

Centennial Hens Laying At 5

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I HAVEN'T got a good egg eating story this time, but I do have a couple of years covered in Easter eggs that I want to pass on.

The January, 1936 issue of the Weekly Examiner-Arquis reported that a Yankee New York man had bought some green dye stuff to color Easter eggs for his children. He left the material on a bench in the back yard. The next morning when he found that a hen had hopped up on the bench and eaten a portion of the green coloring.

The following day he found a green egg in the nest, the following day the egg was a little paler; there was just a trace of the green coloring on the egg and it had disappeared from the fourth egg, which was natural in color.

That was almost 30 years ago and I thought at first it was a figure of somebody's imagination of the long ago. But I recalled something Fred Ward told Mrs. Matheson when he was here in the early 1940's during the days of World War Two. She recalled for me that he had told her of a green coloring material that could be fed to hens that would color the eggs attractively for children in Easter time.

The impression he had left was that it was comparatively new at the time. If so, the accident of some 30 years previously had not indicated the possibilities of egg coloring the easy way. Mr. Ward was with the Canada department of agriculture here.

THIS ONE'S a bit different but it's also about eggs, or an old hen that lays them at a previously unheard of age.

Mrs. Daniel Shaw, 60, of the third day in the nest, Polly, that will be 15 years in June and still lays every summer.

I had never heard previously of egg laying by a hen of that age. And Broden Downer, in charge of poultry in the new division, Canada department of agriculture found it so unusual he couldn't believe it. But the story itself is interesting. Here it is as Mrs. Shaw told it to me.

Mrs. Shaw's old hen, she named the late veterinarian, Dr. Neil Shaw, hatched out of the forest more than a century ago. There is no exact date, but she was born on the farm 112 years ago and died in 1912. The farm is the only one bearing the name named in the nest.

The late James Shaw is now carrying on the farming. They are Neil and Ernest; a sister, Mrs. MacQueen is keeping house for them.

Polly Was Hatched In 1949

In 1919 THE late Walter Shaw, then in charge of the poultry section on the farm, had several chickens that hatched of the way mother nature intended. As they grew old enough to run out on the range, one little chick took to trail around after Walter, instead of the other chickens. It was a little hen, called Polly, as he named her, would follow peep-peeping, and he could chat back to her, as he did the fencing and other farm chores. This went on for years.

Polly started quite young to lay eggs and became a beautiful Barred Rock hen, heavier than the others. In 1940 her friend Walter passed away, and the following year had one foot cut off by a hay mower, but she survived the ordeal being well cared for by the lady of the house, and now is nearing 15. She lays every year.

"She started early in May last year and every second day her large eggs were laid in a specially built nest placed for her use away from the other hens after she lost her foot."

"HER LAMENESS is scarcely noticeable, though the foot was cut off close to the body, and she has no trouble in walking."

"Polly watches her chance if the back door of the house is ajar, and struts into the kitchen and starts her 'Cu-cu' and soon has her eggs, but she does not enter the house, the closest food in the house, and placing it on the floor for her. When Polly finishes eating it, she 'Cu-cu' her thanks to the lady and walks out again."

"We call her the Centennial hen, as we think a 15-year-old hen compares favourably in age with a human centenarian."

Mrs. Shaw tells me, too, "the original log cabin is still standing on the Shaw farm. It is used as a machine-house and has about 2000 'Cu-cu' and ends of the house, and is used by the old veterinarian doctor can be found in the upstairs part of the old cabin."

Suburb Attracting Industry Despite Stiff Restrictions

MONTREAL (CP) — The blight of homeowners, the factory across the road emitting smoke, noise and a bad reputation for adjacent homes, is becoming a thing of the past in northeastern Montreal island.

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But many municipalities cannot afford to rid themselves of industry and their big tax contribution. The suburban Ville d'Anjou area is keeping its cake and eating it too—maintaining acceptable residential standards and letting industry in, too.

Light, medium and heavy industry were allowed to establish in the area, but under strict controls. And Ville d'Anjou itself became both the nucleus for dramatic industrial development and a settling-down place for young families.

The area north of Ville d'Anjou and Metropolitan Boulevard, a north-city superhighway that helps provide fast access to the city, has become the scene of planned and tightly-controlled industrial expansion.

The restrictions have done anything but discourage industry—the last two years more than 70 new companies, representing everything from the needle trades to aircraft parts have located in the area.

Alfred N. Miller, president of the corporation that bears his name and which has been responsible for much of the Ville d'Anjou area development, says:

"What is happening here today would appear to be a natural complement to the heavy industry such as the oil refineries further east and the heavy industrial plants such as the Vickers complex, along the river."

But what was important was that "control is being exercised by the municipal authorities as a guarantee that the homeowners of this fast-developing area will not be subject to the kind of hazards and annoyances resulting from uncontrolled industrial expansion."

The controls stipulate, for example, that all industrial buildings must be a minimum of 50 feet apart and that all plants must have their own off-street parking.

And municipal inspectors and engineers are ever looking to prevent air pollution by enforcing strict rules against smoke and offensive odors.

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Easter Market Is Recalled

STILL ON the Easter theme, Wally Rodd who is proprietor of the Charlottetown Motel, recalls the large crowds that used to come to the Easter Market which was held then on Saturday, just after the Good Friday holiday.

Some of the older folk made the trip on business, but the young folk came just for fun. Wally recalls, Extra passengers would be added to the regular train and people would board the train all along the line. Mr. Rodd got on at St. Andrew's. That was before the days of highway overpasses, and train travel was the only kind available in winter, unless horses and sleighs were used.

Easter beef was bigger and heavier in those days, I imagine and I wonder how the meat compared for flavor with the tasty "bobby beef" of today. Wally recalls that in 1912 that I visited the Canada Packers cooling room last week, along with a great many more people, to view the carcasses of some of the top steers we saw in the Easter beef Show here earlier in the month.

BECAUSE of production difficulties caused by some of our staff not being able to get to Charlottetown owing to the storm-blighted roads that night a story I wrote for this paper could not be set in type. I do want to observe, though, that three steers from the Frank Plank Dairy, they averaged well over the 60 per cent mark in dressing percentage, and he was the man who had the top one.

As Vern Fraser told me, dressing percentage is just one of the characteristics a buyer finds desirable in a beef animal, and it has little to do with the taste and reliability of the consumer. But I thought it was interesting that Mr. Plank's steers should have such a high average in this regard.

The champion steer was played a tremendously important part in the success of the Easter Beef Show and Sale. Our top price of \$1.50 was far ahead of that received at the Maritime Spring Show and Sale at Oshawa, O.S. and the all time record of \$2.07 per pound established last year is far ahead of anything ever bid at the Maritime sale.

It costs a lot of money to feed those steers and put them in top fit for the big show. Only the long price received at the sale makes it possible for most breeders to come back year after year.

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"The Line Gate" Story

TO MOST of us that storm late last week was just another of the many storms we've had this winter. But to the old timers it was the line gate, something that has been going on since the March 20-21 period when the sun is crossing the line. They are two old timers but Vere Beck, Guardian news editor, and Frank McKinnon, former editor of our composing room, are familiar with the term as an almost certain thing during the solstice in spring, and again in late September when the sun crosses the line. Frank told me about the line gate's mystery more ago, and this week he reminded me of it, and the gate really did come this year.

GETS 12 YEARS

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — armed robbery charge last week. Two other men, Steven Gordon Edwin MacMillan, 27, and James Paul Robinson, 22, Monday to 12 years in penitentiary for similar charges and were sentenced earlier to 15 and nine years respectively. About half robbery at a Bank of Nova Scotia branch here Jan. 15. MacMillan was found guilty of the robbery.

THE STREET THAT WAS

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Ortiz said, chief UN spokesman, said deployment of the force has not yet been decided.

Lt. Col. Andy Woodcock, commander of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22d Regiment, said Wednesday he will expect to take over patrol of the cease-fire line between Greek and Turkish Cypriots in the heart of Nicosia and also to patrol Kyrenia port city 36 miles north of here.

TERMS NOT DECIDED

Ortiz said terms of reference for the force had not yet been decided either.

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EASTER CAKE and PANTRY SALE

In aid of Catholic Social Welfare Bureau
Saturday, March 28th—1 P.M.
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ATTENTION ALL GUNNERS and SPORTSMEN

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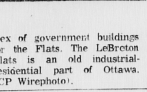
Three color films will be shown, one dealing with the pheasant program on P.E.I. another with upland game hunting on P.E.I. and the third is duck banding, census and hunting in the U.S.A., Canada, including P.E.I.

All are invited to see these movies, time 7:30 sharp.

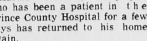
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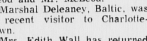
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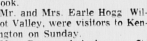
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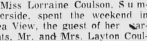
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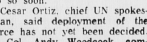
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