

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

It makes no difference if you wear your Leeks on St. David's Day or your Shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day. The month of March is the month in Prince Edward Island. Many opportunities are extended to those who are interested in improving their Farm Practices by participating in the various Association meetings and Agriculture Short-courses.

The Egg Grading course, which lasts three weeks, commenced two days ago in Blomidon, at the Experimental Station. This course is being well attended and is sponsored by the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

One week from to-day, March 11, the Dairywomen's Association will convene at the Legion Hall during the afternoon and evening for their Annual Meeting. The next morning, Thursday, March 12 will see the Sheep Breeders in action followed in the afternoon by the Annual Meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute.

On Thursday evening there will be a meeting of the Federation of Agriculture also held at the Legion Hall.

Fat Stock Show & Sale

The P. E. I. Fat Stock Show and Sale will be held at the Provincial Exhibition Grounds on Friday, March 20. All exhibitors are requested to have their livestock at the show grounds not later than Thursday evening, March 19.

From early indications this year's show will be the biggest held yet. A total of fifty-eight animals have been entered.

Short Courses

This is an opportunity for all those who are interested in the various phases of farming to gain first-hand knowledge from experts in the respective fields. Commencing on Monday, March 16 and extending over a two-week period, until March 28 an Agricultural Short Course will be held at the Vocational School. The courses of instruction are so designed as to offer a practical approach to many problems confronting the farmer. Such courses as Soil Management, Fertilization, Cattle, Poultry, Swine and Sheep Husbandry, Plant Diseases, Horticulture, Management of the Wood lot, Animal Health, Marketing Problems, and other allied subjects will be discussed.

Several of the evenings will be highlighted with practical instructions in the various shops such as Farm Mechanics, Carpentry, Blacksmithing, etc. If you are interested or have any questions do not hesitate to get in touch with the Supervisor of the Vocational School, Charlottetown.

Milk For Young Pigs

Often the question is asked, should sweet or sour milk be fed to young pigs? The milk fed to young pigs should be in a sweet condition. Keep the feed trough clean and in a fresh state all the time. To feed sour milk and sweet milk alternately or at irregular intervals will cause digestive troubles.

Pasteurizing Milk

Pasteurization may readily be done at home, when a supply of pasteurized milk is not otherwise readily obtainable, the only special apparatus required being a reliable thermometer.

A double-boiler is useful for pasteurizing milk; the milk being placed in the inner one, and the water used for warming in the outer one. Milk may also be pasteurized in bottles or cans in which case a false bottom should be put in the pan or heating vessel to keep the milk-container from direct contact with the heat source. Water is put in the outer vessel until its level is about the same as the milk in the bottle or can.

The process consists in heating the milk up to 145 degrees Fahrenheit and keeping it at that temperature for 20 to 30 minutes. The water is heated, the milk warming up rather more slowly. The thermometer should be kept right in the milk and the temperature examined from time to time. When it has reached 145 degrees the heat should be regulated to maintain this temperature. It is well to stir the milk occasionally. After heating for 20 to 30 minutes the milk should be cooled as quickly as possible and kept cool until used.

Moulting

In selecting hens which are of the egg-laying type and useful to keep as breeders, some indication is given of their utility by the time and way they moult.

Time of moult indicates length of laying year. A bird which moults early in the season has given a long laying year. One which moults late in the season has given a long laying year.

Time of moult usually indicates rate of moult. A bird which moults early in the season usually moults slowly, losing a few feathers at a time and requiring a long time to completely renew the coat. A bird which moults late usually moults quickly, discarding all the feathers at one time, appearing almost naked for a time and then quickly growing a new coat. Either of two rules may be adopted. Discard all hens which moult slowly and keep all hens which moult quickly. The other rule is to discard, as poor producers, any hen that starts moulting before the middle of August. The production of the birds retained will be higher the later the date is set.

Prevent Wet Litter

During such a winter as we have been experiencing this year the litter in many poultry houses will take on more moisture.

The dirty egg problem that is sure to accompany wet litter can nearly double the work which is necessary to handle a laying flock. Cleaning dirty eggs is a poor substitute for producing clean eggs.

Cleaned eggs are never as good as those that are kept clean. Here are a few suggestions that will help to keep your litter dry.

Avoid Overcrowding. No ventilation system or management program can overcome the litter problem in a crowded pen. One hundred hens drink more than 50 lbs. of water a day. Except for what goes into the eggs, this is all passed out into the pen and must be removed by ventilation, or it will accumulate and result in wet litter.

Too many hens in the pen will result in more moisture than can be evaporated. The old standard of providing four square feet for each laying bird of the heavy breed has been reduced somewhat in modern housing, but in these hot, muggy months less than 3 1/2 square feet, though usually developed. With shallow and un-insulated houses, four square feet of floor space for heavy breeds and three square feet for light breeds is still a good standard.

Prevent Water Spillage. The water hens drink isn't the only moisture that gets into henhouses. Commonly a waterer overflows because of a sticky valve or a faucet is left open. This usually necessitates an immediate cleaning job.

Less spectacular, but fully as important, is the continual spillage around the fountains that is the result of the birds drinking and shaking their heads. The dampness shows up first around the waterers and spreads to the surrounding area. This is usually due to the absence of both the president and the vice-president, the minister, Mr. Dunbar, took over the business portion of the meeting. The study period was led by Zolna Jordan. The topic for study, "The Indwelling Spirit," was afterwards discussed by Mr. Dunbar who pronounced the benediction.

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Some make use of a waterer on a screened stand with a drain under it, which catches all the moisture. Having the birds get only low so that the birds get only their bills in it is another method used to reduce this moisture.

Provide Adequate Ventilation. No one ventilation program seems to work under all conditions. Adequate ventilation doesn't necessarily mean flues, or any special gadgets, but it does require a lot of judgment. The windows frequently are all that is necessary for ventilation. When air is warmed 20 degrees F., its moisture holding capacity is approximately doubled. The object is to warm the air and load it with moisture, and then remove it.

Chickens don't like draughts, and draughty houses are very likely to be wet. The ventilation openings during cold weather should be confined to one side of most houses and near the ceiling of this side. As the warm air rises, it can be taken out by near the ceiling. The cold air coming in near the ceiling will fall, but it will be warmed before it reaches the birds. The amount of opening must be varied for each house and each temperature. There should always be some opening even during extremely cold spells as closing houses lightly is sure to result in dampness.

Exhaust fans give better results in insulated houses than in un-insulated houses. (Continued next week).

Club News

On Tuesday evening, February 24th, the "Flying Enterprises" held their monthly meeting in Milton School, with attendance of seven members. Tests for January and February were written. As there was no new business the remainder of the evening was spent in playing games. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The February meeting of the Head of Hillsboro Golf Club, the "Busy Bees" was held on the 13th of February at the home of Coffin Douglas. The meeting was called to order by the president and opened by repeating the 4-H pledge. The roll call, which was "your favorite winter sport" was answered by eight members. There were four visitors.

Harold Coffin kindly invited the members to his home for the March meeting. It was decided to enter a team in the Crokinole contests to be held this spring. The lesson was read, and the members wrote a test. After the meeting the members played crokinole and a lunch was attended to. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas for the use of their home.

The annual meeting of the Tracadie Junior Farmers was held in Tracadie Hall on Friday evening, February 27th. More than thirty young people were present and many new members joined the group for the coming year. The group decided to enter a team in the "Bating Competition" and also to have entries in the Crokinole competition.

Miss Helen Lund was elected president and she will have associated with her Reggie MacDonald as vice-president and Sterling Millen as secretary-treasurer. Mr. George MacDonald, the retiring president, and a member of the Tracadie Garden Club team that represented P. E. I. at National Club Week in Toronto last November, gave a comprehensive report of his trip which was much enjoyed by all present. S. C. Wright, Prov. Dept. of Agriculture, was present and complimented the group on their decisions made at the meeting and expressed the desire that they would promote some project in the district that would benefit everyone. At the close of the meeting, the retiring officers were warmly commended for their activities since taking office.

The Agricultural Short Course

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

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CO-OP. EGG STATION, 103 Sydney Street, for better returns.

MILK — the perfect food, order another quart.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON Drug Store will be open this afternoon and evening.

WANTED—Crowd to attend white elephant sale at the Y. Wednesday, March 4th 8:30, in aid of Children's Art Centre. Admission food or white elephant.

ZION Y. P. S.—The regular weekly meeting of Zion Young People's Society was held last evening. The devotional period was led by Joan Gillis. Arlene Larler led in prayer and Florence Douglas read the Scripture. A discussion on several given topics was then led by Doris Ross and Elaine Humphrey. Games were followed by the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

CHARLOTTETOWN HOTEL SUNDAY Special five course Chicken Dinner, \$1.50. Served from 12:30 to 2:30 P. M.

TO RENT.—Suite of three offices, 142 1/2 Great George Street. Immediate occupancy. P. E. I. Potato Growers' Association.

HEAR Mr. Malcolm MacKenzie, Chief Supervisor of Schools for P. E. I., at 7:15 P. M. over CBA, or 8:30 P. M. over CFCY. What is Right With Our Schools?

Y.P.S. MEETING—The regular meeting of the Young People's Society of Central Christian Church took place last night in the church annex. The meeting got underway with the singing of choruses. Assisting the pianist, Kathryn Beck, was the Sunday School orchestra. Because of the absence of both the president and the vice-president, the minister, Mr. Dunbar, took over the business portion of the meeting. The study period was led by Zolna Jordan. The topic for study, "The Indwelling Spirit," was afterwards discussed by Mr. Dunbar who pronounced the benediction.

Miss Lydia MacLean, employed at the P. E. Island Hospital, left recently by plane for a short visit to Halifax.

Wolf Cubs Hold Rally At Parkdale

About one hundred cubs from East Royalty, Holy Redeemer, and Parkdale Packs held a very successful rally at Parkdale Hall on Friday, February 27th. So successful was this rally, that another one is planned for the same pack at East Royalty, Holy Redeemer, in the near future.

No happier heart-warming smiles could be found anywhere last Friday evening than those of the hundred care-free little gentlemen gathered at the cub rally. Those parents and friends present at the rally were so favorably impressed that they'll always remember it.

The evening's programme included inspection, stunts, presentations, games, jungle dances and yells, songs, scout films, and last, but not least, eats, which included ice cream, drinks, cakes and candies in abundance.

A word of thanks is due the Parkdale Ladies Scout Auxiliary, Scout Commissioner Gordon Kerr, Mr. George Fraser, Dr. J. A. MacMillan, Mr. Vernon Dennis, and to all who in any way helped in the success of this rally.

The evening's programme was under the leadership of Frank Costello, capably assisted by Scouters, Mrs. Wilfred Oatway, Millar MacPadyen, Cis Beer, and John Smith.

was held at St. Charles on February 23rd and 24th. There was a good attendance, and the various talks were quite informative and interesting. These talks were interspersed with recreation and films.

Speakers were: Miss Hazel Roland, Dept. of Health and Welfare; Bruce MacLaren, Generalist, Experimental Station; Wilfred Driscoll, Co-op Services; Dr. A. E. Ings, Souris; Dr. George C. Fisher, H. J. MacDonald, S. D. Peacock, H. E. Robbins, and F. Morris Deacon, Provincial Department of Agriculture.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our Mother,

MRS. LANE BOSWALL

who passed away

March 4th, 1947.

Six years ago we parted,

Never will her memory fade,

Loving thoughts will always linger

Around the spot where she is laid.

Remembered by Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of

Henry J. Murray of Pleasant Valley,

who passed peacefully away

March 4th, 1934.

Not dead but passed beyond the

mist that binds us here,

Into the newer larger life of that

unclouded sphere.

Ever Remembered by His Three

Stepdaughters, Mrs. Nisbet,

Mrs. Wallie and Hatlie.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear

Mother, Mrs. Annie Warren, who

passed away March 4th, 1929.

This day we do remember,

A loving thought we give,

To one no longer with us,

But in our hearts still lives.

Lovingly Remembered by Her

Family.

We And Our Neighbours

by Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

TEACHER'S PET AND THE CLASSROOM NUISANCE

It was 9:30 of a glorious Saturday morning. Miss Allen came into the kitchen and stood looking around happily. The sunbeams caught in her hair and turned it into copper, and brought out the gold flecks in her eyes. The light shone through the geranium flowers, hid in the gold-fish bowl, and heightened the color of the orange juice, bacon and eggs, and crusty brown rolls, waiting on the table. The puppy and kitten ruffed against her as she sat down, and Mrs. Strong, brought the steaming coffee pot, from the stove.

"Ah," said Miss Allen, inhaling deeply, "if school teachers had this to look forward to, do you think there would be a teacher shortage? Or disoriented teachers? The first year I taught, there was no one who could put me up, and I had to stay in town. The next year, I lived with an old lady who was kind enough, but her house was as gloomy, and the food—! I dreaded the week-ends."

"Well," Mrs. Strong considered, "things are moving fast, and I shouldn't be surprised if some day there will be residence halls for teachers and dormitories for students away from home. Since this is 'Education Week,' some group may even bring this matter up."

She broke off abruptly and pointed through the window—"My land, do you see what I see?"

Down the foot-path leading to the shore, a dozen or more children

ren in single file, were going through some strange gymnastics and giving vent to weird noises. Now they ran, now they hopped, now they crouched, with arms waving or stiffly held.

"What's so strange?" laughed Miss Alan. "Just a bunch of my kids playing, 'Follow the Leader'." Mrs. Strong turned to her. "What's so strange?" she repeated. "What have you done to Eddie, the chief nuisance of every class room — until you got hold of him. And Douglas, alias, The Sissy, the Frisky Cat, Teacher's Pet — what have you done to them — and to their parents? Never before to my knowledge, have they been playing amiably with other children. Indeed, poor little Douglas, has seldom been seen playing at all."

"I don't do very much," said Miss Allen. "Everybody knows that when children are overage for attention, the chances are they haven't had enough at home, or have had too much for their own good. In either case, they haven't learned to get along with other children. You remember Bobbie White. He was the only boy in a family of five sisters and was waited on hand and foot by all of them and his parents. Well, I made him Keeper of Attendance. I impressed upon him the importance of the job and he got his frequent 'conferences' — to be sure my records were correct! He came to feel I liked him too, but was firm about his duties and behavior in the classroom. He really took hold and the children and I were sorry when he left."

"But poor little Eddie," said Miss Allen. "The father isn't too reliable, the mother has to work, and the married sister in charge is a nervous and unhappy person. Eddie came with a chip on his shoulder. He didn't expect any consideration, but he was going to get some attention even in the form of punishment from the

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Address And Presentation

The following address was read to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Drake, and family formerly of Meadowbank, who have moved to Cornwall, at a gathering held in their honour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Drake of Cornwall.

Meadow Bank, P. E. I., January 16th, 1953.

Dear Ethel, Stewart and family,

It was with regret that you, your friends and neighbors of Meadow Bank, learned that you were leaving our district to take up residence in Cornwall.

It is a sad loss to a community when a family — such as yours — departs and we feel it keenly, but, there is compensation in the knowledge that you have located in a neighboring community and that you can still share in our social life and interests.

You, Ethel and Stewart, could always be depended on to take your part in any enterprise that was for the general good. You were always generous in the use of your home and we, all at one time or another have spent pleasant evenings there. You were ever ready to help in any of our entertainments and your help was never solicited in vain. Now — we will be at a loss for a soloist.

In the school, a fun loving little boy, and a demure little girl are missed by their former playmates who will long retain pleasant memories of their little friends. We wish them success and understanding in their new school.

We ask you to accept this gift as a small token of the good wishes of your friends and former neighbors of Meadow Bank.

SOUTH MILTON W. I.

The February meeting of South Milton W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Piercey. Seventeen members were present and responded to roll call by naming a country they wished to visit.

Plans were made for the showing of films in the schoolroom, each member to prepare four lunches.

Mrs. Nicholson, Red Cross Convener, reported passing in six pair pants and three pair ankle hose. Collectors were appointed to canvas the district and the convener was appointed to attend the annual meeting of that Society.

The sick committee had remembered two sick persons, and the school committee reported no articles needed this month.

A receipt was received for money sent to the March of Dimes. On motion it was decided to assist the supervisors in the proposed extension program. The delegates to the A. C. W. W. were chosen. Generous donations of cottons were received but were left over until next meeting to be used.

New committees were appointed for three months: school, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. White; sick, Mrs. Piercey and Miss Leah Moore.

Owing to lack of time at the scheduled demonstration was postponed until the March meeting Mrs. Fulton Willis invited the March meeting to her home. Each member will answer roll call with a book for the School Library. The refreshment committee will be Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Percy MacIntyre, Miss Addie Moore and Mrs. Stanley Curtis.

The meeting closed with "The Queen" and a social hour was enjoyed.

CARMARTHEN, Wales (CP) — All the bounds in the Carmarthenshire hollie pack ran in full cry after a hollie dog which just managed to escape to its owner's farmhouse. The hollie had been sleeping in a foxhole and carried a strong scent.

LONDON (CP) — One of the weightiest members of Parliament, Robert Boothby, Conservative member for Aberdeen East, was one of those who said: "Many more people die from being too thin than from being too fat."

CAIRO, (Reuters) — Egyptian security officials are investigating a Communist cell in southern Egypt broken up by police during the week-end. One report Monday said 55 persons were arrested.

Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London

COMFORT IN SORROW

"Oh Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do" makes a tremendous assumption. It goes clean contrary to the normal attitudes of men. From the beginning of history man has trusted in what he has done; in his work to support him; in weapons to protect him. Today many are placing the same trust in organization and planning a "programme". Yet all know that this trust is precarious; all feel the need of a surer foundation.

Is it enough to trust in some natural order of things, in the widespread conviction that time heals sorrows, that everything will work itself out satisfactorily in the end? For such a faith there is no basis at all. There is no certainty of easier days to come. There is no escaping the ultimate power of death, which cuts off all at the last, both great and lowly, humbling all to an equality.

The Christian, at this time looks from the world's impotence to a power beyond the world; from the world's sorrows to its creator; from the world's tragedies to its redeemer. He believes, in words which must have been heard by many at this season, that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

He puts his trust in him who conquered death and opened to men the gate of eternal life. He

knows that this trust is not false, because he has before him the example of those whose lives have been transformed by a similar. Deeper, trust; who have been brave in adversity, gracious in sorrow, hopeful when others were in despair. He can believe in God because he has known men who have walked with God.

He has seen validated the declaration of the Hebrew prophet: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Here is no way of ease but of victory; not of escape, but of conflict of the kind to which Christ himself went after he had prayed, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." Those who accept this faith know the experience of the first apostles as recorded by St. Paul. They are "pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; persecuted, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed." They can face these things because they do not face them alone.

Because they have no trust in themselves, they can turn to God in trust, using the prayer, "Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity." A nation led by those who have this faith need not fear. It may be led to greater and more lasting victories than any it has experienced in the past or expects for the future.

DERBY, England (CP) — Col. H. Rawlings, chief constable of Derby, warned public house proprietors that it is illegal to pay public house pianists. Giving them a free beer is a different matter, said.

So we bought our "fridge" at the B of M...



My, how I wanted that thing. I got to dreaming about it and calling it "our refrigerator", though it still sat in the shop window. We saw it every Saturday night in the Acme Hardware as we walked home from the movies.

John said we couldn't afford it, and was dead-set against selling our one remaining bond or drawing on Aunt Jean's \$200 inheritance we had tucked away in a special savings account to be forgotten except in absolute emergency.

"But, John," I wailed, "we can't go on losing food with that old worn-out fridge. And what about the repair bills you have to pay for it every few weeks?"

He just bit his lip.

That was two weeks ago.

Funny how things happen. Next day I read an item in one of those women's columns about "borrowing and saving" by Personal Planning at the Bank of Montreal. It was about a situation sort of like our own.

So into the local B of M branch I went. Showed the Manager the clipping from the paper, told him our situation exactly, and in ten minutes he said he thought we could work out the problem without too much trouble. He asked me to bring John in to discuss the full details. As we walked out of his office, he gave me a copy of "Personal Planning".

That book opened our eyes about our finances.

The very next day John and I saw Mr. Easton, the Manager. After a few questions to my husband about his job, his salary — about our bond and our "emergency" bank balance, he said he'd be glad to lend us the \$350 needed for the fridge. He was satisfied we could pay off the loan in a year at \$30 a month, and we arranged to transfer our special savings account to his office and to pledge our bond until the loan was paid.

Mr. Easton talked over the budget-plan John and I had begun to work out... said we were starting out right. "Even though you've got a bank loan," he smiled, "you're really saving your savings."

And that fridge... such a beauty. Already, John and I both call it "MY BANK".



Saving is the only way to move ahead of your worries, and stay ahead. And — sometimes — borrowing at the B of M is the best way to save. Find out how to save despite today's high prices. Ask for your copy of "Personal Planning" at your neighborhood B of M branch. It's yours for the asking.

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