

Junior Farmers and Junior Club News

The Morell Junior Poultry Club held their first judging class of the year on July 6th. Due to the very inclement weather all the members were not present...

The regular monthly judging class of the Augustine Cove Short-horn club took place at the farm of Harry Dawson on Tuesday evening, July 4th.

A postponed meeting of the Rustico Holstein Club was held Thursday afternoon at 3:45. The attendance was rather small due to the downpour of rain...

After two unsuccessful attempts to hold a judging class at Northey a class was finally held Thursday evening at Andrew Jardine's. As the weather was still very unfavorable...

On Monday evening, July 3rd, a meeting had been scheduled but due to unavoidable circumstances nobody from the Dept. of Agriculture could be present.

NEWSY NOTES

By Agricolo

THE BARN SWALLOW

This is the only species of the Swallow clan that sports the orthodox "swallow-tail" and by this it is easily known. Bain (1881) writes: "The Barn Swallow, with his long forked tail, is the longest of the group and nests solitary, usually inside of barns. All these Swallows are brilliantly plumed birds with coats of glossy steel-blue or green and vested with snowy white or rufous."

CONCERNING BOOKS

I have here a considerable number of books: science, art, poetry, and some classic fiction, being well represented in the collection. A number of the Roman classics are here, too. I prize these books highly, for their study gave me something of the education I had missed in adolescence.

Seventy-five years ago, one Duncan Campbell wrote and published a very readable, "History of Prince Edward Island". In the preface he mentioned that he had received orders for more than 2,700 copies of his History!

copies of his History! It seems scarce enough now.

I have also a copy of Meacham's "Atlas of P. E. I., (1880), which I got for \$6. since it was marred by pencil-scribbling. In good condition the atlas is worth \$12 or more.

These instances, (and many others), go to show how little books were valued in the rural districts.

There was, moreover, among some of the older folk, thirty or forty years ago, a curious and wholly unhygienic habit of wetting the thumb to turn the pages; this was done by licking it! There was no thought of bacteria in those days.

For some years there has been a steady increase in the number of magazine readers. The articles in such booklets are well-written as a rule, and deal with affairs of the moment.

ENQUIRIES FROM TWO READERS

It is very encouraging to find that other folk are beginning to take an interest in one's hobbies! And it is good too, for the folk to leave the troubled world alone for a spell, and to study the wonders of Creation.

A message has reached me from Mrs. Charles Hurry of West Royalty, who wishes to know if there are Bobolinks on the Island. Yes, there are, sometimes; and her description of the bird and its song, shows she has seen one.

The same reader sent in a large moth which I take to be a Sphinx Moth or Hawkmoth — there is little difference but I am sending it for expert opinion, so please watch this column.

A day or two after this I received a packet of five plants, properly packed and tagged, for naming; but the sender stipulated that she must remain incognito. No 1 was the Bunchberry, Cornus canadensis. This is known locally as the Pigeon-berry, possibly a reminiscence of the time when the Passenger Pigeon abounded here.

No 3 has the cumbersome name of "False Lily-of-the-valley", maianthemum canadense. This is a short slender plant of the moist woods, with two oval leaves and a short raceme of little white flowers. It has its exact counterpart in England. Trifloralis europaeum. So far no properties, medicinal or otherwise, have been noticed in these plants — but who knows?

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I have purposely given this enquirer the botanical names, because the popular names vary in different localities; and in some cases different plants have the same popular name! There is room for a little guide-book to the Canadian wild plants — with colored group-plates and both popular and Latin names.

ROME, July 5 — (Reuters) — Three Italians died today of sunstroke as the temperature rose above 100° Fahrenheit.

R. O. P. Sired Pullets

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TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox and Mink Farming

The United States Department of Agriculture has issued a warning to all mink breeders to avoid feeding their animals waste. Poultry waste is suspected as harmful to the reproductive organs of minks used for breeding, and while it has not been finally demonstrated that it is the cause of the many reproductive failures, the incriminating evidence is sufficient to justify a warning against the unlimited use of poultry in the diet of fur animals kept for breeding purposes.

The American Department of the Interior is planning a greater commercial development of blue fox in the Pribilof Islands, off the coast of Alaska. Under a 1944 act money earned in the sale of furs and other products from the Pribilofs goes into the treasury general fund and Congress each year appropriates money for pay and supplies furnished to the Island natives. According to an official the Pribilofs producing an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$1,329,000 in 1949, and in every year this has happened since 1941.

The Hudson's Bay Company has issued an official report stating that white fox 100% sold in their sale last week and red fox 90% sold. This is quite a change and worthy of mention as red fox and white fox have been comparatively neglected. We trust it means a return in favor to long-haired furs. While the price received for these types of long haired furs was nothing to brag about yet, the fact that they could be sold in quantities is most encouraging.

Table with columns: No. Skins, Av. Price, No. Skins, Av. Price. Rows include Platinum, Good and Ordinary, Pearl Platinum, W. Mkd. Silvers, etc.

FAO AND WORLD FERTILIZER SUPPLY

OTTAWA, July 7, 1950—World consumption of chemical fertilizers has reached the phenomenal peak of 11,360,000 tons annually and many million more tons are required to achieve early increases in the production of food for a hungry world.

Correspondent Predicts Red China Split With Moscow



Fred Hampson, AP correspondent in the U.S. on leave, predicted that the Korean events may bring about a rift between Moscow, and the Chinese reds. With the outbreak of hostilities, Truman ordered that Formosa, last stronghold of Sino-Reds, be defended.

frost alone \$6.75 to \$8., while silver-blue ones and two males and females ranged up to \$18.50

Women's Wear Daily of June 29th has the following by Ed Stanton... "Two important factors, the Korean situation and the impending strike of plants of the Fur Dressers Guild, plus additional developments, have combined to bring the raw fur market to a virtual standstill this week."

"Many potential buyers of raw furs therefore refrain from making new purchases so raw fur trading slowed down to a greater extent and the increased lack of interest is almost wholly credited to international developments."

One of the largest displays of furs ever known in the United States will be on view at the fur fashion exhibit to be held at Chicago's Drake Hotel on July 15th under the sponsorship of the Associated Fur Industries of Chicago. Its staging is being planned to inspire the pride and confidence and enthusiasm of everyone concerned.

George A. Callbeck, reporting for Canadian Fur Auction Sales Company on their June sale at Montreal, gives the following results and comparison with April sale.



Pet holstein calf belonging to Keith Leslie, seven, Georgetown, Ont., doesn't need to worry about cattle markets and the high price of porterhouse steaks. For she'll be earning her board next year by producing milk.

Other large fertilizer plants are being built in Egypt and Mexico. South American countries are stepping up their production of fertilizers and Mr. Callister told how guano, century old accumulations of bird droppings, is mined. He also described how nitrate of soda is obtained in a desert area where no rain has fallen in 20,000 years.

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CROW SHOOTING CONTEST CLOSES JULY 15th. Legs must be turned in to the Royal Packing Co., Charlottetown, by July 17. Mail entries dated July 17 will be accepted.

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