

Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

Poultry School.

A very successful poultry school was held in Halifax from April 6th to 9th inclusive. This school was open for retailers, wholesalers, and anyone else interested in the future of Maritime Poultry.

Mr. Clarence Fitzarandolph of Maritime Food Council acted as Chairman and introduced the three speakers.

Mr. Jack White, a retailer from Ottawa gave a very enlightening demonstration on cutting up chickens. He gave us many ideas on how to display poultry and sell cut-up chicken.

Mr. E. D. Bonman of the Livestock Products Division, Ottawa talked to the gathering about the latest methods of packaging and storing poultry products.

Mr. F. M. Nash, Maritime District Inspector, gave the retailers the results of a very interesting experiment which he conducted with eggs. Mr. Nash held grade A eggs under room temperature for one and two week periods and at the same time had a similar number of grade A eggs held between 50 and 60 degrees. The eggs held under controlled temperature retained their high quality whereas the eggs held under room temperature were all in Grade B or C with spread yolks and very watery thin whites.

Nearly all poultry in U. S. and Upper Canada are now eviscerated by the processors, and we in the Maritimes must either eviscerate our birds or have our markets taken away from us.

Broilers which can be finished at nine weeks of age and weigh three pounds of feed per pound of meat have taken the place of the roaster chicken in most areas. These broilers can be raised at a very efficient and economical rate, and produce a light weight and tender chicken which is desired by the average small family.

The margin of profit per broiler is small and so these birds have to be raised in very large numbers to make it profitable. Suitable markets must be obtained, and to have good markets one needs industry. The chicken Bar B-Q's which are held annually in different parts of the Maritimes are doing a good job in promoting the broiler trade as many people have an opportunity to taste this delicious young chicken.

In turkeys the turkey broiler is becoming very popular and people are now eating turkey meat the year round and not just at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The turkey broilers run from four pounds to eight pounds and can be grown very efficiently and consequently are competing with our roaster chicken.

The eviscerating of turkeys is very important and our processors must eviscerate our turkeys if they expect to sell our turkeys this fall. The idea of cutting up chickens and turkeys for sale is creating a great demand. These cut up parts are sold fresh and frozen in attractive packages.

It is hoped that this Poultry School can be brought to Charlottetown where our many Island retailers, processors and interested poultrymen can attend and get an up to date view of our poultry industry.

Seed Grain

Greatly increased production of better quality grain can be obtained by paying attention to a few details in the care of the crop at seeding time.

1. Sow only clean seed. Have all seed cleaned as well as possible. Cleaning removes weed seeds, chaff and dirt, and very large and very small kernels. It helps you to make a more even job of sowing. If you are buying new seed get the best possible. Registered seed will cost a few cents per bushel more but it will pay you in the long run as you know that it is pure and clean and has a high germination standard. Weed seeds cleaned from grain should be destroyed by boiling, burning or burying in a deep hole. They may be fed to livestock after boiling for one half hour.

2. Treat seed for smut. Smut is causing a great reduction in grain

yields in many areas of P. E. I. This is regrettable as the cost in money and time are small to treat oats, barley and wheat for covered smut and oats for loose smut.

Ceresan M is an effective smut control. It can be applied any time more than 24 hours before seeding. It is a poisonous compound and the precautions as outlined on the container should be followed. Do not allow livestock to eat the treated seed.

Formalin in another effective control for smut. It should be done only about a day before the grain is to be sown. Best method of applying formalin is to have the grain in a pile and apply the formalin by sprinkling with a water can or wet broom. Mix thoroughly as the solution is being applied. Mix solution in proportions of one ounce formalin to 2 1/2 gallons of water and use about one gallon of this per bushel of grain. The treated grain is then covered with clean socks for four or five hours and seeded as soon as it is sufficiently dry. The dampening and swelling of the grain is a disadvantage in this treatment. This method gives good control of the covered smuts of grains and loose smut of oats.

The only satisfactory treatment for loose smut of barley and wheat is the hot water treatment. It is a very exacting operation and any one interested could get information on it from this Laboratory of Plant Pathology, Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.

Swine Breeders.

Recently Mr. H. W. Clay, Senior Livestock Fieldman, Canada Department of Agriculture underwent an operation. He is now convalescing very satisfactorily at his home. In order to assist in his recovery it is requested that all business calls be made through the Production Service Office on Queen Street.

Junior Club News

The regular meeting of the Bear River Ayrshire 4-H Calf Club, was held in Bear River South School March 31. The meeting opened by repeating the pledge. There were eight members present. The main topic for discussion was concerning the tests which the members wrote. The older members of the Calf Club had a discussion on reorganizing the Junior Farmers. We decided to have our next meeting April 7th in the school. The meeting was then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The monthly meeting of the Gowan Brae Calf Club was held on March 24th, with an attendance of 16 members. 7 members were absent. The meeting was opened by all members repeating the 4-H Club Pledge. It was decided upon, that each member pay 25c as their yearly membership fee. Test No. 1 was written. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Balance on hand at present \$29.34.

The fourth meeting of the Alexandra Holstein Calf Club was held at Mr. Harold Beaton's April 8. The president Glen Beaton occupied the chair. Eight members were present and the Club leaders Mr. Charles Jones and Mrs. Cyril Jones. A debate "Resolved that Country life offers more Advantages to Young People than City Life" was upheld by club members Glen Beaton, Donnie Judson and Janet Jones. Opposing them were Addison McCabe, Chris Judson and Maurice McCabe. The judges were Mr. David Peacock and Mr. Morris Deacon Department of Agriculture. Sheldon Beaton acted as Chairman. The decision was given in favour of the negative side but was very close. The next meeting will be held at the home of Bruce Judson. The members are to answer the roll call with the name of their calf. Two crokinole parties were recently held and \$12.25 was realized. Two new members recently joined the club. The meeting was brought to a close by a motion of adjournment, following which Mrs. Beaton served a delicious lunch.

The regular meeting of the Bear

We and Our Neighbors

Specially for the men

Is it fair always to speak in this column of women's fashions on the Avenue? After all, men too must keep up with the styles. Of course women's apparel is of interest to men. Rumor has it they enjoy looking at women's clothes. Many too, are engaged in business connected with this industry. And am I wrong when I infer that men on the Island, by and large, are still expected to pay the bill when styles change and wives and daughters need a new outfit? But this week, I shall divulge some fashion gleanings that more directly affect men.

The other day I stepped into one of the finest department stores on the Avenue. I happened to enter the door leading to the men's department. Near the entrance, I stopped, entranced. Counter after counter displayed the brightest, most enticing men's shirts! Some in vivid blue, pink, red, green and yellow, had cuffs and collars embroidered in harmonizing silk thread. Others had cut-out collars, and cuffs same as little Mary's dresses. Where collars and cuffs were plain, the material itself was figured like women's prints. There were linked circles, very large polka dots, flowers and geometric patterns of all kinds. The most conservative of these shirts, had extra big plaids and wide stripes. Only 14 dollars—and a good cotton fabric, too.

Seeing me linger so long, one of the floor managers, a middle-aged River Ayrshire 4-H Calf Club was held Wednesday evening, April 7th, in the school. There were thirteen members present. The meeting opened with the members repeating the 4-H Pledge. The main topic for discussion was concerning the tests, which the members wrote. It was decided to have our next meeting May 11th. Since there was no further business Margaret McCaugh moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Joan Hughes. The meeting then adjourned by singing the National Anthem.

Debating Competition

The first debate of the Provincial Rural Debating Competition was held on Wednesday, April 7th, in the United Church Hall at Mt. Stewart. Six members of the Mt. Stewart Y. P. U. participated in the Debate "Resolved that Country Life Offers more Advantage to Young People than City Life."

Upholding the resolution were: Lane Douglas, Eileen Jay and Bruce Pigott. On the Negative side were: Dorothy Coffin, Douglas Byers and Glendon Jay. In a very close debate the negative was declared the winning side by judges Morris Deacon and David Peacock from the Department of Agriculture. Rev. Mr. Byers was the capable Chairman for the evening.

A splendid lunch was served by the ladies to the large crowd in attendance.

The Sea Crest Calf Club of Malpeque met at the home of Nell Matthews on March 19th, at 8 p.m. The meeting opened by repeating the 4-H Pledge. Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting the roll call was responded to by ten members. The roll call for the next meeting is to be answered by giving the name of a pure bred cow. It was decided that the next meeting be held at the home of Janet Mann.

The evening recreation consisted of Crokinole and singing, a delicious lunch was then served by Mrs. Matthews.

gentleman, his upper lip set off by a tiny tooth-pick mustache, came over. I think in the beginning he thought I had dishonorable intentions toward the shirts (later we discussed shop-lifting, etc. But I expressed such admiration of the shirts and of the shop (as well I might) that he offered to show me still more exciting men's merchandise.

Are you a fisherman? And who isn't on the Island? Then there is something you must send for, if it isn't already for sale in the shops. A sport hat with a magnetized hat-band to which you can attach your hooks and flies! No longer need you risk losing them, or wounding yourself with them. This hat will practically assure you of a marvelous catch since you can concentrate entirely on your fish.

Or if golfing is your favorite sport, buy yourself a golf hat with the same kind of magnetized band. You can hang your tees on it, and they will stay there until you need them. Your game will surely improve. Don't make the mistake of using a fishing hat when you are golfing, or vice versa—one is only ten dollars—the other fifteen.

Now this is really important. Derby hats have made a come-back! Hundreds of derby hats were shown, only \$22.50 each if your old one is somewhat moth-eaten; here is a real bargain!

In conclusion I shall speak of something else that my friend the manager is sure will make a come-back. It isn't an article of men's wearing apparel—it is worn by women, but was and still is, of great interest to many men on the Island. Yes—the silver fox fur.

In the course of our conversation, I told the manager where I came from. "Prince Edward Island!" he exclaimed. "Why that is where we used to get those wonderful silver fox furs. Styles go in cycles. They'll come back." "Really?" I asked. And then, we turned, and leaning against a showcase filled with derby hats—was a woman draped in silver fox fur! A cape, edged with long silver fox scarves. I pledge my word of honor!

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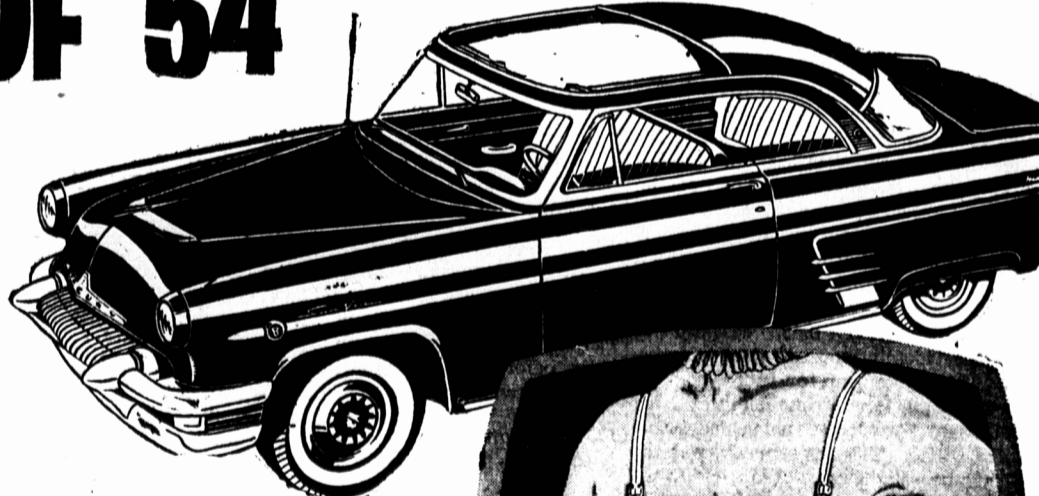
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DUTCH GATHERING

All people of Dutch nationality are invited to a meeting in the Legion Hall, at 7:30 p.m. April 23, 1954. The meeting will be addressed by M. V. J. Grevenstein, Director of Netherlands, Emigration Services, Dr. A. S. Tuinman, Agricultural Attache, Netherlands Embassy, Ottawa. Kiddies will be welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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