

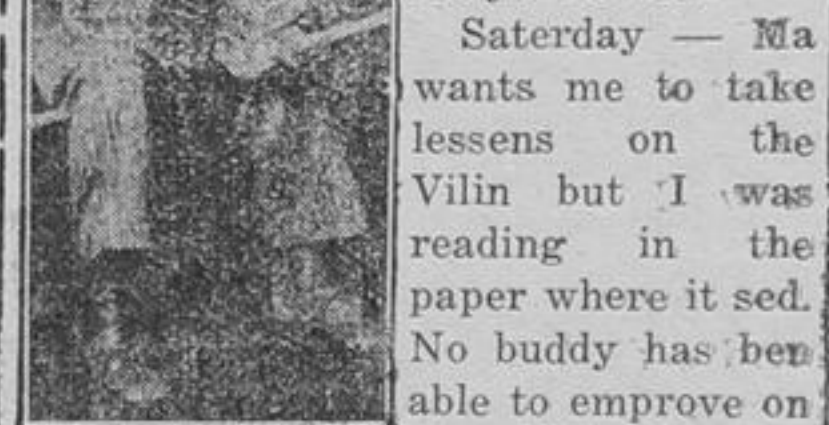


COUNTRY ROAD
Just to be walking down a country road, Hands free, eyes free, and the heart itself hung

Some little book in a pocket, perhaps, A weathered story... then the quick tags Of your shoes printing the dust, and the twirled

SLATS' DIARY BY ROSS FARQUHAR

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Sunday—Well ma and pa has decided to have me tutored this summer so meby I will do better in skool and the 1st kwestion the Tutor ast me was. Where do we find pyorea. I thot that was kind of a kweer kwestion. but I up and sed. In Illinoy. & then he sed I was rong. I dont see mutch sense in a Tutor.

Munday—Ant Emmy was a reading in the noose paper where sunsientist clames that Sleep is not Nesessessery (I am not shure about that spelling) and Ant Emmys sister says her dawter discovered that a long time a go.

Tuesday—The boss down at the shop where pa wirks at envited him to his house last nite to meat 2 of his cuzzens. Pa Xpeckted to have a very dull Eyning but 1 cuzzen was frum Floridy and 1 was frum Callafornia. It was very very lively.

Wednesday—Elsy Cummins was here today and she sed she bet she looked like a Dish rag it was so very very hot. and Ant Emmy sed after Elsy had went home that she bet Elsy didnt no what a dish Rag looked like.

Thursday—1 of pa's friends was at are house tonite and he is great on moteing statisticks and he ast pa. How rapidly do you suppose country boys are coming frum the farm to the city. & pa replied and anssered. About 55 miles a our.

The value of the land, buildings and plant equipment of the Canadian National Exhibition is estimated at \$21,000,000 and that is a conservative estimate.

Freedom is the right of every man so strong or rich that no other man has power over him.

Survival doesn't prove you are fittest. The last to survive is always the worm.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

Early Topping of Turnips
Three years of investigation of the practice of cutting turnip tops for green feed some weeks before the roots are pulled, conducted by the Division of Chemistry, have proved that the practice is not profitable. A storage of nutrients takes place in the turnips during the autumn weeks and this storage is checked by early topping.

Control of External Parasites of Poultry
Lice and mites are often the cause of poor egg production during hot weather. Body lice can be controlled by the use of blue ointment applied beneath the wings and around the vent. Mites feeding off the birds at night and living in cracks and crevices during the day have to be treated differently. Ordinary coal-oil will kill the mites, but as it evaporates quickly the effects are not lasting. An excellent "paint" to apply to the roosts and nest boxes is composed of one part crude carbolic or, possibly better still, nicotine sulphate, to three or four parts of coal-oil or a mixture of coal-oil and crank case oil.

Wilmot Township Solves Roadside Weed Problem
For 19 years cows have been allowed to pasture on the 120 miles of Wilmot Township roads in Waterloo County. The Township Council charges a rental of \$2 each for the first and second cows of a herd, \$2.50 for the third, fourth \$3.00, fifth \$3.50, sixth \$4, seventh \$4.50, eighth and above \$5 each. This sliding scale of charges is arranged to assist the small farmer from 1 to 4 or 5 cows.

The average yearly revenue derived from this source is \$1,152. The annual cost of weed cutting on Wilmot Township roads is \$550 which leaves a tidy annual credit balance in the treasury. Roadsides in this township are among the cleanest in the province. Few, if any, accidents have ever been reported probably due to the fact that cows are not allowed to pasture on roadsides at night.

There are approximately 4,500 miles of township roads in Ontario. Using Wilmot township as a basis calculation, a total of \$400,000 could be collected in rentals. Roadsides are cleaner where pastured and the cost of weed cutting is greatly reduced. With the shortage of pasture, falling municipal revenue and as a source of reduced weed control costs, this plan appears to have many features which would warrant its trial in other municipalities.

Prepare for Fall Crops
To insure having a supply of lettuce, spinach, radish and Chinese

cabbage for fall use, the seed should be sown at this time.

The varieties that are best adapted, according to the Dominion Horticulturist, are Grand Rapids and Iceberg lettuce; King of Denmark and Princess Juliana spinach; Chihli and Pet-sai Chinese cabbage, and Scarlet Turnip White or Scarlet Globe radish.

Farm Accounts
Farming has changed from a means of livelihood to a highly specialized, competitive business. Modern farming involves a considerable investment, and very few people realize the extent of the capital investment of even the average farm. This investment equals that of many small retail and manufacturing establishments, yet the vast majority of farms are operated without any system of accounting or records. Unless adequate records are kept it is impossible to determine definitely the cost of the various farm operations, and a knowledge of the cost of production will help prevent losses. The use of farm accounts and records will do a great deal towards reducing the cost of production below the selling price. Since the farmer has no control over the selling price, his only alternative is to reduce his costs of production to the minimum.

Package Bees
There are approximately 5,000 bees in a pound and they may be obtained in packages holding one or more pounds, but the two-pound size appears to be the most popular for all purposes. There are, however, many beekeepers, especially in eastern Canada, who prefer a three-pound package, thinking that the extra pound of bees will enable the new colony to build up more rapidly. But, says Mr. C. B. Gooderham, the Dominion Apiarist, experiments with the two sizes of packages do not seem to warrant this assumption, for the two-pound packages will usually build up as rapidly and store just as much honey as do the three-pound packages. If the bees are young and the loss during transportation not excessive, there are enough of them in a two-pound package to care for all the brood that can be produced by the queen, and the colony will build up just as well without the excess workers.

Suggestions In Preparing Sheaves for Competition
In connection with sheaves for competition, J. A. Carroll, superintendent of Agricultural Societies, says that, in the first place, consideration should be given to competition rules covering size of sheaf, etc. A minimum of eight inches in diameter means at least this measurement at the center binder.

Freedom from disease and blemishes is essential and only heads true to variety should be chosen. Some exhibitors cut a number of sheaves in a good part of the field and from these make a selection. A much better way is to choose individual stalks from standing grain. This may be done by walking in from the stubble when cutting is in progress. Plants should be cut close to the ground with a pair of scissors.

When two or three times the amount required for a sheaf has been collected, it should be placed on a rack or table to dry, protected from the weather, particularly rain and dew. A few boards on tressels in a loft or drive shed should be suitable. A piece of cheese cloth or other light material spread over the heads would afford protection from birds.

quired for a bound sheaf. The next step is to place binders and draw tightly after which a sharp knife should be used to even off the butt squarely. Any straws which may break, leaving the heads hanging down, may be removed with scissors. Ribbons for decorative purposes may be added. A box or crate of light but strong materials, should be made and preferably provided with hinged lid. A suitable size for wheat would be 16 inches by 16 inches by 6 feet. Oats would require a larger crate, probably 18 inches by 18 inches by 6 feet, while a shorter box would do for barley. A collar should be placed inside to support the head end of the sheaf.

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