

Support Price Approval For Tobacco Ontario

A support price of 47 cents at the 47 cent level. The support amounts to 50 per cent of the 1963-64 price. The support will also apply to tobacco producers in other provinces.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Trip To A.F.F. Basis For Today's Income

BY NEIL A. MATHESON
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I'VE DECIDED to write this column on my trip to the Atlantic coast where a number of island people had an impressive job in competition. I've already told in the news columns about the triumphs of our livestock men and potato growers. Right here I must call attention to a special trip made by Mrs. Edwin Donald, 2 Gordon Drive, Charlottetown, who was awarded the handcraft grand championship for her hooked rug that won the Prince Edward Island award.

The rug attracted an unusually large share of attention and the Grand Champion award pinned to it attracted even more of the tens of thousands who dropped in during the week. The A.F.F. people spent a great deal of money in preparation for the big event and it was evident in many ways they made mistakes, as one might expect from a first-time effort, but they realize that and are planning already for an even better show next year.

Island exhibitors to whom I talked had warm praise for the treatment they received. My own reaction is equally warm. The friendly cooperation was evidence everywhere in the way of information, and that goes for Halifax as well as President Dan Oland and his A.F.F. executive and all of their people who worked with them.

John Gale and Frank Miller did a particularly fine job on press releases, but Dan Oland says hello on numerous occasions just in case there was anything I needed. I must add a word of thanks also to Gregory Pierce, Canadian National Telegrapher who dropped in to the printer every evening to look after my copy, and extend courtesies in any way possible.

Long since I have learned to get along at these fairs without much help, but all of this friendly co-operation and show of interest made covering the fair for this paper that much more enjoyable.

And now for some of the more unusual things I bumped into.

Route Direction Is Interesting

MANY OF you have had experience seeking direction or traveling about distance to some given place, when you were floundering on strange roads. We-Mrs. Matheson was well-served by Lower Sackville when my work at the fair had been completed as we were calling on Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mayhew. Myrtle—the former Myrtle MacLeod of Broadbent Mayhew—she is the former Myrtle MacLeod of Broadbent Mayhew and Wendell comes from Cape Breton and gave me good directions over the phone, but I checked up further at a service station where I stopped for gasoline.

"I asked 'How far am I from Pine Hill Drive?'" It's a small subdivision where the Mayhews reside—and was amused when the colored man told me "You drive past the next traffic lights, and you'll find it somewhere, away out there."

A LITTLE farther on I asked another chap who replied "Pine Hill Drive?" He's ahead of you, about one and one-half miles and away.

Just for fun I checked the mileage on the speedometer and found it was exactly six tenths of a mile.

I met many Islanders at the fair and most of them stopped for a chat, most of them discussing some of the items I have had in this column. And I got several good stories.

Judson MacKinnon, a contractor and builder was born in Halifax, has his home in Summerside but is working just now in Halifax because of the building slump at home.

Forerunner Of Neighbour's Death

HE RECALLED that his mother—Mrs. Mary MacKinnon, 86 lives now in Murray River—looked out the kitchen window at first one night about 10 o'clock and said "I can see Stephen Compton's woodpile as clearly as though it were day."

Judson looked out the window but he could see nothing in the darkness of night. Next morning, Judson told me, "my brother Harold, went up to play checkers with my father, they let the fire go out as they became interested in the game. Compton came to the house and the producer came home to have dinner, but when Harold returned after dinner he found Stephen Compton dead at the woodpile."

The sudden death of Stephen Compton in the community, but it was no surprising to Mrs. MacKinnon. She knew something like that was going to happen when she saw the woodpile so clearly the previous night, though the night was dark to everyone else. That was around 1927 or 1933, Judson told me.

Car, Corpse Lost, Never Found

HERE IS an even more unusual story.

Mrs. M. Bruce MacDonald—she was Florence Paul of Brookfield and Bruce comes from Glen William—told me a story that concerns a Montreal man who was killed in a car accident. Ivan MacLeod who was formerly Irene Storey of Charlottetown, who had heard it from a girl who had some connections with the Montreal people.

I didn't get the people's name but they were driving through one of the long stretches of desert road in a mid-western State when the man's mother, who was riding in the back seat, became suddenly ill and died in a few minutes. His wife and their two small children were shocked when they saw the car and they were afraid to have a corpse so close to them, so he removed the baggage from the trunk of the car, placed the corpse there, and put the valves and other luggage in the back seat.

THEY WERE many miles from any town or village so they drove to the nearest centre to telephone police and an undertaker and make other calls that seemed necessary under the circumstances.

The man went to the telephone when he reached the nearest business establishment, and his wife and children followed him as they fled the car, leaving it in a desert place.

But imagine the man's shock when he emerged from the telephone booth and found that his car had been stolen—with his mother's body. The Montreal man who returned home with his family by plane, has not been heard about either since, though it happened about six months ago. Mrs. MacDonald told me.

THE AUTOMATIC need never—they provided coffee black, with cream, or with cream and sugar as you demand—the interest of many. The man in charge told me Tuesday night that 10,000 units had been disposed in the first two days. But the thing that interested me most was the equipment that changes a dollar bill.

"Put the bill in the slot with the Queen's head up, and be sure she is facing you," I was told I'd be instructed and out come four quarters. The man in charge said the machine never let me interested me so much I called Mrs. Matheson and did it again for her benefit.

A group of people put a two-dollar bill into the machine just for fun, but got only a dollar in change, and that proved, possibly, that the machine was not a machine machine machine. Save them the other dollar that the machine failed to deliver.

Heavy Horse Teams Are Colorful

THE SHOW teams of big Clydesdale horses always interest me. These huge animals make an unusually colorful picture with their heavy harness and rigging.

When I asked Don Oland how much a set of the harness costs he told me he paid \$1,200 for a second hand set in 1942, and that, I suggested, would probably amount to \$2,500 or more today. But I forgot to ask him if the price was for a four-horse or six-horse team. He told me both at the fair.

MR. OLAND told me that a great many of the big show teams are being brought into this province, and they cost up to \$1,200 per team. I was told that the big four and six-horse hitched present one of the most colorful pictures at any fair.

Like harness racing but I can't imagine anyone not being attracted by the sight of these handsome animals with their attractive trappings.

New Reactor Is Expected To Cut Atomic Power Costs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Achievement of an important step toward the goal of inexpensive electricity from atomic energy has been announced by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The AEC announced that the experimental fast-breeder reactor—designed to generate electricity and at the same time produce more nuclear fuel than it consumes—achieved a self-sustaining chain reaction Monday at the testing station near Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The \$35,000,000 reactor is the first device directed primarily at establishing the technical feasibility of fast-breeder reactors for central station power production.

Dr. Albert V. Crews, director of the AEC's Argonne National Laboratory, which developed its successful operation of a "technologically active" reactor for production of electricity.

The reactor started its active work with a mixture of uranium 235, but produces more of a different fuel, plutonium, which can be used as fuel in a fast-breeder reactor, Crews said.

The commission has said it will make it a goal to develop and use the fast-breeder reactor.

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Shipyard Group Given Assurance

OTTAWA (CP)—Six members of the cabinet met with a delegation of shipyard workers from Quebec, here, and gave assurances that a government shipbuilding projects will be accelerated as much as possible to keep the yards operating this winter.

A 56-man delegation from the national Federation of Metal Workers (ind.) said 2,500 workers have been laid off in the last six weeks by the four major Quebec shipyards. More work was needed to prevent large-scale unemployment.

ELMSDALE

Mrs. Merrill Wallace entertained the members of the Elmsdale Women's Institute for the October meeting. A large number of members and two visitors were present. After the business period a game of bingo was enjoyed. Next meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Merrill Dunn.

The ladies of the Elmsdale West Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. E.C. McKenna for their monthly meeting.

Mrs. George Hardy and Mrs. Willard Inman spent a few days recently in Massachusetts. While there they attended the funeral of their sister Ann, Mrs. Louis Hudson.

Mrs. Minnie MacNeill, accompanied Mrs. Helen Harrison on her return trip by car to Toronto. Mrs. MacNeill will spend the winter months with members of her family there. She was present for the wedding of her youngest daughter, Carol, in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ye are the recipients of hearty congratulations from their many friends and relatives on the celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary recently.

Elmsdale school has re-opened after the holidays with teachers, Misses Adrienne Webb and Judy Matthews, resuming their duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn and son Ralph Dunn of Summerside were recent visitors with relatives in Elmsdale and Roseville.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rix and family, Dartmouth, N.S. spent a holiday at the Rix home here.

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KUWAIT IS WONDERFUL

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Sheik Bader Mulla thinks Kuwait is wonderful. Languishing in his \$130-a-day bungalow at a Beverly Hills hotel, the 27-year-old sheik explained:

"The wealth is beyond imagination, beyond a square foot of Kuwait costs as much as your Manhattan."

Bader was secretary of state of the little oil-rich kingdom of the age of 18, but quit two years ago to handle his family's business affairs, including concessions for several big U.S. firms.

He said he has six or eight cars, homes in Kuwait, Beirut and London, but only one wife.

All this and no income tax. "I wouldn't exchange it for any other place," said Bader.

WINTER FAIR
The winter fair at the Atlantic Winter Fair at Halifax gave the impression that a good beginning had been made in developing what can be a very important feature of the agricultural and industrial life of the area.

The buildings available are well constructed and while there was some crowding both livestock and spectators particularly on the first and second days, this is a part of the exhibition spirit.

The building where handicrafts should be displayed was practically dust free and appeared to be almost ideal for the purpose. Ample parking was provided and while the system of handling complicated and slow for reserved seats, yet no doubt this will be speeded up.

The dairy booth sponsored by the Dairy Foods Service Bureau had a land-filling business dispensing milk, cheese and crackers for five cents. The display of dairy products manufactured in the Maritimes was very attractive and quite representative.

POWER AND PLEASURE
One of the features of the Friday night show in Halifax was the oxen pulling competition. Many of the province oxen have for draft purposes been a thing of the past for a long time but there are still oxen in Nova Scotia where they are used in the bush and also kept as a hobby.

Some 12 yoke of oxen were paraded into the arena and in every case they behaved perfectly with the teamster appearing to have very little difficulty.

The oxen followed the man in charge like an obedient dog, when he stopped they stopped, when he started they started. The effort was a remarkable demonstration of attachment between man and beast.

In the actual pulling the oxen were equipped with a head yoke and a chain attached to a chain loaded with concrete blocks. Most of the teams weighed about 2,600 and appeared to be capable of pulling twice their own weight on the bare ground. Moving the load 18 inches constituted a pull. Of particular interest was one yoke of highland cattle with enormous wide spread horns and a shaggy coat of hair.

The oxen pulling competition did not have to make any apology for interest to the Black Watch Regiment in Highland Band, here, or the Jubilee Singers.

HERITAGE
For many people the ownership of land has been an important goal and represented the security of a future. Many of the pioneers came to this country to escape a system of tenancy and for the opportunity of acquiring their own land.

During the years it has not been easy for farmers to maintain an unencumbered title to their holdings and in most cases had to mortgage their land to spend a number of years retiring a mortgage. The increasing cost of providing a means of farm business is focusing more attention on the matter of land and water.

It is better off to have their capital invested in livestock, a real estate rather than in land. In short, if the capital is limited where should it best be invested?

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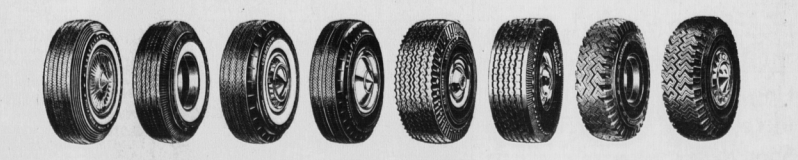
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