	McKenna
Ward Five East-I-Z	175	McKinnon
Totals	1,364	876

FOR COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS AND WATER SUPPLY:

Ward One West	135	Bevan
Ward One East	133	Clawson
Ward Two West	98	McCourt
Ward Two East	93	McKenna
Ward Three	229	MacKinnon
Ward Four West	282	246
Ward Four Central	143	128
Ward Four East	163	133
Ward Five W-A-K	276	277
Ward Five W-L-Z	275	243
Ward Five West-A	165	140
Ward Five West-Cen.	160	104
Ward Five East-Cen.	263	251
Ward Five East-A-H	169	132
Ward Five East-I-Z	183	140
Totals	2,767	2,311

Seven Mile Road And Summerville Win In Hockey

The Seven Mile Road hockey team defeated Heatherdale 6-1 and Summerville defeated Montague Bombers 7-5 in a double header played at the Montague Rink on Wednesday night. All four teams showed a marked improvement in their snappy passing and faster skating, which is helped, no doubt, by the excellent sheet of ice kept up by the rink management.

In the Seven Mile Road - Heatherdale game, T. Rice and A. MacDonald each scored a pair and MacLean and Fogarty tallied singles. The lone marker for Heatherdale was scored by G. Matheson on a pass from Musick.

In the Summerville-Bombers game, C. Morrisey scored three, J. Smallwood two, T. Smallwood and Moore one each, while scores for the Bombers were made by J. Sullivan with three and MacPhee and Ballum with one each.

Curling Draw At Montague

Curling at Montague today: 7 P.M.

East Ice: R. Machon vs. B. Clair.

West Ice: E. Shaw vs. C. Johnston.

9 P.M.

East Ice: Wightman Trophy at MacDonald vs. R. Vuozzo.

West Ice: Scratch Game.

Zoagli, on the Tigullio Gulf of the Italian Riviera, was famous in the past for its velvets woven on hand looms.

TONIGHT MONTAGUE RINK School Ice Sports

and MONTAGUE HIGH SCHOOL vs. SOURIS HIGH SCHOOL 7:30 P.M. 35c and 20c

BEDEQUE RINK FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL WED. FEB. 19th -- 8 P.M. SHARP

Special Prizes for Most Outstanding Costumes. First, second and third prizes for most all classes, Ladies' Gents', Boys' and Girls' 10 to 16, Boys' and Girls' under 10, Pairs, Clowns, Most Original, etc.

Contestant must pass in card at wicket for registration as to personal name, age, class, character represented. Contestants are all also required to wear card on left shoulder, stating age and character represented.

Prizes now exceeding \$150.00 will be on display at Callbeck's Store from Monday evening until Wednesday noon.

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Life Insurance Firms Give Views On Business Trends

By FORBES RHUDE Canadian Press Business Editor

Life insurance companies, through their operations in every nook and cranny of the country, get a good look at the economy as a whole.

Accordingly, reviews given at their annual meetings cover wide fields of activity.

Here are some comments from addresses at some of the recent meetings:

On mortgages: J. T. Bryden, vice-president, North American Life Assurance Company.

"Despite the slowing down in general business activity, out of a total of 7,222 loans, only 34 or less than 1/2 of one per cent have any interest outstanding two months or more and the amount of these arrears is less than \$4,500."

H. R. Stephenson, president, Crown Life Insurance Company.

"Results (on residential mortgages) were again excellent. Interest in arrears is less than 1/8th of principal and no property has been foreclosed or forfeited."

A. Ross Poyntz, president, Imperial Life Insurance Company of Canada.

"Principal and interest in arrears more than 30 days represented no more than .03 per cent of total mortgage investment at the end of 1957—an improvement from the very good figure at the end of 1956."

Montague Rinks Play At S'ide

Two ladies curling teams from the Montague Club motored to Summerside on Tuesday to participate in friendly bonspiel. The teams were skipped by Mrs. Claude Nicholson and Mrs. J. E. Cudmore. A delightful afternoon and evening of fellowship was enjoyed and a sumptuous banquet was served by the hostess club.

DEFAULTS AT NEW LOW

J. K. Macdonald, president, Confederation Life Association.

"The amount of interest and principal payment in default is the lowest in our history and is practically infinitesimal."

On interest rates: E. C. Gill, president, Canada Life Assurance Company.

"It is certainly desirable that, as soon as inflationary pressures have eased, interest rates should come down to more normal levels. They have already dropped."

SHAVERS FOR \$6.03

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A price war has made it possible to buy a nationally advertised brand of electric shaver in some local department stores for as low as \$6.03, with a trade-in, \$8.03 without a trade.

FEARS COMMONS AFIRE

LONDON (Reuters)—Fire engines raced to the House of Commons Thursday but the "fire" was only the reflection of the rising sun on the windows. Firemen reported the alarm had been given by someone on opposite bank of the River Thames.



Crumble one Oxo cube with one tsp. flour. Add cup cold water, bring to boil. Simmer 5 minutes.

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Some Highlights from the 68th Annual Report:

- ☆INSURANCE IN FORCE is now \$482,321,605 being a gain of \$38,503,852 during 1957
- ☆PAYMENTS and CREDITS to POLICYHOLDERS - \$11,235,937 to Policyholders themselves \$ 3,889,927 to Beneficiaries through Death Claims \$ 1,834,341 Payments made totalled \$ 5,724,268 Added to Policy and Dividend Reserves \$ 5,511,669 \$11,235,937
- ☆ASSETS for CONTINUED PROTECTION - \$94,676,799

First Mortgages on Real Estate \$31,361,999
Bonds and Debentures \$48,898,377
Preferred and Common Stocks \$ 4,441,970
Other Assets, including Policy Loans and Company buildings \$ 9,974,453 \$94,676,799

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FRENCH SOLDIERS NEAR TUNISIAN BORDER

French soldiers relax with a stantone on the Tunisian border French warplanes bombed a Tunisian frontier village last Saturday, sparking world-wide criticism of French policy. (AP Wirephoto)