YIELDS ARE QUITE GOOD

Prairie Crop Well Above Average, Says C.N.R. Report

WINNIPEG — General rain over the prairies held up the harvesting during the past week but it is now in full swing again with the exception of southern and central Alberta where it should start again this week-end, according to the final crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Very little threshing remains to be done in southern Manitoba.

In northern Manitoba and in southern Saskatchewan another week of good weather will finish this year's crop.

Central and northern Saskatchewan will not be finished for two to three weeks and Alberta will probably be a week later than this.

Yields in all areas are quite good considering the peculiar season and the total yield for the Canadian prairies will be well above average for the last 10 years.

Warm weather with no rain aided the movement of fruit in the Okanagan Valley during the past week and the peach movement is about over. Late varieties of pears will be moving to the end of the month. The movement of prunes will be at its peak in the next few days.

Timely TERRACE *Topics*

TERRACE — Shortly before nine o'clock on Wednesday evening, the wail of the siren announced to the townspeople that another fire was in progress. A blaze was clearly visible on the south side of the track just above Giggey's mill and about three-quarters of a mile from town. Residents hurried to the scene by every means of transport at their disposal and found it to be a brush fire. The forestry crew was on hand and, although little could be done to check the blaze, it gradually subsided. There was no serious damage.

The first general meeting of the Women's Institute was held Thursday evening in the Orange Hall. Guest speakers were officers elected at the organization meeting last June when Mrs. Gummow visited here. They are as follows:

President, Mrs. T. Olson; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Robinson; Secretary, Mrs. L. Johnstone; Treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Michiel; Director, Mrs. Anna Benoit.

THIS AND THAT

"I'll have three banana splits and a double malted chaser—I'm trying to forget a dame."

HATCHERY REOPENING

Terrace Board of Trade Also Asks For New Bridge Across Kalum River

TERRACE — At the regular monthly meeting of the Terrace and District Board of Trade on Tuesday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall with a fair attendance of members a committee consisting of Dudley Little, C. J. Norrington and C. W. Michiel is to investigate the possibilities of reopening the Lakelse Lake Hatchery, at one time one of the largest in British Columbia.

President J. H. Smith was in the chair and correspondence included a number of letters of thanks from various Boards of Trade and from Hon. E. T. Kenney thanking the Terrace board for the courtesy extended to them during the convention of the Associated Boards of Trade held here in August.

George McAdams presented an interesting report on the convention.

A letter is to be sent to the minister of public works requesting that a bridge be put across the Kalum River near the outlet at Kalum Lake in order that the rich country on the other side will be more easily accessible.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to Mrs. W. B. Burnett, expressing the sympathy of the Board in the recent loss of her husband. Mr. Burnett was a past president of the Terrace and District Board of Trade.

Shortage of Snakes Hits South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, (AP)— South Africa's latest shortage is snakes. If this shortage continues more snake breeding may have to be established in various parts of the country for the South African Medical Research Institute is in desperate need of snake venom to produce serum for distribution to hospitals, medical institutions and doctors. The South African Institute has never before required such great quantities of venom as at present. There is a tremendous demand for snake serum, particularly that produced from cobra venom. Just over two years ago the first experimental snake farm was established near Addo in the Cape Province, one of its main purposes being to breed snakes.

Lord Wedgwood, once stated: "It is the press in America which takes the place of parliament in England. Theirs is the executive, theirs is the responsibility; here is that left-centre which always guides humanity forward."

Returning Service Personnel Records Are Being Sought

The Daily News is anxious to completely record the arrival of all service men and women returning home from the war. Accordingly, it is requested that information be made available to this office regarding the date of arrival home, the service with which the veteran has been identified, in what theatres of war, if wounded, ill, etc. If inconvenient to call at the office, the information may be written or telephoned in. Pictures would be particularly welcome. Street and Postal addresses and telephone numbers are also requested.

SKELETON STAFFS RUN HOSPITAL WARDS

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creased the burden of hard-pressed hospital staffs.

The nursing profession still attracts more girls than can be trained in most of the 170 civilian hospitals operating schools throughout the country, but a large percentage of them upon graduation, turn to industrial nursing where the pay is higher and the hours more regular than in hospitals. Others find employment in military hospitals and Department of Veterans Affairs Institutions.

The nursing schools graduate approximately 3,500 nurses annually, but they cannot continue preparing nurses in the numbers required for the variety of services in which they now find employment.

The result has been an impasse which can only be overcome by re-organizing the entire profession. Plans of the Canadian Nurses Association and the Canadian Hospital Council are being made with this end in view.

"The association and the council now are embarking on an exhaustive study of the various angles presented by this problem and will work out recommendations for a satisfactory solution," said Dr. Harvey Agnew, of Toronto, council secretary.

"A number of other organizations including the federal government are being invited to participate in this study and it may prove necessary . . . that a considerable revamping of the duties of the nurse in the hospital and of her educational preparations may have to be done.

"Much thought is being given to the development of schools for the training of nurses' aides, or assistants, as major contributors to a permanent solution.

Meanwhile provincial governments and even the communities themselves have taken steps to encourage girls to go into the nursing profession, and to make the hospital jobs more attractive.

Are Boosting Nurses' Salaries

In Halifax, increased salary scales for nurses in the city-controlled tuberculosis and infectious diseases hospitals have been approved by Halifax city council which has established an annual salary scale of $1,080, plus living-out allowance for registered nurses.

Wages in N.S. hospitals have averaged $60-$90 monthly with room and board for general duty nurses. The Association itself sets private nurses rates at $5 for an eight-hour day and $7.50 for a 12-hour day.

During the last four years the Quebec government has given between $30,000 and $40,000 a year in $100 training bursaries as well as other bursaries to help would-be nurses obtain the necessary qualifications of passing fourth year high school.

Montreal hospitals are managing to fill quotas for nurses-in-training, but a scarcity of applicants is more noticeable in outlying districts and in smaller towns.

Quebec province urgently needs at least 612 hospital nurses. In Montreal's St. Justine Hospital, which this August had 145 cases of infatile paralysis, there was a shortage of 55 general duty nurses.

At Galt, Ont., the Public Utilities Commission has authorized a grant of $3,500 toward the opening of a nursing school at the city hospital.

In Peterborough, Ont., in order to stimulate enrolment for fall classes, 10 local manufacturers sponsored an advertisement which attracted a large number of student nurses into the fall classes.

The city council of Owen Sound, Ont., has arranged for a vote of taxpayers on a $300,000 grant toward the building of a $500,000 addition to the hospital, to include a new nurses' training school and residence. A total of $100,000 has been obtained already by public subscription.

Applications Numerous

Applications from girls anxious to go into nursing generally have been plentiful, although in some cases outlying centres have found them scarce.

At Windsor, Ont., officials at Grace Hospital report their fall class has been filled and already half of the applications for the February class have been received.

Toronto General Hospital nursing school reports the fall class totals 72, 12 more than last term, and all the school can possibly handle.

At the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, applications have had to be turned down this year for the nursing course. The class this term totals 35, double the number in 1943, the first year the course opened.

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