

# Agricultural News

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## DAIRYING

The manufacturing of butter in creameries on what is known as a "gathered cream plan" is generally accepted in Canada. This system is popular with many milk producers as it gives them a large quantity of fresh skim milk for feeding purposes, reduces marketing costs, and in general lends itself best to Canadian Agriculture.

The creameries in Canada have made rapid strides in improving their methods of processing and manufacturing cream into butter, the use of mechanical refrigeration, modern information on neutralization and churning, together with other scientific knowledge, and have helped to develop the dairy industry to a point where future progress in the industry will be governed largely by the quality of cream delivered to the creameries. The production of high quality cream is not difficult if correct methods of feeding, cleanliness and cooling are practiced.

In the production of fine flavored cream the same precautions must be observed as those which are necessary in supplying milk to cheese factories, condenseries, or for the city fluid milk trade.

The following are some of the essential points which will affect the flavor of butter and which should never be fed to milk cows are: decayed ensilage and roots, heated, musty or moldy hay. There are other feeds, such as turnips, turnip tops, and rape, which may be used after milking if a period of four hours elapses between the time the feed has been eaten by the cow and the time of milking. No slat should therefore be noticeable in the milk or cream. Other causes of poor flavored cream are: 1. Cows under and teats in an unclean condition at milking time. 2. Milking in unclean stables. 3. Using unclean wooden, rusty or galvanized milking pails. 4. Separating the milk in the stable, which should never be done. 5. Improperly cleaned and sterilized separators. 6. Keeping the cream in cullars and other places where there are decayed roots and other vegetables. 7. Keeping the cream for several days at a temperature of over 55 degrees F. 8. Permitting cows to drink water from stagnant pools or leakage from barn yards. 9. Washing utensils with unclean, foul-smelling wash cloths.

On too many farms in this province the separator is kept in the stable. This is a very convenient arrangement, but it is by no means the proper place for separating milk. A special room or milk-house set apart from the stable, well-lighted, well-ventilated, excluding all stable odors and dust, and where the washing of the utensils may be easily done is to be recommended. This room should have a smooth cement floor, which can be easily cleaned, and no odor or contamination whatsoever from the stable should enter it.

Too much of the cream sent to creameries in this Province is kept in cellars, and very often the flavor is affected by the odor which the cellar may contain from decayed vegetables. This is called an absorbed odor and the nearest remedy is to place the separator in an insulated ice water tank in the milk house near an abundant supply of good fresh water.

**"LET GEESSE DO IT"**

One of the main difficulties in the production of any crop is weed control. For some crops chemical weed control has been successful but in other crops we have not been so fortunate. One of the latter crops is strawberries in which chemical weed control has been only moderately successful. However, satisfactory control of grass and many other weeds in strawberries has been obtained in Nova Scotia through the use of geese. The idea originated in Tennessee where geese have been used to control grass in cotton fields for nearly 50 years. As late as 1948 no more than a dozen growers in Nova Scotia used them regularly on strawberries but since that time the number of growers using geese has increased greatly.

The proper time to put geese in the field is when the grass is just coming through, usually early in June. If the geese are put in at this time, three to five geese will be sufficient. However, if they are not put in until the grass is beginning to hide the berry plants a larger number will be required. At the time the geese are placed in the field, they should be around six weeks of age and it has been found that the geesings will work best with an old goose.

Geese will naturally divide themselves to take one row per goose and the middles should be kept open so that the geese will have to feed on the strawberry row.

Feed and water must be provided and the geesings should be given a standard growing ration during the first two weeks. After that time an ounce or two of corn per goose should be supplied each day. If conditions are such

# Funeral At New London

Residents of New London and surrounding districts were saddened when they learned of the passing of Mr. John R. Marks at the Prince County Hospital on Saturday, March 19th, in his 86th year.

The late Mr. Marks was born in Long River in 1869, and was the last surviving member of the family of the late William and Jane Fredman Marks. He spent the greater part of his life on the old homestead where he laboured faithfully and industriously to build up a rich farm. In early life he was married to Janet MacKay who passed away thirty years ago.

The cheerful humorous disposition of Mr. Marks endeared him to all who knew him.

Left to cherish his memory are the following daughters and sons: (Orentha) Mrs. Harry Marks, who is presently cared for by her father at her home where he had been an invalid for the past two years; (Eliza) Mrs. John Folland, Marshfield; and William, residing in Picton, N. S. A daughter, (Hazel) Mrs. Ira Folland and two sons, Neil and Percy, predeceased him a few years ago.

The funeral which was largely attended was held on Tuesday, March 22nd. A short service from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Marks, was followed by service in St. John's Presbyterian Church, New London. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. MacKay, assisted by Rev. Mr. Green. Hymns sung were: "Abide With Me," and "Sleep On Beloved Sleep." A favourite of the deceased, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" was beautifully sung by Mr. Dan Campbell with Mrs. Ernest Dunning at the organ. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Wilfred Pickering, George MacKay, Roy Paynter, James Smith, Fredman Johnson, Leigh Brown and Fredman Johnson.

Interment was in the New London Cemetery. Rev. Mr. MacKay was assisted at the grave by Rev. Mr. MacNaughton of Marshfield.

A modern airport for international traffic was opened in 1954 at ancient Luxor in Egypt.

**"BLUEBERRY BURNING"**

The blueberry plant produces its fruit on one year old wood. Consequently, it must be kept growing rapidly or production will soon fall off. This is the main reason for burning blueberry land in the spring, the other reasons being to destroy the bushes and other plants that compete with the blueberries and to leave a covering of decaying plant material over the surface of the soil to prevent loss of moisture during a dry season. Burning every second or third year seems to give the best results although this may vary in special cases.

Burning should be done in the spring, after the snow has melted but before the frost is out of ground. If it is put off too long, the old plant growth will not burn as well, damage to the roots of the plants may occur and there will be destruction of decaying plants which afford a protection against drying of the soil. If the burning is done as soon as the old wood is dry enough but while the soil is still wet or frozen, the fire will run rapidly through the bushes and grass and will not be hot enough to burn into the litter in the ground and damage the roots.

In cases where there is not sufficient plant growth to give a good burn, it is often necessary to haul in and spread about one ton of hay or straw per acre. This should be done during the fall previous to burning in order to allow the hay or straw to settle around the base of the bushes, but when it is not done at that time, it will be of some help to do it in the spring.

In order to get satisfactory control of the blueberry maggot, it is necessary to have a complete burn or the insects will breed on the patches of blueberries that fruit during the following summer. If this happens, then a heavy infestation of the maggot is liable to occur during the next season.

Before burning a large blueberry area, you are required by law to notify the road foreman in your area, and the nearest R. C. M. P. detachment. You should also have available some fire fighting equipment, such as stirrup pumps or small sprayers as well as shovels, etc. to make a fire block if it is necessary. Burning should be started at one end of the field and should be done against the wind. It is advisable not to try to burn too large an area at one time.

**"CLUB NEWS"**

The Baldwin's Road Poultry Club have reorganized and the following slate of officers have been appointed for this year: President, Edward Smith; Vice-President, John Curran; Secretary, Brandon Dunphy. At their meeting prize money was distributed and a discussion took place on "The Care of Baby Chicks."

The members of the club enjoyed a recreation period which consisted of games and contests.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on April 11th, at 7 p.m. in St. Teresa's Hall.

John Curran moved, seconded by Billy Curran that the meeting be adjourned.

The regular meeting of the Bear River Ayrshire Calf Club was held at the home of Enid Gallant, Wednesday, March 9th. There

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# Seven Days A Week

**MONDAY:** March wanes and soon its days will have slipped swiftly by and a new page in the calendar will picture Easter—"I think I like Easter better than Christmas" says Marvis, as she envisions a visit from her long-suffered, long-legged friend, Peter Rabbit.

"Peter Rabbit Come?" says Garth a bit mystified about the whole thing. And so Marvis explains in detail to a wide-eyed little boy how on Easter Sunday morning he will find colored eggs, chocolate rabbits and so on in his small brown boots—and in today's paper a picture of a jolly rabbit brings an excited shout from him, "Mommy, Mommy, here's a Rabbit!"

But when the shadows lengthened this evening and chores were done, we took him on our knee and told him all about what Easter really means. The sun dipped low in the western sky and rested, it seemed, momentarily, on the tops of tall spruces at the skyline.

How peaceful and quiet these moments were, as two kiddies listened to the story of Him who gave His life for us. Silver stars were scattered across the blue curtains of the sky as we reluctantly came to the end of the story and Marvis said, "I don't see why people feel bad when anyone dies. After all, just think they'll see God and be with Him forever and ever!" And we thought of the old saying, "Out of the mouths of babes..."

**TUESDAY:** Almost everyone likes riddles of one sort or another so here is one I gleaned not so long ago—A black car is zooming along the road at 90 miles an hour. The driver of the car is wearing a black hood over his head. The license plates have been painted black. Headlights and taillights are turned off. There is no moon in the sky. No stars are to be seen. The car is approaching an intersection. There are no signal lights at the intersection, nor any other warnings. Yet the deaf driver of another car approaching at right angles stops just in time to avert a crash. How did the deaf driver know that the speeding car was on the road? Remember that the speeding car was black all over, there was no moon in the sky, neither car had lights on, there was no warning at the intersection—Think hard and then peek at the answer at the end of this column! These are not riddles, just questions. No. 1. Could the average man pick up and carry a cubic foot of pure gold? No. 2. Whose first words every morning were, "What's for breakfast?" (Sounds like my family!) No. 3. What and where is the Maelstrom? No. 4. Under what circumstances did the following saying come into being?—"Abandon hope, all ye who enter here." You'll find the answers to these questions at the end of the column too.

**WEDNESDAY:** And now back to the old magazines of long ago and among the many fashion hints we find young ladies being advised to wear at gala evening affairs, a set of fancy tortoiseshell combs, studded with brilliant and rhinestones, and a beauty hint to the ladies said, "March is the season of high winds, and freckles are encouraged so be wise and always wear a fairly heavy chiffon veil to protect your face when you go out." Two notes from the Fashion Editor were: No. 1. Children should wear little white aprons over their dark woollen dresses, especially on afternoons and Sundays. No. 2 "Make up a black silk dress if you are eighteen or older. By next year (1966) perhaps black silk will be out of style, tho' it seems a great pity."

And oh yes, brides were advised thus, "Resist any tendency you may feel to serve as valet to

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**RUMMAGE SALE**, Trinity Church, Saturday, April 22nd, 2 o'clock.

**LISTEN TO CFCY** "High-tone Highlights", Wednesday, March 30th, at 8.45 p. m. Dr. Frank McKinnon, speaker.

**"OUR BIBLE—HOW IT CAME TO US"**—See this new sound, 84 minute educational film in Zion Church Hall, Wednesday, March 30th, 8 o'clock. Offering. Auspices Bible Society.

**THURSDAY:** Mabel was the only child in the class who spoke up bravely when, for the benefit of some visitors the teacher asked: "Can any little girl recite?"

"Please teacher, I can."  
"That's a good girl, Mabel. Now what can you recite?"  
"Nelson's Farewell to His Mother."  
"Splendid. Well, now begin."  
"Ta-ta, Mum," said Mabel, dramatically, waving her hand in the air.

**FRIDAY:** Like olives? Well this recipe has them—a whole cupful of 'em. Try Toga Tuna Bake this day and see how it tickles your taste buds.

1 cup ripe olives  
2 hard-cooked eggs  
1 can tuna (about 7 ounces)  
1 tsp. grated onion  
1/2 tsp. prepared mustard  
1/4 cup milk  
1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1 can cream of mushroom soup (10 1/2 ounces)  
1/2 cup diced pimiento  
Buttered dry bread crumbs

Cut the olives into large pieces. Dice the eggs. Drain the tuna and flake coarsely. Stir onion, mustard, milk and Worcestershire sauce into the soup. Blend in the pimiento olives, eggs and tuna. Spoon into baking shells or a shallow baking dish and top with crumbs. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F) twenty to twenty-five minutes until thoroughly heated and browned on top. Makes 4 to 6 servings. (Oh yes watch your step today—this is April Fool's Day!).

**SATURDAY:** Any birthdays in your house this week. None in mine, but next week—we'll have one—not exactly in our house, but over the hills in the old home, "the best Mom in the world" will celebrate a birthday, but that's another week's story. If you ARE having a birthday party here's a lovely recipe—and by the way if you want to have, say pink icing on the centre of the cake and white around the outer edge do this, cut a circle of waxed paper (1 1/2 inches or 2 smaller in diameter than the

# Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

## We And Our Neighbors

"No!" states Mr. X grimly, "I told you, 'no' last year. How often must I say it."  
"But things are different now," vainly pleads Mrs. X. "Jane and Steve are working and we can afford a little place at the beach for a month. It would do us all good."  
Mrs. X had known it wouldn't help but had promised the children to speak to their father again.

In the home of the Allens, teenage Bob wanted the car for a date that evening. "You can't have it," said his father. "You've been out three times this week. Don't you think you should stay home and study for a change?"  
Bob stayed home but made it plain he was resenting and passively resisting. He answered curtly when spoken to. He sat sullenly staring at his book until he went to bed.

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**SUNDAY:** Three days of April are now just days to remember and we think this was a particularly nice week to file away in memory pages—First of all, at the beginning of the week, we welcomed home for awhile Paul's young wife who will stay here while awaiting "wonderful event" later on. How happy we were to see her again and get first-hand news of our soldier son. Then later on in the week, news came that young friends of ours had become the parents of a winsome baby daughter. We wished that just for once it might be like fairy lore when one could "conjure up" a fairy godmother to bestow gifts of all sorts on a wee maiden—of course we know fairy godmothers were only a nice myth, but it would be rather nice to think one might be able to promise good health, happiness, prosperity and so on to a person. But all these things are left in God's hands and very often there are bitter disappointments, sickness and ill-health to darken the weft of life—, but we accept them as they come because they are the stepping stones to Happiness Eternal—But now, night is running out and soft white snowflakes, drift slowly earthwards, making us realize that spring is whimsical lady, until we meet again, happy April days and remember—"Going to church doesn't make you a christian anymore than going to a garage makes you an automobile!"

Answers to questions above—  
To the car riddle—The deaf driver stopped in time because the sun was shining!! Now why didn't you think of that!! No. 1. No, a cubic foot of gold would weigh 1,206.9 pounds. No. 2. Winnie-the-Pooh. No. 3. The Maelstrom is a famous whirlpool in the Arctic Ocean near the west coast of Norway. No. 4. In Dante's Divine Comedy this line appears above the gates of Hell.

# Acid Indigestion?

their behavior has a long history from the way the normal negativism of the small child was handled by his parents, particularly by his mother.

One psychologist (Camero) says, "As in breath-holding, temper tantrums and playing sick, if negativistic reactions wring favors and promises from a parent, or if they merely irritate or excite the parent, they are likely to persist and become an established mode of gaining privileges, satisfaction and entertainment."  
Dr. Benjamin Spock in his invaluable hand-book on child care, says in his non-frightening way, "It looks as though the child's nature between 2 and 3 is urging him to decide things for himself and to resist pressure from other people.—Parents have to be understanding. The job is to keep from interfering too much from hurrying him."

**FASTIDIOUS**

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