

City Woman Plays Prominent Role In Air Lines Strike

A Charlottetown woman has played a prominent role in passing the financial worries of a large group of Eastern Airlines employees in Miami, Fla., who were thrown out of work as the result of a labor dispute between the air lines and its flight engineers.

Marjorie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Ellis, of Charlottetown, was the spearhead behind a co-operative movement to find jobs for the unemployed stewards and air hostesses, who were without union benefits and unemployment insurance during the strike.

Miss Ellis, a former school teacher and member of the RCAF and now a stewardess with the air lines, energetically organized an employment agency in an attempt to find work for the some 600 employees jobless in Miami because of the strike.

Operating out of the homes of the jobless and manned by volunteers, the organization quickly placed 100 of its members in temporary jobs. A baby sitting agency was set up and soon the number of clients exceeded the baby sitters available.

Ch'town Man Is Convicted In City Court

Lloyd Joseph Dunn, was remanded for sentencing to Thursday, February 12th, when convicted in Charlottetown Police Court yesterday morning on a charge of break, entry and theft.

Dunn was one of three men charged with the break and entry at the New Way Furniture Company Jan. 15th. One of the accused trio had been previously convicted and the case against the third man has been dismissed.

Three witnesses, Deputy Chief Sterna Webster, Constable Lloyd Archer and Roy Good, a city taxi driver, testified Thursday before Magistrate K.M. Martin. J.P. Nicholson represented the Crown and Allison Gillis the accused.

The case of a Charlottetown man charged with driving while intoxicated was further adjourned until this morning. A city man charged with being drunk and incapable had his case adjourned for one week.

50 Dogs Die As Distemper Hits Ch'town

A worsening attack of distemper is spreading through dogs in the Metropolitan area of Charlottetown. In the past few weeks the lives of some 50 animals have been claimed, and 27 of them in the past 10 days.

The Charlottetown Veterinary Clinic has treated upwards of 60 dogs in a month for the disease which has a high mortality rate. Most seriously affected areas are Parkdale and North River.

Dr. Blair Kelly of the clinic said yesterday. He added the clinic has treated as many as four and five animals a day.

Infected animals, Dr. Kelly emphasized, are not a menace to children. However, he said the virus disease is contagious in dogs and foxes.

Vaccination is the approved preventive measure. But when the disease is contracted, the odds are greatly against a cure.

Arrow Market Seen By Head Of Avro Branch

TORONTO (CP) — Fred T. Smye, Avro Aircraft Limited board chairman, said Tuesday there is reason to believe the United States and other nations would be prepared to buy the Arrow jet interceptor should it be put into production.

"From the outset of the Arrow program the RCAF was hopeful that the USAF might purchase the Arrow" he said in reply to an article last Friday by Telegram publisher John Bassett.

Mr. Bassett said an inquiry showed that the RCAF knew from the beginning that the U.S. had no interest in the Arrow for itself.



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8,000 Canadians To Return Home

OTTAWA (CP)—Two-thirds of Canada's NATO brigade in Germany will return home on rotation between September and December this year, the army said Tuesday.

The move will affect about 3,500 men and 4,500 wives and children. Rotation discussions began Tuesday at brigade headquarters in Soest, Germany.


The army announced recently that it plans to lengthen the period of posting to the brigade to three years from two, cutting costs.

The units returning are the Royal Canadian Dragoons; 2nd Battalion, the Canadian Guards 3rd Battalion, the Royal 22nd Regiment; and the reconnaissance squadron of Lord Strickland's Horse (Royal Canadian). They will be replaced by a similar unit now serving in Canada.

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PLAN ANNUAL DINNER

Completing plans for the annual dinner and dance of the Electric Service League of P.E.I. to be held in Charlottetown during National Electrical Week, Feb. 8th-14th are, left to right, seated, W. R. Brennan, public utilities commissioner; A. D. Cameron, general manager of Maritime Electric Company; A. E. MacLean, of MacLean and Son electrical contractors; stand-

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture, Newsletter

C.F.A. POLICY

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture policy for 1959 will be fashioned from the some hundred resolutions which were debated at the annual meeting in Saskatoon during the last week of January. Until last year's meeting final decision on resolutions passed in the open meetings rested with the twenty-seven member board of directors. This year the official delegate body of eighty people made up of the directors and double their number in delegates had the final say on the resolutions. They were either approved, rejected or referred to the board by this body.

Probably the most spirited debates took place on C.F.A. Price Support Policy, on Freight Rates and on a resolution calling for compulsory arbitration of labour disputes by a tribunal appointed by parliament. This resolution as presented was a general one covering all labour disputes but as finally passed the tribunal would only handle disputes involving public services under federal jurisdiction and agricultural products.

On freight rates conflicting views appeared from west and east. The east recommended that no subsidies be given to the railways until an investigation had been completed. The British Columbia resolution asked that the recent 17 per cent increase be allowed and the subsidy put into effect instead until there is a complete revision of the freight rate structure. The final resolution agreed with the B.C. position on the matter.

On unemployment insurance the Federation's position now is that it be made available to groups of farmers which can be clearly defined either by nature of their production or geographically and who clearly signify their desire for this service.

The main marked cleavage in the convention developed over a resolution introduced by the west and which suggested a very broad plan of government intervention in and on behalf of agriculture. For the sake of clarity we reproduced the resolution.

RESOLUTION
Parity of Income (W.A.C., A.F.A., S.F.A.)
Whereas the prices received by farmers from farm products do not bear a fair relationship to production costs; Therefore be it resolved that we recommend the institution of a parity of income program for agriculture designed to maintain the family farm, such program to provide for:
(a) The establishment of domestic prices for farm commodities in line with costs of production and Canadian living standards.
(b) The sale of agricultural products on the export market at the most favourable price levels possible, supplemented where necessary of deficiency payments.
(c) The institution of a government-sponsored surplus disposal program designed to move surplus food stocks into food deficiency areas.
(d) The institution of a program providing for deficiency payments from the federal treasury on agricultural products to which such payments can be applied to provide a parity of farm income in line with farm production costs and Canadian living standards, such payments to be applied on a basic volume of each farmer's production.

This resolution was defeated on an almost straight east opposition to it. The position taken by eastern speakers was that the suggested program would mean state control of agriculture with the farmer being told what, when and how much to grow. Further the setting of parity prices was almost bound to lead to marked over production with still greater necessity for production restrictions.

While eastern farmers are satisfied some assistance by government is necessary and desirable they are not prepared to go as far along this path as are their western partners.

WOOL SUBSIDY
Sheepmen will receive on or

Hunters Corner

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quite common. 15 years ago there was a heavy flight of Pintail I have spotted flocks of 30 odd but they are inclined to fluctuate from year to year.

GREATLY SURPRISED
When I returned from Overseas in 1919 I was greatly surprised to find that the Ring-necked ducks were non-existent. Some time during my absence the so-called White Winged Teal had faded from the hunting picture. I never saw them again until 1939 when I shot a number at Fraser's Beaver Dam, Avondale. I shipped three to the late P. A. Taverner, then in charge of the National Museum at Ottawa. He reported back to me that they were Ring-necked Ducks... an adult male and female and a juvenile (young of the year). Incidentally this stands as a record for this species for I shot many of the same in the days preceding August, 1914. Too often hunters have a record in their hands and don't know it. To them its just another bird for the pan.

I have discovered important records under odd circumstances. One night about 12 years ago Hayden Dixon, my son's brother-in-law, came to the house with a duck. He told me that a hunter had shot it that evening at Pis-

Isabel Macleod, Murray River, P.E.I., and George, Hallet, Halifax.

quid Pond, Peakes. The gunner, according to Hayden's story, knew it was a strange duck as he never saw one like it before but was afraid to take it home for fear it was protected and he might meet the game warden. He finished with this story: "I didn't want to see the duck left to spoil and figured I done the right thing by taking it to you."

"It sure was the right thing to do," was my comment. "This duck is a Redhead, a duck of the Western prairies and a record for Eastern Canada." "Is it protected?" "No," he came back with this surprising remark: "In that case I guess its safe to tell you I shot it myself." They don't come any cagier than Hayden. The duck was mounted by Mr. A. F. Calder and is now included in the Prince of Wales College collection.

INCIDENT RECALLED
Speaking of wintering black ducks reminds me of an incident that occurred this winter at Seal River (near Vernon). On the north side of the Trans Canada highway at Seal River the flow of

water kept a small patch of water open... possibly ten yards across and six wide. It was within a few yards of the highway but 40 or 50 black ducks who came in the evening to spend the night there got so used to traffic they paid no attention to cars. They were so close one could almost touch them with a fishing rod. In the deepening dusk of Sunday evening, January 4th, a farmer's wife living not far away went to the door during the course of her household duties and heard four gunshots in rapid succession at Seal River bridge. Needless to say the ducks quite this spot. The fact that the infraction occurred on Sunday made the offense all the more heinous. Ducks that have the courage to stick it out through a December we experienced this winter deserve better treatment than a dose of hot lead.

Farmers living in the area are deeply incensed over this cowardly act that extends far beyond an ordinary poaching foray. Any information forthcoming with respect to this outrage will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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