

FEDERATION NEWSLETER

How To Boost Forum Attractiveness

During the first part of this week the National Conference on Farm Radio Forum in Truro was attended by delegates from every province in Canada with the exception of British Columbia and Newfoundland.

Farm Radio Forum has now been operating for 25 years. In the beginning the best programs were that it would survive for five. On this basis the program has shown very great survival powers.

Probably the most important single question considered by the conference was the desirability of developments and adaptations that will make the program more useful and more acceptable to rural people.

Always there is the tendency of those involved to wonder, "Could this have been prevented?" While in some cases things might have been done to have changed events, there always is the possibility that something else even more serious might have occurred.

While the discussion groups as part of the program were difficult to maintain in point of numbers, their was the inclination on the part of the delegates to disperse with them even though the program was being judged as one of declining numbers of groups.

The board was instructed to ascertain the past desirability of using at least part television facilities and also in

ACROSS THE ISLAND

First Air Mail Flight Made To P.E.I. in 1919

THE FIRST authorized air mail in Canada was flown between Charlottetown, P.E.I. and Nova Scotia in September, 1919, it develops from research that I have done this week with the help of people like Dr. Jack Jenkins and Earl Taylor.

CAPT. L. B. STEVENS, now of Montreal, and Lieutenant J. M. Stevenson of Charlottetown flew a Curtiss biplane here on September 18, 1919 and they were also the first ones to fly a plane to the province and land it here.

They carried a number of letters—including one to Mayor G. D. Wright from the mayor of Truro, and one to Postmaster McCarey.

Though this was the first plane to fly in here, a plane had flown on the Island seven years earlier when one was brought here from the United States.

MY REASON for talking about the pioneer flights is that a letter was received by Publisher W. J. Hancock from Mr. Stevens asking particulars about the flight. Stevens was general manager of Devere Aviation Company Ltd. at Truro.

My first enquiry was to Dr. Jack Jenkins who recalled the incident, and put me in touch with Earl Taylor who had gathered early history of aerial flights to and from the province, and kindly loaned me the pictures and documents on the 1919 flight.

THE FIRST air mail letters were stamped in Truro at 1 p.m. on September 21, 1919 and stamped here at the airport at 2 o'clock exactly one hour later. The plane called "The Jenny" was built by the Devere Aviation Company. Lieutenant L. Logan Barrwell, Jr. was chief instructor at Charlottetown man, Lieutenant J. M. Stevenson was listed as manager for this province.

Dr. Jenkins recalls that J. M. Stevenson was the son of Matt Stevenson who ran a sashmill shop on the site of the present federal building on Queen Street in Charlottetown.

Islander At Controls INFORMATION AVAILABLE in an old issue of a stamps magazine "BNA Topics" edited by a source of the American Philatelic Society, indicates that Stevenson was at the controls of the plane as it took off from Truro.

A return flight to Truro had been planned for the same day. BNA Topics reveals, but Charlottetown Postmaster McCarey refused to allow mail to be carried on the flight.

Another picture of the 1919 plane shows Capt. Stevens with Lieut. Stevenson. Others in the picture, I have been told are Percy Turner, Postmaster McCarey and C. Coulton Gardner, and for information I have to thank people like Harold Palmer, O.C. and R. E. Suberland.

Another picture of Mr. Taylor loaned me is of a letter mailed to Horace Hazzard, 17 Upper Prince Street, Charlottetown. It was postmarked at Truro at 1:00 p.m. and stamped at Charlottetown exactly one hour later, which was sensationally fast mail service at the time. It would even be fast today between the two points.

Jenkins loaned me a picture of the first plane flown in the province. It was flown, Mr. Taylor tells me, by a man whose name he cannot remember. The plane was a biplane and was not the way he spelled it.

Festival Of Male Voices PEOPLE Who like "Barbershop quartets" are in for a rare treat on the evening of July 11 when something more than a quartet of men serves the province—they hope to have 15 and would like to have many more—will compete at Kensington's version of the Centennial celebration.

The response has been wonderful from all over the province. "I am told by Don Wood who is in charge of this development will be done by the 'Air Force Four,' an exceptionally fine quartet from Ottawa which will give a 15 to 20-minute performance. This group will stay around for some time to be entertaining around the place in other competing quartets will be invited to join.

Enriching the program from such widely scattered spots as East, Bellefleur, Brookly, Freetown, Coleman and Victoria.

Calf Fumigated With Burnt Leather AN EXTRACT from a diary of 1869 is interesting. It says "our heifer calved today. A man was hired to rub her legs and her under and fumigate her with burnt leather. . . Five days later we started to use her milk.

That bit about fumigation with burnt leather is unusual. At least I've never heard about it, though probably some of our older readers have.

The extract is from a diary kept by Don Robbins who apparently was an accountant or assistant to the provincial treasurer in the 1860s. It is little more than 20 years ago.

It was passed along to me by Ralph Cameron who is searching through his old material for a historical edition of this paper that will be published after this summer.

Integrated Food Plant Operations Scheduled For Spring '65 Opening

By The Canadian Press

A group of Norwegian, German and Canadian investors have built at spring of 1965 as target date for opening of an "integrated food plant" that will combine the use of fisheries production machinery for packaging of other foodstuffs as well.

Increased fisheries operation through Norwegian methods of mid-water trawling and surface seining are aimed at increasing the landed value of the Prince Edward Island fishery by 25 per cent.

A \$300,000 plant to be built in Georgetown, The new company, Gulf Garden Foods Limited, will employ up to 200 at full operation. About 30 would be key personnel brought in from outside the Maritimes with the balance of the labor force from this province.

Provincial Fisheries Minister Leo F. Rossier says the idea of integrated fisheries and agriculture produce came about when Norwegian fisheries officials began to look for new sources to supply the declining Norwegian fishery.

INNOVATIONS AT SEA The handling of our traditional products—cod, haddock and flounder—they are bringing some innovations in the handling at sea," Mr. Rossier says.

The new company hopes within its first year to bring a 5,000-ton order to one customer alone.

It was hoped to do this through the use of two boats designed especially for the new system.

The boats would employ a system whereby fish catches are iced into boxes of about 100 pounds each while at sea rather than the usual Canadian method of leaving the fish in bulk into the vessel's holds where it is iced until reaching shore.

This new method is aimed at improving the quality of fish for the Canadian market and export set because it would mean the fish would be stored in small lots—rather than unloading bulk and recut—until it could be handled at the cutting table.

"We don't have that type of efficiency in the Atlantic fishery at all," Mr. Rossier says.

ISLAND OPPORTUNITY Decision to locate the new type plant here was made because "Prize" was considered the best opportunity to marry both the agriculture produce and the fisheries," he says.

An example of how the integrated operation would work could be the use of the same machinery that injects vacuum into tubes (fish) are used widely in Europe for this purpose, rather than jars as in Canada for injecting tomato ketchup into the same tubes.

Other uses of the integrated food system would be packaging of complete fish dinners—possibly haddock with mashed potatoes and peas or scallops and potatoes and peas.

This combined packaging would be made possible by innovation of "freeze-drying" operations, also planned by the new company.

ION June 27 will present the double opportunity of viewing a modern dairy farm and getting up on Holstein land.

FLORAL EMBLEM This is the season of the year when the province's floral emblem is in bloom and for those who have never seen this quite rare flower (it is the only tree growing in Canada) the Experimental Farm invites visitors to view the display north of the driveway on the main grounds.

This display is a joint effort of the Agricultural Centennial Committee and the Experimental Farm and is a feature of the Centennial Year.

MARITIME FIELD DAY Maritime Holstein breeders are featuring this year a Maritime Field Day on June 27 at the location will be the Perfection Dairy Farm at York Point.

The guest speaker Dr. George C. Fisher should be a popular attraction present also will be the president of the National Assoc.

By RIGHT WRIGHT SHOES

TEACHER WANTED One teacher (degree) for Alberton Regional High School.

Apply at once to Mrs. L. L. Wilkie, Secretary.

NOTICE TO ALBERTON TAXPAYERS If settlement of all overdue accounts is not made by June 30, 1964, they will be handed to a sheriff for collection.

By Order of Alberton Town Council

ACADIAN MUSEUM The Acadian Museum Committee now constructing a log type building in Misecoche Village for the preservation of articles of historical interest used by the early settlers are appealing to the public for cash donations to assist in financing this unique structure.

A Prince Edward Island Centennial project. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Forward same to: Dr. J. A. DOIRON, Smallman Building, Summerside.

Motorist Gets 15 Days

William George Doucette of Sinciner Pond pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving and was sentenced to 15 days in Prince County Jail when he appeared before Magistrate W. Chester S. MacDonald in Prince County court yesterday.

Wendall Mill, Charlottetown, charged with impaired driving, had his case adjourned to Monday, June 29th, as the accused wasn't present in court. The accused was represented by Harold Goodwin.

Joseph William Murphy, Georgetown, pleaded not guilty to driving while impaired and had his case adjourned to July 9th. He was represented by Neil MacLeod.

Joseph Eric Arseneault, Summerside, was fined \$30 and costs or 15 days for having the care and control of a vehicle while impaired.

SEES 5,000 FIRES The Ontario Forestry Association says about 5,000 forest fires will start in Canada in 1964.

Magistrate MacDonald stated that he was imposing the minimum sentence as the accused was unable to drive the car, because he didn't know how. The car belonged to a friend of the accused.

A Summerside youth was fined \$10 and costs or five days for speeding, and a Victoria West man was fined \$30 and costs or 30 days for illegal possession of liquor in a place other than his residence.

PATRIARCH COLLAPSES ISTANBUL (AP)—Patriarch Athenagoras, the spiritual leader of world orthodox, collapsed Thursday while officiating at religious ceremonies in this Turkish capital and was ordered to bed by his doctor, a patriarchate spokesman said.

The spokesman said the 78-year-old patriarch was suffering from overwork and had a "fainting spell."

PORT SETS RECORD The turnover of goods in the Stockholm free port reached a record 594,653 tons in 1963—24,000 tons more than in 1962.

HOLMAN'S STORE CHARLOTTETOWN OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOON TILL 5:00 P.M. WHAT A STEAL! They're caught in the act—enjoying the biggest bargain in travel history. Somewhere on CN between Montreal, or Toronto, and Vancouver. Just look at them lolling in the lap of luxury aboard CN's famous Super Continental, or is it CN's new Panorama? Could be either. They're ready twins. Different only in schedule times. Equal in every luxury, including club and refreshment lounges. Equal in every economy, too. Both speed you between Montreal, or Toronto, and Vancouver at low Red, White and Blue fares. Offering many extras like complimentary meals for sleeping car passengers, and savings when two or more share the same sleeping accommodation. Both also feature: PRIZES THESE PRIZES IN BOTH STORES 1st Prize—Suits, 2 shirts, shoes, two ties and 2 pair hose. Value at 100.00. 2nd Prize—Relaxer valued at 75.00. 3rd Prize—Sporting or camping equipment, your choice, valued at 50.00. 4th Prize—Sport Coat valued at 35.00. 5th Prize—Chaise Lounge valued at 25.00. 6th Prize—Sport Shirt valued at 15.00. Contest Rules • FREE Vote with every purchase. • Holman's employees and their immediate families are not eligible. • Pick up your ballot in every department. • Draw to take place at 8:00 hours at closing time Saturday June 29th. • Winner to be announced on CFXY-TV News at 6:45 p.m. Saturday and published in Monday's newspapers. ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO SHOP AT HOLMAN'S