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BRACE'S STORE and warehouses will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 13th.

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ANNUAL CHICKEN SUPPER, Immaculate Conception Church, parish hall, Wellington, Thanksgiving Day, October 13th.

RESERVE WEDNESDAY afternoon, November 13th, for Kensington United Church chicken and ham supper.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Summerside 11 a.m. Oct. 12th. Rev. H. F. MacEwen.

COMPLETED RADIO COURSE — Mr. Julian Gaudet, 25, of Mis-souche, recently completed a home training program in radio maintenance and television, graduating from DeForest's Training, Inc., Chicago. Mr. Gaudet is now employed as a painter for Mr. Frank Arsenault, Summerside, P.E.I.

KENSINGTON United Church Charge, Sunday, October 12th; Thanksgiving service, Summerside, 8:30 a.m. Kensington Sunday School 10 o'clock; public worship 11:00 a.m.; evening 7:30 p.m., W.M.S. thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Allison Profit will speak on recent General Council. Rev. Lewis M. Murray, B.A., B.D., Minister.

IT'S FUN and it's interesting. It's the annual P. E. I. Trades and Industry Fair on October 22nd-23rd-24th and 25th at the big box show building on the Exhibition Grounds. There'll be championships in fiddlin', step-dancin', with comedy music from Scotch dancing, square dances, wild life show and hundreds of interesting things to see and do, so remember the dates and don't miss the Big Show.

Young Conservatives of Second Prince Attend Meeting

More than 150 young men and women attended a meeting of the second district young Progressive Conservatives held at the O'Leary Legion Hall on Thursday night with representatives from every poll in the second district of Prince.

The meeting was presided over by president Sid Inman, of Northam, a program for winter activities which will include a study of the constitution of the poll, the duties of the agents in the poll and a complete study of the Election Act. It was decided to have a number of guest speakers during the next few months, including Reginald Bell, Waltham Gaudet, and others and it was also decided to hold a series of debates between themselves and other Y.P.C. groups in the Province on current political subjects.

It was agreed that the meetings will be rotated at different places throughout the district.

Speakers at Thursday night's meeting included J. Don Campbell, M.L.A., for First Prince, and Chester S. MacDonald, provincial vice president of Young Peoples P. C. Association.

Mr. Campbell expressed his pleasure at such a splendid turnout for the meeting and explained the part which Y.P.C.s are playing in the Conservative Party.

He paid special tribute to the Y.P.C. in his district for their part in electing him to the Provincial Legislature, in the last provincial election.

Mr. Chester MacDonald also expressed his pleasure at such a large attendance and hoped that this number would be maintained and increased.

He stated that the success of the organization would depend on the members working together. Mr. MacDonald, provincial vice president said that all plans for the provincial convention of the Y.P.C.s are expected to be finalized this week and their convention will be held in Summerside in the near future.

Mr. George Key, Jr., president of the Fifth District Y.P.C.s said that anything his organization could do to help would be willingly given. Messages were read from R. B. Bell, provincial leader and from Gerald Foster, provincial president, expressing regret that they were unable to be present at this meeting and wishing the new organization every success.

At the conclusion of the business session lunch was served by the ladies and a program of music was enjoyed by all.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held at O'Leary Legion Home Thursday, November 13th when Mr. Bell will be the guest speaker.

Maritime Presbyterian Y.P.S. Conference Opens

Smallman's Store Entered On Thursday Night

At sometime during Thursday night a break occurred at the store of Smallman's Limited, entry being gained by breaking a window at the rear of the building. The break was discovered by members of the staff when they reported for work yesterday morning.

Apparently the intruder, after breaking the glass, reached in and released the lock on the window which enabled the sash to be raised. Outside, in the alleyway, were found several empty shoe boxes and although a definite check of the stock was difficult, four or five pairs of shoes are definitely missing.

Police are investigating the robbery but up to last night the identity of the thief or thieves was still a mystery.

P. E. I. Farm

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growth which has added to the feed value of the product. The development in grass ensilage promises to be an important support to the future feed supplies of the Province.

Livestock

The livestock population at June was substantially higher than at the same period in 1951, and the figures are as follows:

Milk Cows	38,900	41,000
Other Cattle	59,000	63,900
Total	97,900	104,900

These figures on cattle, I would say, are a little strong. I would feel that the total cattle population would not be over 100,000.

Sheep and Lambs 34,400 36,200
 Horses 21,300 19,700
 Swine 72,500 77,000

The latter figure, of course, does not give the full hog production for the year, and the total would possibly be in the vicinity of 130,000. It is interesting to note that the estimate of sows due to farrow from the June to November period is 8,200, and compared with the same period in 1951. This is a decrease of 25%, and is a reflection of the drop in market values of hogs.

The output of chick hatcheries is down from the previous year in the relation of 738,000 to 873,000 for 1951. The estimate on total domestic fowl is also substantially below the figure of 1951. On the other hand the turkey and goose population seem to be up slightly, while the number of ducks has deteriorated.

Markets

The bright spot in the whole agricultural picture centers on potatoes. Prices were very high during the spring of 1952, but the great bulk of potatoes was disposed of by producers before the high prices took effect. A rather scarce production picture in Canada and the United States this fall leaves the impression of a strong potato market during the coming season. Prevailing prices would indicate that the demand will be remunerative to growers.

In practically every other field of agriculture, however, prices have dropped, and in some cases, to discouraging levels. The outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Western Canada which brought about the closing of the American market to Canadian livestock struck a severe blow at the livestock economy of the country. While floor prices were put on these some classifications of beef the prices had only a slight effect in holding up market levels in the Maritimes.

As a matter of fact, at the present moment, taking cattle prices right across the board, the market level is a little better than half of that prevailing during the previous year. A recent drop in the floor price and in markets in the United States has tended to further depress the local situation. A promise of a higher floor price next spring is designed to influence the carrying over of unfinished cattle until that time. It is possible this may have some influence, although farmers over-loaded with stock (and our cattle population has increased substantially) may find it difficult to arrange for carrying facilities.

Dairy Cattle

The market for good dairy cattle has also been more or less demoralized, and prices of dairy cattle have substantially receded. In view of the severe culling of Prince Edward Island dairy herds, however, during the past few years, by lessening in export for two or three years may not be a bad condition in that it will help dairy producers to again build up herds to a normal level.

Hog prices have also gone down, although the floor has helped to sustain the market structure. A rather serious situation prevails in the lamb market due to the closing of the American border and prices generally are weak. The same may be said of poultry in which field the prospects are not especially encouraging.

Egg prices, however, have held up at a satisfactory level, although there does seem a more than necessary spread between the top and lower grades. As the greater part of our economy is dependent upon a vigorous and healthy livestock structure on the farms of the Province the present situation is rather discouraging. At the same time it is good practise to maintain a

R. C. A. F. Station Social Notes

Friends of L.A.C. and Mrs. Bernard were glad to hear that their little daughter Brenda is recovering nicely from her recent accident.

Week ending with Corporal and Mrs. Rhindress were his parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Rhindress also RSM. Ken Chapman and family of Amherst. They were accompanied by Mr. Lamb of Liverpool who visited his son and daughter-in-law, Cpl. and Mrs. Lamb.

Other visitors to St. Leon Park were Mrs. Ormandy's parents and other relatives from Sackville, N. B.

The Canasta Club, the "Lucky Eight" held their weekly get-together at the home of Mrs. Jean Styles. This club is looking forward to its second year of successful melding.

Friends of Corporal Ted Hancox, now at Probation Bay, were delighted to see him here last week. No doubt Mrs. Hancox and two daughters, heard some exciting tales of adventure among the Eskimos and huskies of the far north. Mrs. Hancox, who has been visiting her sister in Dartmouth recently, had the good fortune to speak with Ted via transmitter and phone. Ted is quite happy at his new post and remarked on the cooperation of the personnel there.

St. Leon Park will soon be losing Corporal LeBanc. Mrs. LeBanc will remain here until her husband secures accommodation at his new unit.

By the time Albatross comes off the press a farewell party will be held for L.A.C. and Mrs. Frank St. John who are leaving on transfer.

Mr. A. H. Osborne, meteorologist at Shearwater naval base, Dartmouth, and his bride of two weeks were visiting at the Cowleys last week. Al was attached to this station a year ago for two months.

Drew Returns Home From Visit To Europe

OTTAWA, Oct. 10 (CP)—George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader said today Canada should co-operate in every way possible to bring about convertibility of Sterling and freer world trade.

The main objective of the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers in London next month, he said, should be the removal of trade and currency barriers.

"We should try to get back to that flexibility of trade that we had until the last war," said Mr. Drew.

Fact-Finding Tour

He made the statements at a press conference in his parliamentary week fact-finding tour of the United Kingdom and Europe. He made these points:

1. There is a "great desire" in the United Kingdom for greater trade with Canada.
 2. One of the things that impressed him most during the tour was West Germany's reconstruction.
 3. Russian-controlled East Berlin is "alive with police".
 4. If other countries respect tariff and trade agreements, then the United States should respect them as well.

His reference to the United States came after he said that the Geneva Trade Agreements and other international pacts would not have been reached if it had not been expected that Sterling and the dollar would not be convertible.

A reporter interjected that the United States Congress had broken the Geneva agreements by banning of some Canadian agricultural products.

Mr. Drew said he believes the United States should not be free to do anything another country would not do. If other countries respected the agreements, then the United States should as well.

N. B. Premier Orders Audit

FREDERICTON, Oct. 10 (CP)—Announcement was made today that the new Progressive Conservative Government of Premier Hugh John Flemming has ordered an audit of the province's accounts for the six-month period ending Sept. 30.

It was learned that the audit will be made by P.S. Ross and Sons, chartered accountants who conducted previous audits for the province under the late Liberal administration. The last audit was for the fiscal period ending March 31.

Inquest Held At S'side Last Night In Freetown Boy's Death

At an inquest into the death of 12-year-old Francis Blanchard, Freetown, a coroner's jury in Summerside last evening found that "Francis Blanchard, died in the Prince County Hospital at approximately 12:15 A.M. on October 8th, 1952, from injuries received while riding on the back of an open flat bottom truck, driven by his father, Earl Blanchard, travelling west, at approximately one mile from Freetown station, was in the act of making a left turn across the highway without having given the proper signals and was in collision with a loaded gravel truck driven by Hodge Montgomery, of Kensington".

The verdict concluded by saying, "We attach no blame to Hodge Montgomery, driver of the gravel truck."

Evidence was heard from ten witnesses at this inquest which was presided over by Dr. Austin Delaney.

Dr. J. C. Simpson, in his evidence, said that death had been caused by shock due to rupture of the spleen and small intestine, an evulsion of the pelvic bone, hemorrhage and other internal injuries. He said that an operation was at first considered but the boy's condition had become more critical despite shock treatment and transfusions. He said that post mortem had revealed that the boy was injured so badly that surgery would have been impossible.

In answer to a question from the crown prosecutor, Mr. D. O. Stewart, Dr. Simpson said the injuries suffered by the boy, would, he believed, have to be sustained through terrific violence, but he did not believe that the boy had been run over by one of the trucks.

Corporal Beel of the Summerside detachment of the R.C.M.P. told of visiting the scene of the accident as a result of a phone call from Hodge Montgomery. He said there was considerable damage to both the 1944 Chev truck, operated by Mr. Blanchard, and the 1951 Chev truck operated by Mr. Montgomery.

He said many signs of skid marks on the farm roads had been obliterated by passing traffic. Brakes on the Montgomery truck were in Al condition but the brake lining in the Blanchard truck had been damaged in the accident and brake fluid lost.

Members of the jury were: Ray Tanton, foreman, Robert Hogg, Roland Phillips, Thomas Carruthers, Clifford MacGulgan, Frank McEwen, Claude MacNeill.

Questions Discussed At S'side Athletic Meeting

The Summerside Athletic Association held its regular fall meeting at the Town Hall last night with Chester S. MacDonald, the president, in the chair. The matter of forming an Island baseball association was discussed. James Hogan, Jr., secretary of the Association, said that Brigadier Bill Reid intended to hold a meeting in the near future to discuss this question with representatives from the different interested Island centres.

It was decided that the president should name a committee to attend this meeting. Bob Clark, chairman of the committee to inquire into the matter of putting a fence around the ball park at Queen Elizabeth Park, reported that he had received an estimate from the firm of Curran & Briggs of \$3,000 to do this work. The Association went on record as favoring the building of the fence, and a committee consisting of Chester MacDonald, Al Bestall, Bob Clark and Jimmie Hogan were appointed to interview the Town Council with regard to obtaining permission to erect such a fence.

Earl Smith reported for the tennis committee, Bob Clark for the track and field committee, and the secretary James Hogan gave the financial report. A cheque for \$200 was given Mr. Smith to make a payment to Curran & Briggs for the work done on the tennis courts.

The matter of providing skating and hockey accommodation for the youth of the town was brought up. The Kinsmen were commended for their decision to continue to run the Kinsmen rink, and members were asked to put some thought on the problem of providing more accommodation for the children. The question will be further discussed at a meeting to be held later this fall at the call of the chair.

Rink Players Are Organized

Mayor Henry Wedge of Summerside has announced that a newly organized band of thespians called the Summerside Community Rink Players will produce a 3-act play entitled "Keeping Up With The Van Hornes" this fall; proceeds to go towards the Mayor's Community Rink Fund. Norman MacDonald is the author of the play, and it will be under the direction of P/L Rushton of the Summerside R.C.A.F. station.

The cast is made up of actors from the town and from the airport. Included in the R.C.A.F. players is a young lady from Vancouver, B.C., another from Simcoe, Ontario, and one from the neighboring Province of Nova Scotia. A young man from London, Ontario, a centre noted for his amateur thespians, will play one of the important roles.

Mr. MacDonald intends presenting the play on one occasion for the benefit of the Ladies Aid of the Prince County Hospital, to keep a promise made to them last fall, but all other presentations will be given to help the Community Rink Fund.

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