

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Crop Moisture Requirements Studied By Ont. Researchers

By J. LINCOLN DEWAR observations may not be very pertinent should good rainfall have occurred during the early part of this week.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

'Pretty Yellow Pigs' Spanish Armada Gold

By NEIL A. MATHESON Provincial-Farm Editor

I HAVE to thank Mrs. Edgar Murphy, Clermont for one of the more interesting buried treasure stories that have come to me earlier this summer.

Kettle Was Full Of Golden 'Pigs'

"ONE DAY I was playing on the shore and gathering-mussels and cockles off the rocks. The tide was very far out. When I tried to climb back over a sturdy rock, the edge of it moved.

"I put the cover back on the kettle and climbing up, rushed home to tell my father. He just laughed, but to please me finally he went down to the shore with me, but the tide had come in, and we could not see the rock.

"Several times I persuaded him to try to find it, but that was all I ever saw of the beautiful little toys," Mrs. Murphy's grandmother had told them.

"Mrs. Murphy tells me, and the quotes are hers now: "Mother told me this story many years before she died, and she said that grandmother never exaggerated, and heartily disliked 'tall stories', so my mother believed the story was true.

"The old grandmother's granddaughter was secretary to the Dominion archivist in Ottawa about the time I heard the story and she asked the archivist if any European country had had its gold bullion made into the form of pigs, and the man said 'Spain had done that at the time of the Armada'.

"So there you have a buried treasure story right from the land of Erin itself, told by a daughter of that country who came to this country in the long ago.

Bonshaw Road Race Recalled

FINLEY MACKINNON, Marshfield brought me a story this week which included a note on a Bonshaw road race held perhaps 35 years ago. I was unable to get a more definite date.

The race started at Crosby's Mills, went up a sharp hill to the Green Road to 'The Portage' and then back to Bonshaw and to Crosby's Mills. Mr. Mackinnon told me this week.

Puppet Show Is Really Fun

I SAW the Canadian Puppet Theatre's show here this week for the first time and suggest to parents of young children they take in this show if at all possible.

It runs about an hour and it's crammed with fun and action. They even have a bull fight in it, and there's a bushel of laughs. I saw the show from the theatre first and then went back stage and watched the people work the puppets.

These people laugh at times as they follow the busy routine of bringing the many puppet characters to life, even though they've done the show dozens of times, and might be expected to get bored with it.

But there are unusual things happening back of the curtain. Alex is the guy who works the Bull Puppet in the bull fight and John handles the matador. On one of the charges Alex made with the bull, he swept past the matador and as he turned to come back for another charge, Alex tipped off the tiny wheeled box on which he sits, lost his balance and had to scramble back into action quickly to maintain the rapid pace of the show.

I spent a great deal of my time out front watching, the children—the theatre was filled—and I've never seen happier or more interested faces. They were fairly bug-eyed with excitement.

Impromptu Star Has Island Parents

A TOP part in the show for me was the performance of John Feehan of Dartmouth, a nine-year-old boy Alex called on to help him as he sang the folk song about the 'old woman who swallowed a fly,' and various other things.

I talked with Mrs. Feehan after the show and found she and her husband come from the Island. She was the former Hazel Hughes of Fort Augustus, and she taught school for a half dozen years. Her husband, James Feehan, is from Mt. Stewart.

The green monster they have in the show made me think of the 'serpentine sea monster' Raeford MacLean, O'Leary and John Ellis, West Point told me about. (The story ran in this column July 2). For the benefit of summer visitors, the monster was estimated to be 60 to 90 feet long.

Before I leave the puppet show, I've always been interested in puppets and wondered just how they are worked. My 60 minutes backstage Tuesday afternoon was interesting and enjoyable. My thanks to the four friendly stars who made me welcome, despite the already cramped quarters in which they had to work.

I should tell you also that a great deal of professional know-how goes into some of those puppet acts. Most of you have seen the 'Italian mouse' puppet on the Ed Sullivan show. It was Irene Rapsy, John's charming wife, who told me that there are four puppeteers manipulating the tiny mouse. And John tells me that some of the top international puppeteers refuse to divulge some of their secrets for making their puppets come to life.

Puppets normally are considered for youngsters but I spotted a good number of adults in the audience as I glanced around. All of them seemed to be amused. But the youngsters—boy, they really had a ball.

If you want to get in really good with your youngsters, I suggest you see and hear Frank, Marilyn, John and Alex in their really entertaining routine.

lawn and pastures there was approximately no growth in July, in spite of water shortage grain fields have a good appearance, on closer examination, however, they prove to be thin, this observation relates more to oats, barley in many cases appears to be quite satisfactory.

It is, of course, very difficult to judge the potato crop, in most cases the vines are not well developed but there is still time for this important crop to re- volve.

MOISTURE REQUIREMENTS Recently research work has been done on the moisture requirements of the potato crop, these studies were carried out on the early crop at Harrow, Ontario and covered the period late May into July.

Briefly the crop required an inch of water a week to make good development. In cases where the water was cut from an inch to three-quarters of an inch the yield fell as much as from 300 bushels to 136 bushels.

Research carried out in Western Canada at Lethbridge established that heavy crops use water more efficiently than light crops. In fact a four ton crop of hay will use a little more than a two ton crop. Part of the answer here is that a heavy crop shades the soil more and less water is lost by evaporation, there is also less likelihood of runoff.

In Southern Alberta the application of nitrogen fertilizer increased the crop fourfold but the water requirement was only slightly increased. To summarize a bumper crop will make the best use of an acre-inch of water as well as the best use of an acre of land.

For many people next week—Old Home Week—is the highlight of the year. With the unusually great number of visitors in this province, attendance should make some sort of a record and accommodation tested to its limits.

Two interesting changes this year are the new livestock classes with greatly increased prize money and hay classes with \$600.00 available in prize money and top prizes of \$100,000 available. In a year when hay is a very important commodity the new competition appears to be quite significant.

As usual, the dairy industry will be in the forefront with booths making available the different quality products.

While there is certainly an urgent need of rain, generally most people will hope for fine weather during Exhibition Week.

A number of matters related to farm credit have been in the news for the past few days. It will be recalled that Legislation was enacted last winter to cover setting up farm machinery syndicates. Under this act between January and the end of March loans totaling \$215,000 for 22 syndicates.

During the year ending March 31, 1965, under the Farm Credit Act borrowing reached 154 million dollars and up 42 per cent for the preceding year.

The Federation of Agriculture in its semi-annual meeting at Winnipeg laid very considerable stress on policies related to farm credit. The Federation recommended that all Federal Farm Credit Services be integrated under a new agency, and summarized its position in the following words.

"In our judgment the new agency would make it possible for the Federal credit service to provide through direct and indirect means a complete credit service for farmers. It would greatly facilitate the co-ordination of long, and intermediate term credit policies and programs, so that the majority of our farmers might expect to get their credit needs from one or two sources, instead of four or five or more as is too frequently the case at present."

PEA VINES Fodder shortage is creating interest on the part of many farmers in using pea vines as supplementary feed. Some caution on the part of milk shippers is indicated in the use of this fodder. They shouldn't be fed immediately before or during milking as flavours may be caused in the milk. The time to feed is after milking and with steps being taken to see that milk cows do not have them at least three or four hours before milking.

Generally it would appear safe to use pea vines, from the standpoint of pesticides and a

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New Wood Product Reported Is Thin As Wrapping Paper

By BRUCE LEVETT VANCOUVER (CP)—A wood product, so thin it can be used like heavy-duty wrapping paper, is being introduced in the Canadian market by a young Los Angeles manufacturer.

Gerry Lerman, 38, former president of the Midwest division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is here conducting a market survey for the product he calls microwood.

Whether—and where—he builds a Canadian plant to manufacture microwood will depend on the results of the survey.

Lerman is president of Microwood of America Limited which imports the wood—1,200ths of an inch in thickness—in large rolls from Germany.

He holds import and manufacturing rights for the product for the Western Hemisphere and the Far East.

So far, all manufacturing is done overseas. "They have a process whereby they can peel down a log, producing a continuous strip 1-85th of an inch thick and as

Fuller Home To Be Saved

WELSFORD, N.S. (CP)—Alfred C. Fuller of Hartford, Conn., 80-year-old founder of the Fuller Brush Co., has taken steps to preserve the farmhouse where he was born here in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley.

In recent months he completely restored and renovated the two-storey frame home built by his father, Leander Fuller, in 1862. The house has the elaborate "gingerbread" trim typical of 19th century dwellings and contains many of the original furnishings.

Mr. Fuller's parents lived there from the time of their marriage. Present occupants are a grand-nephew, Leon Fuller, and his wife. Their two sons are the fifth generation of the family to live in the house.

Alfred Fuller and his wife will be here Friday, Aug. 14, to greet guests at a reception marking completion of the restoration job.

REJECT NIGERIA BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The European Common Market has rejected British and American objections to the proposed association of Nigeria with the Common Market, sources here said Tuesday.

TRUST MAN DIES BALTIMORE (AP) — Charles W. Hoff, who rose from a \$5-a-week messenger to president and board chairman with the Union Trust Company of Maryland, died Monday at his home in suburban Lutherville. He was 67.

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LODGE PROTEST

TOKYO (Reuters)—The Neo Lao Haksai, pro-Communist political body governing the Pathet Lao army in Laos, has protested to the International Control Commission against United States air raids on Laotian "liberated" areas, the North Viet Nam news agency said Wednesday. It quoted the Pathet Lao radio as saying the raids killed or wounded many civilians and destroyed many houses and other property.

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