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U. S. Farms

A year end report of the United States Department of Agriculture reveals the following facts and figures: The total crop output was one of the biggest in many years, despite one of the smallest acreages. Between April 1 1956 and April 1, 1957 more than 1 million persons left the country's farms. At present there are approximately 20 1/2 million persons engaged in farming, nearly 5 million fewer than in 1950.

Gross income to farmers was about the same as in 1956, roughly \$34 1/2 billion. Of this amount, however, Government subsidies of one kind and another made up nearly \$1 billion. This was about double the amount paid out in 1956. The increase resulted mainly from soil bank payments for taking land out of production of wheat, corn and cotton.

30 years ago it took a farmer 2.6 hours to plow an acre of land, 5 hours to harvest and store an acre of wheat and 7 hours to handle one acre of corn. Today, a farmer with his tractor can plow an acre in about 48 minutes (an hour, if he happens to be a bit slow!). It takes only another hour to harvest and put away an acre of wheat, and the same for corn.

The value of farm real estate, however, is going up all the time. This is considered to be the result of merging small farmers in bigger units. By March 1 this year, the total value will be \$118 billion, 7.8 per cent above the 1957 figure.

This is a Congressional election year in the United States. Consequently, more and more public money, will likely be diverted to the farm economy—the stabilization program, soil bank, etc.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Weather-wise, this Island is certainly a favoured spot as 1958 gets underway. All around us are blizzards, heavy frosts and gales, while about all we have had to complain about so far is unduly mild weather.

Congratulations to Michael Liu To Hin, a student at St. Dunstan's, who won first prize in a photography contest sponsored by the National Federation of Canadian University students. Congratulations, too, to the old man who consented to have his picture taken.

The Hon. Dr. Bonnell and his associates in the Health Department have reason to be pleased over their achievements in the past year. In every phase of the public health program some advance was made.

"Nowadays everything grows old in a few hours. Reputations fade, a work passes away in a moment. Everybody writes, nobody reads seriously". How often in the 20th century one hears this complaint! It was uttered by Chateaubriand in 1836.—Van Wyck Brooks in "Saturday Review".

Congratulations to George MacPherson of Launching, the new President of the Provincial Junior Farmers; to his predecessor in office, Edward Clark of Belmont, who led the organization through a successful year, and to all the officers and members for the very fine manner in which they are helping to strengthen the agricultural economy of the Province.

The Russians have rejected British, American and Japanese protests against the closing of Vladivostok Bay to foreign commerce. There was a time when such a dispute would have led to serious international complications. In this instance there will be nothing more than diplomatic grumbling for a few more days. Then, the incident will be forgotten. It probably means that fear and not wisdom is in the ascendancy; but in any case it is an improvement over the old way.

The politicians need not be disturbed over the Rev. H. L. Henderson's intimation that he might run as a candidate in King's County in the next Federal election. The Portage La Prairie mayor's expressed intention was made contingent on his being chosen as leader of the Liberal Party; and that possibility can be dismissed from serious consideration. The fight in King's will be as before—Mr. J. A. MacDonald for the P.C.'s and Mr. T. J. Kieckhafer for the Liberals, with possibly a CCF nominee to provide a little distraction.

The House can do it as it chooses, of course, but it would seem that the more scope the members allow themselves for dealing with unexpected developments the more smoothly are they likely to get their business done. Why should the House deny itself the privilege of appealing a ruling from the chair? The more impartial the occupant of that position,



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UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Anxious Eyes On Malta

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

Amid all the talk of summit talks, world tours by Britain's Prime Minister, sputniks and guided missiles, quite a few British eyes have been turned southwards to Malta—and to a more immediate human problem. There, think many Britons, the tiny island in the Mediterranean has been given a raw deal.

Back to London has flown Sir Robert Laycock, now British governor in the island and wartime command leader. He came on a lightning visit to plead that Britain should forget her decision to close the dockyards of the Royal Navy keeps there—the dockyards that represent the lifeblood of the island.

He warns too that if the British are too heavy-handed in their treatment of the Maltese they will find themselves without Malta's support now and more important, if a conflict flares up again.

Coming as it does now, the row is unfortunate. Plans had been made for Malta to send members of Parliament to the British parliament at Westminster after a tribute to Malta as sound as the award of the George Cross to the island for its bravery during the war.

But if things are not handled delicately the vital island will drift away, not towards, Britain.

UNHAPPY NEW YEAR For more than one segment of Britain's population, it has been an unhappy new year. The Rank Organization film-makers are to cut-back film production at their huge Pinewood Studios just outside London and 360 technicians are threatened with loss of jobs. Another big film outfit, Associated British, has shed 148 temporary studio workers.

Declining cinema attendances and the retention of entertainment tax in the cinema—although live theatre here is now free of tax—is blamed. During the last quarter of 1957 attendances in Britain zoomed downwards to less than a quarter over the 1956 figure.

In the meantime, the British film industry still does not seem to know, quite, where it is going. It has little idea at the moment on how to create stars, and the British are getting rather tired of seeing photos of cuties in their newspapers and having them described as "film stars"—even though they have never made a film. Rank's are the worst offenders. They have a number of players under contract who never were and—as one appearance in a minor role so often proved conclusively enough—never could be stars. But in the meantime they are still pulling in a hefty salary for their mediocrity.

AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY An unhappy—happy new year for those who make Britain's planes. In Isle of Wight, a small island just off England's south coast, some 1600 aircraft workers are faced with dismissal—because Germany, enemy of barely a dozen years ago, has decided not to order a new fighter the workers have been engaged upon. If Germany had placed an order, it would have meant more

money for development—and then perhaps the Royal Navy would have taken the fighter—the S.R. 177—as well. Although British aircraft export figures for 1957 will prove the highest in the industry's history, there is disquiet behind scenes. Manufacturers are thinking that the British defence decision to do away with manned fighters in the near future is premature. And they warn that without substantial military orders, it is impossible to go ahead with civil projects—like the supersonic airliner which they started to plan before the axe fell—which are necessary to keep Britain up front in civil aviation.

ENSURING POSTERITY But a fairly happy new year at London's huge Theatre Royal in Drury Lane—the only theatre where flunkies in powdered wigs, scarlet coats and knee breeches still help you to your seat. They've just eaten a cake there. The cake is called the Baddeley Cake, and it is made each year from money left by an actor called Baddeley. Baddeley was an awful actor, and when he died better than a hundred years ago he must have sensed that for his ability in that sphere he would not be remembered. So instead he stipulated that a cake should be baked each Twelfth Night and it should be eaten by the players of the production going on at the time at the Theatre-Royal.

While they are at the theatre, the players are automatically called "The Queen's Company of Comedians." Baddeley's ghost will be happier this year than he has been recently. For the first time since the war started a British production is going on at Drury Lane—Shakespeare's "The Tempest"—with Sir John Gielgud in the lead. Since the war Drury Lane has housed imported American shows Next year—and probably the year after that as well—the Americans will be back again, in the London production of "My Fair Lady."

ICE AND SNOW "No Snow" reports a friend by postcard from Austria, where he went a few days ago equipped with skis and all the other equipment. He should have gone north from London, not south. At the moment, thanks to the weather, some of the best skiing in Europe can be had in Scotland. Now come the three worst months of the year for the British—ice, snow, fog, and, towards the end of the quarter, rain, rain, rain. And there will be thousands of Britons determining to do something about getting central heating installed some time for next winter—and then forgetting all about it as the first sun glimmers through...

exactly sets off retaliation—and world war? Would a repetition of Hungary? Or Soviet intervention in a civil war in Poland? Cane the lines be drawn so clearly that restraints will become fully understood and automatic? Or will the situation become fuzziest, with more chance for division and uncertainty in the West? BALANCE OF POWER Is long-range bombing by planes or missiles the only weight in the balance of power? Isn't it more probable that a stalemate in that field will give new importance to conventional forces and their employment in aggressive nibbling?

Nikita Khrushchev has shown himself quite aware of the possibilities of both divide-and-conquer and nibbling tactics. He is the principal advocate of demilitarizing Central Europe. His ultimate aims and Mr. Kennan's are wholly contrary. Which one is mistaken as to means?

NORTHLAND LAGS OTTAWA (CP)—R. A. J. Phillips, former secretary of the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, says Canada is generations behind the Soviet Union in the development of its northland. Mr. Phillips, chief of the Arctic division of the northern affairs department, told a meeting Wednesday night that the big problem is lack of transportation. There was only one good road in the Northwest Territories.

Mr. J. W. Pickersgill wants to give the Speaker of the House of Commons greater powers, and has put a motion on the order paper to that effect. In particular, he would like to abolish all appeals from the rulings of the Speaker, meaning there would be no more recorded divisions (generally on party lines) against such decisions. The House can do it as it chooses, of course, but it would seem that the more scope the members allow themselves for dealing with unexpected developments the more smoothly are they likely to get their business done. Why should the House deny itself the privilege of appealing a ruling from the chair? The more impartial the occupant of that position,

Basic Foods For Dinner

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. You've had a busy day at the office. And despite all my urging to relax, many of you are still weary at the end of your working hours. So relax once more en route home. Again, you can read or doze but take these precious few minutes on the train or bus to forget your worries and take things easy.

BEFORE DINNER When you arrive home, it's a good idea to lie down and take a nap, or at least rest for 15 or 20 minutes, before eating dinner. This will give your stomach a chance to become unknotted.

Whether you plan to stay home for the evening or to go out, make sure you eat a good dinner. What should you eat? Well, that's very simple to answer. BASIC FOODS

Each day you should get your seven basic foods in the proper amount. What you don't eat for breakfast or lunch should be made up at dinner time. These basic foods are: Milk—An adult needs at least two glasses a day. It may be taken by drinking it, mixing it with other foods, or in ice cream and cheese.

Fruits—Two or more servings daily. Take at least one raw fruit and citrus fruits or a tomato each day. EAT GREENS Vegetables—Two or more servings each day (don't count potatoes); one green or yellow, cooked. Serve vegetable either raw in a salad or lightly cooked. Serve vegetable "greens" often.

Eggs—About four or five eggs a week or one a day, whichever you prefer. Meat, fish, poultry and cheese—At least one serving daily. Occasionally have dried beans, peas and peanuts.

Bread and cereal—Have two or more servings each day. Make sure they are whole grain or enriched. Milk, remember, improves their nutritional values, so have as much milk with your cereal as you desire.

Butter—About two tablespoons daily. Slightly more, if you wish. Just a word or two about exercise. EXERCISE NEEDED You know what they say about all work and no play. Well, to live a really healthy day, you must have some exercise.

Walking to and from the railroad station or bus stop helps, of course. But at least once or twice a week spend a few hours bowling, swimming, golfing, skating, playing tennis—whatever you prefer. And don't overlook dancing. Not only is dancing romantic, it's healthful too.

QUESTION AND ANSWER C.H.: Is there any way for a person to take insulin other than by injection into the muscle with a needle? Answer: As yet there is no other method of taking insulin.

The Age Old Story The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The Poets Corner BIRTHRIGHT Lord Rameses of Egypt sighed Because a summer evening passed; And little Ariadne cried That summer fancy fell at last To dust; and young Verona died When beauty's hour was overcast.

They're was the bitterness we know Because the clouds of hawthorn keep So short a state, and kisses go To tombs unfathomably deep, While Rameses and Romeo And little Ariadne sleep. —John Drinkwater.

MAXIMS Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently, and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or we grow weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.

PUBLIC FORUM This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of public interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TALENTED ACTRESS Sir—With the press report today of the death of Miss Margaret Anglin in Toronto, the older generation of our people will remember her appearing with Henry Miller in William Vaughan Moody's drama "The Great Divide," in which she played the part of Ruth Jordan in the Charlottetown Opera House during the 1900's. I well remember how much we all enjoyed the said play, and one saw many prominent families in the audience. I am, Sir, etc., KENNETH BRUCE STEWART Bedoune.

DOGS GET REPRIEVE AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—A reprieve for most if not all the huskies with the New Zealand Antarctic expedition was reported Thursday by C. M. Bowden, chairman of the Ross Sea committee. He said the Auckland Zoo is taking nine and the Wellington Zoo two. Animal lovers had complained about reports that when the huskies had done their job they would be shot.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A woman may be outspoken, but seldom by her husband. —London Free Press In our desire for freedom we don't want to be a slave to anything except our bad habits. —Brandon Sun. The College of London, it's announced has developed a new robot which can "hear, speak and remember." That puts it well ahead of some television performers we've been watching recently.—Sudbury Daily Star

We have reached such a state of progress that war can be started (a) by a drunkard, (b) by accident and (c) by a berserk air force pilot. In the bad old days, of course, it could only be started by a king properly mounted on his horse.—Peterborough Examiner

Asked why he decided to retire from the prize ring, Rocky Graziano said: "I looked in the mirror after my last fight and saw my beaten up face and decided there must be an easier way to meet congenial people of my own age."—English Digest

A theological seminary gets \$500,000 from the estate of Angus Hibbard, the inventor of the telephone busy signal. Assuming the estate receives a royalty on every busy signal, let's all be glad, when we get one, that we are helping a worthy cause. —Winnipeg Tribune

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Jan. 11, 1933) At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the P.E.I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association held in the Agricultural Hall yesterday afternoon, a bonus of 18 per cent was declared on the value of the eggs shipped by members during 1932. During the past year almost a million dozens of eggs and about a quarter million pounds of dressed poultry were handled by the Association.

Unique features of the new Prince Edward Island Hospital were discussed by Mr. James Govan, M.R.A.I.C., of Govan and Ferguson, Architects and Associate Engineers, at a meeting held yesterday. The use of concrete, stone, brick and copper and a twenty-year guaranteed asbestos built-up roof, indicates, he said, the high quality of exterior finish.

TEN YEARS AGO (Jan. 11, 1948) With the distribution of the forthcoming issue of the Prince Edward Island telephone Directory, Charlottetown, customers will be supplied with a yellow (classified) section for Charlottetown in line with other capital cities throughout the Dominion. The yellow section is made possible through the large increase in numbers of business telephones.

Mr. J. Watson MacNaught, M.P. has received word from Ottawa that the Department of Public Works has accepted the tender of H. J. Phillips and Son of Charlottetown for the repairing of the breakwater at Tignish Harbour. The amount of the tender is \$77,673.25.

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FATAL SHARK ATTACK DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters)—A shark killed a man 30 miles from Durban Thursday in the fifth attack—and third fatality—on the Natal south coast within a month. The victim was Deryk Garth Prinsloo. He was bathing in knee-deep water with his 16-year-old son and a friend.

Space suits for wear to other planets leave something to be desired. The first earthling to land there should be wearing Bermuda shorts, a Hawaiian shirt and a tweed cap, just to let the Martians know, right at the start, the kind of people they are dealing with.—Winnipeg Tribune

Since the last war 15 new nations have come into being, most of them as a result of wise British colonial policy. It is a record of which the British people might well be proud; and it is a sharp contrast to the policies of the Soviet Union which has denied self-determination to millions of human beings.—Hamilton Spectator.

Sometimes Ontario is accused of being rich and selfish, indifferent to the needs of less-favored provinces. On the other side should be noted that in the campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society (which raised \$2,235,472) Ontario was responsible for contributions of \$900,000 or slightly more than 40 per cent.—Ottawa Journal

The next time you find yourself becoming vexed because a couple of countries are squabbling over a boundary line over in Europe or elsewhere, try not to be too supercilious about it. This nation of ours is now in its 91st year and Ontario and Quebec are still engaged in a dispute over a 30-mile section of the provincial boundary in the Lake St. Francis section of the St. Lawrence River.—Windsor Star