Conference Stage Set At Vocational Institute

Next Wednesday at the Vocational Institute on the Malpeque Road will be the scene of a gathering which in some senses is certainly the first of its kind. There have been other educational conferences in the province but this is the first one specifically directed at the problems of education for farm people.

The program will take the form of a number of panels interspersed with speakers. The speakers will include R. Alex Sim a noted Canadian social scientist and now doing special work for the ARDA people. Dr. W.A. Jenkins who will be assuming the position of principal of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College will discuss what that institution may offer in the education field.

Jack Johnson, regional supervisor of the farm broadcasting department, Halifax, will highlight what radio and television has to offer and our own Dave Rogers will deal with the extension angle of farm education. To get the show on the road Rev. E.J. Roche of St. Dunstan's University will keynote the meeting.

This is planned as a working meeting not necessarily as a large public one but certainly those who are interested in matters related to the problem under discussion are welcome to attend.

APRIL FRUSTRATION

December we expected to be dark, January and February to be cold, we are not disappointed in March displays wintry qualities. April we expect to produce better things but it is an unpredictable month. It can be practically snow and frost free or there can be mountains of snow with cold and stormy weather, usually it produces mud. The past week has maintained the wintry pattern and Monday morning distinguished itself by being the coldest on record for the date. The extreme variation that can take place is illustrated by the fact that in 1945 land was ready to cultivate on April 13, however, the fine conditions didn't persist and cropping didn't become general for almost another month. Two years ago during the first week of May the winter snow left in two days taking with it highways, bridges and dams; a danger of repetition exists this year.

In the weather department better things are on the way, what is required is patience and fortitude to wait for their arrival.

BUSY WEEK

The important gathering this week has been the 65th annual meeting of the Dairymen's Association. This organization has existed since the beginning of the dairy industry and can probably claim to have exercised considerable influence in the planning and development of dairying as we now have it. There are probably easier and more exciting ways of making a living—although the cow pays regularly she is a demanding boss but does appear to have rewarded her keeper over the years with a measure of agricultural stability not evident in other branches of agriculture. Hand in hoof with the cow has gone improved soil fertility, more substantial buildings, and a regularity of income which at many times has underwritten the losses of more precarious endeavours.

On Monday evening the agricultural centennial committee met and reviewed among other matters its century farms program which now has nearly 400 applications. In the vicinity of 70 essays have been entered on the two topics "When I Was Very Young" and "Life In 1864." The meeting endorsed the plans of the photo album committee which will be advertised shortly. As is very often the case a number of these programs are developing into much bigger jobs than was at first anticipated. However, the century farms project is proving to be a source of interesting and valuable information. In addition, it is also serving to establish the location of many valuable and old items which can be of interest as museum items.

On Friday afternoon the board of directors of the federation meets to consider among others a number of items arising out of the brief presented to the cabinet. Also on the agenda is final planning for the education conference on April 15, for representation at the national hog Conference in Montreal on April 28 and 29. Also to be considered will be action indicated by the potato growers meeting last Monday, the federation representatives on the machinery committee to be set up by the minister of agriculture. Finally the directors meeting will be considering what support it can give the beef producer's in their request for the setting up of a study on beef marketing and cattle production in this province.

MISUNDERSTANDING

Last week the federation office received an anonymous letter which raised a question with respect to the young men who had been taking dairy courses in Ontario. The writer was of the opinion that these students had been sponsored by the Federation of Agriculture, this is not the case. The federation has no connection with this particular proposition.

However, the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association is the group which provided assistance and is the one which has the responsibility of dealing with any problem that may arise.

We have recently received from the geographical branch of the department of mines and technical surveys a report on land utilization in this province. Of particular interest are a number of maps which show the concentration of production of different crops. For instance one map is made up of dots which represent thirty acres of potatoes. Another map gives the same information in respect to grain, hay, etc. The publication is an excellent one and reflects very considerable credit on those who have prepared it.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

London Men Praise 'Astounding Island'

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

LONDON NEWSMAN George Murray wrote in 1943 "The government is to set up a Royal Commission to investigate the birth rate. These experts may find the answer to many problems by visiting 'the healthiest Island' in the world" and he was referring to Prince Edward Island.

I'll give you a few paragraphs to indicate some of the reasons he quoted from writers whom he had read, but first a word about how it came to Charlottetown.

John Richard, Charlottetonian, dropped into a London library when he was overseas with the Canadian Army Dental Corps. The story caught his attention and he brought it home with him when he came back to Canada. Mr. Richard was kind enough to dig it out of his files and pass it along to this column.

ONE OF THE most interesting angles to the story is that Murray wrote then that Prince Edward Island was "the only known white community outside of Russia which has been more than reproducing itself steadily for the last 50 years."

The secret Murray suggested then, "is hidden somewhere in the life and records of this astounding Island."

And how about this sentence, in the light of present day developments.

"For the last generation or so the birthrates of every Western country have been decreasing, and the decline in fertility is becoming more rapid."

'Children Grow Bigger On P.E.I.'

"**THE ISLAND'S** reputation is of long standing", wrote Murray. "A traveller writing of it in 1820 said, 'The settlers generally live long and are exceedingly healthy. The children here thrive uncommonly in infancy, and in general are as big and stout at 12 months of age as those in Scotland at 15 and 16 months."

Murray also quoted Sir Andrew MacPhail—he came from Orwell in this province—"There is only one place in the world that I know of where positive health exists-Prince Edward Island."

Lord Geddes had referred in the House of Lords to a Dr. Enid Charles who had lived two months in this province "in an attempt to solve the mystery." She found that "there was no incentive to restrict the size of families in order to attain a higher standard of living."

DR. CHARLES suggested "fertility remained stable because its people were sure of adequate food and housing, and because the Island approximates to a classless society, isolated from disrupting influences."

Lord Geddes suggested "the soil is naturally fertilized, and the health of the soil is passed on to the human beings who live from it.

"The farming is mixed and has always been carried out in the traditional manner, not using large quantities of artificial fertilizers, but using muck and the products of the sea."

MURRAY ADDED that Island soil fertility had dropped, owing to too many corn crops near the end of the 19th century." But the Islanders at once took steps to put back this lost heart by natural means. They dredged mussel mud from their bays and channels and applied it to the earth."

Adding that this development came about the time the decline in fertility was being noticed elsewhere, Murray suggested the coincidence was interesting and concluded:

"For Prince Edward Island holds some formula which the rest of us must obtain if man is not to face extinction among dying species."

Before I leave this interesting item, I want to note that the "too many corn crops" is the first time I ever heard that explanation for a drop in Island soil fertility. Murray must have got his crops mixed. It was oats that caused land fertility depreciation here in the period of which he was speaking.

Man On Headstone Tied With Chain

RAMSAY HARDY who came to Charlottetown from the Montrose area 12 years ago, told me a yarn about a Montrose man who was visiting a friend in the same district one stormy night and had to pass the old Presbyterian church on the way home.

There were heavy bursts of thunder and brilliant flashes of lightning, and the man was always afraid in such a storm. But his fear increased suddenly when he was passing the old cemetery and in the blaze of a lightning flash saw a man sitting on a headstone with a heavy chain tied around his waist.

Whipping his horse—it was long before the days of automobiles—the man fled for home just as fast as the horse would take him. The terror was so violent when he reached his own home that he bolted from the wagon, ran upstairs and scrambled into bed as quickly as possible.

The horse who was left hitched wandered into the field, where he enjoyed a good feed that must have helped to compensate for the fact he had been in harness for so long a period.

The "man with the chain" had stolen it and was taking it home. When he heard the sound of the horse and wagon approaching, he had been appetite the cemetery so he naturally bolted from the road to escape detection, even though he had to enter the cemetery.

Next day the Montrose man who had been so scared the night before met the man he had seen in the cemetery, recognized him and the chain was recovered. Mr. Hardy recalled for me.

Windsor Bell Tells Old Car Story

OLD CAR stories are always popular. I have found, and J. Windsor Bell, Melville brought in an old car registration numbered 218 recently that was on the second car bought by his father Malcolm Bell. The first car he held no. carried registration No. 84, and that also included trucks. So there were few motor vehicles on the Island at that time.

The first Bell car was a Ford bought from Sam Kennedy, Charlottetown and "we had to get a petition signed by the neighbours to get the car home." Price of the car was $533.

Veteran mail courier, Fred Wotton had received permission through a similar petition to operate a car between Breadalbane and Victoria the previous year, so the Bells only had to get the petition signed by people between Crapaud and Melville, a comparatively short distance.

THERE WERE certain restrictions on days on which cars could operate. For a time cars could not operate on market days, for example. And they couldn't operate, Windsor tells me, on Sunday during church hours. Sunday evening hours from six to nine o'clock constituted one of the restricted periods, so that people with horse-drawn vehicles could get to church and home again without having to borrow an automobile.

Those early Fords had the gasoline tank under the front seat, and there was space at the end of the tank for a gallon can that held cylinder oil.

They've always had horses on the Bell farm. They still have a pair of Clydesdale mares on the farm, though they are used but little. One mare works on the turnip land at seeding and harrows them out in fall. She's idle the rest of the time.

Clydesdales For Few Generations

BREEDING OF good horses was an important phase of farm livestock work in the past, and the Bells had their share. They have had the same breed of Clydesdales on the farm for two and possibly three generations.

Malcolm Bell sold a pair of 4-year old geldings once for $400, and they sold a Goldfinder horse once to Imperial Oil at five or six years of age for $300. And that was tops for a horse in those days. Indeed it would correspond to $1,000 or more of present currency in purchasing value.

Getting back to the old car days for a minute, Windsor told me he met a woman once who drove the horse up a steep bank, tied the reins to a post and fled into a nearby field. "But I didn't blame her", he said, "there were so many wild stories told about automobiles in those days".

Centennial Essay Competition

SOME 70 entries were received in the Centennial Essay competitions and the hope is that winners will be announced by the end of this month, Committee Chairman Mrs. Eric Kipping tells me.

Love And Discipline Stressed By Speaker

ALBERTON — "Love is as important to life as food itself," asserted Dr. Malcolm Beck as he stressed the need for both love and discipline in the life of a child.

Invited to Alberton by the CWL parish council, he was speaking to members of this organization and a number of invited guests. He was introduced by Rev. Gerald Steele and thanked by Philip Kinch.

Speaking informally and making free use of illustrations, Dr. Beck pointed out how a very ill baby might sometimes be brought back to health by love and how a sudden withdrawal of love might result in death. By these extremes he drew to the attention of his hearers the fact that love is a much more important factor in the life of a child than we may realize.

The other thing that is most important in the life of a child is discipline and, he said, discipline for the child's good is love in action.

Discipline may be exercised by isolation, by deprivation or by physical punishment. None of these forms of discipline should be overdone, isolation or discipline should not be too prolonged and physical punishment should not happen too often.

Always the door must be left open for warmth to build up again between the child and the parent who exercises the discipline, he said.

During the remainder of the evening a number of questions from the audience were discussed.

TRIO OF PROUD MIDWIVES

Cigars were the order of the day for three volunteer ambulance attendants from nearby Amherstburg who assisted in the delivery early Thursday of an eight pound, 10-ounce baby boy in the back part of their ambulance 16 miles from the hospital. Only one of the men had ever assisted in a delivery before. From the left: Tony Tiefenbask, Joe Reaume, and John Hamilton, who directed the delivery. (CP Wirephoto)

Plans Progress For Staging Centennial Day At G'town

GEORGETOWN — A meeting of the various committees, which comprise the main Centennial Committee for Georgetown met in the Council Chambers on Tuesday night, to further plans for the celebration of Georgetown Centennial Day on July 22.

In the absence of committee chairman, Mayor Dr. A. Kennedy, and the secretary, Mrs. Joan Easton, the meeting was chaired by Howard S. MacLean and J.W. Lavers acted as recording secretary for the meeting.

Members representing committees for athletics and sports; decorations; community activities and children's events were in attendance.

It was reported that decorations, had already been received. They include 50 strings of banners, with 20 banners on each string; also 39 plaques with the Centennial symbol on each for placing on poles; as well as several Red Ensigns.

Correspondence was read, relative to obtaining the potato warehouse on the Railway Wharf for the holding of certain events in connection with the day's celebrations.

Arrangements were made to obtain the services of swings, rides and other amusement machines for the entertainment of the children.

It is hoped to have a varied program for the day including; sky diving, street dance, refreshments, meals, track and field sports; a parade with floats and bands; water sports and boat races and possibly a baseball game.

Following the completion of the business, the meeting adjourned to meet again on night, when further reports from committees will be heard and financial and other matters discussed.

Penitentiary Term Given City Resident

Magistrate A. James Haslam, QC, sentenced Donald Alexander Burton, Prince Street, City, to two years in Dorchester Penitentiary when he appeared in city police court yesterday.

Burton, who was first brought to court April 1, was sentenced to one year for the theft of a transistor radio and two years for the theft of $1,133 and a cheque valued at $9.50, the property of Rubin Cress. Both sentences will run concurrently.

Allison Lloyd McDonald, 22 Pond Street, Charlottetown, brought to court on a disorderly conduct charge on Wednesday was dismissed.

Harold Hughes, 22 Spring Street, charged with drunken driving, was fined $250 and costs or 20 days.

Withdrawn was an assault case in which Leo Steele, 80 Chestnut Street, Charlottetown, was involved.

One man accused of being drunk and incapable was given 20 days and another was remanded to April 13th.

Failure to halt at a stop sign resulted in a fine of $50 and costs or two days. Another vehicle operator's case was withdrawn and given a fine of two dollars and costs.

LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL (CP) — Prices were steady on the Montreal livestock markets this week.

Trading was active under good demand.

Receipts: 1,586 cattle, 3,225 calves, 743 hogs and one sheep or lambs.

Choice steers 24-25.25, good 23-24, medium 21-23 and common 15-21.

Good heifers 19.50 - 21.25, medium 17.59-19.50 and common 12-18.50.

Good cows 18-18.50, medium 15.50-16.75, common 14 - 15.75 and canners and cutters 8-14.50.

Good bulls 18.50 - 20.75 and common and medium 12.50-18.25.

Good vealers 25 - 30.50, medium 20-25 and common 10-19.50.

Grade A hogs 24.50 - 25.35, Sows 16.50-17.

There were no sales of sheep or lambs.

TORONTO (CP)—Trading was active and prices were firm on all classes and grades of slaughter cattle at the Ontario Public Stockyards Thursday.

Veal calf prices were steady. Hog prices were steady and sheep and lamb prices were steady.

Slaughter cattle 1,780: Choice steers 24-24.50 with some high yielding steers to 25.50; good 22.50-23.50; medium 20-22; common 17-19; choice heifers 22-23 with sales to 23.50; good 21-22; medium 18-20; common 15-17; choice fed yearlings 24-26; good 22-24; good cows 17.50-18; medium 16-17; canners and cutters 12-15.50; good heavy Bologna bulls 19-19.50; common and medium 17-19.

Replacement cattle 350: Good light stockers 23-25 with sales to 27; medium and common 20-22.

Calves 121: Choice vealers 34-36; good 29-33; medium 24-28; common 20-24; boners 15-20.

Hogs 2,402: Grade A at Toronto 25.35-25.60 closing at 25.45; heavy sows 18.35 - 18.75; stags 13.50 on a dressed weight basis.

Sheep and lambs 184: Good feedlot lambs 28 per hundredweight; common and medium 18-20; common 15-17; choice fed yearlings 24-26; good 22-24; good cows 17.50-18; medium 16-17; canners and cutters 12-15.50; good heavy Bologna bulls 19-19.50; common and medium 17-19.

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Royal Visit Committee Is Appointed

A special committee, chaired by Provincial Secretary J. David Stewart, has been appointed by the provincial government to handle details of Queen Elizabeth's visit to the Province this October.

Mr. Stewart said yesterday morning that the committee will work in close co-operation with the federal government in organizing and following through with all details concerned with the royal visit.

The first meeting of the committee is expected when details of the royal visit are received from the federal government.

Lieutenant Governor W. J. MacDonald and Premier Walter R. Shaw are honorary chairmen of the committee. Other committee members are Hon. Andrew MacRae Brig. A.W. Rogers, Brig. W.H. Reid, Lt.-Col. Captain L.E. Prowse, Col. K.M. Johnston, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Supt. A.S. McNeil, Police Chief Sterns Webster, Hon. A.W. Matheson and J.E. Blanchard. Committee secretary is Major Orin Simons.

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