

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

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Expect Record Throng at Plowing Match

More than 100,000 Canadian and United States' agriculturists and their families and friends are expected to visit the 25th annual International Plowing Match and Farm Machinery Demonstration to be held at Fergus, Ont., from Oct. 12 to 15, it is announced by J. A. Carrol, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, under whose auspices the famous match is held each year, following a meeting of the committee in charge of arrangements for the huge event.

It is also announced that, due to the tremendous enthusiasm of the local committee at Fergus, and because of the steadily increasing interest exhibited each year by plowmen-competitors and spectators, the prize list this year will total nearly \$5,000, considerably in excess of previous years' purses.

Care of Chicks and Layers

Males that are being saved for breeding purposes should not be allowed just to shift for themselves. It is best to keep these young males in a yard or on a range by themselves where they do not come in contact with the pullets and bother them. In order to reduce fighting to the minimum among these young males, it is a good plan to keep some of the older males with those that are being held over from last season's breeding pens. These old males will act more or less as policemen among these youngsters and will be a big help in preventing fighting. It is a good plan, on cockerel ranges, to have several roosts about 3 ft. high as refuges for males that are chased by other males from time to time. A growing mash should be kept before these birds all the time, as it is kept before the pullets, and they should be fed regularly each day on a grain ration to help them develop sufficient body weight. Fresh water and green food are also as desirable for them as for the growing pullets.

To Avoid Bloating

Bloating is an ever present danger with dairy cows on pasture, particularly where the legume is alfalfa. Means for lessening this danger, advised by animal husbandry experts, include: Never turn a cow out on alfalfa pasture on an empty stomach; give a small feed of dry hay before turning out; have a supply of water available in or near the pasture at all times; don't turn the cows out onto a freshly irrigated pasture, or a pasture reeking wet from rain, heavy dew or coated with frost. Much of the danger may also be avoided by mixing grass with alfalfa in seeding down the pastures. The cows prefer grass to legumes such as alfalfa or sweet clover and will take the edge off their appetites before feeding on these.

Controlling Slugs

Garden slugs are always most abundant in wet seasons or in moist situations. They emerge at night, hiding during the day beneath the soil, and they feed chiefly on the under-surfaces of the leaves of beans, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and such like plants. They rasp off the epidermis of the leaves and where the infestation is heavy severe injury is occasioned. Like all other pests, these animals can be more easily controlled if remedial measures are applied when they are small and few in number. Accordingly, the amateur gardener and the commercial growers whose crops are being attacked should give the matter immediate attention.

In Eastern Canada, the slugs are controlled by dusting the infested plants with hydrated lime in the evening after the sun has gone down and the feeding commenced. Care should be taken to cover the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves and the soil immediately surrounding the plants. Hydrated lime is effective only when in the form of a light dry powder. If it becomes hard when subjected to moisture, it is non-injurious to the slugs. Consequently a few light applications of the lime at intervals of three or four days is much more effective than one heavy dose. Another method recommended is to spray the plants with Bordeaux mixture.

Current Crop Reports

The yield per acre of alfalfa hay clover, will range from normal to above normal in Central and South-western Ontario. In Eastern Ontario the per acre yield will be below normal and in Northern Ontario considerably below. Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing and Temiskaming report the yield 50% below average due to winter killing and heavy losses of new seedlings during the past two summers. As a result the total production of hay and clover is expected to be somewhat below normal. Cutting of hay and clover generally ranged from five to ten days later than first cuttings of alfalfa. Wet weather interfered greatly with haying operations in parts of Southern Ontario. The acreage of new seedlings has made excellent growth in Old Ontario, but only fair to rather unsatisfactory development in Northern Ontario due to dry weather.

The condition of pasture throughout Ontario was reported at a condition figure of 103 on the 1st

of July, as compared with 92 a month earlier and 94 on July 1st, 1936. In Northern and Eastern Ontario the condition figure was 103, in Western Ontario 104 and in Southern Ontario 100. Livestock have made good gains, with milk low at a high level. The production of cheese in Ontario increased from 15,881,728 pounds in June 1936 to 17,558,672 pounds in June of this year, although butter production showed a small decline. The early crop of potatoes in Southern Ontario presented a healthy appearance with vigorous, well-developed plants and satisfactory yields. The second early crop shows plenty of top growth and has a good set. The late crop is coming on well in most parts of the province.

KIMBERLEY

Miss Leota Gilbert and Master Mervyn returned Saturday after a month's visit with friends in Toronto.

Recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grieve were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wiley and daughters of Markdale, and Mr. Harold Thompson of Vandeleur.

A large crowd attended the Sunday School picnic at Harrison's Park, Owen Sound, on Friday. All report a good time.

Mrs. McLaughlin and family of Toronto are holidaying at Mr. Leslie McMullen's.

Keep an open-date for our supper and play in the Community Hall on Monday, Aug. 2nd.

Miss Plewes of Collingwood is visiting with Miss Elsie Graham and Miss Betty Baker of Heathcote with her grandmother, Mrs. Ferguson.

Mr. E. Morwood has returned from a week's trip at Larder Lake.

Mr. Wm. Grieve spent Sunday in Orangeville.

Professional Softball

Rogers Blue Coal Team featuring Charlie Conacher and his hockey pals vs. Geo. Hainsworth's Carling-Kuntz Club at Mount Forest Old Boys' on Civic Holiday, 2.00 p.m.



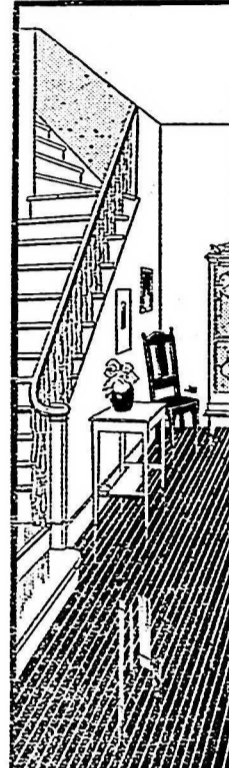
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