

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

SPRING

Nature on the opening morning of Spring put on a show which for beauty could hardly be surpassed. A blanket of gleaming white snow lay over the entire country side and this blanket powdered with hoar frost, reflected in the sunlight, a million gleaming jewels. All trees were generously decked with powdery frost, but the white birches in particular stood out like very fine ladies robed in ermine.

Nature for the rural country side, upon occasion produce spectacles of such rare artistry that he would be dull indeed who would not be moved by a reflection. Winter in the country has many hardships but it has many beauties too, and the hope that is part of every spring had a really beautiful background of inspiration on Wednesday morning.

CHEAPER MEAT
A recent issue of a pamphlet published by the Meat Packers Council of Canada contains the following statement: "Relative to wage rates, meat is now considerably cheaper than it was in 1939. As a result per capita consumption of meat is much higher than pre-war - up 31 percent for beef and 59 percent for pork."

The above statement gives some cause for concern on the part of the man who produces the meat, in plain English, the consumer is buying meat more cheaply than in 1939 and that was a year when Agriculture was just beginning to get its head out of the morass of depression. But while today the worker buys more meat with less work, the farmer's costs of production have been increasing, or in other words a consumer who has proved purchasing power and higher wages are reflected in lower returns to the farm worker.

A HEAVY DISCOUNT
The fourth grade of cattle known as the (D) grade, contains common steers and heifers, good cows and cubs above Canners and Cutters. The common steers and heifers are divided on the basis of those dressing over 350 lbs. and those dressing 349 and down. The lower weights are usually poorly finished and the carcasses account amounting to approximately \$7.00 per hundred. For instance a steer of the grade in question dressing 400 lbs. could be worth \$100, but one in the same grade, dressing 300 lbs. would bring \$54. Truly a heavy discount.

The moral of all this is that these underweight cattle are not wanted by the packers and should have more feed and finish before being sold, or else sold as feeders to those who have the feed to improve them.

FARM FORUM CONCLUDES
The concluding program for Farm Forum on Monday night will feature discussion on the International Wheat Agreement, a matter on which negotiations are presently in progress.

A recent review of Farm Forum viewpoint over the past sixteen years establishes the fact that thinking rural people have been well abreast if indeed not in advance of Governments in developing support for progressive measures. As long as ten years ago the Forum pointed out the importance of a National approach to health. Even before that the justice of universal old age pensions was upheld. In the early war years Farm Forum thinking foresaw the necessity of Price Supports and Floor Prices in post war years.

While Farm Forum has not built for itself many monuments of brick or stone yet it has, in the cultural and educational fields developed memorials that stand as a tribute to the desire for cultural improvement which is a compelling urge in the minds of our best farm people.

In this Province the element played a major part in reducing Farm Forum activity during the past season. Weekend storms were snow-blocked lanes on Monday night together with the January sleet storm which put many Prince County roads out of commission, all had a discouraging effect on enthusiasm for rural adult education.

THE RURAL SCHOOL
In general the rural school has not been a pretentious institution either architecturally or educationally, but in spite of its limitations it has great accomplishments to its credit. The obtaining of an education requires individual work and application, rural boys and girls generally are taught the value of both at home. Growing up in the country and on the farm is an educational experience in itself. Thus the rural school is not under the necessity of doing quite as much for the student as its urban counterpart. Hence the accomplishments in spite of the imperfections. However, it is extremely difficult to compensate for the lack of well trained and skilled teachers and this is the situation in many rural schools. The City school offers many advantages to the teacher, Cities do not produce their own teachers and must raid the country for the best and most ambitious teachers.

We believe that rural people should be giving a great deal more thought to the quality of their teachers and thinking a great deal more about where present trends are leading them educationally.

In the P. E. I. Presbytery that Jack had a big hand in getting organized. Then the speaker by turn humorous and serious, drew the attention of the men with a gripping story of the author of the hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". Bible stories dealing with the theme of fellowship that ought to characterize a Men's Group ending with a strong appeal to give themselves to the Master's service more completely through membership in the church.

Harold Watts extended the thanks of the meeting to the speaker and hearty applause expressed the appreciation of all present for one of the best meetings yet. With Jack MacNair were also several members of Trinity Men's Association who were warmly welcomed by president Wylie Gibson.

The meeting closed with the singing of the Queen and pronouncement of the benediction by the Minister the Rev. J. M. Sproule.

NEW ANGLES

Scarcity of labour and the necessity of high output per worker has started many farmers thinking about the experimenting with new ideas in live-stock production. An abundance of labour is generally not available for the manual handling of crops, thus the interest in haybales, grass silage, combines and loose housing for cattle, a modification of the latter was successfully tried by an Ontario farmer who had a large number of hogs running loose with the sheeps. There was of course, a separate place for the hogs to feed and sleep if they wished.

Hogs handled in this way produced a higher percentage of A's than did those which did not have the company of the sheeps. Another Ontario farmer by pasturing his hogs for three months made a substantial saving in feed costs and increased his profits.

Livestock farming has not been able to make the same use of machinery as is the case with many cash crops, however, the trend is toward the handling of much more live-stock per worker and in buildings of cheaper construction.

FEDERAL BUDGET

There is apparently little in the Federal budget to cause elation or depression in the minds of the public. Of interest to Agriculture is the fact that duties and sales tax have been taken off certain farm equipment. The brief presented by the Federation to the Federal Cabinet on February 14th had made a request for this relief on certain specific items. The prompt action of the Government in this respect will be of material value to Agriculture and a source of satisfaction to the Federation.

WINTER ROADS

The recent discussion in the Legislature on the question of winter roads brings to mind scenes of past years when the horse was standard transportation and the breaking of winter roads a requirement of good citizenship by all able-bodied farmers. We still recall the scene with the procession of three or four woolsheeps and horses making their way through the drifts, if the horse bogged down men and shovels dived off the sleigh and proceeded to put an end to the equine deep freeze.

In many cases the snow-drifted roads were abandoned for a track made through the fields, in some cases to the annoyance of those whose fences suffered. If the snow became very deep the track would be bushed as a guide for aiding in its discovery after succeeding storms. Winter road breaking was an institution which is now a thing of the past so far as the farmer is concerned. Mechanization has been brought into play to level the snow banks and to keep winter traffic moving.

BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT
TORONTO (CP)—An increase of distribution of scriptures in Canada has meant an 11-per-cent revenue increase to the British and Foreign Bible Society. It was announced Wednesday, Rev. Dr. A. H. O'Neill told the annual meeting of the society's Canadian auxiliaries that last year the society sent \$360,000 to London headquarters. Some 360,000 scriptures in 74 languages were distributed in Canada.

Prize Winners Fashion Show

Prizes won at the Junior Ladies' Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital "Parade of Fashions" were the following:—

Orient Hose through the courtesy of the Orient Knitting Mills: Mrs. W. G. Spencer, Upper Prince Street.
Mrs. Frank Gosbee, 3 Birchwood Street.
Mrs. G. B. Foster, 48 Brighton Avenue.
Miss Andrea Duvar, 120 Spring Park Road.
Mrs. John Morrow, Brackley.
Mrs. Ewen Anderson.
Mrs. Sam Kays, 87 Pownall St.
Margaret Riley, 8 Grafton St.
Jane Hogan, North River Road.
Mrs. Leo Frank, Queen Hotel.
Mrs. R. W. Mills, 47 York Lane.
Miss Jean Pickard, 145 North River Road.

Hams donated by Swift Canadian Co.—
Miss Gertrude Holmes, 206 Hillsboro Street.
Mrs. Arthur Garrett, 101A North River Road.
Mrs. Merrill Craswell, 45 Rochford St.
Mrs. E. A. McCarey, 21 Grafton Street.
Master Robert DeBlois, 24 Water Street.
Miss Miriam Horne, 17 Passmore Street.

Ronson Lighter—
Miss Myra Costain, 190 Euston Street.
Beauty Counsellor through the courtesy of Mrs. Gladys Stewart: Mrs. Dora Campbell, 1 Grafton Street.
Mrs. Lewis Gaudet, Parkdale.
Mrs. Claude Ives, Summerside.

Grand Mere Sweater Set through the courtesy of Prowse Bros.:
Arthur Duvar, 120 Spring Park Road.

First Aid Kit through the courtesy of Johnson & Johnson: Velma Wood.
Judy Bond Blouses: Mrs. Bruce MacPherson.
Miss Marlene Kilson, North River.



Veterinary Sharp-shooter

Dr. Roberts (left), Winslow Station, P.E.I., a fifth year student at the Ontario Veterinary College is presented with the Cawley Williams Rifle Trophy by Prof. J. Taylor, O.A.C., at the Annual Athletic Banquet of the Ontario Agricultural and Veterinary Colleges on Thursday, March 14, 1956.

CITY AND CENTRAL

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COVEHEAD Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada Services Sunday, March 25, Covehead Rd. 11 a.m.; west Covehead 3 p.m.; Union Rd. 7:30 p.m.; Rev. N. R. Green.

BRADALBANE United Church Sunday March 25th: Rose Valley 11 a.m.; North Granville 3 p.m.; Pleasant Valley 7:30 p.m. Special Bradalbane Pre-Easter service 7:30 p.m. Rev. H. S. Raynor, Minister.

TRON UNTIED Churches Sunday, March 25th: Tron 11 a.m.; Craupud 3 p.m.; Cape Traverse 7:30 p.m. Please note change of time for the Craupud and Cape Traverse services. Rev. Lloyd Archer, Minister.

NEW GLASGOW CHRISTIAN Church Sunday, March 25, March 25. Morning worship and Communion 11 a.m.; New Glasgow Community, Sunday School 12:15; Cavendish United Baptists Church Worship service 3 p.m. Rev. Bryer R. Jones, Minister.

HUNTER RIVER Pastoral Charge, The United Church of Canada, Services on Sunday, March 25, as follows: North Wiltshire 11 a.m.; Hampshire 2:30 p.m.; Hunter River 7:30 p.m.; Hunter River Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Rev. C. R. Moase, B.A., B.D., Minister.

FROM MEXICO CITY—Dr. Earl Ebers and Mrs. Ebers of Naugatuck, Conn., recently returned to their home after a delightful visit to Mexico City by air from New York. While in Mexico they toured by car more than 2,000 miles, stopping off at the principal cities and points of interest there. Dr. Ebers, who is a son of H.A. Ebers, Charlottetown, is Director of Sales (Chemical) with the United States Rubber Corporation with headquarters at Naugatuck.

"CRASWELL for better photographs."

WHERE'S THE fire? At the Community Centre April 2 and 3.

"YOUR DOLLAR BUYS MORE at the Hughes Drug Store."

"PANTRY Sale by Spring Park Women's Institute to be held at Holman's at 2 o'clock, Friday March 23rd.

ORWELL - VERNON United Church Rev. John M. Sheen, Minister. Eldon 11 a.m.; Orwell 2:30 p.m.; Cherry Valley 7:30 p.m.

HAMPTON Pastoral Charge Services Sunday March 25: Victoria 11 a.m.; Hampton 3 p.m.; Bonshaw 7:30 p.m. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

POWNAI UNITED Pastoral Charge, Services Palm Sunday, March 25, Millview at 11 a.m.; Pownal at 7 p.m. with Junior Choir. Rev. T. R. Goudge, Minister.

YORK Pastoral charge the United Church of Canada Minister, Rev. J. M. Sproule. Sunday, March 25, 11 a.m. Central; 2:30 p.m. York 7:30 p.m. Brackley.

CROSS ROADS Alexandra Hazbrock services for Sunday March 25th. Cross Roads 11 a.m.; Alexandra 3 p.m.; Hazelbrook 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to these services. Rev. C. E. Armstrong, Minister.

"TRYON-BONSHAW Baptist pastorate, Dr. E. J. Barras, Minister. Services for Sunday, March 25th. At Bonshaw 11 a.m. At Westmoreland 3 p.m. At Tryon 7:30 p.m. Community Choir renders Easter Cantata at this service. Sunday School at Tryon at 11 a.m.

MT. STEWART United Church Pastoral Charge services for Sunday, March 25th are as follows Mt. Stewart 11 a.m.; Bristol 2:30 p.m. Rev. H. R. Bell, Supply Minister. There will be a congregational meeting following the morning service and representatives are asked for from Bristol and Donaldson.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. MARGARET O'CONNELL
The death occurred at the Charlottetown Hospital on January 1st, 1956, of Mrs. Margaret O'Connell of Tarantum.

Mrs. O'Connell enjoyed the best of health until three weeks previous to her death when she was taken ill and moved to the hospital where, despite all medical skill and tender, loving care, she passed quietly away on the above date in her 92nd year.

She was a loving wife and mother whose hospitality in her home was known far and wide, and a kind and obliging neighbor who was always ready to assist with all the means at her disposal in time of trouble and need.

She was a devoted Catholic and an active member of the various Women's organizations of the Church in her time, and was attended in her sickness by her pastor, Rev. T.P. Butler.

She leaves to mourn three daughters, Mrs. Bernard Hughes, Tarantum; Mrs. Daniel G. S. Cornwall; and Mrs. Thomas H. Barnhill, North Easton Mass; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McPhee, Waltham, Mass., also one granddaughter, Mrs. Edward Shea, whom she reared from infancy; and eight other grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Two grandchildren predeceased her.

The funeral which took place Wednesday morning, January 4th, to St. Patrick's Church, Fort Augustus, was largely attended. Mass was celebrated by Rev. T.P. Butler who also conducted the service at the grave. Rev. Vincent Murnaghan and Rev. W. Simpson were present in the sanctuary. The pallbearers were Anthony Beagan, Dennis O'Shea, Bernard Coyne, Arthur Beagan, Albert Duffy and Maurice Cumiskey. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Margaret O'Connell wish to thank their pastor, Rev. T.P. Butler, Dr. Farmer, the Sisters and Nurses of the Charlottetown Hospital, their neighbors and friends for their kindness and assistance, also all who sent Mass cards, Spiritual Offerings, Enrolment and Messages of Sympathy, and all who helped in any way in their bereavement.

The city. It is estimated there are more than 100,000 dogs in Toronto and only about 25,000 have been inoculated to date.

Celebrate Baha'i New Year's Day

The Baha'i Community of Charlottetown with friends celebrated the past of Naw-Ruz marking the beginning of the Baha'i year 113. Tuesday evening, March 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. MacLeod, 302 Euston Street.

A buffet supper followed by a brief talk on the meaning of Naw Ruz was given by Mr. E. V. Harrison who stated it is a joyous occasion symbolic of the coming of spring, and a reminder of the release of new spiritual energy for the growth and development of the soul with the coming of each divine messenger from God.

IN MEMORIAM

LAYTON WILMONT CHISHOLM
There passed away as the result of an accident on Feb. 25, at Cherry Valley, Layton Wilmont Chisholm of Kensington in his 29th year. Mr. Chisholm was born in Kensington, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chisholm and resided there prior to the last three years before his death. His sudden death came as a severe shock to his family and all that knew him.

Beside his sorrowing parents he leaves to mourn five sisters, Mrs. L.M. Murray, Lower Free town, P.E.I. Mrs. Alfred Murray, Ottawa, Ontario, Mrs. Harry MacKinnon, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Mrs. Robert MacKinnon, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Mrs. Lorne Graves, Barrie, Ontario, also one half sister, Mrs. James McCloskey, Ennville, P.E.I. He is also survived by three brothers, Robert of Charlottetown, P.E.I. Carl of the Canadian Army stationed at Valcartier, Quebec, and Ingham with the Canadian Army stationed at Chilliwack, B.C.

The funeral was held from Kensington United Church on Wednesday at 2 o'clock and was largely attended. Services were conducted by Rev. L.M. Murray. Hymns sung Rock of Ages and Abide with Me. The pallbearers were Glenn Campbell, Arthur Farrar, Edwin Hambley, Joseph Thibault, James McCloskey Jr., John Ingles. Interment was in the people's cemetery, Kensington.

Following were the floral tributes:

PILLOW Family
WREATH McCloskey Family
SPRAY MacKinnon Family
Canadian Legion Branch, Kensington

Kensington United Church
Lois and Garry MacPherson
Tenants of 247 Grafton St.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Coughlin
Arthur and Annie Farrar and family
Jack and Nellie Burns
MacPherson Family
Elsie and Eddie Hambley and family

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The family of the late Layton Wilmont Chisholm wish to thank those who helped them in their recent sad bereavement, those who sent flowers, cards and messages, of sympathy and helped out in any way.

Supper Meeting At Harrington

Preceded by the snow plow by only a few hours, over 60 men of the Harrington community gathered at the Harrington Hall for their March meeting where the ladies of Brackley United Church had the tables set with a most appetizing meal.

President Wylie Gibson presided as a genial host and called on the speaker by turn humorous and serious, drew the attention of the men with a gripping story of the author of the hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds". Bible stories dealing with the theme of fellowship that ought to characterize a Men's Group ending with a strong appeal to give themselves to the Master's service more completely through membership in the church.

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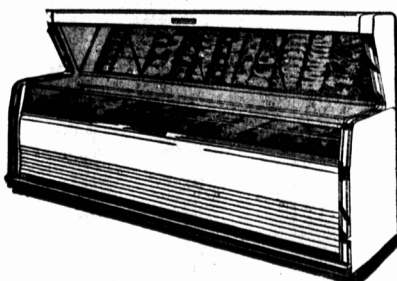
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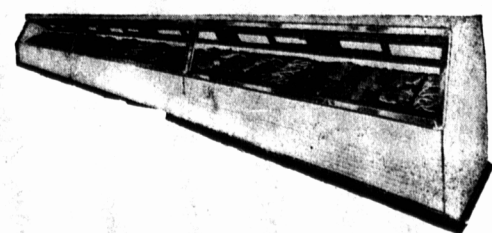
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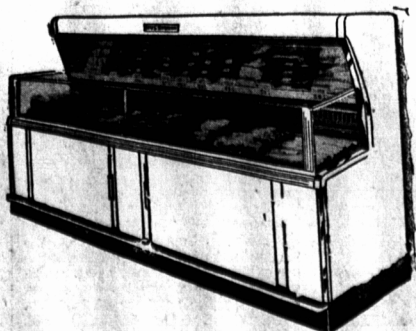
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