

Among The Farmers

(Federation of Agriculture News)

THE SHOUTING AND TUMULT

This column is being written before the results of the potato plebiscite are known and consequently we are unable to comment upon the decision of the Island potato growers other than to express the hope that the result will be conclusive either for or against. The campaign has been a lively one and at times even bordering on the warlike certainly the information given both pro and con at meetings, through the press and over the air must have reached in small part at least, every interested party.

The individual grower who perhaps did not have strong convictions one way or the other has had a confusing mass of contradictory evidence and statements to consider and would certainly require a considerable degree of reasoning power to arrive at a decision unswayed by prejudice and emotion.

The campaign in this Province differed we believe from similar campaigns in other Provinces, inasmuch as individuals and groups involved in the trade took a very active interest and very pronounced stands on the question; in other Provinces campaigns of a similar nature would have been left more to the farmers themselves. In other Provinces the individual with a flair for business has many outlets for his abilities not closely associated with Agriculture, in this Province very few businesses can be conducted which are not in some way involved with farming. For this reason it is understandable that our very active people in order to protect what they might consider their inherent right and privileges. The result of the plebiscite will likely establish a pattern for some time to come, a pattern which would indicate whether or not the common man can work with his fellows in exercising control over marketing through his own organization, or whether the marketing field will be a special stamping ground of private individuals who may or may not have the best interests of the primary producer at heart.

MARKETING IMPORTANCE

Last week the Ontario Farmers Union — a fledgling farm organization in that province — held its annual meeting at Alliston and among other things addressed by Mr. W. F. Drake, Agricultural Advisor to the British Embassy at Washington.

Mr. Drake has had the opportunity of observing Agriculture in many countries of the world and in Canada has been able to travel from coast to coast and look at our farm problems with an experienced and impartial eye. Mr. Drake's statement to the Union meeting that marketing is the most important problem facing Canadian farmers should carry more weight than the assertion made by many private traders that farmers are being well looked after in this matter and have nothing to worry about.

WHEAT BOARD

During the plebiscite campaign the opponents of the Potato Board in a number of instances attempted to paint a frightening picture of conditions in Western Canada, conditions, which they at-

tributed to the operation of the Canadian Wheat Board as a central marketing organization for western grain. An article by Mr. Bodsworth in MacLean's Magazine was used as background material and in many cases only statements which could be constructed as reflecting upon western organized marketing were used. Mr. Bodsworth's article did however, contain other statements which were conveniently ignored. For example: "Never before has the overall prairie wheat yield exceeded twenty bushels an acre for three years running; only rarely has it done so two years in succession. Looking back now, these three crops rank as the fourth largest, largest and second largest in history and all in a row. The 1952 crop of 684 million bushels represents the only time the prairies have produced more than 600 million bushels of wheat. The average crop is 350 million."

Last year on the heels of the three big crops came a sharp slump in wheat exports, a drop of 130 million bushels, from 386 millions down to 256 millions. The Korean deadlock and the unsettled nature of world politics in 1951 and 1952 has induced many wheat importing nations, notably Britain to begin stockpiling; selling wheat in 1952 and 1953 was as easy as selling life preservers on a ship that seemed about to sink, but the demand dropped when, about a year ago, the international situation improved and wheat importers began dipping into stock piles."

A second quotation is as follows: "... but it is an undeniable fact that the vast majority of western farmers still prefer Government selling to the open market. In a score or more prairie towns I asked elevator agents and farmers the question: 'What proportion of district farmers support the Wheat Board?' I received estimates as high as 95 percent; the lowest I heard was 75 percent."

FARM FORUM

The fifteenth season of National Farm Forum got underway last Monday night with a discussion on "Farm Forum in the Community," not a controversial topic by any means, but one that at the beginning of the season was appropriate. Both the broadcast and the guide attempted to refresh the minds of members on the basic purpose, principles and techniques involved in Farm Forum as an adult educational project. The Farm Forum movement is one which offers possibilities of a program involving not only education but also recreation and the development of practical projects for the community.

It might perhaps not be out of place to again emphasize the fact that the members of a small forum group form part of a large school with classes being held in every Canadian Province and comprising many thousands of farm people. It is a triumph of modern science that people thousands of miles apart meet and discuss the same topic and funnel their opinions and ideas into a central point where an accurate digest of rural public opinion can be prepared.

It is not the intention of Farm Forum to encourage people to think alike, the aim is to encourage people to think, and to become better informed on the various social and economic problems which affect rural life.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of my dear husband Daniel Ward, who passed away November 11th, 1946.

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COVEHEAD CHARGE. — United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, November 14th. Union Road 11 a. m. Stanhope 3 p. m. West Covehead 7:30 p. m. Rev. Norman R. Green, Minister.

BREADALBANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. — Services Sunday, November 14th, at 7:30. Sunday School at 10 a. m. All are welcome. Goodwill MacDougall, Student Minister.

HUNTER RIVER PASTORAL CHARGE. The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, November 14th, as follows: North Wiltshire 11 a. m. Wheatley River 3 p. m. Hunter River 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. Moase, B. A., B. D., Minister.

TRYN BAPTIST PASTORATE. — Dr. E. J. Barras, Minister. Services for Sunday, November 14th. Tryon 11:00 a. m. Westmoreland 7:30 p. m. Sunday Schools Tryon 9:45. Westmoreland 11:00 a. m. All welcome.

MARSHFIELD PASTORAL CHARGE. The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Sunday, November 14th. Marshfield 11 a. m. Harrington 3 p. m. Mount Stewart 7:30 p. m. Rev. Lee M. MacNaughton, B. A., Minister.

YORK PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule. Sunday, November 14th, 11:00 a. m. Central. 2:30 p. m. Pleasant Grove. 7:30 p. m. York.

HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE. — The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, November 14th. Bonshaw 11:00 a. m. De Sable 3 p. m. Hampton 7:30 p. m. Communion Services at DeSable and Hampton. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

ENGAGEMENT—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Nicholson, Hunter River, P. E. I., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ethel MacDonald, to Mr. Norman Eugene LeBlanc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Camille D. LeBlanc of Moncton, N.B., marriage to take place on November 20th, 1954 in Moncton, N. B.

LEAVE FOR NIAGARA FALLS. — Harry Hennessey, assistant general chairman of the Brotherhood of Maintenance and Ways and representative J. Claude Carroll, leave for Niagara Falls next week to attend meetings of the joint protective board. The board meets annually to review the internal administration of the brotherhood and suggest amendments and improvements.

L.O.B.A. MEETS. — The November meeting of Clyde River L. O. B. A. met in the Lodge Room on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Lulu Clow presiding. Worship period was conducted by Mrs. Lulu MacKinnon. Communications were read by Mrs. Violet Frizzell and discussed. The Treasurer, Mrs. Katie Boyle reported having sent \$10.00 to Protestant Orphanage, which had been previously voted. Mrs. Mary MacPhail made a motion that \$10.00 be donated to the "Toronto Flood Relief," this was seconded by Mrs. Charlotte Murray. A letter was then read from the Grand Mistress, Myrtle MacPhail. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Dec. 7. Meeting closed in due form and "The Queen."

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Schedule for Sunday, November 14th. Caledonia 11 a. m. Guest Preacher, Rev. Ernest C. Evans. Wood Islands 3 p. m. Guest Preacher, Rev. J. E. Heathwood. Minister: Rev. E. S. Hales.

CAVENDISH UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA. — Services Sunday, November 14th. North Rustico 11 a. m. Stanley Bridge 7:30 p. m. Rev. F. W. Sawdon, Minister.

CORNWALL UNITED CHURCH. Rev. A. S. Weil, D. D., Minister. Services Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Kingsford 3:00 p. m. New Dominion 7:30 p. m. Sunday Schools as arranged by Superintendents.

UIGG — CROSS ROADS—ALEXANDRIA. — Services Sunday, November 14th. Uigg 11 a. m. Cross Roads 3 p. m. Alexandra 7:30 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. A. E. Armstrong, Minister.

ORWELL — VERNON UNITED CHURCH. — Rev. Vernon M. Minister. Cherry Valley 11:00 a. m. Vernon River 2:30 p. m. Eldon 7:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. — Central Parish. Services next Lord's Day as follows: Canoe Cove 11 a. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Churchill 3 p. m. Clyde River Sunday School 10:30 a. m. Clyde River Harvest Inn Missionary Thank Offering Service 7:15 p. m. The Brooklyn Trio will bring messages in song. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT ARTHUR PHILLIPS

The accidental death of Albert Arthur Phillips on Friday morning, Oct. 22nd, 1954, brought sad and shocking news to his family, relatives and friends.

Death occurred instantly on the highway at Alexandra, Prince Edward Island, when the car in which he was a passenger left the road and hit a cement abutment.

Although he was only twenty-eight years of age, he had won a host of friends and achieved a position of considerable importance in the company, where he had been employed for the past three years. He was indeed a brother to all with whom he worked and to all who knew him.

Albert was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Apstin Phillips, McNeill's Mills, and leaves to mourn besides his bereaved parents one brother, Stanley of Hamilton, Ontario and two sisters, Mrs. Raymond Milligan, McNeill's Mills, and Ida, at home. The eldest sister predeceased him in 1926.

He also leaves to mourn his passing his aged grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Phillips, who resides with the family.

The funeral services were held on Sunday, October 24th. After a short service at the home the cortege proceeded to the United

THREE LEFT WING MEMBERS PUT LABOR PARTY EXECUTIVE ON SPOT

LONDON (CP)—Three members of the Labor party's left wing today put the party's executive squarely on the spot.

They did so by publishing another article in The Tribune, a left wing weekly newspaper, reiterating their previous criticism of trade union leader Arthur Deakin.

This led political observers to wonder how far the Labor executive will go in disciplining the unruly three.

Jennie Lee, Michael Foot and J. P. W. Mallieu, members of the Tribune board of directors.

Some Conservative newspapers have already said this latest rebellion on the Labor left is a calculated "Bevanite" step toward a third political party.

"Bevanite" is the tag given to followers of leftist Aneurin Nye Nevan.

CREATING RUPTURE

"The Bevanites are quite deliberately working toward a rupture," wrote the political correspondent of the Yorkshire Post.

"This dispute... is therefore of immense political significance and its outcome is fraught with danger for us all."

The Yorkshire Post said danger would arise from the fact that Bevan would draw support only from those consciously or otherwise following the Communist line, and would therefore supply leader-

ship to the British Communist party.

Some commentators regard the current incident as just another Labor spat between the Bevanites and the orthodox right wing, supported by union leaders. But there is considerable interest in what the executive may do, particularly with a possible general election looming next year.

Severe measures are discounted, yet the executive is undoubtedly in a ticklish spot.

ATTACK UNION CHIEF

The dispute started two weeks ago. The Tribune alleged that Deakin, leader of the Transport and General Workers Union, did not know what the recent strike in the London docks was all about.

The Labor executive labelled this a "scurrilous" attack and asked how the writers reconciled it with their own Labor party membership, in view of a party ban on personal attacks.

Today's Tribune repudiates the executive stand, saying trade union leaders are not a "special breed of humanity," immune from attacks.

Some observers regard the whole situation as a case of the kettle calling the pot black. They note that Deakin, in the same speech which precipitated the Tribune's wrath, said that the stevedores' union was "led by a moronic crowd of irresponsible adventurers."

Church in Victoria West.

The services were conducted by J. T. Waldron assisted at the home by Rev. David Mawhinney and were attended by a large number of friends and relatives from many parts of the Island both east and west and by relatives from some of the other provinces and from United States.

The hymns were: "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," "There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day," and "Abide With Me." The Old Rugged Cross" was very beautifully rendered as a solo by Mr. Roy Phillips.

The pall bearers were: Ernest Lord, Earl Moore, Lorne Sobey, William Hayes, Preston MacDonald and James Williams.

Interment was in Victoria West Cemetery.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful and with the many messages of sympathy bear silent tribute to the love and respect in which the departed was held.

There's an open gate at the end of the road Through which each must go alone, And there is a light we cannot see Our Father claims his own. Beyond the gate, our loved one... Finds happiness and rest, And there is comfort in the thought That a Loving God knows best.

QUALIFIED QUEENS

CANTERBURY, England (CP)—Candidates for the title of, apple queen at a fruit show in this old city must have some experience in picking and grading apples, regulations stipulate.

NO RING, NO HOUSE

DARTFORD, England (CP)—Preliminary applications from engaged couples for council - owned houses in this Kent town will be cancelled, the council says, if the engagement is broken.

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