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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture

The Eastern Ontario Dairymen's annual convention will be held at Cornwall on Jan. 7th and 8th.

The Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union will hold its annual meeting in Guelph on Jan. 6th and 7th.

Hastings County girls with 880 points carried off first honors in the Ontario Farm Girls' contest at the Royal Winter Fair. Perth with 879 points, Oxford, Prescott and Russell with 874 each and Dufferin with 873 were next in order.

Protecting Live Stock
The use of movable partitions in stock cars will not only permit the shipment of mixed lots of live stock, but by reducing the possibilities of injury and bruising to a minimum will save the live stock industry several millions of dollars annually. As a result of the findings of a national committee, the Live Stock Associations of Eastern and Western Canada have joined forces in presenting a petition to the Railway Board seeking to compel railways to install and use at least two movable partitions of suitable type in all cars used for transportation of live stock. The suggested specific toll for cars so equipped is one dollar per car per trip. The annual loss through bruising alone under present conditions is placed at over \$2,500,000.

Overseas Apple Market
Mr. A. Fulton, overseas representative of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, writes:

"Generally speaking, the Ontario fruit growers are doing well with their grading this season, but falling down considerably in the actual packing of the fruit. I make particular reference to 'blacks' which are far too prevalent. More care is needed in filling, racking and talling the barrels the right height before pressing in order to secure a tight pack." He also refers to a recent visit to Antwerp, where he saw the first shipment of Ontario Ben Davis apples unloaded. The fruit landed in excellent condition, he said, and has given every satisfaction to the buyers. He quotes one Belgian buyer as saying that Ontario apples are fully equal to American.

Growers are cautioned to pay particular attention to "facing" each barrel. In some cases the poorest apples have been placed on top with the result that they give a wrong impression of the barrels contents and affect its value detrimentally.

Tree Planting in Middlesex
An increase in the number of trees planted in Middlesex County to the number of 25,555 was noted this year. This means a total of 263,035 trees as against 237,480 in 1929. In 1922 years there have been great efforts to rebuild the timber resources of the county. Middlesex is only one of a large number of Western Ontario counties where such measures are in operation. It seems as if every county council is showing its appreciation of the efforts of the government to induce reforestation methods. For windbreak planting each farmer is allowed 500 trees without charge, and for woodlot planting 3500 acres are provided.

Crate-Feeding Pays
Farmers who are in a position to follow the practice, find that crate-feeding of their poultry pays them big dividends. There are several reasons for this: It produces the milked grades which bring the highest prices; the leading wholesale merchants are now buying poultry by Government grades with substantial differentials between each grade; the premium assured for birds which grade "milked" makes crate-feeding worth while; and all poultry intended for eating purposes should be properly finished before being marketed. The farmer who has poultry to market would do well to remember that it is the last pound which brings the finish and increases the value of the bird by 50 or 75 cents.

Progress at O.A.C.
At a recent O. A. C. alumni meeting, Dr. G. I. Christie, president of the college, reported that the new horticultural building was now in partial use and that the services of W. H. Smith, an expert in storage of fruit under refrigeration, had been secured. The cellar of the new building had been equipped with several insulated rooms for experiments on this subject and great benefits should accrue to fruit growers from this work. The construction was also going forward of several new greenhouses, with which will be connected a showroom in which displays of modern horticultural work can be made and seasonal flower shows held. Much improvement in the grounds of the college has been completed. The new main building is well on towards completion and part of it may be ready for occupation by Easter.

The Sow Thistle Menace
In a recent address A. R. G. Smith, district weed inspector of Western

Ontario, suggested to farmers that a supply of weed killer should be kept on hand to control small patches of perennial sow thistle. In emphasizing the seriousness of this menace, he pointed out that in Ontario in 1929 over 100,000 acres of sow thistle was harvested and over 500,000 acres polluted with it. He declared that 23 years ago Prof. Howitt of O. A. C. issued a bulletin warning Ontario people that unless this weed was controlled, it would soon every farm in Ontario. It is now in practically every township in the province, he said.

Must Have License
All persons other than producers, including farmers transporting their own fowl, must have a license from the warden and the county clerk if they want to transport fowl on the highway from one place to another. The provincial statute requires that such licenses be taken out regardless of whether or not there is a local by-law, but it is thought that the passing of a by-law by county councils would strengthen the officials' hands. The purpose of the license is to enable the police to get a better check on "chicken" thieves as all persons other than the producer or farmer when transporting fowl must carry his license, produce the same when requested by the authorities and also show a record of the purchase made from the vendor. The license regulation does not apply to a private citizen transporting fowl bought from a farmer, but will be required from a purchaser if he is a dealer in fowl.

Weekly Crop Report
Current reports from representatives indicate that in general the mild open fall has allowed farmers to clean up many farm jobs that otherwise would have had to remain undone. Fall wheat has entered the winter in good condition and a brisk demand for hay is also indicated.

All classes of live stock in Bruce have gone into winter quarters in about average condition. In Frontenac the demand for fresh milkers has fallen off with prices around \$55 and \$65. More winter dairying in Grey is indicated by the increased delivery of cream to creameries during winter months. An increased demand for good Jersey dairy cattle has pushed the price for these up to \$125 or \$150 in Lincoln. Middlesex reports hogs are scarce, with the market firm at \$9 per cwt. According to stock year records there was a decrease of 5000 hogs marketed from Peel in 1930 as compared to last year. In spite of low prices for potatoes, growers in South Simcoe are realizing more profits from this crop than any other.

Kimberley Poultry Show

List of Prize Winners
Number of birds on exhibition, 142.
Barred Rocks
1st cockerel—Elmer Ellis.
1st pullet—Elmer Ellis.
Bred-to-lay Rocks
2nd cock—M. Hutchinson.
1st hen—Elmer Ellis.
2nd hen—Mrs. A. E. Myles.
3rd hen—Wm. Haines.
1st cockerel—Mrs. Myles.
2nd cockerel—E. Ellis.
3rd cockerel—Mrs. Myles.
1st pullet—W. Haines.
2nd pullet—Mrs. Myles.
3rd pullet—Elmer Ellis.
Pen—M. Hutchinson.

Leghorns Exhibition Single Comb
1st cock—E. Ellis.
1st cockerel—R. Londry.
2nd cockerel—R. Londry.
1st pullet—R. Londry.
2nd pullet—R. Londry.
3rd pullet—R. Londry.
1st pen—E. Londry.

Brown Leghorns, single comb
1st hen—Mrs. Myles.
Bred-to-lay Single Comb White Leghorns
1st cockerel—S. Osbourne.
2nd cockerel—Norman Burritt.
1st pullet—Norman Burritt.
2nd pullet—Norman Burritt.
3rd pullet—S. Osbourne.
1st pen—S. Osbourne.

White Rocks, single comb
1st cockerel—Mrs. Myles.
1st pullet—Mrs. Myles.
2nd pullet—Mrs. Myles.
White Orpingtons, single comb
1st hen—N. E. Burritt.
2nd hen—E. Ellis.
3rd hen—N. E. Burritt.
1st cockerel—N. E. Burritt.
2nd cockerel—N. E. Burritt.
1st pullet—N. E. Burritt.
2nd pullet—N. E. Burritt.
3rd pullet—N. E. Burritt.

Jersey Black Giants
1st cock—S. McAusland.
1st hen—Mrs. Bradey.
1st cockerel—Mrs. Bradey.
2nd cockerel—Mrs. Bradey.
3rd cockerel—S. McAusland.
1st pullet—S. McAusland.
2nd pullet—S. McAusland.
3rd pullet—F. Thurston.

Blue Andalusians
1st cockerel—Saul Fawcett.
Mottled Anconas
1st hen—S. Osbourne.
2nd hen—Milton Hutchinson.
1st pullet—Milton Hutchinson.
Rose Comb White Minorcas
1st cock—S. Osbourne.
1st hen—S. Osbourne.
2nd hen—S. Osbourne.
3rd hen—S. Osbourne.

Silver Campines
1st hen—S. Fawcett.

2nd hen—S. Fawcett.
Speckled Sussex
1st cock—James Stewart.
1st pullet—J. Stewart.
2nd pullet—J. Stewart.

Light Sussex
1st cock—J. Stewart.
1st hen—J. Stewart.
1st pullet—J. Stewart.
2nd pullet—J. Stewart.

Guinea Fowl
1st cockerel—S. Fawcett.
1st pullet—S. Fawcett.

Bronze Turkeys
1st hen—F. Weber.
2nd hen—M. Hutchinson.
1st cockerel—F. Weber.
2nd cockerel—E. Ellis.
1st pullet—E. Ellis.

Toulouse Geese
1st gander—F. Weber.
1st goose—F. Weber.

Rouen Ducks
1st drake, old—E. Ellis.
2nd drake, young—E. Ellis.
1st pullet—E. Ellis.

Pekin Ducks
1st drake, old—R. Londry.
2nd drake, old—F. Weber.
1st duck, old—R. Londry.
2nd duck, old—M. Hutchinson.
1st drake, young—R. Londry.
1st duck, young—R. Londry.
2nd duck, young—M. Hutchinson.

Specials
Bred-to-lay rocks—50 lbs. flour, W. Haines.
Rhode Island Red—Elmer Ellis.
Best White Rock Cockerel—Mrs. Myles.
Best Barred Rock, pair—E. Ellis.
Best pair Jersey Black Giants—Mrs. Bradey.
Best single comb White Leghorn—R. Londry.
Best Bird in American Class—Mrs. Bradey.
Best bird in Mediterranean class—R. Londry.
Best bird in English class—N. E. Burritt.

Best bird in the show, Jersey Black Giant cockerel, Mrs. Bradey, No. 20 silver cup, won last year by J. Spear's single comb Leghorn pullet.

Berkeley

Wishing Yr Editor, staff and many readers a Merry Christmas.
Mr. Elder Rowe of Clarkson is holidaying at his home.
Mr. Jas. Lackey of Orangeville is visiting his aunt, Mrs. A. Gillopie.
Miss Thelma Slight left for her home in Owen Sound on Saturday to spend the Yuletide.
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McLaughlin and Florence visited the former's mother at Chatsworth on Sunday.

Quite a number attended the Christmas tree held in S. S. No. 6, school on Thursday evening. The children all took their parts well. Santa made a visit at the close of the program.
Miss Gladys Hannah, Reg. N., of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is visiting with her parents over the holiday.

In Memoriam

WILSON—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mrs. James Wilson, who passed away Dec. 24th, 1922.

To-day we are thinking of someone, Who was so loving and true, Whose smile was as dear as the sunshine; Dear mother, that someone was you.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the estate of Henry Wells, late of the Village of Markdale, in the County of Grey, retired farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 51 of the Trustee Act, R.S.O., 1927, Chap. 150, that all creditors and others having claims or demands against the estate of the said Henry Wells, who died on or about the 23rd day of November A.D. 1930, in the County of Grey, are required, on or before the 27th day of December, 1930, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Lucas, Henry & Lucas, Solicitors for the executors of the estate of the said deceased, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars, in writing of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

And take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons whose claim notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

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