

Ownership Of Shrine Area Is Challenged By Americans

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Do Michigan residents own most of the land on which the famed Roman Catholic shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, Que., is located?

A Saginaw family thinks maybe it does. It is going to investigate further and says about \$36,000,000 may be involved.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Syed started looking through family records after reading in The Saginaw News' "Bygone Days" column that in 1929 some Saginaw residents were making efforts to obtain what was described as part of an unclaimed estate at Montreal.

Syed said the story revived his interest in a story he'd heard 16 years ago that his family might own St. Anne de Beaupre, including its famous shrine.

The Syeds said they found, with the help of Syed's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Inman of Los Angeles, that their great-grandfather, Louis Portance, had discovered years ago that his family owned most of the land in and around St. Anne de Beaupre.

DIDN'T COLLECT

The Syeds said a letter was found showing that Portance agreed to settle for half the estate's estimated \$36,000,000 value, but that before he could collect he was killed in a shipping accident at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1918.

Syed said he planned to write officials of St. Anne and inquire about whether the estate existed. If it did, his family would make a claim.

James L. Gale of Milwaukee got into the discussions Tuesday, telling The Saginaw News there were at least 180 direct descendants of Louis Portance in the Saginaw-Bay City area of Michigan.

Gale said the great-grandfather was known hereabout as Louis Gale; but that his real name was Louis Pont de Lance. He said Pont de Lance was buried in a Saginaw cemetery and had been a boat builder here and in Bay City.

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

VERY CLOSE

The passenger plane which made a faulty landing at Malton Airport Sunday was carrying five officials of the Farm Broadcast Department of the CBC. Hospitalized is Keith Russell, a former Maritimer well known to Farm Forum circles and through his work in farm broadcasting. Also involved were Frank Nicholson, another Maritimer; Bob Knowles in charge of the Farm-Broadcast Department for the CBC and Lionel L. Moore, regional commentator, Winnipeg. Very often a persons first plane accident is their last. Certainly there will be a great deal of satisfaction that the outcome of this particular one was not more serious.

PROMOTION

Indications are that much more than the usual amount of activity will be evident in the promotion of Farm Forum this season. Plans are now underway for a number of very competent field workers to start out after Thanksgiving making contracts with the officers of both active and inactive Farm Forums and in any communities where there are prospects of development.

In a general way it is hoped to develop a program whereby the farm forums will be used as contact groups for extension workers who are interested in contacting farm people on whatever promotion may be indicated. As an indication of the results of farm forum one of these groups in Kings County has inspired an extremely successful 4-H club and in addition organized through the credit union the purchase of a large thrasher for use on a community basis.

All in all farm forum prospects are beginning to look up and the Provincial Committee's annual meeting on October 14 the show should be getting well on the road.

TOBACCO PROSPECTS

The Financial Post for last week contains an article on the prospect of tobacco becoming a major crop and an important part of the Maritime economy. The article suggests that recent experiments in growing and curing tobacco indicates the possibility of developing in the Maritime provinces a 30 million dollar industry.

Should this be the case no doubt some, perhaps even most of the production can be located in this province.

Tobacco growing requires some special skills and a considerable investment as well. Long term indications are for its continuing to be a profitable crop with increasing demand.

AGRIC. STUDENTS

Of the ninety-three students taking first and second year agriculture at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, seven are from Prince Edward Island, nineteen from New Brunswick and forty from scattered among Newfoundland, Quebec, Jamaica, Santa Lucia, Trinidad and Kenya. The balance of fifty-three being Nova Scotians.

In the second year degree class are: E.S. Banks, Conway Station; N.J. Beaton, Summerside; and H.G. Coffin, Mt. Stewart. In the first year class are: R.L. Clay, Charlottetown; Jean LeLacheur, Georgetown; J.A. MacDonald, Glenfinnan; W. McCardie, Kinkora. This is the largest class for some years but certainly there is still room for more Islanders.

HIGH PRICES

The Maine Artificial Breeders Co-op staged last week its annual sale of bred heifers. Predominating were the Holsteins which averaged well over \$300 and many of these were grades. In fact a grade heifer topped the sale at over \$500 and a number were over \$400. It is significant that these heifers were all vaccinated for bangs disease. This market is not so far from Prince Edward Island and our breeders might do very well to be thinking in terms of getting into it.

POTATO DIGGING

This week finds potato digging well underway with very favorable weather for at least the first part of the week. There are reports of sound crops and crop with considerable blight. Generally the crop is expected to be somewhat lighter than was the case last year. Certainly August with its absence of sunlight was not favorable to potato growth. Two fine weeks should see the great bulk of the crop harvested. There is still a quite substantial acreage of grain to be saved and there is still some hay remaining in the fields to be gathered up.

MEETINGS

Planned for the next few weeks are County meetings of Federation of Agriculture director. These meetings are called to make plans for the holding of the

Annual County meetings and to work out a program for them. On November 3 the A.I. Clubs of the province are organized for a blitz of thirteen meetings all on the same night. The A.I. Association is a welcome new member of the Federation and there will be a Federation speaker at each of the above meetings.

Then of course starting on November 2 and each Monday thereafter throughout the winter the farm forums will be getting together. Certainly there appears ample opportunity for farm people to meet, share their ideas and make recommendations for improvements and changes.

PASTURE IMPROVEMENT

The first pasture improvement competition attracted almost ninety entries which were quite evenly distributed county wise. When on the night of the Harvest Exhibition the winners received their prizes, it was noted that they were practically all young farmers.

The provincial champion, Sterling MacRae of Brookfield is quite a young man who has already taken an active part in community and provincial affairs. Runner-up for the province A.S. MacEwen of Stanley Bridge proved that he has mastered the art of pasture improvement. Listed below are the winners:

Prince County — 1. Urban Gallant, Urbansville; 2. Elmer Waugh, Wilnot Valley; 3. Walter Bernard, Freetown.

Queens County — 1. A.S. MacEwen, Stanley Bridge; 2. Sterling MacRae, Brookfield; 3. Sterling Wood, Mt. Herbert.

Kings County — 1. Ernest Underhay, Edginton; 2. Thomas Cullen, Midgell; 3. George Kennedy, New Perth.

Trinity YPU Has Program

The weekly meeting of Trinity Y.P.U. was opened by worship service lead by the president, Bob Stead. The meeting was then called to order and the business conducted.

The program was led by Rev. R.S. Latimer and was entitled Missions and World Organizations. He briefly told of some of the important missionaries throughout the world. The group divided into four and discussed six questions.

For recreation the four teams played shuffle board in the social hall. The meeting was adjourned with Taps.

Woodleigh Coins Added To Total

The 94 pounds of coins dropped into the "Wishing Well" at Col. E.W. Johnston's showplace, "Woodleigh" in Burlington, when counted at Red Cross Headquarters amounted to \$448.20.

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Every year the coins dropped into the "Wishing Well" have increased in proportion to the number of visitors, and this year's results have topped them all as there were 20,000 visitors at Woodleigh during the past summer.

Truman Was Not Roosevelt Choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — Representative James Roosevelt (Dem.-Calif.) says his father, Franklin D. Roosevelt, "didn't give a damn" whether Harry Truman was chosen as his running mate in his 1944 bid for a fourth term in the White House.

The eldest son of the late president, says he believes his father "really preferred" Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas the No. 2 man on the ticket.

FDR's purported lack of interest had fateful consequences. Political experts agree that the wartime president could easily have swung his own choice for a running mate. As it turned out, Truman won the vice-presidential nomination and succeeded to the presidency when death took Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga., April 12, 1945. Truman went on to serve nearly two full terms.

FAMOUS RIVER

The Yukon River is navigable for steamboats from Whitehorse for 1,700 miles to its mouth in northwest Alaska.

Party Planned By Branch 'B'

Branch "B" of St. Paul's Church held its opening meeting for the fall in the Parish Hall on Tuesday.

Mrs. W.R. Aitken, the president presided and welcomed the members after the summer recess. Mrs. O.S. Harper, 1st vice-president lead in the Scripture reading, Litany and prayers.

The most important item on the agenda was the Little Helper's Party which will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Mrs. W.N. Wilson, Mrs. P.E. Bridges and Mrs. F.A. Baxter volunteered to be conveners and Mrs. J.E. Williams and Mrs. O.S. Harper will be hostesses to this enjoyable occasion. This party is an annual project of Branch "B" and its chief purpose is to get acquainted with the young mothers and children of the parish. Approximately 150 will be in attendance.

Mrs. John B. Murley gave a condensed report of the provincial annual meetings at which the five Island girls to win scholarship "on the basis of scholarship and grasp of teaching fundamentals". She formerly attended school at Mulburn where she resided with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin.

PWC SCHOLAR

Miss Dorothy Griffin, a 1959 graduate of Miscouche High School, has been awarded a \$200 scholarship at Prince of Wales College, where she is now in Teachers Training Classes. Miss Griffin was one of

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she and Mrs. E.F. Seller were delegates. Two members of the branch, Mrs. W.R. Aitken and Mrs. George G. Wood received life memberships during these sessions.

In closing the president reminded all members to attend the semi-annual meetings which will be held in Crapaud, Wed. Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

ONTARIO HAS 6,000,000 TORONTO (CP) — Ontario's population has passed the 6,000,000 mark, Premier Frost announced Thursday. He said this is an increase of 50 per cent in the population since the end of the Second World War.

Central YPS Has Meeting

The regular meeting of the Central Christian Church Young People's Society was held on Tuesday evening. The meeting opened with singing led by Kimball Wood. After the sing-song devotion was led by Sonny Herndon, Barry White and Janet Mellish.

During the business which followed it was decided that the Tuesday evening meetings begin at 7 p.m. and then to have games following the regular meeting, in the gymnasium.

It was also decided that sing-songs and luncheons be held after the Sunday evening services.

The group then dismissed to their respective classes which are led by Dr. Herndon and Mrs. Preston Beck. After classes the

meeting was dismissed by Dr. Herndon.

INAUGURATES SERVICE TORONTO (CP) — The first Japanese vessel to sail the St. Lawrence Seaway docked Sunday, inaugurating regular service between Yokohama and Toronto. The 9,241-ton, 500-foot Munchieshima Maru, one of the largest dry cargo freighters to sail the seaway, brought a load of plywood, ceramic tile, canned goods, toys and chinaware.

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