

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

AYRSHIRES

The big event of the year for the Ayrshire Breeders of the Province will be their annual Field Day and Picnic. It will be held on Thursday of this week at the farm of Edwin Reid and Son, Rollo Bay. An interesting program has been arranged and will include judging contests for the 4-H club members, a few short addresses and good fellowship.

The program will commence at 11 a.m. and all breeders and their friends should bring a picnic lunch with them. Following the program at the Reid farm the groups will proceed to the farm of Brent Stead, Fortune Bay, where afternoon tea and fresh lobsters will be served.

Gavin Reid the President of the P.E.I. Ayrshire Breeders Club will have the pleasure of presenting the National President of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders, Col. F.I. Andrew of Charlottetown, who will speak to the group.

Junior yearling; the reserve junior female championship on Woodlea Skymaid, first prize senior heifer calf.

J.P. Bradley and son also won the junior male championship on Bonniashade Raider, first prize senior yearling bull; the reserve senior and reserve grand female championships on Brookview Vivian, first prize cow, 5 years and over dry.

With his two first prize winners, J.H. Black of Lachute won both the senior and both the grand championships. His bull the well-known Darland Ever Ready Challenge, was first prize bull, 2 years and age and also the senior and grand champion male. His first prize cow 5 years old and over in milk—the well-known former winner Willowhaugh Evergreen—was also the senior and grand champion female.

J.P. Bradley and Son won first of sire First on Junior get-of-sire and Junior breeders herd went to W. Erskine Rodger.



COL. F.I. ANDREW



J. DOUGLAS MacKECHNIE
Canadian Ayrshire Breeders Association
SECRETARY MANAGER

AYRSHIRES AT LACHUTE

The entries at both Ormstown and Lachute Fairs were below former years. Arthur Dagg of Shawville, Quebec, judged the Ayrshires Classes at Lachute Spring Fair. The judging and awards were placed as follows: W. Erskine Rodger and J. P. Bradley and Son, both of Lachute, individual classes. Mr. Rodger also won the reserve junior male championship on his bull calf Woodlea Evergreen Signet; the junior female championship on Woodlea Relief Katie, first prize

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Representatives service. However, it can well be said that he came to the Ayrshire Association with an enviable Ayrshire background. He was, of course, born and reared at Bonniashade Farm and so during his boyhood and school time, also during his College vacations he acquired an intimate, first hand practical knowledge of Ayrshire herdsman and herd management in all its branches. Moreover, during his pre-college days he took an active part in 4H Club and other Junior Farmer Activities, including the Ottawa Winter Fair, 4H Calf Club annual competitions—showing and showmanship and judging. He was twice a member of Western Quebec teams which competed in the Provincial Livestock Judging finals at Sherbrooke.

In addition to the many other duties which have to be undertaken by an Agricultural Representative—livestock and agriculture in general—Douglas MacKechnie has taken an active part in the direction of 4H Club and Junior Farmer activities in both Newfoundland and Lambton Counties. In 1955 he coached the Lambton County Junior Farmers' Debating Team which won the Provincial Finals. It might also be mentioned that in 1954 he was in charge of the two busloads of Junior Farmers and 4H Clubbers from Western Ontario which toured Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

A.I. AND AYRSHIRES

At the present time the services of the eight Ayrshires are available in our Artificial Insemination Program. These sires: Point End Buster, Cherley Beneficent, Point End Jim, Cherry Lane Pride, Fairvue Commander, Point End Royal, Netherue Charm, Fairvue Sovereign, are maintained in the bulls stud at the Central Artificial Breeding Center in Fredericton.

Point End Buster, sire Glen Campbell Adventure, AA R.O.P. who is out of Argdown Valda, the World champion Ayrshire with 31,157 lbs. milk, 1356 lbs. fat. Buster has been breeding well and first two yr. heifers averaged about 10,000 milk of over 4 percent fat. Dam: Point End Lady. Ex. with 16,106 lbs. milk, 740 lbs. fat. 4.59 per cent test at 8 yrs. also at 16 yrs. Lady has made 11,571 lbs. milk, 496 lbs. fat. Her dam College Balanche 4th best record 12,994 milk, 486 fat, test 4.46 at 13 yrs. Buster is a large dairy type bull.

Cherley Beneficent, born 1946. Imported a gift to the N.B. Department of Agriculture from Rt. Hon. Lord Beaverbrook. Sire: Lessnessock Prophecy who was sired by Harleyholm Signet sold for 1500 guineas and produced many high priced individuals. Dam: Hartnong Briar who has three records over 14,000 lbs. and has produced 93.5 pounds of milk in a day. She comes from a high producing family. Beaver is leaving good type heifers and they are consistent milkers as young cows.

Point End Jim, a double grand-son of Glen Campbell Adventure who was out of Argdown Valda, world champion. Sire: Point End Bill, a full brother of Buster described before. They were out of Point End Lady with 29,019 lbs. milk testing 4.37 per cent in eight lactations. Dam: Point End Queen, by Glen Campbell Adventure, and has 2 yr. 2X 9337, 361 of fat and 3 yrs. 11,790 milk, 504 fat. Her dam, College Balanche 4th has 14,994 milk, 480 fat at 14 yrs. of age.

Cherry Lane Pride, bred by Frank Hughes, Petitediac, purchased from James Lawson, Gail's Mills. Sire: Fairvue Clarion by Fairvue Duchess Heir who was out of the Excellent cow, Fairvue Duchess with 13,556 milk, 552 fat in 305 days. Clarion's dam, Fairvue Clara had 19,221 milk, 818 lbs. fat in 365 days. 3X Dam: Cherrylane Nancy with 14,389 milk, 551 fat in 365 days. Pride's seven heifers look good. His seven feed reports for the month to the

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FAMOUS CIRCUS DYNASTY

The Christiani Family, consisting of six brothers, four sisters and Mama and Papa. They represent the fourth generation of the same family who have been on tour for 97 years.

nearest dams average 13,533 lbs. milk, 558 lbs. fat.

Fairvue Commander, bred by A. MacRae and Sons, P.E.I., purchased from Frank Hughes. Sire: Fairvue Fashion Count, now in Hamilton Art Unit, by Glenary Bit O' Fashion, considered one of the best bulls ever used on P.E.I., and out of Fairvue Charming Marion with 3 yr. 9854 milk, 475 fat in 289 days. She also was by Fairvue Rose's Charm whose dam was grand champion at Amherst for three years, and had a 3 yr. record of 12,489 milk, 550 fat in 365 days. Commander's calves are showing well.

Point End Royal, bred by Stanley Hennigar, purchased from J. R. McDonald and Son, Sire: Glen Campbell Adventure described above. Dam: Point End Lass, who has a 7 yr. record of 13,617 lbs. milk, 537 fat. Her dam, Point End Beauty has made two official records over 20,000 lbs., one of which was slightly over 22,000 making his three nearest dams with average records of over 22,000 lbs. of milk. Royal's first daughters just coming in are milking well.

Netherue Charm, bred by Lloyd Sloat and sons and on lease to Central Unit. Sire: Cherley Beneficent (Beaverbrook) described above. Dam: Netherue Blanche, with a 2 yr. record of 8797 milk, 412 lbs. fat. Her sire was Blackadder Charmer, who left some very fine dairy cows. This young bull is very dairy type, was Grand Champion at the 1953 N.B. Provincial Live Stock Show.

THE SUMMERVILLE Maple Leaf 4H Calf Club met in Summerville School on Friday, June 8, at 8:00 p.m. There were sixteen members present. The meeting was called to order by the President, James Cain. Due to the absence of the secretary there were no minutes of the previous meeting. Elmer Hynes was appointed as the new secretary in place of Peter Curran. Fr. Cash read the correspondence. It was moved and seconded that the dates of the following meetings be changed from the second to the last Friday of the month and the members were asked to bring their first heifers look good. His seven feed reports for the month to the

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ODDS AND ENDS

Epic Contest With Crow

J. B. Murley

Those familiar with his ways and nature know that the crow is a bird possessed of cunning, imagination, ingenuity and daring. He combines all these qualities to satisfy a gluttonous appetite, and Fish and Game Associations tab him as a number one enemy, and predator.

One member of this numerous black brotherhood put on a typical performance at that popular trout fishing spot, the Fortune River, on Saturday. With the tide and weather conditions very promising in the early afternoon, a cluster of fly-casters lined the river edge. One of them as the tide rolled outwards, hooked and landed two very nice trout, ten or eleven inches long.

Unfortunately the angler has forgotten to bring his fishing basket with him, and he put the trout in a fisherman's motor driven boat which lay on the beach near by, left high and dry by the receding tide.

Fifteen or twenty minutes later one of the anglers saw a crow light on the gunwale of the boat, and seconds later he was seen with a trout in his mouth preparing to take off. The owner of the trout shouted and ran in the direction of the bird. The crow took off in lumbering fashion as two black birds swooped down, and dive bombed him, to make him drop his prize but he was too wily for both birds and man. After making a ten second landing, seventy-five yards from the boat to take a better grip on the fish he soared into a nearby woods, still pursued by the persistent black birds. The mal-adequations of the frustrated fisherman followed him, and then came descended, and the anglers returned to their fishing.

Perhaps ten minutes later, the thief returned as stealthily as he had come on the first occasion and undetected until he was about to make his get-away. This time he pulled the last trout from under a log where the angler thought it was safe from a second raid. Again chase was given to the bird as it flew low and clumsily along the shore. Again it alighted short yards from the boat, this time on a fence post, took new purchase on the trout, and flew to safety among the trees.

No better example of a thief's family cleverness as a thief could have been demonstrated. Just to add to the chagrin of the despoiled fisherman it was the only trout he caught which were worth keeping for the frying pan. He is quite satisfied that any publicity should go to the crow family. PAY INCREASE

When the Federal Government raised wages for construction workers on Federal projects in this Province a short time ago, the boost gave labourers an increase of more than \$4.00 a week, and carpenters more than \$7.00. Sharing the benefits also are the mer-

workers deal. It is not to be forgotten that wages, no matter by whom received, whether by clerks or accountants, construction workers or mechanics, find their way into community circulation. When the circulation is weak the community is anaemic.

The North River Road, now becoming one of the main thoroughfares entering Charlottetown, is being improved, at least that portion of it coming under the jurisdiction of the City Council. Motorists will find this to their liking, because with increased traffic the road has been too narrow for comfortable motoring. Much of the traffic which comes from Borden and intermediate points enter Charlottetown by this route.

This is the last week of lobster fisherman in Kings and Queens counties and part of Prince County. It has been a good year for lobster plentiful, and the prices quite satisfactory to the fishermen. Some of the fisherman on the North Side had a set-back in the last few days due to high winds and stormy weather. Many traps were lost and those concerned will have their profits sharply cut. A number of the lost traps are being washed up on North Side beaches at Cavendish and Stanhope.

WAR'S AFTERMATH

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Monday, July 2nd, being a public holiday, arrangements for the issuance of a new registration should be made prior to the date of expiry.

J. A. GALLANT,
Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Will Lay Power Cable To Vancouver Island

VANCOUVER (CP)—Crews are being trained to lay 100 miles of cable between the mainland and Vancouver Island to carry the highest voltage ever transmitted under water.

Engineers of the British Columbia Electric Company's British contractors are carrying out the mock exercise just off Spanish Banks in Vancouver, simulating conditions facing the huge \$6,000,000 operation which will begin in late July.

The cable will carry 132,000 volts, but its capacity will be more than 120,000 kilowatts.

The first mock-ups took place off Falmouth, Cornwall, in November when gear was tested. Further deep water tests were made off the coast of Scotland.

CABLE LANDING TESTS

Test runs for landing the cable on Galiano Island.

The cable, four inches in diameter and nearly 100 miles long, will arrive early in July aboard the cable-ship Ocean Layer. Since the big ship will be unable to get close to shore in shallow water, two specially converted scows will be used.

The cable first will be played from the ship to the deck of the scow, where it will pile up in a large neat coil. A length of sample cable is aboard the scow now for the dummy runs.

Since there must be no bends or twists, the cable is hauled off the deck in a wide arc by means of a steel platform which looks like an oil derrick.

END FLOATED ASHORE

The end is then run down through a bull ring and slowly played out as the scow warps herself into the beach to the limit

of her draft. The end of the cable is then floated ashore and linked up with land installations.

Entire job of making the cable delivering it and laying it has been contracted by British Insulated Callenders' Cables Ltd., of Manchester.

R. G. Sell, deputy manager of the company, said that his firm's engineers have been working on the project for two years and laying the cable presents some unique problems.

It will be the first time cable has been laid without underwater splices.

No Increase In Subsidy On Feed Grain

MONTREAL (CP)—The transport department Tuesday announced a longer delay than anticipated in the scheduled departure of the supply ship C. D. Howe has resulted from a fire which swept the vessel's forward hold Sunday.

A. MacClements, assistant marine superintendent of the department, said it will probably be Thursday or Friday before the vessel will be able to leave in her seventh annual voyage with supplies for remote Arctic outposts.

Mr. MacClements said the delay is due to "the time-consuming procedure" of sorting the vessel's cargo. It had originally been scheduled to sail Monday.

ILLUSTRATION STATION FIELD DAYS

The Dominion Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Provincial Department of Agriculture, will hold Illustration Station Field Days on the following dates—rain or shine:

Farm of Robert Woodside and Son, O'Leary, June 26, 2:00 p.m. sharp. Speakers: Hon. Eugene Cullen, C. S. Scranton, R. B. MacLaren.

Farm of William E. Johnstone and Son, Long River, July 3, 2:00 p.m. sharp. Speakers: R. C. Parent, Dr. G. C. Fisher, C. S. Scranton, R. B. MacLaren.

A tour will be made of the station fields and fertilized pastures, meadows, grain and potato crops will be observed. The experimental work active on Illustration Stations will be reviewed and discussed by W. N. Black.

Take this as an opportunity to meet your neighbors, to converse with departmental representatives and view the work that is in progress.

W. N. BLACK, Agronomist, Illustration Stations, Prince Edward Island.

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