

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

F.E.I. Department of Agriculture



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Kings County Agricultural Representative

The Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture has a representative to organize and develop the agricultural work in each county. Today Dave MacLean has outlined some of the activities in Kings County.

Artificial Breeding Clubs: At the present time there are clubs at Montague and District with Lloyd MacKinnon as inseminator; Morell and District with Garth Webster as inseminator and West Kings Club with Joseph Mallard as inseminator.

These clubs are set up to help the farmer by providing him with calves sired by the best bulls available thus improving his cattle both in type and production.

Breed Associations: Although these associations are set up on a provincial level, each one is represented in your area. These associations have as their aim the promotion of their particular breed plus encouraging farmers to keep better stock.

Dairy Herd Improvement Association: At the present time there is one association in Kings County, it being in the Montague area. Anyone interested in becoming a member may get first hand information by writing the Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture. The aim of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association is to assist each participating member to accurately appraise each cow in his herd. It will also afford the herd owner a chance to cull out the poor producing cows keeping only the best.

Dairymen's Association: Dairymen's Association has as its object the encouragement of dairymen and the improvement in manufacture of butter, cheese and other dairy products. Anyone shipping milk or cream is a member of this association so if you don't already know what it is doing for you, it might be a good idea if you asked a few questions.

Federation of Agriculture: This organization is set up to co-ordinate the efforts of the various agricultural organizations throughout the country for the purpose of promoting their common interests through collective action. Listed below are your directors so why not contact your nearest and find out what your federation is doing.

DIRECTORS
Valentine Mullally, Souris East; Mrs. Bernard MacAulay, Souris Line Road; Frank Deagle, Souris West; Mrs. Shirley Sutherland, Saint-Peters; Marshall Peters, Midgell; Frank Connelly, Morell R.R. 2; Mrs. D. Mellish, Summersville R.R.; Raymond Acorn, Dundas; Gavin Reid, Victoria Cross; Russell Buell, Abney; Mrs. Webb Nicholson, Whim Road; Colin MacDonald, Montague R.R.; George MacPherson Jr., Launching; D. M. MacLean, DeGros March; Mrs. Percy King, Montague R.R. 4.

FARM RADIO FORUM: This organization is set up to carry on adult education through the study of social and economical prob-

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lems through the use of printed study material, radio broadcasts, discussion groups and reporting back and forth.

The following is a list of active forums and their secretaries: Summersville, Norbert Fraser; Heatherdale, Gordon MacRae; Brooklyn, Arthur MacKinnon; Whim Road, Webb Nicholson; Alberry Plains, Peter Curran; Little Sands, Charles J. Stewart; Valleyfield, Angus Martin; Souris West, Frank J. Deagle; Burns Road, William McCullough; Abney, Russell Buell; St. Charles, J. Russell Peters.

Junior Farmers: At the present time there is only one Junior Farmer Group in Kings County, this being at St. Georges with Ivan Morrison as its president. The Junior Farmer organization is for young farm people who are too old for 4-H club work. The Junior Farmers have many projects which they carry on as a group such as improvement to gateways, road scraping where road is too soft for heavy machinery, etc. The St. Georges group last year successfully put on a show with appearances at many centers of the county.

Women's Institute: The objectives of the Women's Institute are:

1. To help women acquire sound and approved practices for greater home efficiency.
2. To stimulate and train women for leadership.
3. To develop a more abundant life in our rural communities and a deeper appreciation of the things near at hand.
4. To develop better, happier and more useful citizens.

To date there are 88 Women's Institutes in King County with active participating members.

4-H Clubs: 4-H Clubs are for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 21 with an exception for project clubs where the ages is 12 to 21. Basically the purpose and objectives of 4-H club work are the same as those of extension work for adults. Both are concerned with making rural life more attractive and influencing farm people to adopt improved practices. The principle of 4-H Club work is to "Learn to do by Doing."

To date there are 24 4-H clubs in Kings County, 11 girls clubs, 12 livestock clubs and 1 garden

with one calf club being formed at St. Peters.

Following is a list of the girls clubs along with their secretaries or club leader: Cardigan, Georgia Morrison (leader); East Baltic, Margaret Fay (secretary); Elmira, Fernie Bruce (secretary); Kingsboro, Mrs. John Robertson, (leader); Launching, Harriet Fay (secretary); Lorne Valley, Beverley Hulton (secretary); New Perth, Dale Dewar (secretary); Souris (2 clubs), Imelda Malone and Gertrude MacDonald (secretaries); St. Peters South, Marjorie Robbins (secretary); Summersville, Mary Hynes (secretary);

Livestock Clubs: Bear River, Anette Fay (leader); Brooklyn, Archie MacDonald (leader); Souris River, Grover MacKay; East Baltic, Stewart MacGregor (leader); Elmira, Ernest Morrow; Heatherdale, Hector Matheson (leader); Head of Hillsboro, Coffin Douglas (leader); New Perth James Cain (leader); Saint Perce, John Curran (secretary); Souris River, Leo MacDonald (last year's leader); Triple "M" (Morell Marie Midgell), Marshall Peters (leader);

Garden Club: Saint Peter's Lake, Joan Gunn (secretary) Noreen Greenan (leader).

DO IT NOW

Farmers, spring is here, which means that it is now time to start preparing for warm weather activities. Remember when summer comes it will be too late, so as the slogan says, "Do it now."

By this you should be deciding on how many acres of hoed crop you will plant, and which fields you would use for grain, hay or pasture, etc. When planning on which fields you are going to use for hay and pasture, be sure that you top-dress adequately for the amount of stock you are going to keep for the next year.

This is also the time of year to check your machinery so as to ensure that it will be in good working order when it is needed. Remember our seasons are short so break-down could be very costly. If new parts are needed, order them now so that repairs and alterations can be made before the rush.

CALVES

Calf marketings have been unusually heavy during January and February. Receipts at stockyards and packing plants up to March 1 this year were about 20 per cent heavier than a year earlier but, in spite of this, prices have averaged higher. Prices of good and choice veal calves at Toronto averaged about \$31.50 per cwt. alive during January and Febru-

ary compared with about \$27.75 a year earlier.

At Montreal, prices of common and medium veal calves averaged \$20.27 in January, a few cent heavier than a year earlier rising to \$24.70 in mid-February, \$4.90 above a year earlier. This was probably the winter peak. Prices have declined since then to an average of \$23.40 in the week ending March 1 and marketings are likely beginning the usual seasonal upswing.

Preliminary figures for the month of January indicate that domestic disappearance of veal has been greater than a year earlier despite higher prices. Wholesale prices of choice veal carcass at Toronto averaged 47 cents per pound in January and 54 cents per pound in February, higher than a year earlier by 3.4 per cent and 12.2 per cent respectively.

CLUB NEWS

Dunstaffnage - Frenchfort 4-H Calf Club met for its third meeting at Dunstaffnage school on February 6th at 7.30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by repeating the 4-H Pledge. The roll call was answered by 14 members and 4 visitors with local and assistant leaders present.

In the Holstein - Friesian contest Earl Boswall won the Model Cow with 132 points out of 140 and came seventh for all Canada. Henry Ziabek tied for second with 128 points out of a possible 140. The roll call for next meeting is to be answered by favouring winter sport and the meeting will be held at Dunstaffnage school, March 6, 1958. David and Donnie Thompson are on the program committee for next meeting. The singing of the 4-H Pledge brought the meeting to a close. Frances Hill, Secretary-Treasurer.

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There were four assistant leaders present namely - James Cudmore, Alton Younker, Percy Arbing, and Gerald Dollar. Dr. Betts corrected the quiz which we were required to answer and he also explained how to fill in the feeding reports. It was moved by Roger Younker that our club would take in any members who wanted to come as far as the Trans-Canada Highway. The collection amounted to \$1.50. Must-

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The following slate of officers was appointed: President, Beverly Haslam; Vice - President, Lindsay Seaman; Secretary - Treasurer, Gerald Mayne; Club Leader, Irving Haslam.

The next meeting is to be held in Springfield Hall on Tuesday, April 8th. Roll call is to be answered with a health rule. Gerald Mayne, Secretary.

New Perth 4-H Calf Club held its third regular meeting of the month of January at the school on February 6th at 7.30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by repeating the 4-H Pledge. The roll call was answered by 14 members and 4 visitors with local and assistant leaders present.

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The East Baltic 4-H Calf Club held its second meeting on March 10th at the school house. The meeting was called to order by the president. The local leader John B. Fay and 13 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Two new members joined. Ann and Margaret Fay, and Janet Dixon were appointed for recreation at the next meeting. By a show of hands it was found that there are enough members for a Beef and Dairy Class. Edgar and Marie were appointed to ask the trustees for the use of the school. The next meeting is to be held on April 10th at 7.30 p.m. Myrtle MacGregor, Secretary.

East Baltic 4-H Calf Club was reorganized at the East Baltic School on Monday evening, February 10, 1958. Present at the meeting was Mr. David P. MacLean, Kings County Agricultural Representative, assisted by the Agronomy Fieldman.

Mr. MacLean showed a film on "Farm Safety" The meeting was opened with 4-H club pledge followed by the roll call which members present. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Two new members joined.

The following officers were appointed: Audrey MacGregor, President, Edith MacGregor, Vice-

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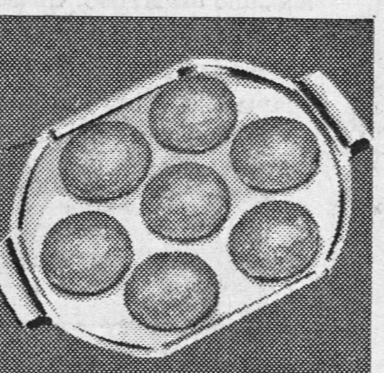
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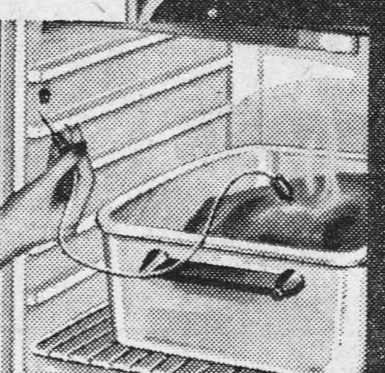
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