

A Feature for Every Friday
Among The Farmers
Federation Of Agriculture News

We're On The Land

While some cultivation was carried out as early as one month ago, some farmers have not yet started, yet in general preparation for seeding is well advanced and substantial acreages of grain have already been sown.

Tradition tells us that the early bird catches the worm but the early farmer may also have early weeds to catch. Unduly late seeding usually suffers due to the fact that advantage is not taken by the crop of moisture stored up by winter frosts and spring rains.

There is a time to sow and a time to reap and the next ten days should see seeding of grain almost completed.

Farmers growing grain in last year's potato ground should be on the outlook for evidence of damage by the red backed cutworm which injured upwards of 3,000 acres in Kings and the Eastern part of Queens Counties last year.

Grass Suggestions

For farmers wishing to seed new pasture areas the Nova Scotia Agricultural College feels this mixture has a lot to commend it.

Timothy 5 lbs. Orchard Grass 4 lbs. Brome Grass 4 lbs. Meadow Fescue 4 lbs. Red Clover 2 lbs. Alsike 2 lbs. Ladino 1 1/2 lbs.

The above combination for one acre of ground. Although suggested mainly for pasture purposes this mixture may also be used for early cut hay or grass silage. The standard practice has been

to seed out grass and clover mixtures with grain as a nurse crop. We have heard the statement made that the nurse crop was really a wicked uncle crop. Certainly a heavy crop of oats provides pretty stiff competition for the tender seedlings.

We know that some farmers are seriously considering seeding out their fields after the grain has been harvested. It is quite possible that this practice might produce better stands of clover and grass. It is certainly worth trying.

Nova Scotia Chicken Barbecue

As a means of advertising and promoting the sale of broilers the Nova Scotia Farmers Association is planning the biggest chicken barbecue ever held in the province.

The event will be staged at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and active committees are now working out the plans. The date and additional information will be released later, this event is expected to be one of the largest farmer's picnics ever held in that province.

Shorthorn Sale

The Shorthorn Breeders of the province are to be complimented not only on the success of their sale last Friday, but also on their initiative in staging it.

The breeding of the animals was of the best and in most cases the quality was high. The demand and prices for the females appeared to be gratifying.

These shorthorn sales are paving the way for similar sales by the breeders of other registered

Strange But True
By F. H. MacArthur

The poorest peasant girl in all Russia was every bit as happy as the Grand Duchess Marie who went through life with an inferiority complex, loveless, and so poor, she never owned a pair of silk stockings until after she'd been married. Sounds incredible, doesn't it?

Marie's mother died when Marie was a mere infant. Then her father married a commoner and was banished from Russia and had his property confiscated. This royal princess of Russia was brought up by English tutors who had been instructed to keep the child ignorant of her high social standing. This they succeeded in doing. Later the young princess went to live with a tight-lipped uncle and a jealous aunt, both of whom begrudged her the bite she ate and the coarse clothes she wore. Finally she married. Not for love, however, but rather for the privilege of wearing her first pair of silk stockings. Think of it!

Switzerland has a railway over which trains run 1-4 miles and reach a place 3-1-2 miles away. Sounds bombastic, I know, but here are the facts: This remarkable stretch of track runs from Bergum to Preda. The two towns are only 3-1-2 miles apart, but Preda is 1395 feet higher than Bergum. Leaving Bergum, the line describes a huge double bend and starts a climb along the side of the valley until it is nearly level with the river. The track then crosses over and enters a spiral tunnel in the opposite side of the mountain. Leaving the tunnel, the train recrosses the river and disappears into a second spiral tunnel. The line recrosses the river and enters the third spiral tunnel directly above the second, and so on through the fourth tunnel to Preda.

The Royal Gorge on the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad has an amazing stretch of track, or rather a double track in sections, which run on either side of the river in order to find enough space on the rocky ledges.

What railway runs 166 miles out to sea? It is known as the "Key West Extension," and runs from Miami, Florida, towards the Gulf of Mexico, ending near Key West. This unique railway crosses 47 islands enroute and has four gaps which had to be bridged with trestles and concrete arches. The track is 26 feet above sea level. I took the journey in 1934, and it was quite thrilling, the train running along on solid ground and the spray of the ocean driving in through the open windows. Now where else in the world is there a railway comparable to the Key West Line, because of its length and the fact that it actually runs in the sea.

Displaced Persons

Numbers of displaced persons of various European nationalities are arriving in the province and are being allocated to farmers. These persons will assist in improving a very difficult labor situation but in many cases farmers will have difficulty in training men unfamiliar with farm work. We wonder if immigration and other government officials realize the contribution which many farmers are making in training and assisting such persons to become useful Canadian citizens.

Membership Campaign

Industry and capital have been able to influence governments in developing favourable policies through personal contacts with cabinet members and the sponsoring and assisting of political parties.

Labor, through unions that were not built up over night and have had in most cases, for many years the unwavering loyalty and financial support of members has gained a position where fair treatment and recognition of the laboring man's rights can be enforced.

Agriculture had only until a few years ago a single weapon, that of numbers to use in influencing government policies. Since 1935 farmers have realized that these numbers could only be a strength if welded into a strong organization. Out of this realization grew the Federation of Agriculture which can be effective in promoting the interests of agriculture directly in proportion to the support it receives from individual farmers. Farmers who believe in the future of agriculture as a business and a way of life support their Federation. No other major organization asks so little in the way of cash support. Three dollars pays or renews your membership. Contact your school district secretary today and give the Federation a boost.

National Meetings

The semi-annual meeting of the C.F.A. will be held at MacDonald College, St. Ann de Bellevue, commencing Monday, August 6th. Previous to this conference a National Poultry Conference will be held on August 2nd in Ottawa.

This conference will discuss the setting up of National poultry products marketing machinery and also consider uniform poultry marketing processes for each province.

On August 3rd a National hog conference will be held by the industry to analyze conditions and plan for the future.

Registration of Potato Growers

Last spring the Federation requested the Potato Marketing Board to undertake the registration of Potato Growers with a view to compiling information which would assist in the more efficient and orderly marketing of the crop.

It is our understanding that this registration will be proceeded with in the near future. The purpose of such registration is to assist the industry and not to hamper it.

Veterinary Policy

Livestock farmers have, no doubt, been pleased at the recent announcement by the Department of Agriculture that 4 veterinarians have agreed to set up practices, we understand at O'Leary, Summerside, Charlottetown, and Montserrat.

Such a service will fill a long felt want and is essential to the proper functioning of our livestock industry. Aside from the actual treatment of animals, such veterinarians can be of assistance in promoting livestock policies and in directing interest to more efficient methods of handling livestock.

TAXI DRIVERS

MONTREAL, May 17-(CP)- If men who run taxi businesses know anything about automobiles and the people who drive them, the old myth that women and wheels don't mix is to be well and truly shattered.

The Diamond Taxicab Association is looking for 50 women to drive their cars. "Women," the association decided, "are more courteous and more reliable in many ways than men. And they drive every bit as well as men do."

J. P. Murphy, employment manager of Diamond, said today: "We have a lot of faith in the idea of women in our cabs. Anyway, there is a serious shortage of good male drivers."

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

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WELL BABY CLINIC.—Public Health Centre, 188 Prince Street, Charlottetown, each Friday 2-4.30 P. M. for Infants and Pre-School Children.

POWNAULT UNITED CHARGE.—Services May 20th, will be conducted by the Minister, Rev. A. S. Weir at 10:30 a.m. at 11:30 A. M. Mount Herbert at 2:30 and Pownault at 7:30 P. M.

SAD NEWS RECEIVED.—The sad news was received by Mrs. George Morrison of Charlottetown of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Stephen Sanders, at her home in Washington, U. S. A.

ENGAGEMENT.—Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Pippey, Southport, announce the engagement of their daughter, Margaret Adele, to Ira Charles, son of Mrs. Wesley Craswell, Rustico. Marriage to take place in the near future.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.—Schedule for Sunday, May 20th. Wood Islands 3 P. M. Sunday School 2 P. M. Caledonia 7:30 P. M. Minister, Rev. E. S. Hales.

ISLAND GUERNSEY EXCELS IN MILK PRODUCTION.—The two-year-old Guernsey cow Bonnie Beatrice (47106) bred by Eric MacMurdo and owned by Brenton Newton, Brackley, finished her R.O.P. Record 9,892 lbs. milk, 528 lbs. fat. She produced 4,042 lbs. milk and 236 lbs. fat more than was required to qualify for her certificate.

SORORITY RECEIVES CHARTER.—Nu Phi Mu Sorority met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Rayner on Wednesday where they received their Charter as a Unit of the P. E. I. Alpha Chapter of the Nu Phi Mu. The members who had completed their probationary training received their badges. A lobster supper preceded the ceremony. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Lois Burke; vice-president, Marilyn Rupert; secretary, Anita Lynde; corresponding secretary, Olga Jenkins; treasurer, Roberta Sutherland; advisor, Mrs. Gordon Rayner.

Y'S MENETTES.—The May meeting of the Y's Menettes was held in the Y. M. C. A. The president opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Nineteen members answered roll call. Correspondence consisted of an invitation from the Moncton Y's Menettes to attend the June Convention in Moncton. On the resignation of Mrs. E. Bell as chairman of the bowling league, Mrs. W. Campbell was appointed the new chairman with Mrs. F. Gamble as assistant. As this was the closing meeting for the season, it was decided to reopen the second Monday in September. Mrs. R. Barry read a very inspiring paper on "Success". Mrs. M. Forsythe introduced Miss Darrach, who gave a very interesting and enlightening talk on the work the Red Cross is doing for the Island crippled children. Mrs. A. J. Haslam provided several minutes of relaxation and Mrs. Eva McLean entertained by singing and whistling "The Mocking Bird." A lovely lunch concluded a pleasant afternoon.

natural colors. A bone setter, "par excellence", was Mrs. Alice Van Horn, of Little Falls, New York. In pioneer days, this little lady who, incidentally, was born in Holland, set over a thousand broken limbs for her neighbors free of charge. But, what is still more amazing, every one of her patients made a complete recovery.

With the exception of the Dead Sea, the Great Salt Lake of Utah, is the saltiest water on earth, for in every five pounds of water there is one pound of salt. It is a great place to float around, provided you keep your dome above the brine.

The only communities in Canada that are absolutely free from tooth decay are Eskimo villages where the people eat nothing but meat ninety per cent of the time. In other villages where the people have taken to eating the kind of food that we eat, their teeth begin to decay like ours.

Roast wolf is every bit as palatable as roast veal. If you don't believe it, get yourself a wolf. The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

Every time our watches tick off a second, 8000 tons of water go over the Niagara Falls, or a hundred million cubic feet an hour. The stream on the American side is 167 feet over the American falls. The Canadian side of the river curves around a little and drops over a U-shaped ledge, called the Horseshoe Falls. Our side of the falls is more than 3000 feet wide and 158 feet deep. This falls is capable of supplying all the energy needed by nine industrial cities of 200,000 inhabitants, work all the factories, light all the homes of the employees. Indeed, it is not easy to understand the enormous power concentrated in this, the greatest power station in the world.

Some people have the notion that birds are deaf. Don't believe it! A deaf bird could not learn to sing any more than a deaf person could learn to speak. Of course, birds do not have external ears, but many mammals are minus external ears too. But they do have inner ears intricately developed. The auricular area is located back of the eye, and the opening to the internal ear is a tiny hole.

The subject of anatomy used to be taught chiefly by means of little ivory men and women whose external and internal organs were detachable and painted in their

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Mother's Day Is Observed By Notre Dame Alumnae

On Saturday, May 12th, the day previous to Mother's Day, the members of Notre Dame Alumnae observed Mary's Day, when they honoured Our Blessed Mother, under the title of Mary, Mother of Mankind.

Mass, at which the Alumnae received Holy Communion in a body, was celebrated in the Academy Chapel at 7:30 by the Chaplain, Rev. Francis MacDonald.

Daffodils, snapdragons and gleaming tapers enhanced the beauty of the Altar, while the exquisite voices of Notre Dame Choir, added in no small measure to the inspiration of the occasion.

Mass was followed by a Communion Breakfast in Sodality Hall and the morning session concluded with a general meeting.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the members re-assembled in the Chapel for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Father Alexander MacLellan, C.S.S.R., rector of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, who also addressed the Alumnae. Father MacLellan's eloquent eulogy of Our Holy Mother, bequeathed from the Cross of Christ, with all that perfect life's lesson of holiness and suffering, will always be cherished by those privileged to hear him.

Upon returning to Sodality Hall a Marion Program was presented.

In her opening remarks, the Mary's Day chairman, Miss Anna Macinnis, dwelt briefly on the origin of the Feast, The Promulgation of the Dogma of the Assumption and the Family Rosary Crusade recently inaugurated.

The chairman was followed by the Federation Sister, Reverend Mother Superior, who spoke with enthusiasm of the life work of Father Patrick Peyton—the Family Rosary Crusade. As Mother Superior had had the opportunity of meeting Father Peyton and hearing him speak, her address was most interesting. In addition, Mother spoke of the need of greater Alumnae activity; offering constructive criticism, which members trust will be acted upon.

A short history of the Miraculous Medal was read by Miss Elaine MacDonald and proved to be a welcome number on the program.

Through the courtesy of Mother Superior and the Sisters for their invaluable aid. An informal tea was then enjoyed after which the singing of "God Save the King" with Mrs. Joseph Dougal at the piano, brought the observance to a close.



Wins Baking Prizes at Bear River Fair

There's plenty of friendly competition in the home-baking section of the Digby County Fair at Bear River, N.S., and a consistent winner is Miss Helen L. Woodworth, of Bear River. In yeast-raised baking especially it's been nip and tuck, and Miss Woodworth credits her yeast with giving her the edge. "Ingredients are so important—and I'm extra

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