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Family Farms

The effects of inadequate prices for farm products are many and varied. Perhaps one of the more serious from a long range point of view is the decline in so-called "family farms" in favour of larger units which, reportedly, can be operated more economically.

The same problem exists in the United States where, according to a Congressional Committee, more than 600,000 family farms have disappeared since 1950.

This may or may not be the answer to the problem; and there is no assurance, in any event, that it will be acted upon, although it is excellent election material.

A Shibboleth

Perhaps the two words used most often by present-day economists are "surplus" and "shortage". Speaking generally, it might be said that about one-third of the world's population live under a more or less "surplus" economy.

Obviously, this means that the much publicized surpluses of the United States and Canada are surpluses in only a regional sense. If they were put to work, instead of being allowed to rot in warehouses...

appear to assume that surpluses are inevitable to the economy of North America.

Mr. James G. Patton, President of the National Farmers Union, an American organization with a membership of 300,000 farm families, is one agricultural spokesman who is deeply disturbed about all this and does not hesitate to say so.

The solution may not be as easy as Mr. Patton appears to believe. But even if it were to end in failure, the establishment of some such agency as he suggests—apart altogether from other existing organizations under the aegis of the U.N.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To whom it may concern: an expert in the business reports that in a 200 lb. hog there are 110 lbs. of edible meat.

School officials in a Florida town report that pupils are leaning more and more to spinach as their choice of vegetables for school lunches.

The Ford Motor Company has set up another memorial to the late Henry Ford and his son Edsel. It is to be an "atoms for peace" award and open to anyone in the world.

In reference to President Eisenhower's request for more Canadian and Mexican aid to Asiatic countries, a Mexican spokesman has said that his country takes the view that "moral" help is just as important as the "material" kind.

Soviet political prisoners who owe their bad fortune to the late Premier Stalin must be feeling hopeful these days, what with all the bad talk that's going on in Party circles about the former dictator.

Nationalist China's appeal to the West for "no truck nor trade" with the Communists is likely to receive a little cooler reception in the future than it has in the past.

It is an odd thing that, although fishing is big business in the United States, there is no federal department of fisheries, the matter coming under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior who has cabinet responsibility for a large number of enterprises.



LOOK WHAT'S COOKIN' FOR THE VISITORS OF '56!

The Poet's Corner

TAKE THE NEW TRAIL... Wandered at will. Do not break your heart for the home of your childhood... Or a college hill. Take the new trail, though the old are gleaming.

—Margery Mansfield, in the New York Herald Tribune.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files... TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 6 1931)... The car ferry made five round trips yesterday. The Straits are gradually clearing of ice thus facilitating transportation.

Work on the northern annex of the City building was resumed today. The bricklaying work has commenced and if weather conditions continue favorable will be proceeded with steadily.

Potato prices have advanced slightly over those of last week and demand is keen. Bad roads however hamper shipping at local points. Green Mountain table stock is selling at 40 cents seed at 40 cents.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 6 1946)... A private member's bill to remove prohibition of the importation and sale of oleomargarine yesterday led to a Senate debate which cut across party lines.

A strong appeal for uniformity in time throughout the Province was made in the Legislature last week by Mr. Eugene Cullen Liberal Second Kings speaking in the budget debate.

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Troubled Year For Eden

By Fraser Wightlen... Sir Anthony Eden today completes his first year as prime minister—possibly the most troubled year experienced by the head of a British government since the war.

A Newfoundland Outpost

By Gerald Freeman... Canadian Press Staff Writer

FOGO, Nfld. (CP)—The winter-time existence of happy Fogo folk has first settled in no real way since the first settlers came here to fish 300 years ago.

Fogo dreams under the guard of a great granite mound called Brimstone hill, and craggy, encircling hills. Salt-ice-cum-dithers with the tide under the bridge that divides the town and joins Fogo head with the 100-square miles of Fogo island.

Eastward from the bridge fishing boats are drawn above the tideline at the harbor's edge. Above them on the rocky shore perch fish stages and square little houses.

HARNESS BELLS... The glazed streets of Fogo town echo merrily in the early morning to the clash of bells on the collars of wiry little Newfoundland ponies being driven to the woodlots.

The main change in winter time Fogo from a century ago is the mail plane, which usually arrives oftener than its once-a-week schedule. It has ended the crushing isolation after boats stop running in January because of ice.

DRY FESTIVITIES... Their festivities are usually dry. It is impossible to bring in liquor by mail, the only means of winter transport, and brewing is not a popular pastime.

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TRADE THROUGH MERCHANTS... Cash from outside jobs, unemployment cheques, family allowances, and old age pensions have brought a few small stores, but most trading is done through the two fish merchants, who still carry families on credit if times are hard.

as defence minister he was working on the integration of the fighting services. Influential pro-government newspapers—as well as hostile sources—complained of indecision.

But more serious trouble came from an unexpected quarter—the Conservative annual conference. Rank-and-file members made it plain that they expected drastic action from the government on the economic situation and ministers were told bluntly that Conservatives were losing influence with the electorate.

Later criticism of the government extended to other issues including the "leak" of British surplus arms to the Middle East and the appointment of Selwyn Lloyd to the foreign secretaryship when

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Budeson, M. D.

CARDIAC surgeons are constantly seeking better ways of performing heart operations. For example, a team of British doctors has come up with the idea of stopping the heart—deliberately—to permit safer and easier surgery.

However, none has come into regular use. There's a danger of introducing air into the circulatory system through the bloodless but still beating heart.

One of the most frequent causes of cardiac arrest is ventricular fibrillation, a disorganized beating of the heart. While this can occur during a variety of operations, it is most likely to happen in hypothermia, an artificial lowering of the body temperature to aid in surgery.

Dr. D.G. Melrose and colleagues at the Post Graduate Medical School of London and Charing Cross Hospital Medical School hope to eliminate this danger by halting the heartbeat.

Using potassium citrate to stop the heartbeat, the British surgeons have performed experiments on dogs and with isolated heart preparations from dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea pigs.

For best results in restarting the heart, they used fresh potassium citrate-free blood. An electric shock was needed to renew the heartbeat in only one instance.

QUESTION AND ANSWER... Mr. R.A.: Can a man get a trichomonas infection? Answer: Yes, very definitely. In fact, it has been reported quite frequently in men.

The Age Old Story

Bless the Lord O my soul O Lord my God thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

and there is practically nothing that cannot be found on the shelves. RCMP Constable Howard Duran who polices the surrounding islands and the mainland says from headquaters here, says there's not a thing in Fogo.

There is little in the way of competitive sports. But Fogo dwellers are keen bird hunters, and make hazardous expeditions on foot to hunt seals when ice jams the harbor in spring.

Fogo island is blamed for ice moving in on the peninsula. Trinity and Conception bays farther south. If the northern ice drifts with the Labrador current missing Fogo it usually passes harmlessly out to sea.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Hornblowing is the way city drivers let off traffic snarl steam. They tooted tin trumpets in the nursery and never got over it.—Vancouver Herald

Japan has produced a new-type police billy wired to deliver a shock. Obviously it's just the thing for cases involving assault and battery.—Windsor Star

We noticed a photograph of about a score of high school girls in another newspaper the other day and half of them were wearing glasses. There is a saying that "Men don't make passes at girls who wear glasses," but frames are made so attractive nowadays that they may even enhance a girl's appearance.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

We are inclined to think that by this time most Newfoundlanders are sick to death of hearing about the problems of the "Carson." She is a prize example of the kind of mistake that governments can make and a sad symbol of how Ottawa can pour money down the drain through inefficiency and muddle.

British Columbia has recruited 64 teachers in Britain, and wants 100. Saskatchewan has signed contracts with 145 teachers in Britain and Ireland. Several other provinces have this year and in the past years been drawing pedagogical recruits from overseas.

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