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News and Information for the Busy Farmer

A special radio program of music, college songs, yells, etc. will be broadcast over Station CKGW, Toronto, from 9 to 10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30th, from the annual conversation at the Ontario Agricultural College. No doubt many alumni of the O.A.C. and Macdonald Institute will be interested if they tune in on this program.

In the opinion of Dr. E. S. Archibald, head of the Dominion Experimental Farms, the farmer can help himself out of present difficulties by increasing his yield of crop per acre, and in this respect good seed and fertilizer, together with more horsepower on cultivating and other machinery, should play a prominent part.

Coming Events

The following important agricultural meetings will be held at King Edward Hotel, Toronto, early in February:
Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers' Association annual meeting, Feb. 3.
Ontario Plowmen's Ass'n. annual meeting, Feb. 4th.
Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions annual convention, Feb. 5 and 6.
Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association annual meeting, Feb. 10; annual convention, Feb. 11.

This is Onion Week
The organized onion growers of Ontario are making splendid headway in their effort to market increased supplies of home-grown onions. Through the efforts of an appointed campaign manager a number of important organizations have inaugurated an "Onion Week," which commenced on January 25th. The press has lent valuable space to further the success of the campaign. Special literature dealing with the onion has been distributed by both the federal and provincial Departments of Agriculture; radio talks are being given on the same subject by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and by the Canadian National Railways radio chain. The United Hotels of Canada are putting special menus on for this week and are distributing special literature to their guests. While the immediate object of Onion Week is to reduce the large holdings of onions in the province, it should also have the happy result of demonstrating to our consumers the worth while value of the home-grown product. Canada imports one million dollars worth of onions yearly, while Ontario growers are able to produce a sufficient supply to meet all needs.

Careful Selection Needed
When male birds of good parentage are used for "mating purposes with hens of proven production on ability, there is bound to be an increase in egg production. In an experiment recently concluded, fifteen birds had an average production of 123.6 eggs per year each. When careful selection of strong males was systematically applied, the production jumped to an average of 253.5, an increase of over 100 per cent. in six years.

Movement of Seed Corn
The double-corn borer quarantine which for several years was placed on the seed corn producing counties of Ontario has now been lifted, so that it is now permissible to ship seed corn on the ear anywhere within the quarantine area which now takes in all of Old Ontario.

Farmers in the silo corn sections of Ontario will welcome this information because it will again insure them of a source of seed corn proven by experience to be of high germination and vigor.
Producers of seed corn will particularly appreciate the lifting of this regulation, because they have at present large quantities of excellent seed corn on hand and they now have an opportunity of distributing this material on the ear over the province.

It must be remembered, however, that although ear corn may move freely throughout Old Ontario the corn borer quarantine is still on and no movement of corn can take place from a quarantine area to a free area.

Corn borer regulations have during the past five years lessened to a very marked degree corn borer infestations in the corn-producing counties of Southwestern Ontario. The percentage of infested stalks in Essex has been reduced from 83 to 16.7 in Kent from 78 to 22, in Lambton from 34 to 7.4, in Middlesex from 28 to 9, in Elgin from 40 to 9, and in Norfolk from 16 to 5.

Prof. L. Caesar of the O.A.C., who is in charge of corn borer control methods, is well pleased with the results. He points out, however, that dry summers are very beneficial in corn borer control, while in wet seasons, with all control methods available, little more can be done than keep the borer from materially increasing in numbers.

To still further control corn borers Prof. Caesar is now recommending that a stationary cutting knife be attached to the corn binder so that cutting may take place at the sur-

face of the soil. This eliminates the danger of leaving large numbers of borers in the corn stubble and at the same time adds around 1500 pounds per acre more to the corn crop.

O.A.C. Short Courses

An interesting series of Short Courses has been arranged for the month of February at the Ontario Agricultural College. Lectures will be given by O.A.C. professors, officials of the Department of Agriculture, and outstanding Ontario authorities on the various subjects. The program follows: Short Course in Fruit Growing, Feb. 2nd to 7th; Short Course in Vegetable Gardening, Feb. 9th to 14th; Short Course in Landscape Gardening, Feb. 16th to 20th; Short Course in Floriculture, Feb. 23rd to 27th. These courses will be carried out under supervision of the O.A.C. Department of Horticulture and will provide much valuable information for those who desire to attend.

Roots in Cattle Rations

That silage alone for dairy cattle is not sufficient and roots should also be included in the regular rations Prof. J. C. Steckley of O.A.C. stated at the Experimental Union meeting. He was supported by W. J. Bell of the Kemptville Agricultural School, who pointed out that the cost of producing roots was not excessive, particularly where the ground had been thoroughly cultivated before sowing. In all the rations quoted for dairy cattle, Prof. Steckley urged feeding roots at the rate of two pounds daily for every hundred pounds of live weight of the animal, in addition to one pound of alfalfa or red clover hay and two pounds of silage. Where no silage was available, four pounds of roots should be fed, he said. In feeding beef cattle, roots also occupy a prominent place, the speaker advocating four pounds daily for every 100 pounds of animal's live weight. Both speakers claimed that it was impossible to get too much succulence and palatability in the cattle rations and in their opinion roots constituted one of the most important feeds in this respect.

Sow Thistle Experiments

To secure more definite information on the control of sow thistle, comparative work was done in 1930 by the O. A. C., the Department's Crops and Markets Branch, and W. D. Hislop, a farmer near Stratford. Part of Mr. Hislop's farm was very badly infested with sow thistle. Four plots of about two acres each were used and on these the effects of several methods of cultivation as well as of fertilizers were tried out. On two plots a crop of mixed grain was grown. One of them had been disced in September and plowed in October 1929, while the other had been plowed in July and cultivated in August 1929. A crop of mature grain was taken from each of the plots in 1930. The one plowed in July and cultivated in August had only about half as much sow thistle and yielded almost twice as much grain as the other. Four hundred lbs. per acre of 2-12-6 fertilizer was applied to half of each plot. On all plots there was a very large increase in yield where fertilizer was used, as well as a noticeable weakening and decrease in the number of sow thistle plants.

The O. A. College At Play

The Annual Conversation or Conversat will be held on Friday, Jan. 30th. It is the biggest event of the college season and students all over the world recall that event.

In order that all farm people may have an opportunity to share in the good time being enjoyed by Faculty, Students and Ex-Students the program of music, songs, yells, etc. will be broadcast over station CKGW from 9 till 10 p.m. on Friday evening, Jan. 30th. Every ex-college man will be delighted to "listen in" to this feature.

Several Grey County boys and girls are students at the O. A. C. at present. This broadcast will, therefore, be of real interest to many of our people.

Short Courses at Meaford

One of the best Short Courses ever held in Grey County will conclude this Friday night. There are 51 boys and 53 girls on the roll. In addition to this many older people who were not enrolled attended the lectures as convenience permitted. These were always welcome.

Special speakers include lecturers on—bees, poultry, veterinary science, horses, rural hydro extension, forestry, sheep, fertilizer, etc. At some of these lectures as many as 100 farmers and their sons were in attendance.

In the Ladies' Courses special lectures are given in Domestic Science and Home Nursing. The attendance at each of these classes varied from 40 to 60.

The sewing teacher gave instruction in plain sewing and dress making. Over 40 girls attending the Meaford Short Course made a house dress each.

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REGULATIONS

- Contest opens Monday, February 2nd, and ends Saturday, May 2nd, 1931.
- Contest open to any person or organization in Canada.
- Entry must be made and agreement signed by competitors at The Standard office in Markdale before commencing work.
- Subscriptions must be paid for in cash at the rate of \$2.00 per year in Canada.
- Each dollar handed in by competitors will count as 100 points and the five highest at the close of the contest will be awarded the prizes. In case of a tie the awards will be divided evenly between those so tied.
- Reports of the standing of the contestants each Saturday will be published in the next week's issue of The Standard.
- No contestant's name will appear in reports and no commissions will be paid until he or she has secured at least 2000 points.
- At the close of the contest awards will be paid to the five highest contestants at the rate of ten per cent. on the total of their individual collections during the whole of the contest.
[Example—If the highest amount collected by any one contestant were \$1600.00 the final award would be \$160.00 in addition to the weekly commissions already paid. The more collections made the greater the reward.]
- Subscriptions may be paid for any portion of a year or for any number of years, all at the rate of \$2.00 for 12 months in Canada.
- A special amounting to five per cent. of the contestant's total payments at the close of the contest on May 2nd will be awarded to the person who has handed in the subscription paid for the greatest period in advance.
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- Competent auditors will award the prizes and decide all disputes which may arise.

In order to encourage competitors to get away to a good start an extra five per cent. on his or her collections will be paid to the five highest on Saturday, Feb. 14th
Get in now and earn while you try for the big awards on May 2nd