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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Ontario Department of Agriculture

An Enormous Loss

A prominent authority has estimated that twenty-six million dollars is the price paid by farmers and poultry raisers for loss through diseases in poultry flocks in Canada in the past year. Most of this loss is caused by internal parasites and much of this is preventable. A good deal of it can be avoided by keeping the young chicks away from the adult birds and on absolutely clean soil.

Campaign Against Weeds

The provincial authorities are leaving no stone unturned in their campaign against weeds. Many of the highways have the usual profile crops along the sides of the road. Some of the farms throughout the country have crops of weeds which will soon be ripening and spreading their seeds to the four winds. Delinquents in this respect will be given an opportunity to explain the reason for their contempt of the law as soon as the weed inspector makes his rounds.

Still Time to Plant

There is still plenty of time to get in corn or roots and both crops are essential for feeding all kinds of live stock, taking the place of green grass in the ration long after the season for grass is over. Corn is planted any time after danger of frost is passed. Mangels should be put in fairly early so that the seed will have the early moisture. Turnips are not planted before the second week in June and may go in until about July 10. If planted too early they are liable to become tough and make less palatable feed than those which make most of their growth in early fall.

Low Producer a Liability

The dairymen and for that matter the owner of any class of live stock, has enough to contend with without putting up with a bunch of low producers. The burden of the low producer is felt most in time of feed scarcity and low price of dairy products. She is a liability, but yet it is rather difficult for the dairymen to make up his mind to send her to the block and take his loss. This question of keeping records of milk, cost of feed, and getting rid of poor cows has been discussed times without number, and yet many low producers continue to occupy a stall and consume as much feed as its stablemate which the records prove has returned a substantial profit over the cost of feed and labor.

Buckwheat Very Useful

In speaking about weed control it is a good plan to put in rape or buckwheat, two crops that can go in right up to the middle of July. The first-mentioned makes a splendid sheep pasture while the latter, of course, is unexcelled as a producer of feed grain. Both can also be sown under for enriching the soil. Buckwheat is one of the most popular crops to sow in the orchard about the first of July, controlling the weeds, and surplus moisture and furnishing splendid feed and a run for poultry and hogs.

Warm Weather Helpful

Continued warm bright weather during the first two weeks of May did much to improve the appearance of alfalfa, clover and fall wheat, and new seeding recovered to some extent, according to reports coming in from all parts of the province. There were many crops plowed under this spring, but many farmers reported that new seeding which they had intended to plow under, made wonderful recovery during early May. Many sections reported that the land has never worked better than during the present month of seeding.

Commercial Fertilizer

More and more fertilizer is being used in Ontario because our land has been depleted of plant foods and also because farmers are gradually learning more about the use of fertilizers. Considerable study must be given the subject of fertilizers before the best results can be obtained. Good drainage, good tillage, good cultural methods are all necessary before fertilizers can be expected to make profitable returns. Properly used, commercial fertilizers will usually give splendid results, and increase farm returns.

One Bushel Per Acre

Speaking in Saskatchewan recently, Hon. John Brooken, Premier of Manitoba, declared that an increase of one bushel per acre, which could

essentially be obtained if only the most casual attention were paid to the seed, would add to the value of Saskatchewan's grain crop, roughly speaking, about thirty million dollars. This does not apply to Saskatchewan alone, where perhaps more attention must be paid to the sowing of clean seed, but also to Ontario. Think what that thirty millions of dollars would mean to Ontario's farm products this year!

Fruit Needs Moisture

An adequate supply of moisture in the orchard is of great importance in the growing of a good crop of fruit. If the soil is low in moisture in the early part of the season, the fruit is not likely to set well. If there is a shortage of moisture during the summer and autumn the fruit will not size up well and if the soil is dry when the winter sets in, the danger from root-killing is much greater, hence the importance of conserving moisture when there is any likelihood of there being a shortage. What is known as the sod-mulch system of orchard management is an excellent conservator of moisture. Grass is spread over the soil under the trees, preventing the growth of weeds and grass and saving the moisture.

Help The Alfalfa

Ontario's alfalfa fields have experienced some hard knocks during the past twelve months. Last summer's drought permitted only sparse growth, and alternate freezing and thawing early this spring caused some serious heaving of the plants, especially on the heavier soils. But hard luck has never permanently discouraged an intelligent Ontario farmer. Actual tests conducted under the direction of the O. A. C. College show how weakened fields can be helped. Six alfalfa growers in Western Ontario top-dressed their alfalfa fields last summer with fertilizers high in potash and phosphate and secured gains of 1360 lbs. to 2940 lbs. of green crop per acre. Of course soil must be well drained if it is to grow good alfalfa year after year and generally it should be limed (one ton to the acre) once in four years so as to keep conditions favorable for alfalfa growth.

Will Lay Cornerstone

The cornerstone for the new Administration Building and Student Residence at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, will be laid on the afternoon of May 23rd by the Prime Minister of the province, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

The cornerstone exercises will follow the convocation for graduates in agriculture, which will be held in Memorial Hall, and at which time degrees will be conferred by Sir William Mulock, Chancellor of University of Toronto. Sir Robert Falconer, President of the University, Hon. J. S. Henry, Minister of Public Works; Hon. J. S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Lincoln Goldie, Provincial Secretary, and other representatives of the Government and associated institutions will be present. The alumni of the institution will also attend and take part in the ceremonies.

May 23rd will be a red letter day in the history of the Ontario Agricultural College, and it is hoped that a large number of friends throughout the province will attend.

The East Backline

Mr. and Mrs. H. Blackburn of Lakeview Beach who spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Boland were Sunday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. Swanton.

Miss Nina Hill of Markdale spent the week-end at her home here.

(Intended for last week)

Mr. J. Beeroff of Owen Sound was a caller on this line last week. Messrs. William Stoddard and Clair Davis have been confined to bed and under the Dr.'s care. Hope to see them out soon again.

Mrs. H. Shaw visited her daughter, Mrs. H. Wright one day recently.

Mrs. McGee of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Swanton on Sunday.

Mr. H. Howe of Owen Sound supplied the pulp for Mr. St. John in Markdale and the Meaford Road, and was the guest of Mr. David Foster.

Mrs. H. McLoughry, Mrs. B. Hutchinson and Dorothy visited Mrs. W. Swanton on Friday of last week.

Born

SUMMERS—In Markdale, on Wednesday, May 7th, 1930; to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Summers, a son—Nelson Wilfred.

Shower and Address

A number of the friends and neighbours gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McAfee and presented Miss Gertrude McAfee with a miscellaneous shower prior to her marriage. The following address was read by Miss Lavina Wiley.

Dear Friend:—

We, as members of New England congregation and of the Silgo neighborhood, having learned that you are soon to leave our community to become a member of another district have gathered to-night in this home to spend one more pleasant evening before you leave us.

We learn you are a bride-to-be and that you will be mistress of another home, and will be sharing in the life of another community. We want to sincerely congratulate you on your decision, a choice and to tell you that we wish to be spared for many happy years to come.

Many of us here tonight have known you all our lives as you have grown to womanhood in our neighborhood. We have found in you a faithful friend, and a congenial and helpful companion. We have enjoyed our associations with you. Even those of us who have known you for a few years possess a warm regard for you.

We remember that you have shared in the work of our church, especially in the Sunday School and in the Young People's Society. You have been a willing and faithful worker. Your leaving us creates another vacancy among our members. You have joined in the life of our community very worthily. We cherish many pleasant memories of our association with you and trust that you will remember us with very kind thoughts.

You are taking new responsibilities of life upon yourself. We trust they will bring to you added enjoyments in life and that the new home that is being established with you in it will be a very happy one, that you will find congenial surroundings and many new friends. We are confident that you will enrich the life of the community in which you will live. We trust that you will continue your deep interest in the church and in your old friends.

We want to assure you to-night of our sincere desire for your happiness, and to express to you the warm place that you have won in our lives. We ask you to accept these tokens as an expression of our thought of you.

Signed on behalf of the New England church and the Silgo neighborhood.

Victor Wiley
Harold Breadner

The parcels were unwrapped by Miss Lavina Wiley, Miss Emily Lawson and Miss Vera Fawcett. Gertrude thanked the friends for their kindness and remembrances.

Vandeleur W. L.

The play, "Home Acres" put on by the Markdale talent, under the auspices of the Vandeleur Institute was a decided success. The actors were in good form and each took his or her part well. The program between acts was also good as follows: music by Mr. Willis Cockburn, on mouth organ and guitar; Mr. Gordon, leatone sang two solos in his usual good style; and a quartette was given by two ladies and three gentlemen. Mr. Coutts also helped with a few remarks and a couple of humorous stories. Lunch was served to those taking part in the program. Proceeds of evening were \$38.00.

The Institute will entertain the summer speaker, Miss McDermid, at the Orange Hall (Baker's) on May 27th, in the afternoon. Everybody welcome. Lunch by all members.

Department of Agriculture

Castration Demonstration

During the week beginning May 26th, Mr. Jas. Toller, Sheep Promoter, for Mr. W. J. Howard; Assistant Sheep Promoter, Dominion Department of Agriculture, in Western Ontario, will be in Grey County giving demonstrations with the Birdzinz Placers which is a non-cutting, bloodless method of castration. The work is being done under the supervision of the Grey County Department of Agriculture.

Those applying before Saturday, May 24th, to T. Stewart Cooper, Department of Agriculture, Markdale, will get the work done free of all charge. Those sheep breeders not applying may not be assisted because of the short time in which the experts are available.

Department of Agriculture, Markdale, Ontario.

DANCE, WALTERS FALLS CECIL G. TOMS

Don't miss the big dance in Walters Falls on Friday, May 23rd, under the auspices of the Agricultural Society. First class music and callers. Lunch served. Admission 75c. Ladies free.

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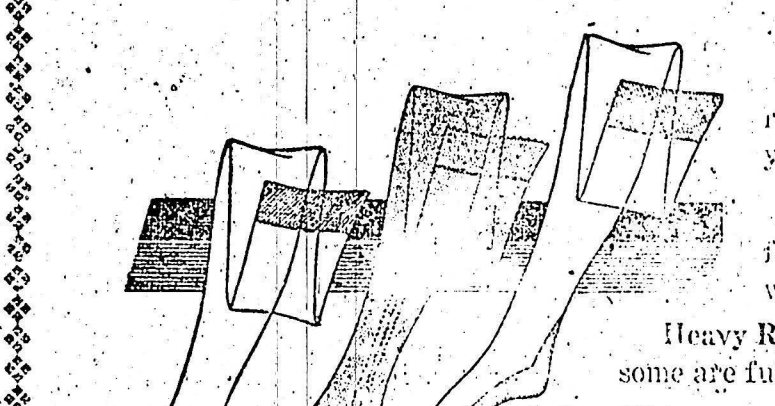
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Extra Special Ladies' Suits and Dresses This Week

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Ladies' Fine Quality Tweed Suits

Nice range of patterns, nicely made, selling at about half price. All new styles. This week your choice for \$7.95.

New Styles in Ladies' Silk Dresses

Dresses of real silk quality, many styles to select from. Numerous color combinations, all latest styles and the price much less than you would expect to pay. This week your choice \$4.95.



Men! Save on Your Work Shoes

We purchased 600 pairs made by the reliable firm, Williams Shoe Co. They come in two styles selling at \$2.95 and \$3.29 a pair.

Men's Bicycle Last in Oil Tan Grain Leather with Panto Soles. All sizes 7 to 11. Selling at \$2.95 a pair.

Men's Black Grain Oil Tan Shoes, plain toe, Panto soles. Hard wearing quality. This week \$3.29 per pair.

BIG VALUE IN CUPS AND SAUCERS

Hardware Department — Clover Leaf Decoration

Selling Cup only, Clover Leaf Pattern, first quality and the price only 5c. each.

Selling Cups and Saucers. Clover Leaf pattern, and the price only 10c. for cup and saucer.

Selling Flannelette Blankets at Interesting Prices

12 1/2 lb. Blankets, a standard line selling at \$2.14 a pair.

Double Bed Size Flannelette Blankets, standard quality, selling for \$1.89 a pair.

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4 yard wide Linoleums, nice patterns, selling for \$3.69 a running yard.

2 yard wide Linoleums, nice range of patterns, selling for 79c. a square yd.

2 1/2 yard wide Floor Oil Cloth, good quality, double varnish coated surface, selling for 44c. a square yard.

GRUCERY SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

10 lbs Granulated Sugar for 52c.
Thompson's Seedless Raisins, 2 lb 21c.
Imported Valencia Raisins, 2 lb 23c.
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