

FARM NEWS

Hog Producers Consider Purchase of Packing Plant

In many sections of Western Ontario meetings have been held recently with a view to promoting the purchase by producers of a well known—Hamilton—packing plant. Much might be said on both sides of the question. An editorial in a recent issue of the Farmer's Advocate briefly presents a viewpoint which may be of interest. The editorial in question is as follows:

"Asking for Trouble"
Ownership and operation of a packing plant by farmers in the Province of Ontario has been approved by some groups of hog producers and rejected by others. Press reports announce a majority decision to proceed with the project.

While appreciating the fact that hog marketing in Ontario is far from a perfect system, this journal entertains no enthusiasm whatever regarding the proposed co-operative plant that would launch farmers into a highly competitive enterprise at a time when well-managed, long established packing plants of moderate proportions are experiencing difficult times.

A farmer-owned and operated plant would start out now with at least two strikes against it. With little or no export all products must be sold in the domestic market where the big packers have everything pretty much their own way; and the by-products would have to be processed at less profit to the packers already equipped to handle them most efficiently.

That is the position some good packing plants in the minor league are already in. Moreover, they are forced, at times, to sell surplus products to the big packers in order to dispose of what they cannot sell to their own regular customers.

The packer plants that slaughter and process all kinds of meat animals and carry a full line of produce enjoy a distinct advantage against which the smaller plants find it very hard to contend.

Moreover, in the big league there is severe competition—at times ruthless—and smaller packers, though innocent, are likely to be caught in the squeeze."

Holstein Breeders Plan Twilight Meeting

The third annual twilight meeting of the Halton Holstein Breeders is scheduled for Hays' Sales Arena near Trafalgar, next week states A. G. Hunter, President of the Halton association. This popular annual event will, we understand, be a combined get-together for members of the Halton dairy club and all Halton black and white enthusiasts. An invitation is extended to all interested in dairy cattle.

Prof. Geo. Rathby, Associate Head of the Department of Animal Husbandry at the O.A.C., is to be the main speaker. His subject will be a most timely one centering around recent developments in hay making. In recent years there has been a strong trend towards "grass silage" in many sections—there are also many advocates for barn hay driers. Both methods involve expenditures for additional equip-

ment and as we see the picture the method most suitable to one farmer is not necessarily the method which would be satisfactory to another farmer under a different set of conditions. For this reason Prof. Rathby's remarks should be of interest and value to all dairymen. The program will also include demonstrations and competitions in "Selective registration and judging."

BOOSTS BACON OUTPUT

Pressing for an extension of existing bacon factory facilities, the National Farmers' Union reports that the supply of pigs for slaughter will probably reach existing factory capacity in the United Kingdom by the end of 1951, total pig numbers having increased during the last 12 months to reach 2.5 million, according to latest census figures released in September 1950.

New Features In "Better Living"

Dominion Stores now offer their customers a brand-new magazine, especially edited for busy homemakers. Its name is Better Living and its goal is to help women do just that.

In a recent issue there are special features on child care, fashions for married women and their teenagers, needlecraft articles, one with a novel suggestion for making glamorous tablecloths out of remnants, home decorations, home repairs, how to get the most out of the vacation dollar and family insurance plans.

Under the guidance of Christine Holbrook, Editor-in-Chief, Better Living also contains scores of time-and-money saving ideas to help housewives faced with spiraling costs of living, get more out of their budget.

All in all, there are about forty features designed to make house-keeping today more exciting without extravagance.

HALTON HOLSTEIN HAS 135,000 LB. RECORD OTHERS ABOVE 700 LBS. FAT

Halton County Holsteins have been making big R.O.P. records. One of them is an eleven lactation lifetime record of 135,000 lbs. milk while three others have better than 700 lbs. fat.

Kensland Ormsby, Ideal named by Methuen Dearing, Palmerston, Ont., made her eleven lactation record of 135,830 lbs. milk containing 4864 lbs. fat, average test 3.80 percent butterfat on twice-a-day milking. She started on test as a junior, two-year-old and made her latest record as a fourteen year old giving 374 lbs. fat from 15035 lbs. milk. In six of her lactations she qualified for the 305 day division. Her owner will receive a Blue Seal Certificate of Longtime Production from the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada in recognition of her lifetime total. She is a daughter of King Sylvia Ormsby Diche who was Reserve All-American Junior Yearling bull in 1928.

Shady View Lauretta owned by Max Greenberg, Freeman, has finished her six-year old record with 17,675 lbs. milk containing 768 lbs. fat, average test 4.35 percent butterfat in 365 days on twice-a-day milking.

Morley Watson, Freeman, is the owner of Sylvia DePride whose latest yearly record made as a seven-year-old on twice-a-day milking of 20314 lbs. milk containing 743 lbs. fat, average test 3.66 percent butterfat gives her a six lactation twice-a-day milking lifetime total of 101,835 lbs. milk containing 3816 lbs. fat, average test 3.75 percent butterfat. She thus qualifies for a Red Seal Certificate of Longtime Production. In five of her lactations Sylvia DePride produced better than 600 lbs. fat and in her yearly test made as a six year old she gave 22,031 lbs. milk containing 837 lbs. fat.

TARGET FOR 1954

Standing at a hotel desk in a college town last fall, I heard a young lady say to the room clerk:

"I'd like to make reservations for June 1954 for Commencement week-end—one room for my parents and one for my fiancé. Of course," she confided in a lower voice, "I haven't a fiancé yet, but I expect to have by then." — From "Life's Like That" in the Reader's Digest.

The temperature of the human body was formerly used as the base point for thermometers.

LIMEHOUSE Four Win Prizes At Cooking School

A number of local women took advantage of the Maple Leaf Milling Co. Frigidaire Cooking school that was held in Georgetown by the F.O.B.E.—last week. Congratulations to Mrs. Wm. Norton who won the mixermaster donated by McLure's Home Furnishings, to Mrs. Jas. Ross, prize for oldest lady present; to Mrs. Jno. Glynn, a large bouquet and Mrs. E. Sanford, a bag of provisions—all notable.

Congratulations to Dayle May and Anna Marie Spitzer, students at Acton High School, who won Junior and Intermediate championships in their respective classes in the annual field day.

A group of W.A. ladies catered for the garage men's bowling club banquet in the hall last Thursday night.

Mrs. Harry McDonald motored to Perry Sound with relatives during the week-end.

Gloria Jones celebrated her fourth birthday with a party at her home on Friday. Guests included Joy Patterson, Gloria Latimer, Tommy Sutton, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Barbara Currie, Linda and Heather Clarke, Eleanor and Edgar

Karr, Harry and Bruce Lewis, and her sister Dixie Jones.

Mrs. Calvin Van Zant (formerly Lois Orr) was guest of honour when seven girl friends surprised her with a birthday party at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Noble on Monday evening. Those present included Lorna Holt, Jean Harley, Betty Dickman, Wynita Doyle, Dhyllas Schumann, Minnie James and Anna Conley.

Recent visitors include: Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Hagg and Diana and Mrs. S. A. Jones of Woodbridge with the Chas. Jones, Mr. W. L. Newton of Barrie with his mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lockow of Ebeover with the Chas. Meredith, Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs. E. Houls of Midland with Mrs. Elberly.

Mrs. John H. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Brown, Billie and Galt of Erinole, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell, Douglas and Donnie of Lawville with the Shelbourne's.

Among those attending the recent W.I. conference at O.A.C., at Guelph were Mesdames Smithurst, W. Mitchell, S. Kirkpatrick, J. Elberly and Miss Charlotte McCullough.

Law Construction have again started operations in the pit on Mr. Rae Scott's farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Glynn have made a beginning on their new

house on the sixth line, having had the excavation for the basement done last week.

Attrey Currie had a narrow escape on Tuesday evening when the stove cleaner she was using caught fire burning her hands and face painfully.

Edgar Allan Poe is generally regarded as the originator of the modern detective story.

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Our people and our factories have been made busier by the needs of the growing oil industry. There are new jobs and new businesses. Many millions of dollars once spent for foreign oil now stay at home—or are available for other purposes. And of special importance, our supply of oil is being made more certain, less dependent on sources beyond our borders.

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