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ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN AT CAPITOL, SUMMERSIDE  
—Paramount's "Anything Can Happen", the new comedy film opening today at the Capitol Theatre, stars Jose Ferrer in his first screen role since his 1950 Academy Award-winning appearance in "Cyrano de Bergerac". Co-starring with the talented Mr. Ferrer in this William Perleberg-George Sea-

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ton production is Kim Hunter, vivacious young actress, also cited by the Academy for her supporting performance in "A Streetcar Named Desire," adjudged 1951's best.  
"Anything Can Happen" is based on the hilarious best-selling book of the same name written by George and Helen Papishvily. The story details the amusing and heart-warming adventures of a recent arrival in the U. S. as he learns the strange and wonderful ways of life on the American plan. His hilarious jolopy journey from New York to California, his wild-eyed pursuit of a pretty miss, and his ultimate transformation into a hep and happy citizen key the laugh-provoking sequences of the film.

Northam And Vicinity

Mrs. Gordon Millar, Ellerslie spent Thursday March 5th with her uncle, Mr. James E. MacLean and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDougall and daughter Norma were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Colwill.  
The many friends of Miss Betty Colwill will be happy to learn that she returned to her home much improved in health. Miss Colwill has been under treatment

in the Stewart Memorial Health Centre.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Colwill and Mrs. Graydon Grigg attended the hockey match at O'Leary on Monday night March 2nd.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Birch of Aberdeen, Sask. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Maynard and Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Maynard on Tuesday evening March 3rd.  
The Presbyterian Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Stewart on Thursday evening March 5th. At the close of the meeting lunch was served by the hostess assisted by the Committee-in-charge.

The sympathy of this community is being extended to Mr. Thomas McCaull, and Mr. P. M. McCaull, upon the death of their sister, Mrs. Jope, Boston, Mass. which occurred after a short illness on February 28th.  
—The regular card party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Cotton, on Tuesday evening March 3rd. Prizes were awarded to the winners, and lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by the committee-in-charge. —AW

Three of the nine counties of Ulster are in the Republic of Ireland, and six in Northern Ireland.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Frequently we hear Island farmers complain that their sons and daughters don't want to stay on the farm. Rural girls have the notion that pounding a typewriter is better than raising turkeys or ducks; the young men want to try their fortunes in the cities. This exodus from the land leaves farms short-handed. If suitable farm help cannot be had our farms begin to show neglect and production drops off sharply.  
Here in the Garden of the Gulf are districts that do not produce to their fullest capacity. If they did our farm population could be measurably increased. Just consider what a population the small country of Palestine once supported: over nine millions of people in an area smaller than the Province of New Brunswick. Egypt was once the bread basket of the world, besides supporting more than a score of cities larger than Charlottetown.

Many young farmers have the notion that a large farm is necessary to make a decent living. What do the records show in our own Province? Well, look over any district you choose to mention and you'll put your finger on at least two or three farms or 20 to 40 acres which have supported quite large families.  
The success of these small farms, so it seems to me, lies in the fact that they are well-tended and cropped according to the needs of producing yields far in excess of larger holdings poorly managed. The past quarter century has seen great advances in agriculture on this island — two blades of grass growing where only one grew before. When I was a youngster we seldom got more than 200 bushels of potatoes to the acre. Grain that produced 40 bushels to the acre was considered a good yield. The yield from these two crops alone has almost doubled in the past quarter century, and with better improved agricultural methods, better seed, greater yields of all kinds of farm products can be looked for in the future.  
Many of our Island young men now in the cities, would do well to return to this beautiful productive Island and start clearing up its waste places, in behalf of crops. But in order to keep our young folk on the land farming must be made more attractive — that is, by greater rural electrification, homes that are attractive and adequately heated during the winter months; homes that have the comforts and conveniences of the towns and cities.

A drive across country will convince you, as it has often convinced me, that too many farm homes have a lonely, desolate look. No shade trees, no lawns, no flowers, no paint, no modern conveniences. It used to be and still is the custom of some farm families to pile all the nice things they possess into a couple of rooms, which they kept shut up for the guests, while the rest of the house is as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

The young folk of our generation will not tolerate life under such conditions, and you hardly can blame them. Someone has truly said, "that all youth loves beauty." It is a natural desire, and one which must be met if we are going to keep the young "fry" down on the farm.  
Take a drive through the poorer districts and what do we see? Broken fences, weedgrown fields, shabby "outbuildings, and sometimes several homes in a group completely abandoned and leaning drunkenly on their rotting foundations.

Is it any wonder young folk leave such homes and find work in distant places? The value of attractive, well-kept farm homes cannot be over-emphasized. Have you ever seen anybody careless in a place that is beautifully kept? Even very young children will point with pride to a certain home on the hill and say, "that's where we live."  
The wheels of progress never cease turning and farmers like others, must keep abreast of the times — that is, if they hope to keep their sons and daughters in the best place on earth — the farm.  
There are many fine farm homes in this Island of which we are all justly proud. On the other hand, there are too many down-in-the-hill places which make us all shudder to look at. So, let this coming summer of 1953 be a face-lifting season among the hard-to-look-at farm homes. So that our beautiful Island may be made still more beautiful to the eyes of our people and to the eyes of visiting tourists.

O'LEARY W. I.

—The regular monthly meeting of the O'Leary Women's Institute was held in the school Monday night, March 2nd, with the president, Mrs. John Morehead, and secretary, Mrs. Roy Jelly, presiding.  
The meeting opened by singing the Ode and repeating the Creed in unison. Twenty members answered roll call by each paying a penny for every inch of waist-line making a total amount collected \$8.71. Seven new members were welcomed into the Institute, raising the membership to 34.  
The Red Cross committee reported receiving yarn and material for R. C. work.

Correspondence from an English Institute regarding parcel received was read. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of a "play" or variety concert, and it was decided to send for material for such, and a committee was appointed.

Airmen Visit London Stage Play



The above photo shows visiting air crew personnel of RCAF "Nav-TK 53" course from RCAF Station, Summerside, on a visit to one of London's top stage plays, the American musical, "Call Me Madame." It was arranged that some of the officers meet the star of the show, Miss Billie Worth, and the photo shows them in Miss Worth's dressing room during the interval. From left to right are F/L R. G. (Bob) McNabb; Major Dick Blackman, U.S.A.F.; leading lady Miss Billie Worth; Wing Commander Harry Forbes, D.F.C.; Squadron Leader Paul Beaudet. April roll call is to be answered by each member decorating a hat and bringing it in a closed paper bag to the meeting where they will be auctioned off at a very low figure, and worn during the meeting. The lunch committee for April will be Mrs. Harry MacWilliam, Mrs. E. W. Turner, Mrs. Olive MacDonald, and Mrs. Ira Ellis. The meeting adjourned and a delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge. —A.Z.

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