

# Evidence Of Dairy Policy Showing In Gov't Cheques

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Probably the first most tangible evidence of the new dairy policy is beginning to show in the mail with cheques being received for manufacturing milk sold in April. It can be expected that regular monthly payments will now be coming.

For the cream shippers the first payment will cover the months of April, May, and June and if the machine in Ottawa does not break down, these cheques should be making their appearance towards the latter part of July. In the case of surplus fluid milk some cross-checking is involved on shipments to different plants by individual farmers. For this dairy year it is expected that payments in the order of ninety million dollars will be made, an increase of forty million over last year. The amount received by the individual dairyman will vary from quite small indeed to very substantial in some cases.

## TORONTO MEETINGS

Next week in Toronto, three dairy meetings will be taking place. First the Dairy Foods Service Bureau made up of representatives from all provinces will get together for the mid-year meeting. Considered will be this year's operation both financial and advertising, already on the drawing board are plans for 1967 and these will be reviewed. Closely examined will be management performance as related to the budget.

The following day the Executive of the Bureau will meet to take action on matters arising out of the Bureau meeting. On

## ACROSS THE ISLAND

### Ghostly Site Is Gone As New Road Is Built

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I was on the way back from Borden earlier this week when I travelled across country from Crapaud to Rose Valley. I wanted to see what the highway department people are doing with the road through the old settlement where I spent my boyhood days. I expected changes, but I saw much more than I had bargained for.

To start with, the old Rose Valley hall is gone. It stood there, not far from the church, for as long as I can remember. Murdoch MacKinnon bought it, I am told. He intended to make a barn out of it. But the building collapsed when it was close to its destination—it was being hauled by a bull dozer. So the old hall has disappeared completely.

For older readers, Rose Valley natives who may be far away, Murdoch MacKinnon is a son of the man we know as "Donald Jim" MacKinnon, and a grandson of the man I knew in my youth as Murdoch Harvey—his right name was Murdoch MacKenzie.

Visiting with some close relatives in the Valley—I just had to talk to somebody about the changes—they told me they had heard a neighbor recall when Gaelic services were held in the hall, and the English services were in the church. "And both buildings were filled to capacity."

That's a far cry from today when the people who attend Rose Valley, and many other rural churches, are pitifully few by comparison.

### New Road Is Really Something

THE ROAD they're building in Rose Valley is what really took my eye. The Todd hill, for example, must be 200 feet in width—if you consider the removal of snow traps, the road is even wider.

The old church yard is practically extinct. Returning visitors will blink their eyes in amazement. It's progress, and the young people go along with it. But the older Rose Valley folk are not favorably impressed.

Remember the horse shed they built at the church in our fathers' time? William Kennedy bought it some time ago, hauled it to Stachel in two pieces, set them well apart from each other, built a much higher section in the middle, and he has what appears to be a large and useful barn.

Remember the ghost story I wrote several years ago about the man whose wagon was being followed by a pig? When he got out of the wagon and struck the pig, a girl's voice from the animal asked "Why did you hit me, John?"

### Ghost Story Locale Is Gone

THE SPOT was on a shaded road, just before you reach Rose Valley from Stachel. Well, the shady spot is gone. They're widening the road, and straightening it, so you'd never know it.

The new road cuts straight across the hollow of the farm we knew as Captain Buchanan's when I was a boy. It goes across the Dixon Road, well behind the house we knew as Alex Nicholson's, and later as Jimmie Nicholson's. And the road passes in front of Wesley MacNeve's house. Then it comes out on the old road almost in front of Stachel school.

I've used the older names of the Nicholsons and Wesley MacNeve, because I do not know the people who live there now. Wesley and Gracie MacNeve live in Hunter River, and Jimmie Nicholson is in the Toronto area, so far as I know.

The old Todd hill—it's about one-half mile long—creeps up toward the church. I use the word "creep" advisedly, because we did almost creep when we negotiated it by horse-drawn carriage, or sleigh. Now we zip over it at 80 miles per hour, and we scarcely know there's a hill there.

Incidentally the people along that road are going to see more traffic than they ever did before, once the new road is completed. That's the best route from Charlottetown to Summerside, by a long way, so far as I'm concerned. You can roll along at a fast pace, with scarcely a curve on the entire road. Once you turn at Molyneux's corner in North River, you don't hit anything like a curve until you've hit Bedeque, if my memory serves me correctly.

### Police Patrol Road To Ferry

AND THAT reminds me that a New Brunswick lady in one of our cottages told me this week she was fined \$10 Sunday for speeding on the road to Tormentine and the car ferry. I pass this on because it's the first time I ever heard of the police checking speed on that stretch of road. I thought that the police had been told to keep away from that stretch of road. It's the only piece of road on which I travel that I consistently drive well above the speed limit. That, of course, is because one never knows whether he's going to make the next ferry or not. Next time though, I'll be more careful, after hearing the police do actually check on speeding.

Talking of the car ferry reminds me that there were lineups of waiting cars at Borden last Sunday afternoon that stretched for two miles from the ferry, according to my information. A young lady in the restaurant, Borden Inn, told me Sunday the cars had been lined back as far as Marie's canteen. I measured the distance from the boat and made it two miles, almost exactly.

### Blue Lobsters At Gaspereaux

THIS STORY comes to me from Grant Graham and Mrs. Graham, Gaspereaux through our mutual friend-Wendell Mutch, a former Southport neighbour, who lives now in Charlottetown.

The Grahams showed him two lobsters that were completely blue. Wendell said: He also saw another lobster that was completely blue on one side, while the other's the normal lobster color.

Wendell tells me that the Grahams told him they had rarely seen the like before, and the Graham family have been buying and handling lobsters for many years.

The largest consolidation program so far approved under the federal-Provincial Rural Development Agreement was announced jointly on June 3rd by Maurice Sauve, Federal Minister of Forestry and William Stewart, Ontario Minister of Agriculture. Under the program, uneconomic farm units in Ontario will be acquired by the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Administration (ARDA) as they come on the market for sale and will be consolidated with another farm unit where there is an operator who needs the additional land to improve his economic position. The estimated cost of the program to 1970 is \$7,200,000, shared equally by the two governments.

Under the plan farms will be purchased by ARDA only when these are on the market for sale and only if they are located within operating distance of a small farm unit that requires this additional land to make an improved economic unit. The proposed plan, in the case of the farmer requiring extra land, is to lease it to him on a long-term basis with the first option to purchase the land. Farms will not be acquired by ARDA by expropriation proceedings.

The program will be restricted to land costing less than \$100 per acre, with development costs not exceeding \$50.00 per acre. The owner of the farm offered for sale will be allowed to continue to reside at the farmhouse

at a nominal rental on the basis of a life lease if he so wishes. The program also makes provision for re-establishment of rural families directly affected by the ARDA program will be given an opportunity for re-training under the Federal Provincial Technical and Vocational Training Program. This will qualify them for free tuition and training allowances. Under this Manpower Program, the Federal Government will pay 100 per cent of the training allowances up to \$35.00 per week and 90 per cent of the allowances above this amount up to a maximum of \$90.00 per week.

Farmers who sell their land and wish to move to confirmed

employment beyond commuting distance of their present home will qualify under the Federal Manpower Mobility grant, which will meet all family moving cost and provide a re-establishment grant up to a maximum of \$1,000 per family, according to the number of dependents.

A farmer between the ages of 55 and 60 who does not wish to either take retraining or move to another job, will not be able to sell his property to ARDA unless the Rural Development Officer is satisfied that he will have an adequate income after the disposal of his property to place. If, on the other hand, the farmer in this age group is unable to work as determined by a medical examination, and

proceeds from the sale of his land is insufficient to provide him with an annual income of \$1,200, special assistance will be provided to make up the difference between his income and the minimum target of \$1,200 until he is 65 years of age.

It is anticipated that the program will cost \$1,200,000 in the current fiscal year and \$2,000,000 for each of the succeeding three years.

**STILL STARVING**  
SAIGON (Reuters) - Thick Tri Quang, bitterest Buddhist opponent of South Viet Nam's military rulers, Wednesday completed the fourth week of an anti-government and anti-American hunger strike. The 44-year-old monk was losing weight and weakening on a diet of sugared water, but was not yet in danger of imminent death, his doctor said.

**EXPECT PLEA FOR WHEAT**  
KARACHI (Reuters) - Pakistan President Mohammed Ayub Khan is expected to press for more United States wheat shipments when U.S. Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman arrives here Sunday for two days of consultations. Monsoon floods have caused widespread damage to East Pakistan's wheat crop.

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