LOVAT SCOTS PIPERS TO BE HEARD IN DAILY CONCERTS

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July Weather Results In Heavy Cattle Feed Loss

What has happened during the month of July with respect to harvesting the Island's hay crop can only be termed a disaster in the light of the tremendous loss of livestock feed.

This loss has occurred for different reasons. First of all an extra month's maturity will cut down the feeding value of the hay. Next, practically all the hay that has been cut has been rained on and its value reduced to a great extent. Finally there is no doubt that much of the hay that has been cut and much of it that has been bailed stands a very poor chance of having any real feeding value. Hay making is an operation that requires fine weather and does require at least three fine days together if much is to be accomplished. Three dark or rainy days scattered through the week will pretty much bring hay making operation to a standstill.

In a few cases farmers cut large acreages and are now facing the loss of a large per centage of their crop. In other cases a start has not been made and these are perhaps the fortunate ones. For those equipped to make grass silage the situation is better and even at this late date grass silage can still be stored as the crop has retained its greenness to an unusual degree.

On the credit side of the ledger is, of course, the great increase in bulk which has taken place since the first of July. At that time prospects were for quite a light crop, but moisture has changed that and today even the poorer fields are showing a fair crop. Pastures are now in better condition than on the first of July and certainly much superior to a year ago when dry weather had pretty well reduced grazing to the vanishing point.

BEEF MEETING

The long awaited and much prepared for Beef Producers meeting held on Tuesday evening brought together upwards 200 persons, who apparently were unable to find very much to criticize in the report submitted by the committee.

The fact that the 12 recommendations brought very little opposition or criticism would appear to indicate that the committee had done its work well.

Opinions will, of course, differ, but from the standpoint of long term progress the setting up of a Beef Producers Association would appear to be the most important as on the success of that undertaking will depend on progress made with respect to the other 11. Probably of the most immediate significance if the formula proposed by Canada Packers for arriving at a market price on the better grades of cattle. The committee takes the position that his formula can result in encouraging better returns for the cattle involved.

While the press reports give the impression that the idea of a public stockyard was endorsed actually the recommendation leaves the decision to the Beef Producers Association as its judgment and conditions may indicate.

Final success of the whole operation will, of course, depend on the interest and support of the individual farmers who are involved in beef production.

TOBACCO DEVELOPMENT

The move by Island tobacco growers to get together as a group and form an association is an indication of confidence in the future of the industry. In spite of growing conditions which are not exactly ideal there seemed to be a fine spirit of interest and optimism on the part of those present. It was noticeable that attendance was much better on the part of those who have come to the recommendations to grow tobacco than it was by the Islanders who have gone into the business.

The number of persons involved is, of course, small and perhaps this is the ideal situation for getting an organization started. The five man committee appointed will be getting down to work on Monday evening in preparation for making a report before mid November.

DAIRY PRINCESS

This province will be represented in Toronto on Aug. 31 in the National Competition for the selection of Dairy Princess by Miss Verna MacPhail of Meadowbank.

Miss MacPhail won the Island title in competition last Saturday on the basis of her charm, ability, and intelligence. The competition was a joint effort on the part of the Dairyman's Association which provided the finances and the Junior Farmers Federation which actually carried out the planning. The evening program at Birch Court when the Princess was crowned was a delightful ceremony and one which would have interested a much larger audience.

All the young ladies who entered the competition deserve credit as in every case they were strong competitors.

THE BIG WEEK

August is now here and in less than no time at all Old Home Week with its unique attractions will be holding the stage. It is a big week for a great many people. Relaxation for some, hard work for others. However, its absence would leave a great void in the Island year. Perhaps the only unhappy note is the fact that fall seems to follow so quickly.

HEATING METHODS

A 1961 survey showed 57 per cent of Canadian homes heated by oil; 19 per cent gas, 12 per cent coal and 12 per cent wood.

ACROSS THE ISLAND

Beef Breeders Plan For Action

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Provincial-Farm Editor

THE BEEF producers' meeting here lacked the air of enthusiastic interest that marked the April meeting, which set in motion the exploratory work and the recommendations made to Tuesday's meeting by the committee under Daniel Gass, Cornwall.

I leave the technical discussion of the relative values of the proposals agreed to here, to others who are better qualified, but I do want to make a few general observations.

The meeting approved the idea of livestock yards in the provinces where cattle will be offered on a competitive basis, to buyers by commission agents of some already established and experienced organization. The Toronto stockyard operators were mentioned by someone, as an example. But I think producers should realize the implementation of that recommendation is a long way off. First there is a need for a great deal of organization and planning.

I COUNTED about 30 hands raised here in support of the idea Tuesday night. The other 150, or possibly 200 people, didn't vote at all I asked one of the veteran producers after the meeting why there was so little discussion. He told me "the proposals were new to us, and we didn't know enough about them to discuss them intelligently." And perhaps that's the real reason why the meeting lacked the live feeling that was so evident at the one held the night before Good Friday.

The other observation is that I think we need a stockyard setup. There are several reasons, but here is one of them. A veteran beef cattle producer lost more than $300 on one shipment of a dozen steers this summer, because he didn't know enough about the market to ask enough for his cattle. We often blame the packers, or other buyers, for keeping the price down, but in this case the buyer paid exactly what the producer asked.

Buyer Is Not To Blame In This Case

I DON'T blame him for not paying more. I don't think many would But had those steers been offered at a stockyard auction, for example, the competition among top buyers — for those were top steers — would, I suggest, have prevented such a thing from happening. I should add that the cattleman referred to is one of the province's best beef producers, and his animals belong in the top grades.

Committee members to whom I've talked feel there's merit in the "formula buying", suggested by Canada Packers and in the decision to form a beef producers' organization that will embrace the entire province. I gather there was little interest in the "formula" method at the meeting, because it only covers Red and Blue and Brown or Standard brand cattle, and that only covers 30 per cent of all the animals sold here, although it has been suggested that with better finishing, the number of Standard brand carcasses could be increased by 15 per cent.

Springton Ghost Story Is True

I THINK it was late last year I promised a good ghost story, and recall that Gavin Reid, Victoria Cross checked up on the promise later. The promise was based on a yarn I thought was coming out of West Prince, but research indicated it wasn't as good as I had expected.

But I did hear a good ghost story when I was on vacation. The best part of it is the story's true. Mrs. Arthur Jackman, 32 Passmore Street, Charlottetown told me one about her father Donald Alex MacIntosh who lived at Springton.

His home wasn't far from the cemetery there, and Mr. MacIntosh's team of horses stopped one night in front of the old burial place as he was hauling home a load of hay. He tried several times to get the team started again, without result.

THE TEAM made honest efforts, but they couldn't budge the wagon with its load of hay. That was a bit fearsome at that time of night — the place used to reek with ghost yarns, I know for my own home was close by and we had our share of similar stories — but more frightening still was the fact the hay rose behind him on the load, every time the horses tried to pull it.

IT DIDN'T take long to convince Mr. MacIntosh that was no place for him, and he climbed down, unhitched the team and made for home with all possible speed.

Next morning he went back to the scene and found the reason. The bolt holding the two ends of the perch — a piece of wood joining the front and rear axles — had come out, the hind part of the perch dropped on the ground, and it was digging into the ground every time the horses tried to go ahead.

The perch digging in not only stopped forward progress but it also caused the load of hay to lift a little, as the horses threw their weight into the collars. In daylight it was a simple thing, that was easily understood. But at night, with that eerie feeling that surrounds cemeteries after dark, it was an entirely different matter.

I think that many of the old Ghost stories are like that. They wouldn't seem unnatural, perhaps, if they were examined and traced back to their origin.

But Some Things Can't Be Explained

MRS. JACKMAN met me at the home of my cousin, William Matheson in Rose Valley, a man who was my neighbour when I was a boy, and who shared with me many unforgettable experiences. I mention his name now because I'm going to tell you in a future column several stories of really unexplainable happenings — some call them forerunners — which involve him, and several others. I had heard many when I was a boy, but I was surprised to hear that this sort of thing has occurred much more recently.

Province Has College For Highland Dancing

Sixteen days of Scottish and variety concerts, afternoon and evening, featuring two pipe bands, a dozen top Highland dancers, tap dancers and singers get underway at the Prince Edward Island College of piping and Dancing this week.

A band concert by the MacDougall Girls' Pipe Band of Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, will provide the curtain raiser this afternoon and evening with the official opening and big outdoor concert scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4 at 2.30 p.m. at the college, at North Rustico—on the Gulf Shore Highway near Cavendish.

The college and the 16-day Scottish entertainment classic will be officially opened by Hon. J. David Stewart, minister of tourist development. Other provincial and federal government representatives will be present on the huge outdoor stage for the big show.

SCOTTISH CONCERT

The same evening, a second Scottish concert will be presented for those who are unable to attend the opening ceremony The evening program, which will also be held on the outdoor platform, starts at 7 p.m. sharp.

In case of rain, concerts will be held in the large recreation hall on the premises.

There will be daily pipe band concerts and Highland dancing at 2.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. and each Wednesday and Saturday from Aug. 4 to Aug. 18, the daily performances will take the form of a full scale Highland Concert.

Over 50 students, more than half of them from outside Prince Edward Island are registered. Due to lack of space, a number of applications had to be turned down this year. Registrations are from as far afield as Montreal and Bangor, Maine, with Island students coming from Charlottetown, Summerside, Kensington, North Tryon, Eldon, Tignish, Belfast, and Stanhope.

BIGGEST PROJECT

Entertainment will be put on by advanced students trained in concert work, guest artists and students enrolled at the college. This will be the biggest entertainment project ever attempted in the province and will provide enjoyment for tourists staying in all parts of the Island as well as for local people.

The college is being assisted by the Prince Edward Island Tourist Association in an effort to supply much needed entertainment for summer visitors.

Special arrangements have been completed to handle the expected large crowd on opening day. There is ample parking space on the grounds for hundreds of cars and canteen facilities have been set up in the east wing of the college building.

In addition to the MacDougall Girls' Pipe Band, winners of the world championship band competition in Chicago, two years ago, an island pipe band, the Lovat Scots, will be daily attractions at the big Scottish entertainment centre in North Rustico at the former Knights of Columbus boy's campground.

Herald Tribune Faces Heavy Suit

NEW YORK (AP)—Representative Eugene J. Keough, (Dem. N.Y.) filed a $1,250,000 libel suit Wednesday against the New York Herald Tribune and one of its reporters, Milton Lewis.

The suit resulted from five articles published between Oct. 20, 1961, and May 22, 1962, dealing with the investigation and conviction of the congressman's brother, Judge J. Vincent Keogh of the New York State Supreme Court, of conspiring to obstruct justice.

In his Supreme Court suit, the congressman claims the articles contained false and defamatory matter and "sought to accomplish his defeat" in the November elections.

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