

Norval Family Experiment Swiss Saanen Goat Breeding

Rosegate Herd Have Won Many Awards

by Gary Smith
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First of all, let's knock one widely-held belief on the head and put it in the trash can where it belongs. Goats, or at least well cared for goats, do not smell.

Some remarkable powers to goats' milk. Some of her customers say they buy it because cows' milk doesn't agree with them. Still others report that it gives them relief from such conditions as eczema, arthritis, ulcers, hay fever and various nervous conditions.

There appears to be no sound medical evidence why this should be so. But at the same time, goats' milk is undoubtedly different from cows' milk, and Mrs. Alexander points out that one chemist told her there

stands. Once took two hours of back-breaking work. The tidy Rosegate farmhouse boasts two bulk coolers, one for cows' milk and one for goats' milk. In the Alexander home there's a deep freeze, electric range and refrigerator, in addition to numerous other electrical appliances.

A recent innovation is the 17-hp standby generator, which still hasn't been used, but which Mac Alexander points out is there and available in the rare event Rosegate Farm does experience a power shortage.

Growing Work
Use of such modern electrical farm appliances means Mr. Alexander, Bill and Ernie have time to help Mrs. Alexander



ROSEGATE HERDS always do well at local fairs and exhibitions. Mrs. Alexander displays the ribbons which prove the point.

Swiss Saanens, is a mid-sized creature with a mischievous expression and an ever-whisking curiosity. During winter months when she's penned inside with her sisters, her favorite pastime seems to be the occasional butting contest she'll hold with a friend.

Two animals will eye each other quietly. Then, as if at a signal, both will spring up daintily and bash heads in what appears to be some sort of affectionate dumb show.

"It makes your head ache to watch 'em," comments Freddie, 14-year-old Bill.

Bill, who appears to be a sort of second in command to his mother, so far as the Rosegate

goats are concerned, is currently training two weathers to pull a cart. The result this summer was as handsome a pair of steeds as were ever hitched to a chariot.

Among Largest in Canada
Records show that there are some 2,000 registered Saanen stock in Canada. Mrs. Alexander has her Rosegate Saanen herd ranks among the largest.

And it's likely to get larger before it gets smaller. Demand for goats' milk is growing, and the Alexanders already owners of a fine herd plan on being ready to help take care of this growing new Canadian market for commodity as old as the hills.

larger auditorium. In fact, we are pleasantly surprised at the favorable comment and number who phoned or dropped in to talk about it.

And now for a major bit of advertising. We just became a minor stockholder in a bright new company, the A & C Bakery, operating locally, selling at the moment, Christmas cakes. You want Christmas cake? We have 'em, just phone or see us. How'd we get in the business? No point in saying, you'd never believe it.

The New Year's party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31st. New Year's Eve and the place will no doubt be jammed to the doors. And for our money, it's the best party held any where.

REPUBLIC WITHOUT RAILWAY
In its fascinating description of Ireland, the Book of Knowledge, says that it has three domestic airlines and is an important centre for several international air routes, but the island has no railways.



JUST PLAIN 'KIDS', these are Swiss Saanen goats. Pure white in color, they have no horns. Their natural inquisitiveness is shown here as they peck over the side of the pan.

Swiss Saanen goats, which occupy an important place in the affections of the Alexander family of Rosegate Farm near Norval, Ont., are as well behaved a herd of animals as you'd ever want to meet.

To Mrs. Louise Alexander, active mistress of Rosegate Farm, the herd represents a pleasant sideline to her main job of running the pleasant Rosegate Farm home. It means also, an increasingly important source of income for the family.

From Distance
A large quantity of the highly white, highly alkaline, milk is dispensed daily at the farm to regular customers who come

could be some undiscovered property in the milk, which it appears to have in some cases.

Started in 1953
The Alexanders' experience with goats dates back to 1953, when Mr. Alexander and his two sons, Bill and Ernie, presented Mrs. Alexander with a milk goat. "I guess they'd just heard me say it would be nice to have a goat on the farm," she recalls.

Tall, spare Mac Alexander says he had no idea at the time what the outcome of this fourth-day gift would be. A man who knows dairy cattle like the back of his hand, Mr. Alexander owns one of the finest herds of Jersey cattle in Central On-

with her white Saanens. And that is a job which is constantly growing in terms of its economic importance to Rosegate Farm.

The well bred Swiss Saanen is a handsome creature indeed. A full-grown female generally weighs 140 to 200 lbs. and is pure white in color. Horns are an hereditary feature, but the Alexanders make certain that no goat in their herd will have horns by "treating" the kids shortly after birth.

A good dam will give an imposing quantity of milk. Mrs. Alexander says a goat will yield about 10 lbs. or a gallon of milk a day. Some do even better.

Her prize dam is Rosegate Jorina, an animal which, in the past year, took first prize at the Royal Winter Fair, and first prize and grand champion ribbon at the CNE.

Many Prizes
The Alexander living room is replete with silverware, ribbons and other tokens of the quality and prowess of both their Jerseys and their Saanen goats.

Rosegate Jorina, like other



YOUNG BILL ALEXANDER gets an affectionate bussing from one of the latest crop of 'kids' at Rosegate Farm, Norval, from all over the greater Toronto area to buy.

Says Mrs. Alexander: "I've had people from as far away as Texas come out here for milk. I suppose they've been visiting locally, and heard about the farm and the fact we keep goats."

What's the attraction? Mrs. Alexander attributes

He and his two teenage sons operate the 250-acre Rosegate Farm themselves. Besides the big Jersey herd, they market a large number of hogs each year.

Electricity gets good use on Rosegate Farm. One noteworthy item is the electrically-operated stable cleaner which does in 10 minutes, according to Mac Al-

LEGION NOTES

by Leslie Clark
Merle Reid, (the field marshal, to you) asks us to remind you all of the shooting Monday nights at the armours.

Also besides the shooting, he is always ready and willing to give lectures on troop movements or manoeuvres. Any aspiring career officers, please note. Particularly of the rank of colonel or above.

We are asked to remind all and sundry of the Christmas Tree for the kiddies next Monday night. Let's see the usual group of happy faces there.

The hospital draw goes on monthly and the fund is adding something each week. A bit of luck and it should be paid off in another year.

We had quite a few comments on last week's remarks about a

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Kin Businessmen Give Auction Items

The Kinmenes met Monday night in the Banquet Room of the Delrex Restaurant, where they welcomed a new member to their club, but so stranger to "Kinmanism." He is Bob Fitzgerald manager of Beaver Lumber Co., who was president of the Port Credit Kinmenes Club before being transferred here.

Auctioneering was the order of the night. Each member brought an article from his place of business and put it up for auction. While still in the auctioneering mood, a "Chinese" auction was held, where each member bids 25c more than the last bidder. No matter how high the final price climbs, the winner, who is picked by a hidden number, pays only a quarter.

Later, films of the Grey Cup Game played in Vancouver last month were shown.

The Kinmenes Christmas project, the sale of Christmas Trees, was discussed, with each member being assigned a duty. The stand is at the Finns Service Station on the Highway.

Kinettes Entertain At Christmas Party

The Kinmenes Children's Party was held in the Delrex Hotel opposite the Office Building on Sunday, December 11th. A large and excited crowd of children received gifts from Santa Claus Jack Mackenzie, as

hosted by sporting clowns Paul Barker and Sam Maltzer. The whole project including delicious refreshments was undertaken by the female members of the Club, the Kinettes.

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WALTER GRAY