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## NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

### Royal Fair Opens

This week marks the opening of the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto, and everything points to the most interesting exhibition of agricultural produce and live stock in the Fair's history, this in spite of conditions in many parts of Ontario which tended to retard a number of crops during the past season. Coming at this season of the year, representative farmers in large numbers from all parts of the province are expected to attend. The visit of the "Royal 500" Party of farm boys and a similar party of farm girls will be a feature of the occasion. The fair continues from Nov. 19th to 27th.

### Should Clean Out Cistern

During the warmer months of the year cistern water has a tendency to become foul, disagreeable and unhealthful. Various insects and the washings from roofs of houses, especially where birds are numerous, conspire to pollute cistern water. With the coming of the rainy season farmers will find it valuable to give the cistern a thorough cleansing in preparation for refilling with fall rains. Filters also should be taken apart or reconstructed, according to the type in use. The cistern should be closed in so that surface water, insects and small animals cannot get in. Purity of water in cisterns is a primary consideration.

### Tribute to Women's Institutes

"No money expended is expended so wisely or does so much work as the money expended on the Women's Institutes," declared a guest-speaker at the recent 16th annual convention. Paying tribute to the work done by the Institutes, he expressed the belief that the government grant should be increased. He added that he hoped some money would be spent on beautifying farm lands, emphasizing the important place taken by flowers, fruit trees and plain ordinary paint in making a farm into a home. He also expressed the wish that every rural home might enjoy the privilege of hydro.

### Weekly Crop Report

Reports from various sections of Ontario indicate that field work is only fairly well advanced. Owing to the very dry weather in the east and the rather heavy frosts in the west, plowing has been retarded. Fall wheat is entering the winter in good condition, especially the fields that received sufficient moisture to develop good top. There is a continued demand for good stocker cattle, small pigs and sows, as farmers prefer to market their grain through live stock rather than put it on the market at present prices.

### Winter Feed Situation

There will be many barns without the usual supply of feed this coming winter. In the drought areas the cows are on full winter rations. The amount of feed that will be available for winter feeding is being reduced by just this much. One suggestion to meet the situation is that some herd culling will be in order. In most herds of ten or twelve cows there are two to four cows that are definitely known to be lower producers than their stable mates. If these were to be sold it would reduce the consumption of feed from 20 to 40 per cent, while the reduction in production would be only from 10 to 20 per cent. Another angle to the culling suggested is that the marketing of a lot of culls to the butcher would tend to reduce the surplus of dairy products that is exerting such a depressing effect on the market.

### Clean up the Hen House

Every hen house should be cleaned before putting in the pullet crop. A good thorough cleaning consists of removing the litter and all poultry house fixtures, such as mash hoppers, drinking fountains and the like, then flushing the walls, ceilings, dropping boards and floor, scraping loose any dirt that may have a tendency to stick. After the house has been thoroughly cleaned it is ready for a coat of whitewash. This will improve the appearance of your hen house, make it much lighter for the birds and at the same time help to kill parasites and disease germs. A common practice is to add a pint of disinfectant to a gallon of whitewash. Clean, comfortable quarters for the pullets go a long way toward increased production during the winter months.

### Will Buy Poultry on Grade

As a result of a conference of leading wholesale buyers and representatives of the Federal and Provincial Governments, an agreement has been reached on the part of the buyers to recognize Government grades.

The agreement marks one of the most important developments in the poultry industry in many years. Just what this announcement means to the farmers of Canada is indicated by the fact that through the simple process of crate-feeding and properly finishing poultry for market, from 50 to 75 cents in market value may be added to the individual bird. A minimum differential of 3c per pound premium for all grades in the milk-fed class over the corresponding grades in the class selected is guaranteed by the buyers, and supplementing this will be definite and substantial price differentials between grades within classes, the differentials increasing substantially with each decrease in grade. A significant feature of the situation is that for the first time on a province-wide basis the premium which the consumer readily pays for quality in poultry, is passed along to the original producer.

Feeding experts tell us that it costs less to put the last pound on a mature market bird than it does to raise the bird to maturity. It costs from 7c to 8c per pound to raise the bird to maturity, and from 3c to 6c per pound to crate feed and finish.

It is further stated that the average range bird may be expected without finishing to grade "Selected B" while being crate-fed and finished, not only is it possible to increase weight approximately one pound, but what is more important, to raise the market grade to "Milk-fed B" or "Milk fed A." At current prices this means an added value per bird of around 75c.

This whole situation means that a premium will be paid for the better quality bird, and that there will be very little market demand for small, thin and poorly finished birds. Therefore it behooves the poultry-raiser to make a special effort this year to crate feed, properly finish and properly kill all birds for market.

## HEALTH SERVICE OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### THE TODDLER DISCOVERED

It is generally known that the school child should receive regular health supervision in order that he may get the most out of his school years, and start out into adult life with a sound body. Throughout the civilized world, we find doctors, nurses and dentists working in the schools to safeguard the health of the school children.

It is generally understood also that the well baby should be supervised by the doctor in order that the mother may be advised as to the care her baby requires, so that she may protect her infant from disease, keep him well and see to his proper development. Each year an increasing number of mothers take their well babies to their doctor for health supervision. They do this because they have learned that by following the advice they receive, their babies are kept well. In many places, well-baby conferences are held for the purpose of giving health supervision.

As a result of this preventive work which has been done for infants and school-children, there has been among them a great reduction in disease, and a marked improvement in their health. The results have been so satisfactory that such work is extending, and in some places, the health supervision which is being given reaches practically every infant and school child.

Until a short time ago, the young child, between infancy and school age, was thought not to require any particular care. It is only recently that the toddler, or pre-school child, has been, as it were, discovered to require health supervision. The child, from one to six, is passing through years where growth and development are rapid. He requires proper care if he is to develop properly. He needs guidance if he is to form the habits of life which are so important to his physical and mental health. There are the years when the child requires the right kinds of food if he is to have a properly developed, sound body when he enters school. His diet should include cereals, meats and vegetables; particularly does he require milk each day, fruit at least once a day, and green leafy vegetables regularly. He should not have tea, coffee, fried foods, pie, pickles, or rich cakes and puddings. He should not be given food or candy between meals as this spoils the appetite.

Well over half of all deaths from communicable diseases occur at this age. The child should be vaccinated against smallpox and immunized against diphtheria. He should never be exposed to such diseases, and if they do occur, he should be carefully

### RICHMOND HILL YOUNG MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB FORMAL OPENING

The formal opening of the Richmond Hill Young Men's Social Club will take place to-night (Thursday) evening. To mark the event a euchre will be held in the newly opened club rooms in the Palmer Block, Arnold St.

### CARRVILLE

Friday evening at eight o'clock the Young People's Society will hold their weekly meeting in the church. The program this week is in the hands of Olive Bovair and Stuart Wark.

Messrs Cyril Baker and Stuart Wark Misses Grace MacMillan and Sadie Middleton, Mrs. L. Clement are attending the school of music held each Thursday evening in St. Paul's United Church, Toronto.

Several of our citizens went to Toronto on Saturday to see "Saint Nicholas" in his annual parade to Eaton's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Prentice, of Toronto, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. L. E. Clement one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newsome, of Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bone.

Mr. John Keffer, of Maple and Mr. Arthur Langstaff, of Toronto, were Sunday visitors at G. W. Keffer's.

### Richvale

The Richvale W.A. will meet next Wednesday afternoon, weather and roads permitting, at the home of Miss Mary Valliere, Mill Road. All ladies of the community are cordially invited.

### HEADFORD

The meeting of the Young People's Society this week will be withdrawn and the address to be given by Rev. G. E. Coulter, of Richmond Hill, will be given on December 11th.

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