

# Agricultural News

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"POULTRY MANAGEMENT"

Management of poultry includes the planning and direction of all the activities necessary in raising a flock. To manage poultry successfully, a raiser should have knowledge of many subjects. Among these are housing, ventilation, equipment, feeding, culling, and especially sanitation. It is poultry disease control program; the practice of strict sanitation is one of the important means of disease prevention.

In poultry raising it is highly important to follow a program of good management. This attention to details when the chicks are young will pay off in greater success and profits when they are mature pullets ready to lay or when they are managing chicks and adult birds differ in certain respects, the two are basically the same.

**Cannibalism**—Occasionally cannibalism develops in chicks of brooder age and it sometimes becomes quite serious. If electric power is available, use is made of 60 watt or 100 watt natural colored ruby Mazda bulbs glass inside not frosted, to light the brooder rooms. All other lights are excluded and the ruby lights are concentrated on the feed and water utensils. Where electricity is not available, it is recommended that the inside of the windows be painted with a rich red lacquer.

Some of the causes of cannibalism are: 1. Overcrowding and close confinement. 2. High temperatures in brooder house. 3. Lack of sufficient feeder space. 4. Insufficient feed. 5. Deficiency in the ration.

From a practical standpoint it is much more important to provide brooding conditions which will make it unlikely that cannibalism will ever get started. An important point in this connection is the maintenance of a moderate even temperature. In addition chicks should have plenty of room with ample opportunity to keep busy at harmless activities.

Cannibalism soon becomes a habit with the birds and may be difficult to check in some cases. If the trouble has started in your flock the victims should be removed and the injured parts painted with pine tar or some other thick-pick preparation. It is advisable to paint a few of the uninjured birds in a pen at the same time.

Others measures that may be found beneficial: 1. Feeding skim milk or buttermilk. 2. Give birds access to coal shales. 3. Darken the pen. 4. Deepen the litter. 5. Feed sprouted oats. 6. Give birds more floor space. 7. Check feeder space. 8. Feeding scratch grain. 9. Feed small amount of salt (1/2 cent in mash). 10. Poultry Disease Control—Success or failure in poultry raising is no small degree determined by the freedom from or the prevalence of disease. The latter commonly is a source of disappointment and most certainly interferes with economic production. Poultry do not readily respond to medicinal treatment and poultry pathologists and poultry husbandmen realize that most treatments are only temporary. An apparently "cured" bird that has suffered from an infectious disease may remain a "carrier" of that disease and spread it to other birds in the flock. It is also likely that it will always lack vigor. Unless the bird is a valuable one, treatment is not worth the time or money, and if only a few birds are affected it is wiser to dispose of them. When a large number are affected with some simple condition it may be possible after the nature of the disease is ascertained, that the flock can be treated with some remedy that can be added to the feed or drinking water. No attempt should be made to treat sick birds until a correct diagnosis of the condition has been made.

**Disease Prevention**—To prevent disease, we need to understand something about them. Some diseases are caused by infections, which result from faults of nutrition; and others are traceable to the general condition surrounding the flock. The first rule of health is sanitation. The observance of this rule comprises the following:

1. Quarantining of new stock until it is known to be healthy. 2. Protecting the flock from access to polluted water, spoiled or infected feeds, or contaminated grounds. 3. Burning, burying or otherwise making proper disposal of diseased carcasses. 4. Thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting premises contaminated by disease. 5. Protecting the flock from diseases and parasites carried by free-flying birds. 6. Preventing persons who own unhealthy chickens from entering the poultry yards or houses. 7. Proper nutrition is the second rule of health. Some diseases are caused by a ration lacking certain elements, while others are due to excessive feeding of some feeds. 8. Rickets and Nutritional Rickets are deficiency diseases, whereas Osteitis and Gout are attributed to excess of unbalanced nutrition. A balanced cereal ration with meat scrap and shell is a regular allowance of green feeds, clean water, should contain all the vital elements of nutrition by birds.

The third rule of health is good surroundings: that is, roomy, comfortable, well ventilated poultry houses, free from draughts or dampness, and with ample provision for exercise and suitable exposure to the direct rays of the sun. Large flocks should be divided into smaller units for convenience in care and feeding and as an aid to disease prevention. Birds of vital importance should be separated. **Coccidiosis**—This disease, which is often characterized in bloody droppings, is one of the main causes of poultry losses. Coccidiosis is a disease caused by an organism so small that it can be seen only through a microscope. There are seven different kinds of coccidiosis organisms, or coccidia as they are called, that infect poultry. Each one of these strains causes slightly different symptoms and is treated differently. One strain causes bloody droppings but other strains do not. Therefore, one cannot say that coccidiosis is present only when there is blood in the droppings. Some strains of coccidia are more deadly than others and this, along with the intensity of infection, accounts for the fact that in some cases a whole brood of young birds may die and in other cases the birds do not die but become stunted in growth.

iron and bottles should be collected into a pile surrounded by a good fence. Cattle will quite often swallow nails and pieces of iron which, in time, may cause their death. Protruding nails, spikes, limbs and boards, should be removed. Notice especially the posts on each side of the gates. Machinery should never be left about the yard. Animals are quite inquisitive and may become entangled, wounding themselves and damaging the machine. Doors to granaries and gates to grain fields, root-crops and gardens should be kept closed when not in use. In recent years, with an increasing amount of spraying being done to kill insects, many animals have also died as a result of careless practices in the use of poisons. Take every precaution with your sprayer and materials. Do not leave the used containers lying about where a wind may blow them into a pasture field or next to a fence where animals may reach them. I have left the most important part to the last. They are connected with the use of your tractor and machinery. Here are a few: Never step over running belts. All moving parts of machine such as cog wheels, gears and power-take-off should have shields. Tractors were not made to carry more people than the driver. Many accidents may only cause misery for one or two weeks, but tractor accidents are often fatal. There are many precautions that should be observed in working with machines and these are often listed in magazines and booklets. I cannot list them all in this short talk. The main thing is that you should, at all times, use care. Remember, "Accidents don't happen—they are caused."

The 4-H Calf Club members of Prince Edward Island accompanied by their leaders, were blessed with delightful weather, as they enjoyed a sight-seeing tour to Annapolis Valley in apple blossom time, leaving the Island Friday morning, May 27th by way of Bordent and Kentville, and returning Sunday evening, May 29th by way of Wood Islands. Approximately 50 club members, boys and girls and their leaders, took advantage of the tour which was overseen and made possible by Mr. Charles G. Prince, County Fieldman, Mrs. Harold Clay, Charlottetown attended as chapter.

Highlights of the trip were, the seeing of the Blossom Festival Queen, and other floats, bands and parade at Kentville, and the fact that was heartily enjoyed on a wagon drawn by a team of oxen owned by Mr. Robert Chase of Port William. Other points of interest visited were at Truro, Evangeline Beach and Kentville. The regular meeting of the Cape Wolf Calf Club was held on June 10th, with 15 members and one visitor answering roll call. The minutes were read and approved.

It was decided to write to Mr. Clay about changing judging class hour from 6.30 to 7.00 a.m. as some members requested. Test No. 1 was returned to the members, test No. 2 was passed out and written and lesson help for test No. 3 was studied. It was moved by Douglas Proffitt and seconded by Colborne Clow that the meeting be adjourned. Secretary-Treasurer, Adele Jardine.

The last meeting of the Baldwin Road Poultry Club was held on May 20th in St. Teresa's Hall. There were twelve members present as also was the club leader, Joseph Trainor and the Provincial Fieldman, Mr. Edward MacGougan. John Curran presided in the absence of the president, Edward Smith.

It was decided that the next meeting be held on Friday, June 17th in St. Teresa's Hall. It was moved that Helen Trainor and Jane Curran supply the recreation at the next meeting. A test was then given by Mr. MacGougan to the club members. After this, the

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CENTENNIAL YEAR CONCERT—Miss Lillian McKenzie presents her pupils in programme is sing, say, do or pay. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. The following committees were appointed: Recreation—Elaine Millar and Thane Frizzell. Lunch, Allan Cooke and Vance Griffin. Adela Shaw invited the members to her house for next meeting.

It was moved by Adela Shaw and seconded by Verna MacWilliams that the meeting be adjourned. Secretary, Elaine Millar.  
The monthly meeting of the Tignish Rural Calf Club was held at the home of Gerald Handrahan on June 5th with eleven members answering roll call.

The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary read the minutes. It was moved by Frances Gallant and seconded by JoeAnn Handrahan that the minutes be approved as read. It was moved by JoeAnn Handrahan and seconded by Elaine MacGrath that the club have a bean guessing contest to raise prize money. Motion carried.

It was decided that the next meeting be held the evening of the judging class. It was moved by Joyce Gallant and seconded by Joe Ann Handrahan that the meeting be adjourned. Secretary, Paul Handrahan.

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We And Our Neighbors  
ON BROADWAY

There is a real and growing interest in the drama on the Island and perhaps a few notes on some of the "hits" on Broadway may be in order. I could hardly wait to see Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer prize-winning play, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (what a name!). The house was sold out for months to come but I gladly paid the extra money for a seat through a ticket agency. I had been thrilled by the power and excitement (though not blind to the defects) of the previous play, "A Streetcar Called Desire" and hoped that this later play would be even finer. I was disappointed. The ability to penetrate to the secret core of men and women was evident here too, but the playwright's understanding was carried to the words, words, endless words repeating a point that needed no further clarification! And often words and phrases of instrumental and vocal music. Friday evening, Kirk Hall.

LITTLE THEATRE studio night Queen Charlotte High School, Thursday, June 16, 8:15 p.m. Members only.  
JUST ARRIVED.—New shipment of Dresses for Parties and Weddings. Pastel shades. At Norma's, Kent Street.

CHARLOTTETOWN Immunization Clinics at 188 Prince St., will be held on Friday afternoons, 2 to 4 p.m., instead of on Saturday mornings, commencing June 17. There will be no clinic on Dominion Day, Friday, July 1.

OBSERVE CENTENNIAL.—The Pembroke Observe, Pembroke, Ontario, recently published a Centennial Edition to mark its 100th year of publication. Of interest to Islanders is the inclusion of a picture of Mr. Gerald Acorn, of Charlottetown, who joined their staff a week prior to the anniversary. Mr. Acorn is a night operator on the Linotype. He resided in Charlottetown with Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Larter, 21 Chestnut St., and was a former member of the Guardian staff.

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