



TRUCKLOAD of gifts and greeting cards arriving at the receiving office of the Charlottetown Post. Guardian Photo.



DAILY-WRAPPED Christmas packages being sorted by members of the night staff at the city post office. Guardian Photo.



MAGDALEN Island mall awaiting transfer to the airport. Around 8,000 lbs were forwarded in one island in the Gulf. Guardian Photo.

HAS UPS AND DOWNS
EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — It will cost 23-year-old Eugene Roberts 30 days in jail for trying to quiet a 10-year-old Elvis Presley fan. Roberts was accused of picking up John Schaefer in a theatre showing a Presley movie and slamming him into his seat. Roberts said Schaefer was sitting behind him and kept yelling into his ear.

Coming Events
Goose River Christmas Concert, December 21. Dance after.
Christmas Concert Afton Hall, tonight Dec. 21.
Mill closed all day Monday December 24th Russel Coles Milton.
York School Concert, Community Hall, December 21st, at 8 p.m.
Anglo Rustico School Christmas concert, Friday, Dec. 21.
Bingo, Dance, St. James Parish, Town Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, December 26.
Come to Christmas concert Riverside school December 21. Curtain 8:15.
Christmas Concert Greenvale school Saturday, December 22nd, 8:30 p.m.
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AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

THE LOW INCOME FARMER

One of the greatest of farm leaders in Ontario was the late J. J. Morrison whose memory is being honoured in a yearly series of memorial lectures at the Ontario Agricultural College. The first of these lectures was delivered by Dr. John K. Galbraith, Professor of Economics at Harvard University. The topic of the address "The Low Income Farmer" is, of course, of general interest. This lecture has been very widely publicized and quoted and in this newsletter we are going to set down a number of quotations from it, not because we subscribe to all the thoughts expressed but rather because there is need for thought on them.

"So we see that income inequality in agriculture is not self-correcting. On the contrary the adjustments which might eliminate it are inoperative precisely where they are most needed. In the poor areas the resource reorganization which would raise incomes becomes difficult or impossible. Population redistribution at best is slow. We should regard income inequality in agriculture, therefore, not only as self-perpetuating, but even on occasion as cumulative. This is not an alluring picture, but it is one we should face."

"We have special reason to face it because in our two countries the worst surviving areas of poverty are in our rural slums. There are great patches of countryside in the southeastern United States and, though less spectacularly, in eastern Canada where no one can talk of prosperity. Life in these areas is meagre, bitter, and bleak. This is the world of the backwoods, the mouldering, unpainted house with a tin roof and a junk-filled yard, the decayed barn and the half-tilled fields surrounded by overgrown meadows and scrub trees."

"We have been callous in our unconcern for rural poverty. But our neglect has a deeper foundation. In a world of advancing real income it has been our ultimate conviction that such poverty must be transitory. Progress was assumed to be general. With just a little time, the people in the poor farm areas would either master their environment or they would move away. In the meantime there was nothing much we need do."

"This optimism we now see, is misguided. The rigidity of land as a resource is too great; people cannot bring off the reorganization that would be required. And they do not disappear."

"The lesson is that the rural slums will yield only to the kind of action which has been required

for the urban slum. There must be a clearly spelled-out goal for the area — one that promises those that continue to live there a decent income—and there must be a redevelopment plan.

"Happily, we have now reached the stage where the existence of physically tillable but untilled land no longer shocks us. We no longer search for unsuspecting settlers to put on to it. It is not too much to hope that, very soon, we will look with approval on effective measures for relocating those who are now trying to farm such land."

"To outline the areas of rural poverty, to define the form of land use which will return tolerable incomes, to set about relocating the surplus population, to preempt the land for the new purposes, all of these steps have an authoritarian sound. And there will be many who will be quick to proclaim that fact. In the last twenty years or so, social scientists have developed an acute case of buck fever whenever they were faced such accusations. Men whose profession should require them to take pride in controversy have beat a quick retreat before such suggestions. How much better to be ineffective or banal than to get into a row!"

FREIGHT RATES
The recently announced increase of 4 per cent in freight rates added to the 7 per cent which came into effect on July 1 is apparently not doing much to make anyone happy. The railroads had asked for 15 per cent and feel that having to accept 11 even if only for the present is rough treatment. Certainly agriculture and the farmer are not happy. The Federation argued that the railroads did not need this increase and that agriculture was not in a position to have additional charges added to its costs, freight rate increases lower the farmer's income and that is not the proper direction in which to be moving.

A percentage increase, of course, bears with greater hardship on those who have bulky commodities to move over great distances and the net result is that those who are already paying the most have to bear the

greatest increase. Fortunately potatoes are not involved in the present increase due to the agreed charge contract negotiated some years ago.

AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

The recent agricultural conference held in Ottawa has, as usual, come in for its share of criticism. This conference is attended by Ministers of Agriculture, by top-ranking government officials, by agricultural experts from universities and by representatives of farm organizations. Viewing this assemblage the public may be excused for expecting leadership and constructive suggestions on the solution of farm problems and for being disappointed and critical when they are not forthcoming.

We have heard the farm organizations criticized for not being more vocal and aggressive at this conference, however it is a government conference and farm organizations are there by courtesy and government officials are usually not expected to throw their weight around. During the war years the conference was a production one and blue-printed what was required for the coming year in the way of different commodities. Since the war years it has been an outlook conference, one that attempts to predict what the farmer may expect in the way of prices, demand, and conditions.

It may be that the scope of the conference and purpose of this conference could be changed with advantage to the end that it would concern itself with consideration of solutions to many social and economic problems of agriculture.

FARM MEETINGS

From now until the end of January farm organization meetings will be the order-of-the-day, these meetings will have their climax

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