

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Plowing Meet Dates Chosen

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I WAS interested to hear the Provincial Plowing Match Association at Bridgetown this week set September 9 and 10, and 11 if necessary, as dates for the 1964 Canadian Plowing Championships.

It's not generally known, but a sharp controversy has been building up here since this paper first announced last fall that the Canadian Plowing Council had approved the staging of the big meet here in our Centennial celebration year of 1964.

Critics have been telling me the Dundas people haven't the accommodations to house the "several hundred people" who will be coming here for the big event. It should be held close to Charlottetown, or to some other centre where more accommodation is available for visitors, I've been told.

THE CRITICS have also questioned whether the Dundas people can supply enough land for the competitive plowing, and also for practice work.

But President Leslie Hunter and Secretary Albert Acorn told their annual meeting they've been assured by Souris and Montague board of trade people, that enough accommodation is available in their centres. And many private homes in the Dundas area can take extra people, it was added.

Montague's Arnold Wightman and our own Jim Cudmore assured the meeting that their town can stage the big plowmen's banquet, customarily given on closing night of the competition. There were 1100 people at the banquet in Ontario several years ago, but only 900 at a dinner in Quebec another year, we were told.

Plowmen's Council In Charge

THE CANADIAN Plowmen's Council is in charge of the administration of the meet. They control everything concerning it that part is in experienced hands.

Not having had any experience with Canadian Championship meets, I'm not in a position to say whether the accommodations at Dundas are adequate or not. But I'll take their word for it, until the Canadian Plowmen's Council passes its opinion.

So far as I'm concerned, I don't care where the match is held, except that I sympathize with the Kings people's view that they should have the right to stage it, for they are the ones who restored competitive plowing to this province. But I would hate to see us lose the championship - and that is possible - just because we persist in fighting among ourselves over where it should be held.

There were some other things I heard at the meeting that did disturb me. I'll talk about them later. I only want to add now that I'm not putting all the blame for them on my Kings County friends.

Reactions On Water Dowsing

LAST WEEK'S item on Hazen Howard and his water switching, or dowsing, brought numerous comments. But the most interesting came from Joe Curran, Charlottetown.

He's been told a man who can find water with the forked switch - he's seen it done with a pair of welding rods - has perfectly concentric rings on his thumbs and fingers, in the area where finger prints are taken. But he's not sure. I've been too busy this week to check with Mr. Howard to see if his are that way.

Best story I heard, though, and it's true, is of the prominent Charlottetown clergyman who was "a confirmed temperance crank" as my informant put it, and one of his parishioners who really enjoyed drinking something more interesting than water.

THE CLERGYMAN had the dowsing gift and his parishioner was having him try for water at his cottage site, across the harbor from Charlottetown. The forked stick turned to find a water source all right, but not before it had first led the minister to a woodpile where my friend had buried a bottle of rum.

The clergyman's observations are not retained for posterity, but I only wish I had known the story before the cottage owner died. I would have loved to have him tell it, in his own colorful way. Obviously it would be unfair to use their names, but the cottage owner was one of the best-liked men I have ever met in this City, and he had a priceless talent for relating incidents of that kind. I don't want to describe the clergyman, lest someone might recognize him, and I think it would be better to let the estimable gentlemen rest in peace.

Liberal Action And Predictions

LLOYD MacNEVIN, Charlottetown has been named provincial Liberal organizer, I learned yesterday.

If the name is unfamiliar to most Liberal officers and veteran workers throughout the province - and I think it is - that is no reason for concern. He is a very capable young man, I've found, from conversations I have had with him about various other matters.

A number of people are being considered as probable candidates for the Queens County Liberal nomination, and I heard several bets this week that surprised me.

MOST SURPRISING was the one in this office that the Liberals would take three of the four seats in the next federal election. I didn't agree with the man but he came back strongly, when I disputed his theory, with the revelation he had picked four Progressive Conservatives to win here in 1967, when he hit it right on the nose.

Bets in this office are usually for coffee or tea in the cafeteria. But losing a bet entails much more than the price of the coffee, though he bet a supply of several weeks. The real penalty is the eezing the loser takes from the rest of the gang, if he's proven wrong.

E. D. REID, president of the P.E.I. Liberal Federation and a former candidate, in Queens has agreed to reconsider an earlier decision he would not offer this time. But there's still no indication what his final decision may be. Allison Gillis, Charlottetown lawyer, is another whose name has been mentioned as a possible candidate.

A young man from the rural area is under considerable pressure to offer, and the name excites me a bit. But he's reached no decision, and has personally asked me not to mention his name. As he's a friend of mine, I'll have to comply.

There are likely others. I know there's at least one more being considered, and others may offer. There will be at least four or five candidates. I was told this week by a prominent party man here, when the convention is finally called.

"Only Living Canadian Chosen"

I WAS agreeably surprised this week when department of agriculture people here described Almon Boswall as "the only living Canadian" who has been named to Canada's Agricultural Hall of Fame. I was not aware that he was the only living one chosen.

If that is correct - and these people assure me it is - the honor he has won is that much more noteworthy.

Mr. Boswall was honored Wednesday by the Swine Breeders Association and I'm only sorry that Mrs. Boswall, his charming lady, was not able to be at the meeting, for the association was going to present her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. As I indicated in a previous column, I cannot think of any lady who would be more deserving of such an honor.

Mrs. Boswall may have thought that she would be the only lady in attendance, but she would have had company for Mrs. H. S. MacEwen, Stanley Bridge was there with her husband and, I imagine, would have welcomed having a second lady in the room.

CHURCHES SUNDAY
JANUARY 28

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SOURIS - BAY Fortune Pastoral Charge, The United Church services: Bay Fortune at 11 a.m.; Souris at 7 p.m. Rev. D. E. Adams, minister.

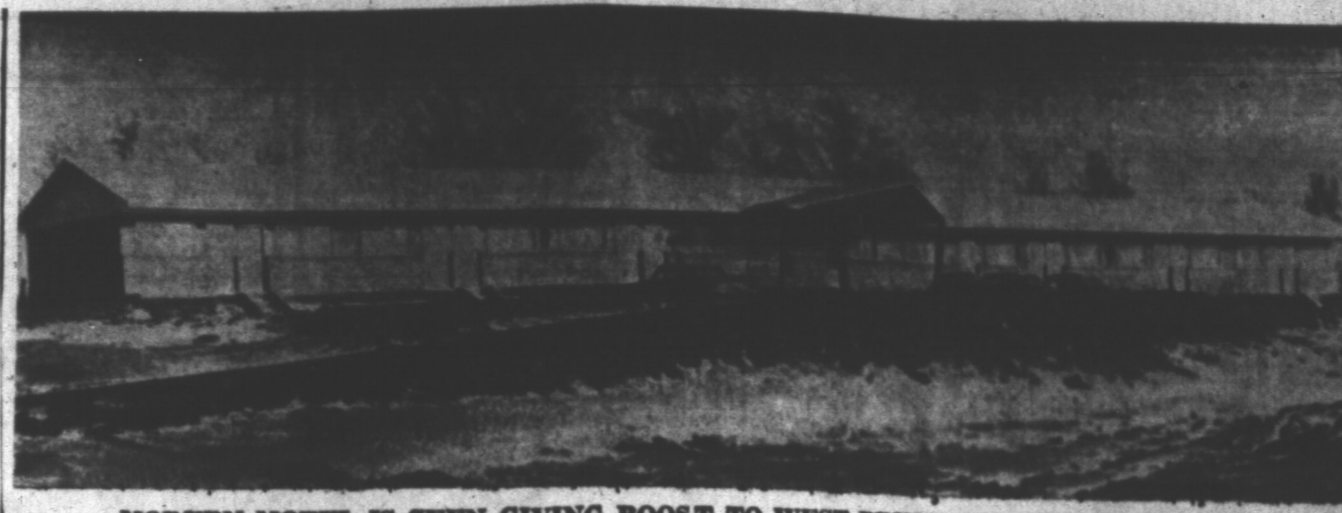
BEACH POINT Gospel Chapel Sunday School and Bible class at 10:30 a.m. Worship at 11:30 a.m. Evangelistic service at 7:30 p.m. (Please note change in time). Lou Harris, speaker.

MURRAY HARBOR United Baptist Church. Services: Song service at 7:30 p.m. Special numbers by Mr. John Bears.

and Miss Bears. Offering for missions.

MURRAY HARBOR - Murray River Charge, The United Church of Canada. Services: Murray Harbour: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; worship at 11 a.m.; Little Sands: worship at 2 p.m. Murray River: Sunday School at 11 a.m.; worship at 7:30 p.m. The Inaugural services for the United Church Women and the installation of Officers will take place at Little Sands and Murray River. Rev. David H. Barwise, minister.

ST. DAVID'S United Church, Georgetown. Rev. W.A. MacQuarrie, DD, minister-in-charge. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.; worship at 7 p.m.



MODERN MOTEL IS SEEN GIVING BOOST TO WEST PRINCE TOURIST INDUSTRY

Western Motel Gives Quality Accommodation

Accommodation at its best is now available in the Western part of the province with the opening today of the Western Motel in Alberton.

Located on Church Street at the western approaches of the town the attractively designed brick front building is a welcome addition to the ever expanding

facilities in the area for tourist accommodation and the travelling public in general. Proprietors are Peter Pope and Creelman MacArthur of Summerside.

Comprising 12 units of accommodation, an efficiently arranged coffee bar and grill, a

dining area and a small lounge, the motel staff can serve breakfasts, lunches and full course dinners for up to 30 persons at a sitting.

ALL MODERN The kitchenette and lunch counter are modern in every respect and high quality foods and home cooked pastry will be

featured. Contained in the building are housekeeping quarters for the management.

Each unit has wall to wall carpeting, television and telephone, ceramic tile bath room, box spring mattresses and bedding, thermostats controlling baseboard heating from an oil fired furnace and every effort was made to completely sound proof the rooms.

The excellence of the interior decor is one of the most striking features of the motel which compares favorably with any in the province.

The driveway from Church Street and the area leading to the protruding canopy over the main entrance has been paved and a large lighted sign erected near the main highway.

Managers are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon; Jean O'Meara is waitress and Mrs. Jessie Ashby is cook.

Next spring the management plans to install regulation size shuffle board, swings and slides for the children and a pier for boating and deep sea fishing excursions is also in the planning stages. The motel is only 300 feet from the Dock river.

Today and Saturday visitors to the motel will be served free coffee and doughnuts.

Church, Georgetown. Rev. W.A. MacQuarrie, DD, minister-in-charge. Sunday School at 2:30 p.m.; worship at 7 p.m.

TRYN PASTORAL Charge, The United Church of Canada. Services: Tryon at 11 a.m.; Crapaud at 3 p.m.; Cape Traverse at 7:30 p.m. Lester MacFarlane, student minister.

ANGLICAN CHURCH, Crapaud and Springfield. St. John's, Evensong at 7:30 p.m.; St. Elizabeth's Mattins at 11 a.m. Rev. Canon T.E. Loder, rector.

VALLEYFIELD - ORWELL Head Pastoral Charge, Valleyfield at 11 a.m. Allison MacKinnon, speaker; Orwell Head at 7 p.m. Rev. Clayton Lewis, speaker. Milltown Cross service cancelled.

DUNDAS - ANNANDALE Pastoral Charge, United Church. Heber H. Hardy, lay minister. Dundas, 2:30 p.m.; Annandale 7 p.m.

MONTAGUE Pastorate of United Baptist Church. Rev. A.G.J. Steeves, Minister. Montague 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. worship, 7:30 p.m. Evensong; Murray Harbor 2 p.m. Sunday School, 3 p.m. Memorial service for the late Deacon Herbert Cohoon; Murray River: 11 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m. service by Laymen; Sturgeon: 7 p.m. Sunday School lesson, 7:30 p.m. worship.

MURRAY HARBOR Church of Christ. 6:30 Bible School and Communion, 7:30 evening worship. Speaker: David Weale.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Church - Caledonia, worship 11 a.m.; Peter's Road, Church School 1:30 p.m.; worship 2:30 p.m.; Murray Harbor North, Church School 6:30 p.m., worship 7:30 p.m. Rev. M. Carl Currie, minister.

MONTAGUE UNITED Charge - Montague 11 a.m., regular service, 7:30 p.m. Inaugural Service for United Church Women; Sturgeon service at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John MacDonald, Minister.

MARGATE PASTORAL Charge. Services: Long River at 11 a.m.; New London at 2:30 p.m.; Margate at 7:30 p.m.

TRYN - BONSHAW United Baptist Pastorate. Rev. L. R. Graves, minister. Service at Tryon 11 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.

HAMPTON PASTORAL Charge, The United Church of Canada, Bonshaw 11 a.m.; Desable 2:30 p.m.; Hampton 7:30 p.m. Rev. Bryer R. Jones, P.A. minister.

CORNWALL UNITED Church. Services: New Dominion at 11 a.m.; Kingston at 3 p.m.; Cornwall at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School at Cornwall at 11 a.m. Rev. I.L. Walls, minister.

FREE CHURCH of Scotland, Worship (DV): Birch Hill at 7:30 p.m. Services conducted by Rev. W.R. Underhay.

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p.m.; Stanchel at 2:30 p.m. Rev. W.R. Underhay, minister.

HUNTER RIVER United Church - Services: North Wiltshire at 11 a.m.; Hampshire at 3 p.m. Women's Inaugural Service. Hunter River at 7:30 p.m. Installation of Sunday School teachers. Rev. W.E. Dindial, minister.

UIGG - ALEXANDRA. Services: Uigg at 11 a.m.; Alexandra at 7:30 p.m. Rev. C. W. Passey, minister.

LONG RIVER Presbyterian Church. Worship service 11 a.m. Service conducted by the WMS. Rev. E.H. Bean, interim-moderator.

THE YORK Pastoral Charge, United Church of Canada. Rev. G.A.D. Elliott, minister. Central church at 11 a.m.; Pleasant Grove at 2:30 p.m.; York at 7:30 p.m. Admission of Elders and Communion service.

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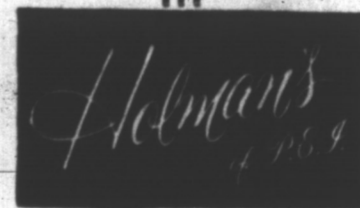
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