

# Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter  
HOW MUCH AM I OFFERED

A feature of agricultural life which combines both business and pleasure is the farm auction sale. Many of these sales mark the end of a family's career in the field of agriculture, the cause may be old age or death or the beckoning of more attractive occupations. In some cases the previous owner is happy to be rid of the farm, the livestock and the implements. Often though, the parting with these is the cause of real regret; they have come to form a part of a way of life and in particular does this apply to the household effects. The picture of an auctioneer asking for bids on the family cradle is one that cannot fail to give cause for thought.

The auction sale has associated with it a code of ethics peculiarly its own. It is well known that the extension of liberal credit terms does much to put life in the bidding, rarely do those who buy at an auction sale fail to honor their obligation; it is important that a good reputation be maintained by those who make a practise of frequenting the farm auction. Business considerations aside the farm auction is a social occasion which brings together rural people, gives them an opportunity to exchange opinions of social, economic and political affairs.

**DEPRESSION**  
More and more frequently people are raising the question "Are we in for another depression?" Whether the questioners see good grounds for believing such a danger or are merely being fatalistic is difficult to say. It can be pointed out that when depressions developed in the past the first signs usually appeared in agriculture. The farmer usually feels the pinch first. On him the cold winds of reality blow before chilling the other segments of the economic body. In the present trend in the economic current would appear to be following the historical pattern.

While in Canada and the United States relative farm income has gotten back pretty much to a level comparative with the 1935 to 1939 period yet the price of securities, bonds and stock still continue at a high level. If history is not to repeat itself either farm income must show an upward or other incomes must come down.

**MONEY IN MONEY**  
In Canada last year farm income was in round figures, one and one half billion dollars. Investment income in the same year amounted to over three billion. In other words money earned a great deal more money than did all the farm people in Canada. Hard work on the part of an industry does not necessarily assure heavy earnings.

**G.A.T.Y.**  
The Honorable C. D. Howe, in replying to a question in the House of Commons on March 22, explained that under the agreement recently reached in Geneva the United States had been granted an exemption on the part of the agreement effecting agricultural commodities. However, the United States is required to consult, in advance, before applying any restrictions. This arrangement is, of course, nothing new, it merely legalizes what the U.S. has been doing for some time past in contravention of the agreement. The recent change now serves the purpose of making an honest woman of the United States.

**FAT STOCK**  
Island beef breeders and feeders had good reason to be satisfied with the success of their recent show and sale. This feature cannot fail but to create greater interest in, and knowledge of, what is desirable in beef cattle. Those who patronize the sale and pay generous prices deserve much credit for the encouragement provided. Firms and individuals who pay well above the market price do so for advertising and improved public relations and are entitled to receive everything possible in return in the way of publicity.

**EDUCATION FOR FARMING**  
There should be no limit to the education for young people planning to farm." This comment from the Bethany Forum in Ontario reflected the thinking of the majority of Farm Forums after their March 7th discussion of the important topic "Education for Farming." Almost one-third of the 725 Forums reporting felt that Grade 10 is the minimum in education for rural young people planning to farm. The Morell Rear Forum in Prince Edward Island suggested: "Higher grades tend to educate them away from the farm, and with less they are out of place in this high pressure age."

What special agricultural training is necessary for modern farming? The Forums listed agricultural courses, farm mechanics, animal husbandry, farm management, bookkeeping, as most important. In addition they mentioned 4-H Clubs, Farm Forums, Folk Schools, farm organizations. The Farm Forum at the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation Leadership School admitted, "It is possible to farm with only a primary school education, but to make success of farming more school-

ing and theoretical knowledge is needed." About 60 per cent of the groups felt that the high school is the place for agricultural education. A joint meeting of the Hebbron and Lot 7 Forums in Prince Edward Island decided, "If agricultural know-how is not acquired in public or high school it is beyond the reach of most young people."

From Saskatchewan, the Yellow Creek Forum reported, "Agriculture should be an optional subject in high school. Students intending to farm would be able to take this subject instead of some foreign language which they will not use in farming."

The Kingman Forum in Alberta spoke for the minority: "It would only take time away from some other basic subject, and we feel it could not be covered thoroughly. And the Central Elgin Forum in New Brunswick added, "High school is too early for a young person to specialize."

**HIGHWAY SAFETY**  
Under the sponsorship of the Canadian Good Roads Association there will be held in Ottawa on May 24th, 25th and 26th a national highway safety conference. Invited to this conference are representatives of the various important occupational groups in Canada and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has been asked to provide the representation for agriculture. Dr. H. H. Hannam will be acting as chairman of the agricultural groups. The purpose of the conference will be:—

1. To exchange views on matters relating to highway safety.
2. To draw attention to, and stimulate interest and activity in, highway safety.
3. To formulate recommendations for a program of action.
4. To consider a permanent organization.

**Simulates Chinese Theatre in Canada**

**WINNIPEG (CP)**—A Toronto-born Chinese has injected new life into the Chinese Dramatic Society which has been bringing Chinese theatre art to the Winnipeg community for 34 years. Until a year ago the society was producing only two or three plays a year. Now, under the direction of Sam Wong, the group has a play at least once a month.

The productions are paid for by donations and a membership of 150. The group owns some 50 costumes—lavishly-embroidered silk imported from Hong Kong and costing up to \$300 each.

**TRAINED IN TORONTO**  
Mr. Wong trained in drama in Toronto under professional actors from China. He also spent five years in China, much of the time in the theatres. Since moving to Winnipeg in 1944 Mr. Wong has trained most of the performers here. The actors prove their versatility by playing women's parts as well as male roles.

The Chinese play usually lasts about four hours. Mr. Wong writes or adapts all the plays which may be old Chinese dramas or modern stories. The hardest-working members are the musicians who provide a continual accompaniment to the actors. They must get the players off and on the stage at the proper moment. The musicians take their cues from the orchestra leader who comes equipped with a large set of drums and a sheet which outlines the general action of the play.

**VERSATILE LEADER**  
A series of drumbeats brings an actor on stage. From then on the leader gets little help from his reference sheet. He must be ready to change the tone of the orchestra by following the changing mood of the actor's speech. The orchestra relies mainly on basic Chinese rhythms and harmonies. However, some music comes from the current Chinese "hit parade" which the musicians pick up from records purchased locally.

The productions may seem casual to the uninitiated. The property man, unlike his western prototype who is hidden in the wings at all times, wanders about the

# Death Of Mrs. R. J. Ledwell

The sad news has been received by friends in Charlottetown of the sudden death in Lynn Mass., on Saturday, March 26, of Mrs. Mae Brogan Ledwell, widow of the late Dr. R. J. Ledwell. She was 80 years of age.

The late Mrs. Ledwell will be fondly remembered by numerous friends in Charlottetown for her kindly disposition and many fine qualities of mind and heart. After the death of her husband she lived in Boston and Lynn, Mass. She had not enjoyed good health for the past three years, but was able to attend to her household duties as usual until the day of her death. A heart attack came suddenly causing her death in a few hours.

Her only son, Dr. Jack Ledwell of Halleyburg, Ont., came by air to Lynn for his mother's funeral, which was held on Tuesday morning at the Church of the Resurrection High Mass. Burial was in Malden, Mass., Holy Cross Cemetery, beside the remains of her sister, Mrs. Dr. Farrel who predeceased her by several years.

# Elect National Liberal Officers

**OTTAWA, (CP)**—Duncan K. MacTavish, Ottawa lawyer, on Wednesday was re-elected president of the National Liberal Federation for a second term. The 225-delegate advisory council, concluding a three-day annual convention, also elected three new regional vice-presidents and returned one to office.

Vice-presidents elected: Western Canada — Harry B. Whiteside, Sceptre, Sask.; Ontario — Wilfred Gregory, Stratford; Atlantic Provinces — Stanley Rafuse, Bridgewater, N. S.; The Quebec regional vice-president, Rold Bock of Montreal, was returned.

Honorary English secretary: A. B. Weselak, Liberal MP for Springfield, Man.; honorary French secretary: Maurice Bourget, MP for Levis, Que., re-elected.

# Quebec City Fans Warned

**QUEBEC, (CP)**—Quebec Hockey League president George Slater Wednesday warned the Quebec Aces to keep Quebec City fans from attacking Montreal Royals left winger Bill Shvets.

In a telegram to Aces' general manager George (Punch) Imlach Slater said if any harm comes to Shvets the Aces-Royals semi-final playoff games scheduled to be played at Quebec will be played in Montreal instead. The teams meet here tonight in the fifth game of a best-of-nine series. They are tied 2-2 in games.

Shvets twice injured Quebec defenceman Al Arbour and Imlach said he has received telephone calls from fans saying they'll meet the Montreal train at the station today and "kill Shvets as soon as he gets off."

Arbour was operated on Wednesday to drain infected head cuts he received when Shvets knocked him into the goalposts during a playoff game in Montreal Saturday. Slater said in the telegram the Royals are being advised to keep Shvets under control.

# Chicago Cubs' Player Injured

**MESA, Ariz. (AP)**—Solly Drake, Chicago Cubs' promising young centerfielder, suffered a broken leg and badly dislocated right ankle in an intra-squad game Wednesday.

Dr. George C. Truman, after x-rays, said Drake will be in the hospital three weeks. The 24-year-old negro fielder was injured sliding into second base.

stage throughout the entire performance, shifting a chair or leaning against a wall strumming a guitar. And sometimes a patron or tardy actor will race across the stage during a performance, or take a vacant chair on stage to get a closer look at the production.

# City and Central

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**ORWELL — VERNON UNITED CHURCH.**—Rev. John M. Sheen, Minister. Vernon River 11 a. m. Eldon 2.30 p. m. Orwell 7.30 p. m.

**YORK PASTORAL CHARGE.**—The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule. Sunday, April 3rd, 1955. 11.00 a. m. Monday, 2.30 p. m. Pleasant Grove. 7.30 p. m. York.

**MARSHFIELD PASTORAL CHARGE.**—The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Sunday, April 3rd, 11 a. m. Harrington. 3 p. m. Mount Stewart. 7.30 p. m. Marshfield. Everyone welcome. Rev. Lee M. MacNaughton, B. A., Minister.

**HAMPTON PASTORAL CHARGE.**—The United Church of Canada. Services Sunday, April 3rd. Bonshaw 11 a. m. De Sable 3 p. m. Hampton 7.30 p. m. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

**CAVENDISH UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA.**—Services Sunday, April 3rd. North Rustico 11 a. m. Stanley Bridge 3 p. m. Rev. F. W. Sawdon, Minister.

**NORTH RIVER UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH.**—Clyde River 11 a. m. Kingston 3 p. m. North River 7.30 p. m. Rev. Owen Cochran.

**CARD PARTY** — Winners at a card party held at Winoe Hall were: ladies first, Mrs. Vera Ford, second, Mrs. Barbara Dollar, consolation, Mrs. L. MacLaughlan; men's first, Sherman MacDuff, second, Stewart MacFarlane, consolation, Tim Ranahan; freezeout, Emerson Ford and Gill Henry.

**POWNAL UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE.**—Services Sunday, April 3rd. 11 a. m. Bunbury. 2.30 p. m. Mt. Herbert. 7 p. m. Pownal. A new Communion Table will be dedicated in Pownal church this Sunday evening, and the Junior Choir will have charge of the music. Rev. T. R. Goudge, Minister.

**CORNWALL UNITED CHURCH.** Services April 3rd, will be as follows: Kingston 11.00 a. m. Cornwall 7.30 p. m. Dr. Weir will conduct the morning and afternoon service and Rev. George Tilley, B. A., will be guest preacher at Cornwall and Mr. Islet Richards will be guest soloist in the evening.

**HEAR NEIL A. MATHESON, M. P.** in Report from Parliament Hill on Saturday, April 2nd, at 7.45 p. m.

# In Memoriam

In loving memory of Mrs. Bertram Storey, who passed away April 1st, 1954.  
The dearest person the world could hold;  
A cheerful smile, a heart of gold;  
To those who knew her all will know,  
How much we lost one year ago.  
This world's many troubles and trials are past,  
In silence she suffered,  
In patience she bore,  
Till God called her home to suffer no more.  
Sadly Missed by Husband and Family.

# SALE DAYS

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# Strange But True

By F. M. MacArthur

The real Samaritans still offer the blood sacrifice. Just before dark the people assemble for prayer and scriptural reading, along with their priests. In this Samaritan blood sacrifice seven lambs are used. Each lamb must be white, male, without blemish, and born in the month Tishri of the previous year.

When all is ready, the lambs are fleeced in drums of boiling water. Then they are roasted on logs. Blood from their bodies is smeared on the foreheads of their first born as well as on the doorways of their tents. This is the pass-over feast handed down from Biblical days.

The total mineral content of the Dead Sea is, estimated at forty-two billion tons, of which more than half is magnesium chloride. On the northern end of a high cliff overlooking the Dead Sea, archaeologists recently made a find which could change the entire religious history of the world. They discovered scrolls written on sheets of pure copper. Nothing like them has ever been found before. The scrolls are now in the Jerusalem museum awaiting to be unrolled and read by leading scholars of the world. What mysteries may they unfold! All that is at present known about them is that they are contemporary with the life of Jesus.

Is there a real Rock of Ages for which the famous hymn by the same name was called? Yes, it occupies a niche in a cavern of the Holy Land. Because of its huge bulk this stone was popularly supposed to be one of the oldest landmarks. No one knows exactly how old it is, or who tagged it with the name, Rock of Ages.

In bygone days impressive ceremonies were held at the rock. Then lights were extinguished and a group of singers advanced, singing "Rock of Ages", and the lights came on again. This simple ceremony brought so many visitors to the place that no room was left for the singers and the ceremony was discontinued. Failing to understand the difficulties, people all over the country sent in protests.

Another famous cavern covers an estimated 550,000 square feet and requires 2,400 bulbs to light the interior of the gigantic room. And in the Hall of Giants, a stamagitic growth towers 62 feet skyward. Geologists find the so called "boneyard" an immensely interesting place for it illustrates the nature of the cavern's beginnings. Centuries ago, when limestone lay beneath the war table, the least resistant parts dissolved, leaving these "bleached bones". Before complete solution took place, water ran off and air filled the cavity.

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# Card of Thanks

—The family of the late John R. Marks wish to thank all the friends and neighbours who were so faithful to visit and help in any way during his illness and death and a sincere Thank You to Dr. Auld, Dr. Beer, Mrs. John Fletcher, R. N., J. L. Davison for their faithful care and thoughtfulness in so many ways. Also Thanks to all who sent treats, get well cards, flowers and sympathy cards.

# Says Term "Winning War" Has Now Become Obsolete

The Guardian Friday, April 1, 1955

**LONDON, (Reuters)**—U.S. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther said Wednesday that in warfare "science has progressed so much that the term 'winning' is now no longer practicable." Supreme allied commander in Europe, he was stressing that the Atlantic pact's main aims are to prevent an enemy from over-running Europe and to defeat that enemy—not to win a war.

Gruenther said that even if NATO failed to defend Europe it could achieve its secondary aim of defeating the enemy because of its overwhelming strength in long-range air power. Gruenther had flown to London to address a luncheon of British manufacturers.

**COVENTRY ARITHMETIC**  
He said the new West German armed forces will come into being within two years and take three or four years to become an effective unit.

"When that force becomes effective, we feel that we will be able to give considerable assurances that we can complete our first mission of defending Europe."

Until then NATO would depend on deterrents—"we do feel that even now we have this protection by way of deterrent."

"In the final analysis, even if they are able to destroy one Coventry on our side, we will be able to destroy six Coventrys on their side and that—even if a sinister kind of arithmetic—is one that the Soviet planner understands full well."

**EMERALD FIRST AID**  
Another very successful First Aid course was conducted in Emerald during the past several weeks under the capable leadership of Mrs. Peter Clark, R.N.

Those taking part were: Mrs. St. Clair Croken, Mrs. Leslie Trainor, Mrs. Clayton Green, Mrs. Earl Clow, Mrs. Madeline Clow, Mrs. Gerard Allen, Mrs. Leelanu Mayne, Mrs. Herman Mayne, Miss Elsie Mayne and Mrs. Clayton Hughes.

All these ladies received their pins and certificates and much credit is due to their leader for this splendid showing. The final examinations were conducted by Mrs. Harry Cudmore of Charlottetown. At the close of the course a presentation of a lovely table lamp was made by the ladies to Mrs. Clark in appreciation of her untiring efforts on their behalf.

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# Salk Report On April 12

NEW YORK (AP)—A news story Wednesday declared the Salk polio vaccine has been found 100-per-cent effective.

But polio officials said there has been no authoritative word that only one man knows the results, and he isn't talking. And reports of a few cases of polio among vaccinated children indicated the official report, when it comes, would be a verdict of something less than 100 per cent. That could still mean a good, useful vaccine.

In a copyright story, the New York World-Telegram and Sun says it has learned from an "unimpeachable medical source" that not a single child taking the vaccine had developed polio. It says this was the gist of the report to be made officially April 12 by Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. at the University of Michigan.

But Dr. Francis replied "the official report has not been written." The medical director of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Dr. Hart E. Van Riper, declared "only Dr. Francis knows whether or not the Salk vaccine is effective and, if effective, to what extent. Neither the National Foundation nor anyone else has received any information from Dr. Francis."

From New Orleans, Washington, D.C. Oklahoma and Indiana came word that polio developed in several youngsters getting the vaccine in last summer's big test. There has been much speculation that the official report on the vaccine, will be favorable. Some experts have cautioned not to expect that this or any vaccine will be 100-per-cent effective.

**ST. THOMAS, ONT. (CP)**—Mrs. John Blake Sweet, 94 and 91 respectively, celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Saturday. Both are active on their farm at Kingsmill, 12 miles northeast of St. Thomas.

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