

# Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletters

## ELECTION THOUGHTS

During the course of her lecture in Prince of Wales College, Mayor Charlotte Whitton remarked that with the exception of all the others democracy is the worst form of government to be experimented with so far.

This statement was, of course, intended to convey the impression that with all its imperfections — and they are many — democracy is still the best system of government for the people that has yet been devised. Granted that the democratic system has its weaknesses and imperfections, nevertheless none of them are so serious as to be impossible of curing by appropriate action by the electors.

In spite of the fact that voters have been told for generations that the right to vote is a sacred privilege we fear that there is still a percentage of voters that fails to identify this sacred privilege with the ballot they use on election day.

The voter is, of course, forced to make a decision with a variety of conflicting elements bothering him. He must choose between political parties; in a good many cases — far too many perhaps — this choice has been made by father or grandfather. He must also choose between political candidates and attempt to reconcile the advantages of supporting a strong individual who may be associated with a weak party. To still further complicate the business the elector will be influenced by his own selfish interests, by the possibility of turning his vote into something of some material worth, either present or future.

Of recent years the differences in policies of political parties has become increasingly less apparent and there is a tendency, provided economic conditions are satisfactory, to support what is expected to be the successful one. As society becomes more complex, governments play a greater and more important part in the lives of people, this situation tends to increase the prestige of whatever party may have been in power during preceding terms.

The strength of democracy, of course, rests in the fact that where a large number of people are involved in a calculated guess that the average guess will be very close to a correct and sound judgment.

## FORUM TOPICS

For some time the machinery which produces the Farm Forum topics for next season has been in motion. Early in March the Forum members were asked to suggest what they would consider to be suitable and interesting topics for discussion. In addition the members of the various Farm Forum Committees have also been asked to make their recommendations. When the National Conference takes place at Bristol, Quebec, early in June there will be an elimination contest to choose possibly a dozen of the more popular suggestions which have originated in a variety of ways throughout the whole country. The Forum member has a very real say in the selection of the topics and there is no hierarchy telling the Forums what they must talk about. This is possibly one of the chief reasons why Farm Forum has been able to continue in operation over the fifteen year period and still retain its hold among farm people interested in adult education.

## FARM FORUM NEWS

On Friday the 29th of April the members of the Provincial Farm Forum Committee met for the Annual Meeting and heard in the Secretary's report information which indicated a quite satisfactory amount of progress in the past year. Significant is the fact

that for some years past both Farm Forum attendance and the number of meetings has been on the increase. While a few Forums always more to replace them. Re-elected chairman of the Committee was Mr. Charles Yeo of Sherbrooke West where the Enterprise Forum has had a long and successful history.

On Monday evening past Sherbrooke hall was the location of a quite significant gathering when Forum members from Sherbrooke East, Sherbrooke West, Linkletter Road and New Annan met for a social evening. In attendance were Mr. Keith Clay, Agricultural Representative for Prince County and the Provincial Secretary of Farm Forum. The gathering was quite a large one and the program carried on indicated the value of the experience and training gained through Farm Forum in past years.

## 400 HEAD

Farm organizations in Nova Scotia have been making a success of livestock auctions for feeder and stocker cattle. Such a sale will be held early in May at Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, when 400 head of cattle will be offered for sale. The objectives of the sale are listed as follows:—

1. To assist in developing the cattle feeding industry with emphasis on beef production.
2. To provide an outlet for farmers in the area with Feeder Type Cattle.
3. To make such cattle available to farmers in uniform lots, at a central marketing point.
4. To bring buyer and seller into this market where such cattle will be offered by public auction and where values will be established by quality and by supply and demand.
5. To market light weight cattle as Feeders in the area rather than for slaughter purposes at low grade and price.

## COMING EVENTS

Meetings and Conferences coming up in the early summer and associated with the various farm organizations are as follows: May 24th to 26th — Ottawa, the first National Conference on Highway Safety. Dr. H. H. Hannam will be chairman of the agricultural section; June 7th, 8th and 9th — National Farm Forum Conference at Bristol, Quebec; June 13th hearing before the Tariff Board on the Potato Tariff question; June 14th, 15th, and 16th — Semi Annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Regina; June 27th, 28th and 29th at St. Dunstan's University — the Atlantic Regional Conference of the C. A. A. E.

## CROPPING OPERATIONS

After the first rush to plant early potatoes and turnips a lull took place in cropping. Rain was needed and its timely advent followed what would appear to be a satisfactory pattern for early May. Grass on the better fields is making good progress and already scattered herds of young cattle have been turned out to pasture. On the milking herds the early grass will likely have a marked effect on production as a large quantity of indifferent quality hay harvested last season has certainly had a depressing effect on milk production. This year will see a definite increase in the acreage of strawberries and various vegetables. The development of new processing plants tending to encourage such production will serve a useful purpose in broadening the base under Island agriculture.

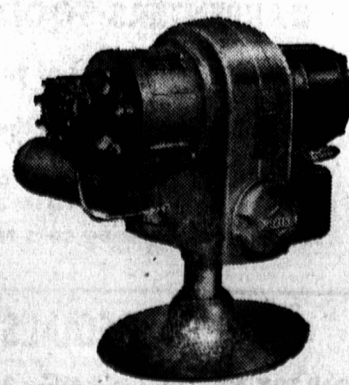
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# Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The thief dropped a \$20 bill. A thief broke into the henhouse of a Kingston farmer and made off with a bird in each hand. The farmer trailed him with a gun but finally lost him in a strip of woods. But on the floor of the henhouse next morning the farmer found a \$20 bill.

21,000,000 Americans and Canadians ride bicycles — ten times as many as in the gay nineties, which was called the bicycle age.

If you would care to do a bit of reading on angling this winter, you'll find, besides Isaac Walton's classic on the subject, at least 21,000 other books on fishing. They range from "Treaties on Fishing with an Angle," written in 1486, to "Advice on catching whales."

82 years working in the shipping department of a textile company is the proud record of J. W. Rearden, of Graniteville, S. C.

The fifty mile shadow in the Canary Islands is the longest in the world. It is caused by the towering peak of Mt. Tenerife.

The same sort of phenomenon occurs in the Hartz Mountains of Germany; or some of the Alpine Peaks and the summit of Ben Lomond, Scotland.

In each case, gigantic shadows of persons are spread across the sky, repeating every movement they make.

Similar optical illusions occur in other parts of earth. Every man and woman joining the Army gets the same assignment of clothing but the women's cost a bit more.

Recently born in the Milwaukee Washington Park zoo were twin moose. The first to survive in captivity.

Did you know that Uncle Sam will pay for the passage of any U. S. citizen to Russia. The catch is its only a one-way ticket — good only if the person desires to stay over there.

Frederick William of Prussia had such a passion for big soldiers that any tall men in his own nation or in nearby lands faced the danger of being carried off to swell the ranks of Frederick's army.

And strange but true, it was just about the safest army to serve in because Frederick couldn't stand the idea of any of his precious giants being killed in battle.

# Acadian Bi-Cent. Plans Progress

Acadian Bi-Centennial Celebration preparations are making progress. At a meeting in Summerside Wednesday plans were advanced for Bi-Centennial Celebrations to be held at Rustico July 20. Committee reports indicate considerable activity.

It was reported to the meeting that every Acadian section of the island is organizing its own local celebration in addition to the Provincial festivities being planned at Rustico.

Church dignitaries and government officials will attend, together with a large group of Acadian people from all over the Maritimes. The regional committee of the Acadian Bi-Centennial is preparing to extend a most cordial

invitation to Maritimers and indeed others to take part in celebrating the memorable anniversary.

Card of Thanks  
I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. MacLeod, Dr. Laidlaw, Dr. Hooper, Nurses and Staff of the P. E. I. Hospital; also those who sent cards and treats and phone calls.

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Your loss a life time regret.  
Sweet memories we cherish for ever,  
Of one we shall never forget.

Ever Remembered by Husband and Family.

In loving memory of our dear Mother.

**MRS. WILLIAM GILLESPIE** who departed this life

May 6th, 1953.

Call not back the dear departed  
Anchored save where storms are o'er,  
On the border land we left her  
Soon to meet and part no more.

Far beyond this world of changes,  
Far beyond this world of care;  
We will find our darling Mother  
In our Father's Mansion fair.

Ever Remembered by Daughter and Son-in-law Violet, Elmer and Children.

In loving memory of my dear Mother.

**MRS. WILLIAM GILLESPIE** who passed away two years ago today, May 6th.

She had done what she could to lighten the load  
Of the burden she met, as she trod  
Life's road.

She had done what she could, O how happy I'd be,  
If someday my Lord should say that of me.

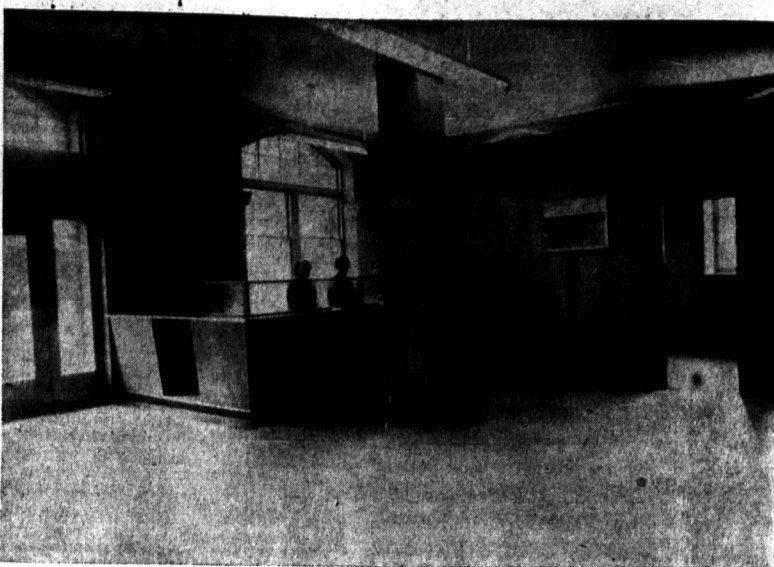
Loved and Remembered by Daughter Hazel, Son-in-law Homer, Grandsons Winston and Stirling.

In loving memory of **WILLIAM G. MacPHEE** who passed away May 6th, 1949.

If all the world was ours to give  
We'd give it all and more  
To hear your voice and see you smile,  
Just as we did before.

Always Remembered by Wife and Family.

Invitation to Maritimers and indeed others to take part in celebrating the memorable anniversary.



# Interior Of New Offices Of I.M.T.

Pictured above the spacious interior of the Island Motor Transport office located in the new Civic Centre that was officially opened Wednesday afternoon by His Worship Mayor Stewart.

# New Program In Georgetown

On Tuesday evening, April 19th, a new program was introduced to interested members of the Georgetown community under the title of Community Workshop. The meeting took place in the Legion Hall, and those demonstrating the Workshop were Mr. Bram Chandler, M. Stan McInnis, Mr. John Martin, all of the National Film Board, Charlottetown; Mr. Lincoln Dewar, president of the Farm Forum, and Mrs. J. Boomhower, a member of the Little Theatre Guild.

Their first demonstration was that of a poorly-conducted meeting likely to occur in any community. The interested watchers noted the faults and tabulated these in small discussion groups afterwards. General discussion followed, and a sample meeting conducted correctly with proper attention to parliamentary procedure. A break was then called during which Mrs. Boomhower relaxed the audience with some amusing games.

Next, a film on voting was shown, followed by an impromptu panel discussion. More general discussion ensued, and finally the meeting closed with the singing of

"Bon Soir, Mes Amis". Those attending the meeting found it stimulating, with many valuable suggestions for future use. A hearty vote of thanks was extended by Mr. Howard MacDonald, and also a hope that further gatherings of this nature could soon be organized.

—CK.

# ZION MISSION GUILD

The regular meeting of Zion Mission Guild was held at the Mansie on Monday evening, May 2nd. The meeting opened by singing the Hymn "O Worship the King," followed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Plans were completed for the joint meeting with the Summer-side Guild on next Monday evening, May 9th. The closing banquet is to be held at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday evening, May 30th.

The next meeting of the Guild is to be held at the home of Elita Currie, and the committees were appointed to take charge of the Devotions and the lunch.

The Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" verses 1-3 opening the devotions for the evening. Psalms 95 was read, and prayer was given by Betty Downing. The offering was taken and dedicated

by Peggy MacDougall. The last verses of the above-mentioned hymn closed the devotional period.

Guest for the evening was Mrs. (Dr.) Chan, who has recently come from Hong Kong. A pleasant time was spent in talking with Mrs. Chan about the different customs, food, weather etc. in her homeland. The Guild also had a visit from Mrs. R. R. Hurst, President of the P. E. I. Presbyterian, who gave a short talk on the work of the W. M. S.

A social hour followed during which a letter was read from Audrey Campbell in Pakistan in which she thanked the members for the box of clothing etc. which had been sent to her. A delicious lunch was served by the I.M.T. Larder, Joyce Panting and Edith Davis.

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