Among The Farmers

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

PRICING SYSTEMS

The manner in which prices are generally arrived at for produce and goods is a matter of considerable mystery to the average farmer and may well be to the economist as well.

Everyone has a vague idea that some sort of a pricing system operates with respect to farm products—who controls it or the factors that enter in, are not very clear. Generally the people who believe in and advocate a system of free enterprise also believe that what may be termed "A system of free pricing" will so adjust values as to keep the economy in a healthy, well balanced state.

In order to function effectively a free pricing system requires certain conditions to operate in. One of these conditions as originally stated by Adam Smith was that where there was a large number of sellers there must also be a large number of buyers.

There are economists who believe that present day conditions do not permit a free pricing system to operate effectively on behalf of the primary producer. Any pricing system is expected to (1) Channel products into consumption and (2) allocate resources for production. These are the basic requirements of a pricing system but present day thought expects a pricing system to, in addition, provide the farmer with economic justice and stability of prices as well. Thus, it will be seen that a great deal is expected in this modern age from such a system. In an effort to provide the last two features mentioned, marketing legislation and price support programmes have been initiated in practically every country in the world where commercial types of agriculture exist. These programmes have been developing for upwards of 40 years in different places but are still in many instances in the experimental stage and the subject of much controversy.

It is generally agreed that ups and downs in farm income are one of the chief causes of instability in the national economy. Thus it is of interest to Governments and business in general that programs be developed which will to some extent level up farm income and bolster farm purchasing powers.

The development of these programs are an admission that the free pricing system has been inadequate to give the farmer fair returns. Therefore if fair returns are the objective, it would appear that the farmer must acquire greater knowledge of the various plans which are used to supplement a system of free pricing.

STRAW PILES

The introduction of threshers with straw blowers has produced a feature on the Island landscape which is difficult to justify either from the artistic or from the economic standpoint. At this time of the year straw stacks appear throughout the Province, in some cases, with reckless disregard of the principles of conservation—these stacks are put to the torch. In other cases, they remain to slowly molder away and add some fertility to a limited area. Straw is an important crop and deserves the care that importance merits. There are few farmers in this Province that do not have sufficient livestock to utilize the straw crop. This utilization means more manure, more fertility, more crops and still more straw and manure—a cycle which is guaranteed to keep production at a high level and the farmer in employment.

A TRIP TO IRELAND

Writing on July 17th, Mr. Archie Johnstone reports in part as follows on his visit to Ireland.

One of the more famous Irish industries is the manufacture of linen. In its various branches this industry alone employs 60,000 workers. Linen is a valuable dollar-earning product and is very necessary in the United Kingdom's fight for economic recovery.

Another very important indistry is the building of ships and aircraft. One shipbuilding yard in Belfast alone employs over 22,000 men and is one of the largest units of its kind in the world, not excluding the Clydeside. Another company building aircraft employs more than 9,000 and is producing Ganberra jet bombers. Shortly this firm expects to be producing a share of the new Bristol Britannia.

Other industries include rope-making, general engineering, shirt-making and tobacco manufacture, not forgetting Irish whiskey. There are several new developments including the manufacture of nylon stockings, rayons, etc., but the most interesting development and perhaps the most worrisome to the authorities is the extensive smuggling carried on over the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State. Just to make it more interesting the activities of the I. R. A. (Irish Republican Army), which is by no means extinct, add an exciting flavor to the scene. From time to time the I. R.A. makes raids on the North, military depots often being the victims of their attacks. They come so quickly and unexpectedly, that they have delivered their thrust and are safely back below the border before the authorities can act. Not long ago a member of this organization blew himself, van and all up. It is thought that he had stopped the car to set a time fuse and instead of blowing up his objective, something went wrong, and he himself was the victim.

Northern Ireland's largest industry is agriculture with some 83,000 farm holdings. 23 per cent are betweeen 13 and 50 acres, 17 per cent between 30 and 50 acres and 15 per cent between 50 and 100 acres. Very few farms exceed 200 acres. Agricultural production in Northern Ireland is said to be rising more rapidly than in any other part of the United Kingdom. Farm holdings are steadily growing larger and with the advent of more and more mechanization are likely to continue increasing in size. There is a very great demand for land, consequently land values are the highest in Britain.

EXHIBITIONS

This is the time of year when Exhibitions and Plowing Matches hold the centre of the agricultural stage. A real veteran, possibly the oldest one in North America, is the Hants County Exhibition held at Windsor and staging this year its 180th performance. Back in 1887 this show had classes for different varieties of potatoes such as Prolific, Chile, Farmers' Pride, Prince Albert, White Calico, and Snow Flake. Prizes were offered for such agricultural implements — portable horsepower, an ox yoke complete with bows, a field roller, a stump lifter and no less than 49 other articles of manufacture. Advertisement in the prize list offered all wool suits for as low as $4.50 and trousers for $1.00.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of my dear Mother who passed away Sept. 16. 1948.

Loving and kind in all her ways
Upright and just to the end of her days
Sincere and true in her heart and mind
Beautiful memories she left behind.
Sadly missed by son George Robinson and family.

In loving memory of a dear husband, and father, Mr. Newton Taylor who passed away September 16, 1954.

One year ago, we had to part,
With one we loved with all our heart,
We miss his face and kindly ways,
With him, we spent many happy days
He never failed to do his best
His heart was true and tender
He worked so hard, for those he loved
And left us to remember.
Oh what we would give to hear his voice
And see his face once more
Or hear that familiar footstep coming to our door.

Always loved and sadly missed by his wife and family.

In loving memory of our dear brother, Newton Taylor, who lost his life one year ago today.
Sadly missed and always remembered.
Winston and Lee.

Speaks Today

Mr. C. W. Mealing, C. L. U. President of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada, who will address a luncheon meeting of Prince Edward Island Life insurance men at noon today at the Charlottetown Hotel.

In Memoriam

HENRY B. WEATHERBIE

A great gloom was cast over Village Green and Vicinity when the sad news became known that Henry B. Weatherbie had passed away on Aug. 31, 1955.

He went to sea on the Brant Nov 1, 1954, and sailed to many ports. In Aug. 3, 1955, he went on C.G.-S. Sorrel and worked until the time of his death. The boat came into Charlottetown port Saturday, Aug. 27 and he entered the hospital Aug. 31, and passed away within a few hours, due to a heart condition.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John R. Weatherbie of Lake Verde. He was born in Village Green July 10, 1903.

His funeral was held from the home of his brother George, Sept. 2, and was very largely attended. It was conducted by the Rev. T.R. Goudge of Pownall and Rev. J.M. Sheen of Vernon. Hymns sung were Safe in the Arms of Jesus and The Lord's My Shepherd.

Burial was in Vernon River United cemetery where he was laid beside his beloved wife who predeceased hm fifteen years ago. She was the late Lulu Masters, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Masters, Sr. of Vernon.

He leaves to mourn three sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. Almond Boswell, Dunstaffage Mrs. John MacNeill, Lake Verde; Mrs. Samuel Masters, Vernon; George in Lake Verde; Ambrose in Millview; Richard of Lake Verde. One brother predeceased him five years ago.

Pallbearers were Daniel Acorn Everett Acorn, Delbert Munn, Eric Ballem, Linwood MacNeill, Lodge Lane.

Card Of Thanks

The sisters and brothers of the late Henry Weatherbie wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their many thoughtfull deeds of kindness at a time when it was deeply appreciated, also those who sent flowers, kind letters and cards of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

TRAIN CRASH HURTS 5

SAGAMORE, Mass. (AP) — A New Haven Railroad mail train plowed into a standing freight train in the pre-dawn darkness here Wednesday. Five of the four-car mail train's crew suffered minor injuries, chiefly cuts from flying window glass and bruises. The freight train crew escaped injury.

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DR. GEORGE G. SHEPPARD'S Office, Mt. Stewart will be closed from Sept. 11th-25th inclusive.

POWNAL and Alexandra ladies will hold a pantry sale at Moore and MacLeod's store, Friday afternoon.

NORTH TRYON Presbyterian church service, Sept. 18th, 11 a.m. Chruch School 12.15. Miss Mary A. MacKenzie, Deaconess.

ANNUAL MEETING Nurses alumnae of P. E. I. Hospital will be held September 16th at Cundall Home.

FREE CHURCH OF Scotland. Services Sept. 18th. Murray River 11 a.m.; Belle River 3 p.m.; Birch Hill 7:30 p.m.

TAXES DUE Middleton School not paid by Sept. 20th will be handed in for collection. Order trustees.

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FREE CHURCH OF Scotland. Services Sept. 18th. Charlottetown 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m., Sunday school 10 a.m. (city time); Stanchel 3 p.m., Sunday school 2 p.m. Rev. J. H. Bishop, Minister.

TRYON BAPTIST Pastorate. Dr. E. J. Barrass, Minister: Services for Sunday, September 18th. 11.00 a.m. at Tryon. 7.30 p.m. at Westmoreland. Sunday School at Tryon at 9.45 a.m.

YORK PASTORAL CHARGE—The United Church of Canada. Minister: Rev. J. M. Sproule, Sunday, September 18, 1955. 9:00 a.m. Pleasant Grove, 10:30 a.m. Central, 7:00 p.m. York (Rally Day Program). (All services on Standard Time).

MARSHFIELD PASTORAL Charge—The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Sunday, Sept. 18th. Marshfield 9:30 a.m. service, soloist Miss Betty Foster, 10:45 a.m. Sunday School; Mount Stewart 11 a.m. Harrington, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m. Service, followed by hymn sing. Everyone welcome. Rev. Lee M. MacNaughton, B.A., Minister.

BROOKFIELD CHARGE The hours of service for Sunday, Sept. 18th are as follows: 11 a.m.—Hunter River. 7 p.m.—Hunter River. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed in Hunter River at 11 a.m. At 7 p.m. there will be a thanksgiving service. Sunday school at Hartsville—9.30 a.m.: Sunday School at Brookfield—10.30 a.m.: Sunday School at Glasgow Road—10.30 a.m. All are welcome. Rev. Lawrence Blaikie, Minister.

ISLANDER PASSES — Word has been received of the death in Seattle, Washington of Arthur E. Henderson aged 76, formerly of Forest Hill, P.E.I. He was the son of Isaac Henderson and Elizabeth (Molyneaux) Henderson. Surviving are two brothers John W. and Lester R. both of Reading, Mass., also one sister Bessie, Mrs. Martin Duff of Rochester, N.H.

JUNIOR LEAGUE ANNUAL Formal, Rollaway, Oct. 24th. Tickets obtainable from league members.

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ORWELL—VERNON United Church. Rev. John M. Sheen, minister. Orwell 11 a.m.; Cherry Valley 2:30 p.m.; Vernon River 7:30 p.m.

BREADALBANE Presbyterian Church service in the church on Sept. 18th at 8.15 Rev. Lawrence Blackie of Brookfield will conduct the service.

COVEHEAD PASTORAL Charge United Church of Canada, services Sunday, Sept 18th, Stanhope 9.30 a.m.; Covehead 11 a.m.; Union Road 7.30 p.m. Rev. N. R. Green.

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THE NORTH RIVER UNITED Baptist, Sunday, Sept. 18. North River 11 a.m.; Clyde River 3 p.m.; Kingston 7.30 p.m. Sunday school, North River 10 a.m.; Fairview 11 a.m.; Long Creek 11 A.M. Clyde River 2 p.m. Rev. Owen Cochran, Minister.

5 SIGNAL REGIMENT, RC Signals 1955-56 training year now underway. Recruiting now in progress for a limited number of select young men. Don't delay and be too late. Enquire now at signals orderly room on training nights Mondays and Fridays.

POWNAL UNITED Pastoral Charge, Services Sunday, September 18th, 10 a.m. at Bunbury; 11.10 a.m. Mount Herbert Cemetery Flower Service: 7 p.m. Pownal 85th anniversary of the erection of the church, with special music including solos by Miss Shirley MacDonald. Preacher, Rev. A. S. Weir, D.D. Rev. T. R. Goudge, Minister.

ST. JOHN'S Presbyterian church Belfast, Sunday, Sept. 18th, 10 a.m. Sunday School 7.30 p.m. Sacred song service by the choir, assisted by the Murray River trio, with special numbers by the trio. Everyone welcome. Rev. D. A. Campbell. Interim Moderator.

HAMPTON PASTORAL Charge The United Church of Canada, Services, Sunday, September 18, Bonshaw 11 a.m.; DeSable Communion service, 3 p.m.; Hampton, 7.30 p. m. Rev. R. H. Baxter, Minister.

UIGG, ALEXANDRA, Hazelbrook services for Sunday, Sept. 18th. Uigg 11 a.m. Alexandra 3 p.m. This service will be held in Cross Roads as the Alexandra church is undergoing repairs. Hazelbrook at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend services. Rev. C. E. Armstrong Minister.

HUNTER RIVER PASTORAL Charge, the United Church of Canada. Services on Sunday, Sept 18th. as follows: Wheatley River 9:45 a.m., Sunday school 10.45; North Wiltshire 11.15 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m.; Hunter River 7.30 p.m., Sunday school 10.30 a.m. The Wheatley River W. M. S. will hold their Thankoffering Service in Wheatley River at 7.30 p.m. Films will be shown by Mrs. Hazen Howard. The Glasgow Road-Wheatley River choir will be in charge of the music. Due to repairs in the church, the service in Wheatley River will be held in the Community Hall. Rev C. R. Moase, B.A., B.D., Minister

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Canada. Central Parish. Services next Lord's Day are as follows: Clyde River 11 a.m., Sunday school 10 a.m.; Nine Mile Creek 3 p.m., Sunday school 2 p.m.; Canoe Cove 7:30 p.m., Sunday school 11 a.m. Churchill, Sunday school 11 a.m. Rev. Donald Nicholson, Minister.

HUNTER RIVER W. M. S.

Mrs. Fred Smith entertained the members of the Auxiliary of the W. M. S. at her home on Thursday evening september 1st.

Mrs. MacLeod presided and conducted the worship service, the theme being "The Call to Discipleship". The hymn, "Break thou the Bread of Life" was sung. Bible passages were read by, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Lepage and Mrs. Andrews, followed by discussion on each passage read. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Moase. Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" was read in unison and hymn "O Lord and Master" closed the worship period.

Minutes were read, and 14 members and two visitors present. Mrs. Moase gave a report of the Baby Band picnic, which was held on the manse lawn early in the summer. Fifty nine home and nine hospital calls reported, twelve books were read. A card of thanks was received. Renewals for the Missionary Monthly are to be paid at the October meeting.

The rally which is to be held in Hunter River on September 23 was discussed. Mrs. Spence, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Sellar, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Matheson and Mrs. Cousins were appointed to look after the lunch. Mrs. Jackie Bernard is to take care of the lunch receipts. Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Moase are to decorate the church, Mrs. Craswell and Mrs. Fred Smith are to receive the offering.

Mrs. Bowman invited the members to her home for the October meeting. Roll Call word is to be "commit". The study book "Going our way" is to be taken up, with Mrs. MacLeod as leader, assisted by Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. Andrews. Mrs. Sherren, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Nesbit will form a lunch committee. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Personals

Mr. Horace D. MacEwen, Mount Edward Road, has entered the P.E.I. Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Manuel with their children, Evelyn and Eric, returned recently from a motor trip to Boston, the White Mountains, Bar Harbour, and St. John, N.B.

NEED PIED PIPER

HAMILTON (CP) — Alderman R. A. Evans said at Tuesday night's city council meeting he estimates that every year rats here cause damage of more than $800,000. Dr. L. A. Clarke, Hamilton's medical officer of health, said he believes Hamilton has as many rats as it has people. Present human population is about 225,000.

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Dominion board of the Women's Auxiliary, Anglican Church of Canada, Wednesday, adopted a 1956 budget of $206,376, an increase of $17,000 over 1955. The budget was brought down at the Auxiliary's 70th annual meeting by Mrs. H. L. Wiglesworth of Toronto.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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Young Liberals planning to attend this meeting please contact the following on or before Saturday, September 17, 1955:

IN QUEENS COUNTY
Donald A. MacLeod
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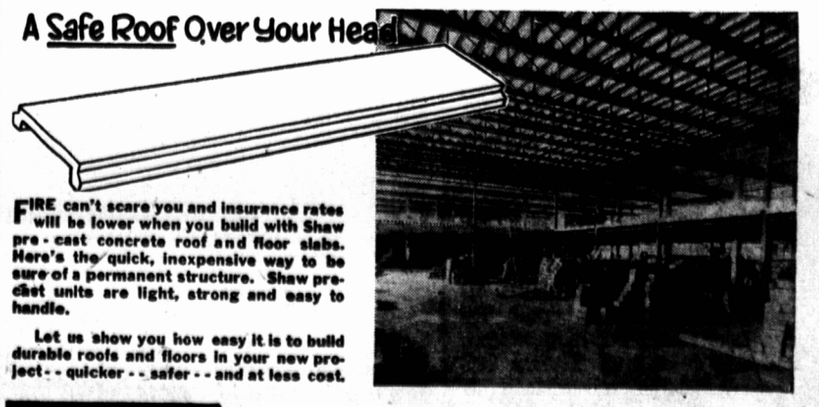

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