

News and Information

for the Busy Farmer
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Hints for the Poultryman

In order to have pullets laying at their best in November and December, the months of high priced eggs, the following points should be observed according to the Dominion Poultry Husbandman:

See that the pullets have dry and bright quarters.

Have the houses clean and sanitary without draughts.

Give a well balanced ration and be sure to give enough.

Don't forget the green feed, preferably clover or alfalfa.

If you have milk give the pullets what they will take.

Keep the laying pullets or those that are near laying by themselves.

Give these every comfort and attention—they are the money makers.

Your treatment of the pullets now may mean profit or loss for the rest of the year.

Dispose of hens too old or pullets too young, it costs too much to feed them.

The time of scarcity is the time to arrange for your market for the whole year.

Plowing Match Results

For the second successive year, Alex. Black of Guelph won top honours at the four-day meeting of the Ontario Plowmen's Association recently held at Cornwall. Western Ontario took all the honours in the international championship, as John R. Hargreaves of Beachville placed second and Richard Jarvis of Milliken, third. All three were previous champions. Ontario contestants carried off major honours throughout the meet, which was featured by a record attendance of 55,000 spectators. Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, who was in attendance, expressed gratification at the pride in plowing taken by the contestants, especially among youngsters. Farmers, he said, were realizing that good plowing is most important in cultivation. The Intercounty competition open to one team of three plow boys from each county drew the greatest number of entrants, 16 teams. The Perth County team placed first in this class to take the Hon. J. A. Faulkner trophy.

Boys' Speaking Contests

An alteration has been made in the arrangements connected with the public speaking contest at the 1936 Royal Winter Fair open to boys who are members of boys' and girls' farm clubs under the Canadian Council of Boys' and Girls' Club Work. The event was arranged in keeping with the 1936 Royal Winter Fair's slogan "Youth in Agriculture," and at first it was planned to have at least one address delivered each evening in the arena of the Fair. It has now been decided that the public speaking contest will be conducted as a complete event on one certain evening during the first week of the Fair, all the addresses to be delivered and judged on that date in a suitable location in the Fair buildings. Notification of the exact date of the contest will be made in due course.

This public speaking contest is a distinct feature, apart from the usual projects of the boys' and girls' farm clubs, and consequently it has regulations of its own. The contestant must not be less than 13 years of age and must not have reached his 21st birthday on November 1, 1936. Also, no club member who has competed at the Royal Winter Fair in any contest conducted by the Canadian Council of Boys' and Girls' Work is eligible to compete. The number of contestants is limited to one speaker from each province. Each contestant will be given a suitably engraved medal, and a trophy, provided by the Royal Winter Fair, will be awarded to the winner of the contest.

Care in Baling Hay

Market hay producers in Eastern Canada hurt the reputation and saleability of their product in ex-

port markets through baling practices which are either careless or fail to recognize market preferences and prejudices. Proper baling, as well as quality, have influence on the saleability and price of hay in most markets, and when, as has frequently been the case in recent years, conditions of supply and demand have enabled buyers to pick and choose, this influence becomes doubly important.

Practically every buyer prefers bales of uniform size and weight, neatly tied and not too heavily pressed. Most United States markets available to Eastern Canada prefer bales weighing not over 125 to 130 pounds. Too frequently Canadian hay is heavily pressed into bales weighing upwards of 200 pounds, and often with angular, ragged ends through the use of bale ties of uneven lengths. This is usually done to save wire, but often reduces the market value much in excess of the saving. Such bales are heavy and awkward for one man to handle, as well as being unattractive in appearance. The very heavily pressed hay does not "shake out" so well as when more lightly pressed, and is more likely to spoil in warm storage, especially if any surface moisture from rain, snow or other source is present.

While market outlets are restrict-

ed as compared with earlier times, more careful attention to the baling and to the loading of cars with a uniform kind and quality of hay would assist in obtaining the broadest possible outlet for Canadian surpluses.

Injuries to Potatoes

A considerable amount of the annual investment in good seed, seed treatment, and spraying to reduce losses due to fungus diseases is lost to the farmers of Eastern Canada due to careless methods of digging and handling the potato crop.

Investigations have shown that immaturity of the stock, dirty tubers, and mechanical injuries occasioned by careless digging, picking, handling, grading, and storing are largely responsible for defective tubers, and that these may be reduced to a minimum by the application of simple precautionary measures. Potatoes intended for shipment or storage should be dug only when they are fully matured. To insure a minimum of mechanical defects, the digger should be run at a moderate speed and the point deep enough so that a sufficient layer of soil moves over the elevator to act as a cushion. After digging, the tubers should be left on the surface of the soil for one or two hours to allow their skins to hard-

en and to promote the drying and loosening of adhering soil. Pickers should be instructed to leave rotted tubers in the field and warned not to pitch potatoes into baskets or crates or empty baskets into barrels from any considerable height. The empty barrels should be tipped and the first few baskets of tubers carefully rolled into them. The same careful detail should be given to hauling the potatoes from the field. Rough handling, jamming and walking on the load should not be tolerated. Prior to storage, the warehouse or storage cellar should be thoroughly swept and then sprayed with a solution of copper sulphate. During the first few weeks of storage, the warehouse should be well aerated in order to carry off the excessive amount of water from the sweating tubers. The best temperature range for potato storage is between 36-40 degrees F. The application of the principles contained in this article will do much to insure a good storage product with a minimum of storage rots.

House of Refuge Services

Oct. 30—Rev. A. Mills.

Nov. 13—Rev. C. O. Pherrill.

Nov. 27—Rev. H. S. Warren.

Dec. 11—Rev. T. O. Miller.



1937 registration plates commemorate Coronation Year with crowns and white figures on red background. Each plate carries only one series letter.

To Save Ontario Motorists Time and Money

1937 MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 2nd

DUE to the advance in the new car purchasing season and the fact that increasingly large numbers of used cars and trucks are now purchased at this time of year, 1937 Motor Vehicle Permits and Operators' Licenses are being made available November 2nd.

1937 Permits available November 2nd save the purchaser of a new car or truck the expense of 1936 registration.

They save the purchaser of a used car or truck the fee for transferring the 1936 registration (1937 Permit can be procured without transfer fee).

This advance sale of 1937 Motor Vehicle Permits and Operators' Licenses is for your convenience. Take advantage of it. There are one hundred conveniently located issuing offices throughout the Province. You will receive quick, efficient service at the one nearest you.

D. B. L. Brewster
MINISTER OF HIGHWAYS
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

ORANGE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hazen of Owen Sound visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mathewson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Alcox and family of Markdale visited on Monday at the home of the former's brother.

Mr. Allan Love of the West Backline has been visiting with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Love.

Born—in the Markdale Hospital on October 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Miller, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Peacock spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. F. Brown.

Mrs. Clarence Stafford and Mr. Charlie Smith of Toronto have been visiting with Mr. Clarence Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. Stafford sr.

Mrs. Wesley Smith and children of Rock Mills spent a day recently with Mrs. Delbert Alcox and Velma.

Miss Margaret Davidson is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Alcox.

Mr. Hogg of Chatsworth is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Littlejohns.

Miss Gladys McFadden is visiting at Holstein.

Miss Almeda Lee of Riverdale is working for Mrs. Alex. Miller.

SHOP IN MARKDALE.