

Festival a boost by their participation. These Groups can sing with conviction and spirit and be a boon to the Festival. Thomas Carlyle called music the speech of the angels. Let us hear more of this heavenly speech emanating from the rural areas!

All entries must be mailed to the secretary, Mrs. Wendell Wood, Charlottetown, R.R. 6 not later than March 1st, 1957.

Rev. L. M. Murray, Kensington, P.E.I.

Notice

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MUSIC FESTIVAL AND MUSICIANS

The rural community goes to the festival. — Professor Halford Luccock, formerly of Yale wrote a few years ago that "What America needs badly is more poor music." What he meant was — more music by common folk who sing and play for the sheer joy of it.

Back in 1916 President Eliot of Harvard wrote — "By many teachers and educational administrators music and drawing are still regarded as fads or trivial accomplishments not worthy to rank as substantial educational material — whereas they are important features in the outfit of every human being who means to be cultivated, efficient and rationally happy."

Since 1916 many educators have come to realize, like Plato, that music has an important place in the life of the individual if he is to be a well rounded person, and one encouraging trend in our day is toward greater participation. Radio and Television can bring us a wealth of enriching music for which we must be ever grateful but which must not be allowed to push out the deeper satisfaction which comes when the individual sings or plays an instrument.

The Prince Edward Island Festival of Music has played a leading part in encouraging wider participation in music and while some Rural Groups have shown a keen interest others have been denying themselves of a privilege. Let it be said that Rural Groups can make a worthy contribution all — whereas they are important to the Festival and can produce some pleasing music.

In recent years many Rural choirs have taken part in local Hymn Festivals. These ought to now be ready to take the next step and enter into the annual Festival of Music. Two small choirs can team up to form a larger singing unit, especially for selections sung in harmony.

Community groups such as Women's Institutes, Junior Farmers, Men's Associations can give the



LADIES SERVE AFTERNOON TEA

Following the opening of the Legislature yesterday afternoon, members of the Charlottetown Women's Liberal Club served afternoon tea to the members of the House at a large number of guests.

The event took place in historic Confederation Chamber which featured yellow spring floral decorations with yellow and green tapers. The tea was conveyed by Mrs. Milton Bell.

Receiving the guests were Mrs. Russell Roper and Mrs. J. J. Trainor. Mrs. Lloyd Waller and Mrs. Mrs. J.O.C. Campbell were the ushers. Presiding at the tea cups were Mrs. Edgard Heartz and Mrs. Simon Paoli.

Those assisting were Mrs. Hattie Goekin, Mrs. Eugene Cullen Mrs. G.H. M. son, Mrs. G. Burgoyne, Mrs. B.B. Jones, Mrs. A. B. Cutcliffe, Mrs. Roland MacDonald, Mrs. Arthur Henry, Mrs. Dr. Tidmarsh, Mrs. David Mutch, Mrs. Leste Douglas, Mrs. Edgar

Whitlock, Mrs. Gordon Avar, Mrs. Arnett Howatt, Mrs. Harry Bonnell, Mrs. B. Earle MacDonald, Mrs. W.H. Johnston, Mrs. W. G. Barbour, Mrs. Dr. Barrett, Mrs. W.J. Rodd, Mrs. Albert MacKinnon, Mrs. R. Farquharson, Mrs. Sheldon Smallwood, Miss Loraine McCormac, Mrs. Walter Beer, Mrs. Cleve Craswell, Mrs. George Lee, Mrs. Vernon Howatt, Mrs. A. Guindon, Mrs. Earl Balderson.

was decided to write and ask Mr. Keith Clay of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown, to our next meeting. It was moved by Bernard O'Connor and seconded by Sherrill Barwise that the meeting be adjourned.

The Sea Crest 4-H Calf Club met at the home of Earle and Wayne Lockerby on Friday evening, February 15, to reorganize for the current year. The meeting was called to order by the club leader at 8 o'clock with a good number of members and several parents being present.

The first order of business was the election of officers. This was carried out by nomination with

voting by ballot. Following are those elected: President, Ann Ramsay; Vice President, Carol Pickering; Secretary Treasurer, Earle Lockerby; Club Leader, Lloyd Lockerby and Adult Directors, Frank Bearisto, George Riley and William A. Ramsay. Twelve members joined the club and it was indicated that others intend to become members.

The Club Leader outlined the objectives and purposes of 4-H club work and discussed the various phases of calf club work as it applies at the local level, such as, attendance and participation at meetings, selection and care of

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ISLAND PROPANE GAS

CALENDAR CONTEST WINNERS

- 1st Prize—Mrs. Wendell Burhoe, Charlottetown
- 2nd Prize—Mrs. George Rogers, Jr., Charlottetown
- 3rd Prize—Mrs. W. C. Auld, Charlottetown
- 4th Prize—Mrs. Lowell Huestis, Summerside
- 5th Prize—Mrs. Windsor Campbell, Summerside

Machinery All Ready For Handling Federal Election

By ALAN DONNELLY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's voting machinery is on the mark and ready to go whenever an election date is announced.

An elaborate, smooth-running organization headed by chief electoral officers Nelson Castonguay has been preparing itself for the last two years.

"I'm ready not to hold an election in 60 days at 24 hours notice," Mr. Castonguay said in a recent interview.

He said he has no information as to when the next federal election will be held. It could be any time up to Oct. 8, 1958, when the life of the present Parliament expires.

But general speculation has been that the country will go to the polls next June 17 or perhaps May 27 — both Mondays as required by law.

reviewing suggestions from candidates and the public, began drafting divisions in the technical operations of the Canada Election Act.

Parliament's revision of the act in 1955 was his go-ahead signal to order hundreds of tons of supplies for the next election. Last June Mr. Castonguay ordered a revision of polling division boundaries — normally each poll should have no more than 350 eligible voters. Material for the enumeration of voters was shipped out last August.

A returning officer is in charge of each of Canada's 263 constituencies and some 200 of them, experienced in the 1953 vote, will serve in the next election. A month-long series of training courses here for returning officers ap-

pointed since 1953 ends next week.

60 BUSY DAYS
Normally an election if announced about 60 days before polling day. Six days of enumeration of voters commences seven weeks before polling day. Printed lists of voters must be ready 26 days before the election. A three-day revision of the lists begins eight days later in urban ridings. Rural revisions are carried out by the enumerator on an informal basis throughout the period up to 18 days before the election.

Then comes nomination day, 14 days before polling day in all except 20 constituencies. In those 20 — northern ridings where communications are poor — nominations are two weeks earlier to permit printing of ballots in time.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

Do you have a problem in maintaining a healthy herd or flock? If so why not plan not to attend the Agricultural Short Course in Charlottetown. The main theme this year is Animal Health. Leading Veterinarians and livestock men will be assisting in the course. This is your opportunity to participate in the discussions and practical demonstrations.

Any person interested is eligible to attend this Short Course. It starts Monday afternoon, March 11 and runs until Friday, March 15. Simply apply by writing to either Miss R. Best, P.E.I. Department of Agriculture, Summerside or to Dr. George C. Fisher, Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown. This course is being given by the Provincial Department of Agriculture assisting the Junior Farmers. There is no registration or other fees. Why not send in your application now — just sign your name and address.

FARMERS WEEK

The P.E.I. Sheep Breeders will be meeting on Thursday, March 14, in the morning. The Central Farmers Institute will convene in the afternoon. The Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture will meet in the evening. On Friday, March 15, the P.E.I. Dairywomen's Association will meet morning and afternoon. The climax of the days activities will be a banquet at the Charlottetown Hotel. Prizes will be awarded and entertainment provided. It is hoped that the National President of the Holstein Friesian Association will be the guest speaker.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING

The development of Artificial Insemination in various parts of Canada during the last few years has shown rapid growth. It was on an experimental basis in Denmark as early as 1936. This created widespread interest both within and outside Denmark and led to the establishment of similar units in the United States in 1938, Canada 1940, Great Britain 1942 and other countries.

Now, twenty-one years after the first Danish experiment a well established insemination movement exists in every country with dairy farming as a major industry. In Denmark about three quarters of 75 per cent in the national herds were inseminated last year. In other countries such as Great Britain, Sweden and Holland the portion is approaching 50 per cent and over

5,000,000 cows are inseminated annually in the United States.

THE MARITIMES

The first Canadian area for the insemination of dairy cattle was established at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, in the summer of 1940. Two or three other smaller units were set up in Nova Scotia during the war but in 1945 operations were centralized with all bulls being housed at Truro. Because of breeding difficulties growth was slow until 1951 when numbers increased to over 4,000. This year about 10,000 will be inseminated with semen from all the dairy breeds and Shorthorns. In addition to the Central Unit, one small private unit operates in Nova Scotia.

In New Brunswick a similar development has been followed with the first unit established in Madawaska County in 1942 followed by a number of smaller units which were finally centralized at Fredericton in 1950. Since that time growth has been encouraging and about 20,000 cows will be inseminated with semen from all the dairy breeds plus Shorthorns, Herefords, Angus, and Red Polls. The last two breeds are not maintained in the Bull Stud but semen is available.

In Prince Edward Island units were established in the 40's but did not last too long. Since that time an experimental project for approving sires has been in operation at the Experimental Farm. In 1955 a unit was established in Eastern Prince County. The following year eight more clubs were established and in the first eight months of operation bred well over 7000. This year will, in all probability, show complete coverage of the Province. It is estimated that between 15 and 17,000 cows will be bred.

The Prince Edward Island Artificial Breeding Association is a central group. It is composed of proportional representation according to membership in each of the Clubs operating within the Province. This central body appoints the Prince Edward Island representatives to the Sire Selection Committees. There are three Prince Edward Island breeders on each of the Holstein, Ayrshire, Jersey, Guernsey, and Beef Sire Selection Committees. In addition to these duties, the Club will be more or less a guiding body for the future of Artificial Insemination within the Province.

ONTARIO

The first Ontario insemination unit was established at Waterloo in 1941. This was followed by Maple 1945, Oxford and District 1946, Quinte and District, Eastern Ontario and Hamilton District in 1948 and Essex, Toronto District and Lambton in 1949. These units are all firmly established and the Oxford and District, the largest unit operating in Canada, will inseminate over 60,000 cows in this coming year. It is estimated that from all Ontario units a total of about 300,000 cows will be inseminated this year.

It is only during the last couple of years that Artificial Insemination has become established on what appears to be a permanent basis in the Prairie Provinces.

The first Alberta unit was established in 1944 at Olds. It was sponsored by the Provincial Government. In addition to this, smaller units have been established in other centres.

In British Columbia insemination units were organized in 1943 at Milner and Chilliwack. Between these two units about 30,000 cows per year are inseminated with semen from all the dairy breeds.

RAPID GROWTH

It can be seen that an artificial insemination movement has grown with great rapidity in Canada in the last 10 years in the areas of greatest dairy cattle density. While expansion may have been slow in the early years, it has greatly accelerated in the last two or three years. It appears certain that the number of cows serviced by artificial insemination associations will continue to increase and that the associations will gradually assume a dominant role in dairy cattle breeding in this country.

PROGRAMME POINTS

A successful insemination programme in this or any other area is dependent on a sufficient concentration of cattle, a road system which permits service to be provided all seasons, a level of technical efficiency which ensures a conception rate approximately that obtained by natural breeding and an adequate financial structure.

The development of techniques for holding semen at very low temperatures (100 degrees to 125 degrees F. below zero). Here in this province as in other areas it looks as if the future will mean that the majority of our cows which are to be bred artificially will be done by the use of frozen semen.

The establishment of holding units whether electrically controlled or operated by dry ice in the various clubs throughout the province will greatly facilitate the service in these clubs. This will be accomplished by overcoming transportation difficulties due to planes not flying and hold-ups from other causes.

In the next few weeks surveys to determine the breeder interest in those areas where clubs are not established, will be conducted. If sufficient breeder interest is shown an inseminator will be selected and trained. It is hoped that they will be in operation by the month of May.

Artificial insemination has a great future and a large potential for the improvement of cattle breeding within the province.

The O'Leary 4-H Calf Club was reorganized on February 1, 1957, at the home of Elaine Palmer with Fenton Shaw, president for the previous year, presiding. The meeting opened by repeating the 4-H club pledge in unison. Ten members enrolled for the coming year.

Officers elected are as follows, President, Percy MacNeill; Vice President, Eric Phillips; Secretary, Fenton Shaw; Treasurer, Dana MacNeill; Club Leader, Alvin Palmer; and Directors, Raynal MacNeill, Perley MacNeill and Fenton Shaw.

The Committees are as follows, Correspondence, Marlene Palmer,

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Coming Events

- Crokinole Party, Springvale School, Wednesday, February 27th.
- Rummage Sale L.O.L. Hall, Wednesday, February 27th, at 2 o'clock.
- Bingo, Morell Parish Hall, Wednesday, 8 o'clock. Jackpot \$50.00. Freeze-out \$5.00.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Websters Orchestra, P. A. System and Canten service.
- New Glasgow and districts Junior Farmers meeting at New Glasgow School, Wednesday February 27. Special Speaker.
- Hockey, North River Rink, tonight. First game in Semi-Final Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs Vs. Winsloe Heartbreakers. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

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