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Agricultural News

P. E. I. Department of Agriculture
AYRSHIRE BREEDERS

An event of outstanding importance to the Ayrshire breeders of Prince Edward Island will be the sale of breeding stock which is scheduled to be held in Charlottetown on May 28th. This is the first feature of this kind that the Ayrshire men have tried in this Province, and if successful would probably result in an Annual Sale being held.

An outstanding group of approximately twenty-five (25) females have been selected, and these will represent the herds of the majority of the breeders in this Province. In making the selections the Committee kept in mind the desirability of offering only high class animals that would be suitable for new breeders to use as a nucleus for a herd. They also kept in mind the publicity that would result from a breeder offering a good individual.

It is the hope of the Prince Edward Island Ayrshire Breeders' Association that a sale of this kind will create additional interest in the breed in this Province, and that many of these females will go to establish new herds. It is quite apparent from inquiries that have been received by different persons that there is a demand for Ayrshire breeding stock, and by assembling a group of this kind it should benefit both the buyer and the seller. The females offered in this Sale will consist of animals from nine months to two years of age, or a little better. Many that are offered are heifers that are due to freshen shortly after the date of the Sale, and are all ready to go to work for those who purchase them.

The Ayrshire Breeders are to be commended for arranging a Sale of this kind, and all that will be needed is the support of the buyers to ensure success for the Sale.

Poultry News

The Poultry outlook for 1954 does not look good. The prices of commercial eggs has been low all season and there is not expected to be much of an increase during this calendar year. The very large increase in chickens being hatched in November and December is expected to have an

effect on the egg and poultry meat markets this summer. With eggs the price they are today poultrymen will likely send their fowl to market when production drops. This is expected in large numbers and so consequently glutting the market and lowering the price of fowl. The market for heavy roasters will likely be weak this summer with a possible strengthening in the late fall for the Christmas market.

Fowlmen are advised to raise birds on a good pasture with clean fresh water present at all times. As for feed, your own oats and wheat along with a little barley can be fed in a 70 to 30 ration with growing mash after the birds are fourteen weeks of age. In order to produce a balanced ration and yet use as much of your own grain as possible, buy growing mash concentrate and mix with your own grains to produce an 18 per cent protein ration.

We have approximately seventy approved flock owners in P. E. I. supplying our local hatcheries. These flocks are blood-tested for Pullorum and are under government inspection throughout the year.

The chicks from our registered hatcheries are all R. O. P. Sired and of a fine quality.

It is a good practise to purchase a new flock of pullets each year as year old hens lay 25 per cent less eggs and have a much higher mortality.

The following approved flock owners had a hatchability between 89 and 90 per cent during April 1st - 24th, 1954 season. The percentage figures are given after each name:

Ralph Raynor 89 per cent; Ivan Dawson 86 per cent; Athol Roberts 86 per cent; Elmer Waugh 86 per cent; Albert Stetson 86 per cent; Melvin Hyde 86 per cent; Lloyd Burns 85 per cent; Ralph Raynor 85 per cent; Alvin MacIsaac 85 per cent; Mrs. H. W. Naugh 84 per cent; Calvin MacNevin 84 per cent; Adison Arsenault 83 per cent; Harold Morrison 83 per cent; Walter Mullens 82 per cent; Wallace MacNevin 82 per cent; Rev. Geo. MacDonald 82 per cent; Mrs. Wm. Baker 82 per cent; Mrs. L. Collings 82 per cent; Mrs. Marchbank 81 per cent; Ivan Dawson 80 per cent; Lorne Cameron 80 per cent; Lane Douglas 80 per cent; Gerald Gamble 80 per cent; J. H. MacPhail 80 per cent; Richard MacRae 80 per cent; Keith Warren 80 per cent; Edward Dymont 80 per cent; Alton Ramsay 80 per cent; Geo. Jenkins 80 per cent.

Sheep Breeders'

The annual meeting of the Sheep Breeders' was held at Birch Court during the past week. Sheep men from various parts of the Province gathered to discuss problems in relation to their industry.

Mr. W. R. Shaw, Secretary of the Association, gave a very interesting review and pointed out the benefits which were received by those who used the services of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Association.

Swine Breeders'

The highlight of the Annual Swine Breeders' meeting, held at Birch Court, was when Mr. W. R. Shaw gave a review of the P. E. I. Swine Industry. Mr. M. W. Chepesuik, District Grading Inspector, outlined the present picture in the Swine Industry and predicted the immediate outlook and the long term prospects.

Both speakers gave very informative and highly interesting talks.

Junior Club News

A large crowd was in attendance at Emerald Hall, Thursday evening, April 22, to hear a very interesting debate by members of Girls' Clubs in the district. The subject for debate "Resolved that Country Life Offers More Advantages to Young People than City Life." The decision was in favor of the negative team of Margaret Trainor, Mary Deighan and Georgine Green, in a closely contested debate members of the affirmative side were Clara Croken, Marie Hughes and Shirley Green. The chairman for the evening was Mr. Arnold Allen. After an excellent lunch was served by the ladies to the debaters and the judges.

The East Baltic Poultry Club held its regular monthly meeting on March 29th at the East Baltic School. A short talk was given by Mr. Stewart MacGregor.

It was moved that the roll call for the next meeting be answered by your favorite game also that Sandra MacGregor and Onita Rose would bring the games for the recreation period. 360 chickens were ordered for the members. Mrs. Walter Dixon was in attendance to help with the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

The Ayrshire Calf Club of Montague and vicinity met at the home of the President, Eric MacDonald, Friday evening, April 30th. Morris Deacon, Kings County Fieldman, conducted the study period on "Warble Flies" and "Feeding Calves." The President informed the club that he had treated the cows on his farm and told the members how it was done. For the next meeting they plan to answer the roll call with the name of their calf.

The monthly meeting of the Gowan Brae Calf Club was held on April 23rd in the school with an attendance of fifteen members. Three new members joined and eight of the members paid their fee. Test No. 2 was written. The roll call for the next meeting is to be answered by your favourite sport. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

A large crowd gathered at the home of Waldo Philips to listen to the debaters of the Leary Maple Leaf Calf Club debate the subject "Resolved that Country Life Offers More Advantages to Young People than City Life."

The affirmative team of Valerie MacWilliams, Rankin MacKinnon and Perley McNeill won the decision by a small margin over the negative team of Lloyd Jelley, Elaine Palmer and Loydia Matthews. The Judges were Morris Deacon and David Peacock of the Department of Agriculture. The capable chairman for the evening was Charlie Read. Ralph Adams, Charley Willis, Alton Raynor and Lloyd Matthews spoke briefly to the gathering after which a very delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

Wife of Nobleman Chases Robbers

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—The wife of a British nobleman has been credited with a little impromptu fencing here that sent two would-be robbers scurrying empty-handed.

Lady Yvonne Dorine Holmes, wife of Sir William George Holmes former commander of the British army during the Second World War, told police she used a broken shovel handle to fend off the attempt to loot the cash register at the beer depot she and her husband operate here by wielding a broken shovel handle.

She had noticed two men loitering outside the drive-in establishment and was not caught unaware. When one suddenly walked quickly into the office and demanded, "Hand over the money," she was ready.

She grabbed the shovel handle and jabbed him sharply in the groin. He doubled up and ran with his companion close behind.

Sir George was unperturbed.

MORE MOTOR VEHICLES

OTTAWA (CP)—Factory shipments of Canadian-made motor vehicles during February rose to

when he heard of the incident. "They could have gotten quite a haul," he said. "Could've even taken my favorite painting."

an all-time high for the month at 44,268 units, compared with 42,904 units in the corresponding month last year. Aggregate shipments for January and February rose to 84,578 units as against 78,798 in the same period last year, says the bureau of statistics.

U. K. BUILDING REACTOR

HARWELL, England. (AP)—Construction began Monday on a new atomic reactor here—the fourth pile to be built at the establishment and the first in Britain using heavy water.

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Under authority of "The Agricultural Products Marketing (Prince Edward Island) Act the Provincial Marketing Board will conduct a poll by mail of the registered potato producers of the Province to determine their will with respect to the operation of the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board.

All growers who have purchased licenses during the 1953-54 Season are considered to be registered. Growers wishing to obtain licenses may do so by applying immediately in person or writing to the P. E. I. Potato Marketing Board, 123 Kent Street, Charlottetown.

The Provincial Marketing Board
W. R. SHAW, Chairman
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