

Will Increase Payments To Prairies During Crop Failure

OTTAWA (CP) — Proposals to raise payments for prairie crop failures, without an increase in the one-per-cent levy on farmers' grain deliveries which helps finance this assistance, were outlined Tuesday in the Commons. Agriculture Minister Gardiner declined, pending formal introduction of a bill to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, to say what the new rates of payment will be. However, he said "that's not far from it" when CCF farm spokesman Hazen Argue asked whether they would be \$4, \$3, and \$2 an acre, instead of \$2.50 and \$1.50 an acre at the present time.

Spokesmen for all opposition parties supported the proposals, but some charges of "political interference" were made during the debate. Fred S. Zaplitzny (CCF — Dauphin) said farmers in his Manitoba constituency are complaining that "Liberal candidates" go around trying to persuade farmers "that they are in a position to interfere politically in exchange for political support." He said Mr. Gardiner should make a statement on the matter. Mr. Gardiner interjected that since the act came into force in 1939 he had never heard of a dozen farmers who claimed they were paid or not paid because of politics.

COULD EXPECT VOTES
He said he knows some persons "go around and say these things." But the fact was that a Liberal administration had brought in the act and perhaps Liberals could expect some votes as a result. Victor Guelch (SC—Acadia) said some Liberals from Mr. Zaplitzny's constituency must have gone into his Alberta riding. He had heard that voters in Acadia were being

told that if the Liberals were returned to power at the next election hail insurance would be paid all around. Stressing that the PFAA is not a form of crop insurance, Mr. Gardiner said that payments since the act was passed in 1939 up to last July 31 totalled \$183,576,941. This was \$88,585,475 more than the \$94,990,566 paid in levies. The difference was made up from the federal treasury.

Mr. Gardiner said the proposed amendments would add another category to the levels of crop failure, but the top limit of an eight-bushel yield to the acre would remain unchanged. The PFAA system was instituted after years of drought on the prairies. In the period between 1931 and the time the act came into force in 1939, the federal government had assisted drought-hit farmers and other prairie residents in the amount of \$186,000,000.

Bedeque Rink Held A Costume Carnival

The carnival at Bedeque Rink presented a very colorful scene on Friday evening, Feb. 15th, with over one hundred and forty lovely costumes on the ice. The judges had a difficult task to select the winning costumes as there were such a large number of excellent rigs many of them being prize winners from other rinks; however it was much easier to decide on the most graceful skaters as very few skated to the music. The judges were: Mrs. Ivan Dawson, Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Mrs. Ralph McCarville and Mrs. Elmer Waugh.

Owing to the stormy night the attendance of spectators was much smaller than what usually attend. By the time the judging was over and prizes were presented the storm was raging and roads badly blocked, and although two snow plows came to their rescue most of those that started to follow the plows soon got stalled and returned to the rink for shelter and over 90 had to stay in the rink all night and were unable to get away until the following afternoon.

The prize winners were as follows: Most outstanding Gent's costume: John Doull, The Man in the Moon. Most Outstanding Ladies Costume: Valerie Woodside. Valentine: Ladies Class: 1st, Mrs. Maurice Howatt, More Teachers Wanted; 2nd, Mrs. Sydney Dawson, 1957 Calendar; 3rd, Mrs. Fernie MacLeod, Birthday Cake, 4th, Mrs. Marshall, Thomas, Mrs. Valentine; Gents Class: 1st, Clayton Stevenson, Lord Plushbottom, 2nd, Robert Vickerson, Sir Walter Raleigh; 3rd, Lorne Inman, Draegerman; 4th, Eldon Gaudet, Girl from Laramie; Most Original Costume: 1st, Charlene Wright, Pick the Stars... 2nd, Ruth Warren, Christmas Tree; 3rd, Garth Harper, Draegerman; 4th, Marlene Kitson, Shipped by Truck; Clowns, 1st, Teddy MacFadyen, 2nd Wayne

ELMSDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Dunn arrived on Saturday night after enjoying a lengthy holiday in Lowell, and other Massachusetts cities. Miss Margaret Brennan left on Wednesday by plane to Boston, Mass., after a three weeks holiday spent with her mother, Mrs. William Brennan and other members of her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Leard and family, spent several days recently with Mrs. William Brennan, George, Evelyn, and Margaret. Miss Lillian MacInnis, student of P.W.C., was a guest at the home of her parents over the weekend. His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Edmund Kelly, has left the Western Hospital, where he had been treated for blood poisoning in his hand. The sympathy of many friends is extended to the bereaved family of the late Mr. James Gallant of Piusville. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. O'Brien and Mr. Ivan O'Brien, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alton O'Brien, Alberton. Y.

SASKATOON FAKIR

Ice-worm stories, like Okanagan Otopogo, are seldom substantiated by photographic proof. Things are different in this case. RCAF personnel serving at Station

Saskatoon offer this picture, which they feel should hold doubters at least "till the ice-worm nests again." Corporal Don Ashley of Stewart, B.C. turned fakir as the

worm turned up on the station recently. The spelling of his part time profession, by the way, is optional. (National Defence Photo)

Lay Down Coats For The Queen

LISBON (Reuters) — One hundred Portuguese university students cheered themselves hoarse as a limousine bearing Queen Elizabeth drove over their black coats here Tuesday.

In an attempt to emulate the gallant Sir Walter Raleigh who laid his cloak before the first Queen Elizabeth, the student originally wanted to lay their coats on the landing steps of black horse square where the Queen stepped ashore Monday to be welcomed by President Lopes. But since unauthorized persons

were not allowed near the landing steps, the students from the University of Coimbra did the next best thing—they laid them to a road outside the Queluz Palace, where the Queen is staying and where they knew she would pass.

ALBANY VILLAGE

The following is the report for Albany School for January. Grade X. 1. Dorald MacCormac, 2. John Noonan, 3. Arde Murray, Grade IX. 1. Allison Green, Grade VIII. 1. Eleanor Noonan, 2. Aileen Muttart, 3. Marlene Muttart. Grade VII. 1. Douglas Noonan,

2. Leslie Walsh. Grade VI. 1. Sandra Green and Marilyn Noonan, 2. Billy Bassett, 3. Sybil Noonan. Principal Mrs. Layton Green. Grade V. 1. Dorothy MacLeod and Alan MacCormac, 2. Margaret Warren, 3. Paula Green. Grade IV. 1. Nora Noonan, 2. Jean Bassett, 3. Rowena Sherry. Grade III. 1. Joanne Green, 2. Beverly Sherry, 3. Ronald Nicholson. Grade II. 1. Jean Waddell, 2. Barry Bassett, 3. Wendall Bassett. Grade I. 1. Ferne Noonan, 2. Linda Walsh, 3. Judy Warren, Assistant Elaine Noonan.

Film Festival Is Planned

STRATFORD, Ont. (CP) — A two-week film festival, directed by Leonid Kipnis, who recently produced the Stratford Shakespearean Festival production of Oedipus Rex, will be a feature of the 1957 Shakespearean summer season here, festival officials announced Tuesday.

The film festival, to be held from July 8-20, will include films from different countries, selected on conditions that they have never been shown in Canada. Entries are expected from Russia, Japan, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, France, Italy, Germany, Denmark and the United Kingdom. They will include feature, documentary, cultural, art, experimental and cartoon productions.

BEDEQUE

Dr. Frank MacFarlane, left recently for Florida where he will remain for some time.

Rev. G. A. Cowper-Smith and Mr. Walter Bowser, who have been undergoing treatment in the Prince County Hospital, have returned to their respective homes much improved in health.

Relatives and friends from Bedeque, Lower Bedeque and Chelton, attended the funeral of the late Miss Amelia Haslam at Springfield, on Tuesday, February 12th. The Bedeque Women's "Half Century" Club met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Johnson, on Monday evening, Feb. 11th.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. Scott MacMurdo and Mrs. Charles Wright, are pleased to know that they are improved in health after receiving treatment in Halifax. Mr. MacMurdo spent a few days in Halifax, returning on Thursday 14th, accompanied by his wife Mrs. Wright will be remaining a few days longer. B.Q.

Thomas: 3rd, Leonard Johnson, Girls 10 to 16: 1st, Jill Thomas, Miss P.E.I. 2nd, Charlene Thomas, Pick the Stars, 3rd, Marlene Kitson, Shipped by Truck, 4th, Ruth Warren, Christmas Tree, Spanish Cavalier 2nd, Wilton Gardiner, Carrot, 3rd, Robert Johnson, Indian Chief, 4th, Boyce Stevenson, Major Hoople, Girls under 10 yrs: 1st, Gloria Thomas, Garden Girl; 2nd, Judy Dawson, Miss Valentine; 3rd, Annie Marie Dawson, Cupie Doll; 4th, Sylvia Stevenson, Be Peep; Boys under 10 yrs: Jack Thomas, Magician, 2nd, Ian Drummond, Easter Bunny; 3rd, John Bowness, Indian Boy; 4th, Morley Wright, Robin Hood, Adult Pairs: 1st, Miss Ione Wright and Mrs. Keith Thomas, Alcohol Anonymous and The Last Weekend, 2nd, Mrs. Lorne Inman and Mrs. Delbert Carr, Beauty and the Beast; 3rd, Weston Carmody and Miss Alberta Dawson, Dancing Stars, Junior Pairs, 1st, June Leard and Marjorie Trowsdale; Star Princesses: 2nd, Carol Moore and Roberta Sherran, Flower Girls, 3rd, Doreen Baker and Adele MacCaull, Irish Twins, 4th, Jo Anne MacFadyen and Billy MacFadyen, Bride and Groom, Most Graceful Skaters: 1st, John Doull, 2nd, Ione Wright.

Pipeline Repayments Are Ahead Of Requirements

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal government loans totalling about \$50,000,000 for construction of the western leg of the trans-Canada natural gas pipeline will be fully repaid with interest by the end of this month, Trade Minister Howe said Tuesday.

Deadline for repayment of the loans to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. is April 2. The loans have been made at intervals since last summer.

Mr. Howe made the announcement in the Commons while replying to opposition questions about reports that top management officials of the company will make huge profits—non-taxable capital gains—out of exercised options to buy large quantities of common shares.

Mr. Howe told Colin Cameron (CCF—Nanaimo) there was nothing "underhanded" about the options, disclosed in the company's prospectus issued about the time that packages of five common shares and one debenture of \$100 were offered for public sale for \$150.

EXERCISED OPTION

President Nathan E. Tanner of Trans-Canada exercised an option to buy 55,000 common shares at \$8. Later the stock went on the market at a nominal value of 10 a share.

C. S. Coates, vice-president and general manager of the company, was given an option on 50,000 com-

Brawl Was Over Quality Of Art

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Joseph Dubrony, the Cuban sculptor who makes dough from nude statues, Monday made a nude statue of Ava Gardner from dough.

The 32-year-old artist, showing no marks from a reported brawl with Anita Ekberg's husband, obligingly pressed out a limp representation of Miss Gardner for photographers from a platter of cake dough.

"Not stiff enough," he murmured, as the dough sagged out of shape. "No base in it."

Dubrony and Anthony Steel, British-born husband of Miss Ekberg, allegedly had a fight Thursday night at a charity ball in Palm Beach.

"Steel criticized the nude statue of Miss Ekberg that I had made," Dubrony said. "He thought it was a bad piece of art work and asked me not to exhibit it."

"I had gone for a ball, not a brawl, and I walked him outside. He tried twice to hit me—he didn't succeed—and kicked me on the leg."

The naturalized Cuban, a native of Hungary, fashioned the 37-inch statue of Miss Ekberg from old gold coins. He also made a similar one of Jayne Mansfield and will complete one of Ava Gardner in about two weeks. The sculptor said he plans a series of 10 nudes.

Drug Addicts Need Church Aid

HAMILTON (CP) — A one-year experiment in helping to rehabilitate drug addicts may have failed because religion had no part, it, Magistrate Beamer W. H. Kins said Monday.

Failure of Narcotics Anonymous, founded here last year indicated another approach must be made, the magistrate told the Hamilton Council of Churches.

Magistrate Hopkins said participation by churches in the rehabilitation effort appeared a necessity. He proposed a new scheme whereby addicts would get "family doctor" care by a designated psychiatrist during their withdrawal period and the subsequent and most difficult period of social adjustment.

Russia Uses Sanctions To Make Poland Toe The Mark

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Russia is applying economic sanctions as a warning to Poland not to get too far out of line. This is one of the factors involved in the negotiations to be undertaken in Washington by the Polish trade commission which left Warsaw Monday.

Coupled with developments in the new Polish parliament this is expected to throw new light on the American decision to try a cautious economic aid program for Poland.

The Washington administration has decided that Poland, under the Gomułka government, has emerged sufficiently from direct Russian control to merit some help.

SINGLE COMMUNIST

The decision was made as a calculated risk, in the knowledge that it would relieve Russia from some of the central European clamor for better treatment, but also in the hope that it would encourage the movement toward freedom.

The Poles have indicated their desire to conduct the negotiations on a business, nonpolitical basis by making up their commission of economic experts with only one Communist.

The commission will arrive just as the Parliament at home is getting down to business. Before the trade negotiations are complete, there will be at least some indication of the extent of political reforms in Poland.

The new Parliament contains about 20 per cent non-Communist members, including a dozen Catholics. They have been promised the right to speak freely, to criticize, and to have their views published.

POSITION EASES

Already some of them have explained in the newly revived Catholic publication, University Weekly, why they were willing to participate in the Communist-controlled parliament. As one put it, "the ruling (Communist) circles

have started to take into consideration the will of the nation." Polish refugees realize that the freedom forces still are in for a hard fight.

Russia has begun to clamp on sanctions now that Poland has largely broken away from trade arrangements which amounted to blatant colonialist exploitation.

Unless she can find outlets in other countries, contracts broken by Moscow will put many Polish workers out of jobs at a time when the whole economy of the country is already disrupted by former Russian practices. It is Russia's way of reminding of her continuing power.

At the same time the government must walk softly to keep Russia from turning history back as she did in Hungary. Poland does not yet know, for instance, whether she can safely negotiate for outside sale of uncompleted ships for which Russia has cancelled contracts.

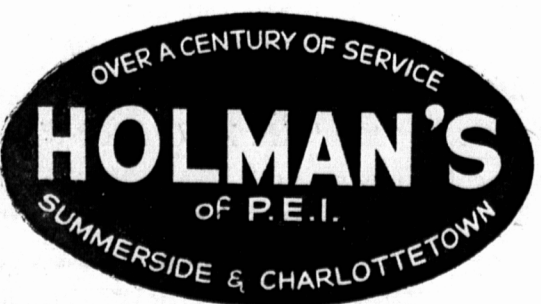
Dope Suspect Is Arrested

TORONTO (CP) — Special prosecutor Walter M. Martin said Wednesday the persons who put up \$50,000 bail for suspected narcotics peddler Edwin McDonald may apply to a court for his return now that McDonald is back in custody.

Their money was estrated by Judge Robert Forsyth last fall after McDonald failed to appear in court for his trial in May, 1956. One of the bondsmen was McDonald's sister. McDonald was arrested Feb. 6 in a house in suburban Weston, less than a year from seizure of the bail.

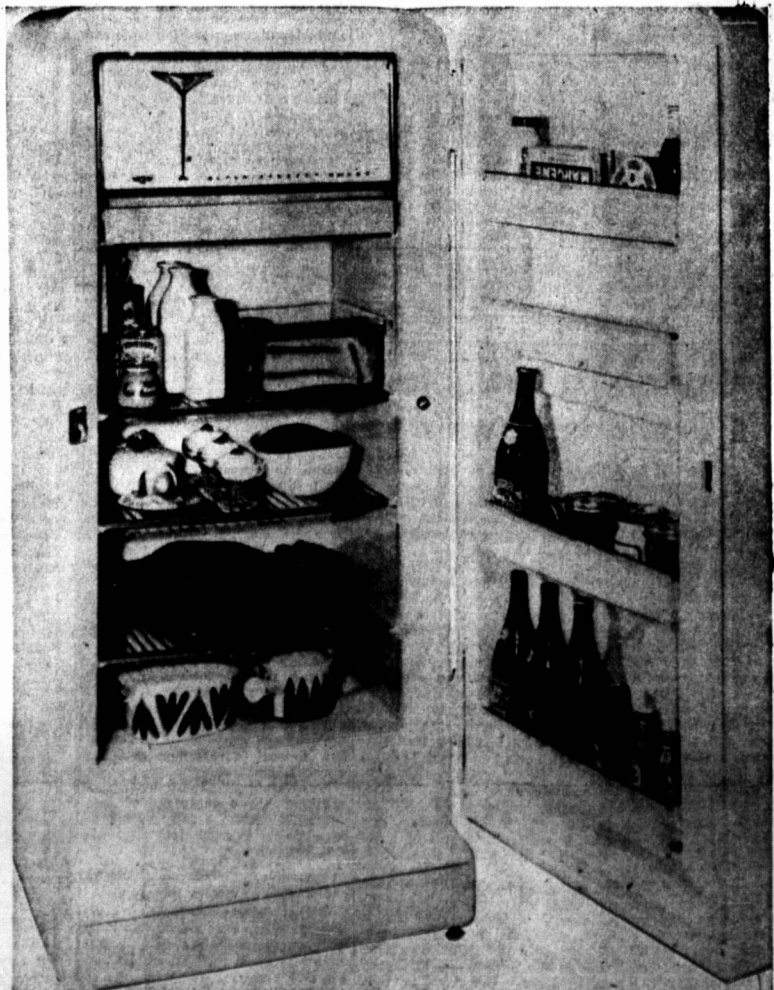
Mr. Martin said the bondsmen now "have the right to make the application for relief of forfeiture."

A judge may decide to impose a penalty because of McDonald's failure to appear for trial, he said. This could vary from 10 per cent to 40 per cent — "it's a matter of discretion for the judge."



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