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**FARM NEWS**

**Newcastle's Disease Discovered in Halton**

An outbreak of Newcastle Disease in two of Halton's largest poultry flocks was discovered a few weeks ago. This is a highly infectious disease of poultry which derives its name from the city of Newcastle, England, where the disease was first identified. Since that time the disease has been found in many parts of the world, and in some areas has been accompanied by a mortality of 90 per cent or over. At the present time Newcastle disease is stated to exist in every state in the Union. Being an infectious disease it comes in Contagious Diseases Act, administered by the Health of Animals Branch of the Canada Dept. of Agriculture. It is our understanding that since the recent outbreak in Ontario sixteen flocks in Ontario have been quarantined. Once the disease is confirmed prompt action is taken to have all birds on the premises destroyed and premises placed under quarantine and the cleansing and disinfection of the premises are promptly dealt with. When poultry are destroyed for Newcastle Disease the owner is compensated. In case of the two Halton flocks where the outbreak occurred, the chicks had been purchased from a Stratford hatchery. Needless to say the authorities of the Health of Animals Branch immediately dealt with the hatchery in question. Prior to the history of trouble in the Stratford hatchery, Ontario was free from Newcastle disease and had been for several months, according to Dr. W. Moynihan of the Health of Animals Branch.

**Symptoms in Young Chicks**

- (1) Respiratory Symptoms — Sneezing, coughing, and gasping will be noted.
- (2) Nervous Symptoms — Usually the nervous symptoms involve a small percentage of the flock and sometimes are not present. Twisting and bending of the head and neck, either down between the legs, over the back or to one side may be noted. The chicks may walk in circles or backwards. Partial leg weakness may be present.
- (3) The appetite may or may not be impaired.
- (4) Mortality may range from twenty to ninety percent.

**Symptoms in Adult Laying Flock**

(1) A sudden outbreak of coughing, rattling and gasping and rapid spread throughout the flock are typical symptoms. This may last

from one to two weeks.

(2) Acute drop in egg production with numerous floor eggs with soft shells or no shells at all. Mortality in adult birds is negligible.

(3) Feed and water consumption drops sharply.

(4) Three to six weeks after the respiratory symptoms the birds are usually approaching normal egg production.

Flock owners who are having losses in poultry irrespective as to what he or she may consider the cause would be well advised to notify the Health of Animals branch at 366 Keele Street, Toronto.

**Legion Notes**

THE ESSAY contest for the High School students is over, with some very good essays. As stated in last week's paper, Irene Nelle won the first prize of \$15.00 and second prize was won by Aileen Kerr. The two young ladies both chose as their subject "Canadian Unity." Branch 120 congratulates them both on their excellent effort. The judge was local druggist E. V. MacCormack, who, along with Mrs. P. W. Cleave is handling the judging jobs for the two local schools. This is a difficult job, and the Legion appreciates the time and effort they are putting into it.

THE ZONE PICNIC is to be held in Streetsville Memorial Park on Sunday, June 24th. There will be buses provided, leaving the Legion Hall at 1:00 p.m. There will be a short church service (open air), followed by the program of sports for children, and grown ups. A ball game with our own team participating, a tug-of-war team, made up of nine of our "biggest", coached by Jack Kerr, an old tug of war enthusiast. We believe the whole ball team are going along as well, and this should be a fine trip. Tea, coffee and milk for the kiddies will be provided, with each family supplying their own "eats". So be sure to get your name down on the blackboard, with the number of your family going. The buses are provided by the Branch but we must have some idea of how many we need.

THE BALL TEAM still marches on their winning way. How about getting out and supporting the boys? With Scotty cracking the old whip, the boys figure they're certain to win the league championship.

THE LADIES OF the Auxiliary entertained members of the Guelph W.A. last Tuesday night at the Legion Hall. There was a good attendance and everyone reports a good time.

WE HAVE BEEN asked by the Provincial Command to try and establish proof of residence for a Mr. JOHN COOKSON, who is supposed to have lived in Georgetown around 1911, and later to have served in the N.P.A.M. regiment locally. This man is now eighty-one years of age, and totally blind, and to establish his pension rights it has to be proven that he was domiciled in Canada before 1914. So readers can see that the case is urgent and anyone who knows anything about the man, or can think of anyone who does, please contact the president, Les Clark as soon as possible. Comrades, pass this on to as many of the older people in the community as possible, that's where the greatest possibility of finding anything out lies. This is urgent, the man's an ex-soldier and needs help, so let's see he gets it!

The adjutant of the Lorne Scots, Major Charlie Guy, well-known to many local members, is cooperating by searching old unit records, but as this is a 40-year-old case, it is difficult to hope for too much in that respect.

THANKS ONCE more, from the officers of the Branch for the wonderful turn-out made on parade and at the cemetery on Decoration Day. The ceremony went off without a hitch, (other than the loudspeaking system fading out for a while) and there was a good crowd at the cemetery. This annual event was well attended by not only the organizations of the town but by the members of the Branch.

(ADVT.) WANTED... Engagements for three outstanding musicians, very versatile, can play (or sing) hymns, Last Post, Reveille, or what have you. Always available on very short notice — apply John T. Armstrong, Charlie Willson, and Reg Ryall. In all seriousness, boys we really appreciate your effort in turning out for the Branch, both at the Cenotaph and at the Cemetery. And the music provided was excellent in leading in the hymns. And it's no easy job in the heat of a day like last Sunday. Jack, Reg and Charlie have always gladly stepped into the breach and we appreciate it.

The Lorne Scots Pipe Band and also the local company with some from the various other town were on hand to give the parade that added "military" touch.

TUG OF WAR team is to have

**FARM NEWS**

**Maple Holstein Boosts World's Butterfat Record**

Every calling has its magic mark — in running it's the four minute mile — in flying it's the speed of sound — in the dairy world it's a cow capable of producing 1000 lbs. butterfat in 305 days on twice-a-day milking. The efforts of the best dairy cows of the world have all fallen short of this mark by more than 10 lbs. until now, when a purebred Holstein owned by J. W. Greenwood, of Maple, Ontario, has boosted the previous world record of 896 lbs. to 1,011 lbs. fat. Starting on test as a seven year old she produced 20,157 lbs. milk containing 1011 lbs. fat, average test 5.02 percent butterfat on official Record of Performance test. Continued on test for 327 days she gave 1,041 lbs. fat from 20716 lbs. milk.

Officially named Roeland Cherry Re-Echo Rag Apple but known as "Cherry" the new champion is no stranger to fame for she and her three paternal sisters in the Greenwood herd have in the past few years broken five World Records for production and have made no less than twelve Superior Production records, that is records that rate within the top five ever made in Canada in their class. "Cherry" made four of their superior production records, her full sister "Jane" two and her paternal sisters Lilly and Daisy three each. All are sired by Kenevelyn Rag Apple Supreme and Lilly and Daisy are also full sisters.

Just last fall Lilly established a World Record for fat of 1055 lbs. in the senior four-year-old class of the 365 day division but missed calving by several days within the 400 day limit from the start of her record which is required for the 305 day division. "Cherry" narrowly missed the same fate as she failed to qualify her championship record in exactly 400 days. The former World Champion for fat in the 305 day division on twice-a-day milking was the U.S. Jersey Observer Actress Othello with 896 lbs. fat. The deposed Canadian Champion is the Holstein Rath Holme Rag Apple De-Vries who made her record of 876 lbs. in the herd of Archie Rath, Mossley, Ont. two weeks ago.

"Cherry" has a total for her first five lactations, all on twice-a-day milking, of 90,230 lbs. milk, 4175 lbs. fat, average test 4.61 percent butterfat, two of these lactations being in the 305 day division. This is an average of 831 lbs. fat per lactation. As a junior two-year-old she produced in 365 days 656 lbs. fat from 15356 lbs. milk; as a junior three-year-old she gave in 305 days 778 lbs. fat from 16559 lbs. milk which record stands second in Canada; as a senior four-year-old she made a World Championship mark of 821 lbs. fat from 17456 lbs. milk which record is now held by her maternal sister Roeland Rag Apple Daisy with 841 lbs. fat from 18727 lbs. milk; this was followed by a five-year-old yearly record of 881 lbs. fat from 20154 lbs. milk. Her current championship record came next and she is again away on test although somewhat bothered by acetone.

Of the famous four sisters, two of them "Cherry" and "Lilly" have been classified "Excellent" the highest attainable rating for type and "Daisy" has been classified "Very Good" while "Jane" is "Good Plus."

**FARM NEWS**

**Management Field Day "First" for Halton**

The first farm management field day to be held in Canada was recently staged in Halton County. This venture was an outcome of the Farm Business Course held in connection with the Milton Night School last winter, which was attended by some thirty five farm operators. Dr. H. L. Patterson of the Farm Economics Branch of the Ont. Department of Agriculture was in charge. The Field Day included a visit to the farms of Cedric Harrop, David Lawson, Fred Nurse, of Esqueving Township, and Hugh Beatty of Trafalgar Twp. Those in attendance were highly delighted with the constructive discussion ably led by Dr. Patterson.

a practice pull tonight in the park for the Zone picnic on Sunday. On Thursday night (tomorrow) they are having another pull against the Firemen.

THE HEARTFELT sympathy of the members goes out to the next-of-kin and relatives of Flt. Lt. Gordon MacDonald, killed in a flying accident in England. He was member of the Branch until joining the RAF four years ago.

THE DART Tournament is over, with Jim Bell being "champ" and Jim Coffell runner up.

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