

SLATS' DIARY
BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Sunday: Unkel Hen got in bad with Lige Grubbs this p. m. or wood

if Lige had of knowed it, witch he dont. My unkel sed to Lige he ot to pull down the curtains wen he kist his better 1/2 I saw you last nite. The joak is on you sed Lige I wasent even to home.

Monday: Pa got off a wise crack to dinner this evning that was reely wise I Xpect. Ma sed she sen that the dippreshun had cost us peepl 26

billyen \$ers & Pa sed yesen my part of it aint worth the munny.

Tuesday: It was ripported that sum boddy had took Snub Post are collidge man's otto and as a ripporter for the noosepaper Pa ast Snub did he enform the sherreff. Not necessary said Snub. Hese the 1 that taken it.

Wednesday: I bleave I got off 1 on Jane this a. m. that will hold her for a wile. She was a tellen about bein outspoken in her opinyens at the gurls club & sed I is that so who cud possibeley out talk you. She tost her hed like she got me.

Thursday: They was a big argyment in skool this afternoon p. m. as to witch ways the most a lb. of led or a lb. of fethers. The teecher insisted it is the same but she dident get a way with it with me & Jake & Blisters. Us are 2 wise for that.

Friday: Sum kids never gets what they want from Santy Clos it seams. The littel boy acrost the st. who has just moved in was tellen me that he got a littel brother for his Xmas and that Santy node better becoss he had wrote him he wanted a dog.

Saturday: At the fire side Xmas eve as they was a tryen to get me to go to bed I ast Pa wot is a monolog. He sed its a man & his wf. konversashening. Wots a dialog then I sed. Ma dident look no Cristmas speret at Pa when he replide thats whair 2 peepl air talken.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

Poultry Killing Rules
The following regulations have been issued by government authorities for the guidance of poultry producers and shippers in order that standard quality may be maintained and highest average prices realized:

They shall have been starved for sufficient length of time before being killed to empty crops and intestines, during which time they should have access to clean drinking water.

They shall be properly bled so that no blood remains in the extremities; be undrawn with the head and feet left on; be dry pickled with all feathers removed, except that, if so desired, a few feathers may be left around the head and wing tips; be dry cooled having feet clean and vent properly flushed, with all blood removed from the mouth and with the crop empty. Birds showing feed in the crop shall have the crop removed, preferably through the back of the neck; such crop removal shall lower the quality of the bird at least one grade. It is preferable that heads should be wrapped.

Poor Seed Still Used

It is commonplace to say that good seed is an essential in the production of a good crop, stated Professor Robert Summerby of Macdonald College in his presidential address to the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. But while there is very general agreement on this, there are still many farmers who do not put this apparently accepted principle into practice. Examination of the fields and of the seed which is being used in seed drills in different parts of the country reveals the fact that a large proportion of farmers are still using seed of a poor grade, either of unknown variety or of badly mixed varieties. Similarly, an analysis of the grain that is being delivered to the elevators shows that far too many farmers are using nondescript seed, and only a relatively small proportion are using seed of the highest quality of the most suitable varieties. To drive home to farmers in general the important place of good seed in an agricultural program requires that a continuous, persistent, sound, educational program be carried on a period of years.

Manures and Fertilizers for Vegetable Crops

The use of fertilizers, barnyard manure and green manure in the growth of cabbage and tomatoes has been under investigation at the Central Experimental Farm since 1924. A 4-8-5 fertilizer mixture was applied for early cabbage at the rate of 1,000 pounds per acre; first, alone; second, with an application of 10 tons of barnyard manure per acre; third, following the turning under of a green crop of sweet clover and, fourth, with barnyard manure and green manure. The crop of tomatoes following the cabbage was not fertilized.

A summary of the results of this experiment shows that the commercial fertilizer increased the total yield of the cabbage by 45 per cent and of the tomatoes by 105 per cent. Used in conjunction with the fertilizer the turning under of a green sweet clover crop proved of slightly greater benefit to the cabbage crop than an application of 10 tons of manure per acre. With the tomato crop, however, the green manure did not materially increase yields, while barnyard manure gave large increases.

Hay Crop Report

Reports from central, eastern and northern Ontario indicate practically no movement in hay excepting local transfers for current use and the shipment of a few car loads of 1934 hay from the lower Ottawa Valley to the Maritime provinces for which growers received about \$6 per ton. Growers still hold the bulk of this year's crop and in many areas a part of the 1934 crop. In northern Ontario the carry over of 1934 hay is estimated at 25% to 35%. In the upper Ottawa Valley hay is abundant but much of it is of poor quality.

Offers to growers in the St. Lawrence counties are reported as from \$4 to \$5.50 for timothy light clover of grades 2 and 3 with as much as \$8 per ton for No. 2 timothy light clover in the Kingston area. Straw prices in the Brockville area, \$4 per ton. Prices per ton to growers in northern Ontario are reported as follows: timothy No. 2, \$10 in the New Liskeard area; timothy light clover \$18 in the Timmins area and \$16 in the Sudbury area; timothy clover at Fort William, \$9.00.

In south-western Ontario the proportion of this year's market hay crop still on the farms is estimated at 60%. The bulk of this is timothy mixtures No. 3 grade. The supply of alfalfa is not plentiful but small

quantities are being used for grinding. The present demand is poor for timothy mixtures but fair for good timothy because there is little of this quality in the immediate vicinity of Toronto. Some of the biggest consumers in Toronto already have large supplies on hand. Little increase is expected in domestic or export trade next month.

Present prices at Toronto for good quality hay are about \$9 per ton and \$5 for straw. Average prices to growers range from \$7.50 to \$8.50 for No. 2 timothy mixtures; \$5.50 to \$6.50 for No. 3 timothy mixtures, and \$3.50 to \$4 for straw. These prices are based on average freight costs to terminal markets.



SCARLET FEVER

A great deal could be accomplished in the way of preventing the spread of communicable diseases in the home, if it were to be made a household rule to isolate, from all other children, any child who is ill.

The child who falls ill with vomiting and fever may be suffering simply from a digestive upset. Nevertheless, this picture of vomiting and fever, which may be accompanied or followed by a sore throat and perhaps a running nose, is typical of the onset of several communicable diseases, including scarlet fever.

To place the ill child in bed is the best thing for him, and by keeping the other children out of his room, the chance of his transmitting any disease to them is removed. Later, the doctor will decide as to the nature of the illness, and this will determine the necessity or otherwise of continued isolation. It is worth while remembering that an isolated child, or adult, cannot transmit disease.

For quite some time, scarlet fever has not been nearly as fatal as it previously was. It is just as prevalent as ever but, in most countries, it shows itself in a mild form. A few countries in Eastern Europe continue to experience a severe type of scarlet fever.

The term "Streptococcus" has come into fairly common usage. The streptococcus group of germs is a large one, the members of which have certain common characteristics. There is, at the same time, a great difference in other of their characteristics, as shown in the various conditions to which one or other streptococcus gives rise in the human body.

It is one of the streptococci which is responsible for scarlet fever. The poison or toxin which it produces causes the symptoms of the disease. An antitoxin, which counteracts the toxin, is available, and it is used in the treatment of scarlet fever.

By means of the Dick Test, it is possible to recognize individuals who are susceptible to scarlet fever, and these susceptibles may be rendered immune or resistant through a series of injections of very small doses of the toxin. This method of providing protection for the individual against scarlet fever is used by many doctors. It is practised as a routine in most children's institutions and is used by doctors and nurses, who are likely to be exposed to the disease, if the Dick Test has shown them to be susceptible.

Canadians Win Honours at Chicago International

Farmers from Canada who exhibited at the 36th annual International Live Stock Exposition and 17th annual International Grain and Hay Show held at Chicago from November 30 to December 7, 1935 inclusive, demonstrated the high quality of their products entered in competition with those from all parts of the United States and other countries by winning a substantial list of championships, first prizes and hundreds of lesser awards.

The championships for sheep were awarded to famous breeders from Ontario who have been winners of blue ribbons for several years, among them being C. J. Brodie, Stouffville, Ont.; Charles J. Shore, Glanworth, Ont.; H. M. Lee, Highgate, Ont.; John D. Larkin, Inc., Queenston, Ont.; H. Noel Gibson, Komoka, Ont.; and John D. Patterson, Richmond Hill, Ont.

That is, everybody favors abolishing crime if it can be done without hurting the firearms business.

KING CITY

The Universal Week of Prayer is commemorated in King the week of Jan. 6 to 11.

On Monday night the service will be in the United Church all the local ministers co-operating. Rev. Wrixon will give the address.

Tuesday night in the Baptist Church when Rev. Cunningham of Richmond Hill will give the address. He will represent the Presbyterian Church owing to the passing of their minister.

Wednesday night in Eversley Presbyterian Church when Rev. Hardy will give the address.

Thursday night the service will be in the Anglican Church. Rev. Davis will give the address.

On Friday night an Evangelistic Rally will be held in the Hall. Special music will be provided by Mr. Hardy's orchestra. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. A. J. Vining of Toronto.

We look for a good attendance at all these services.

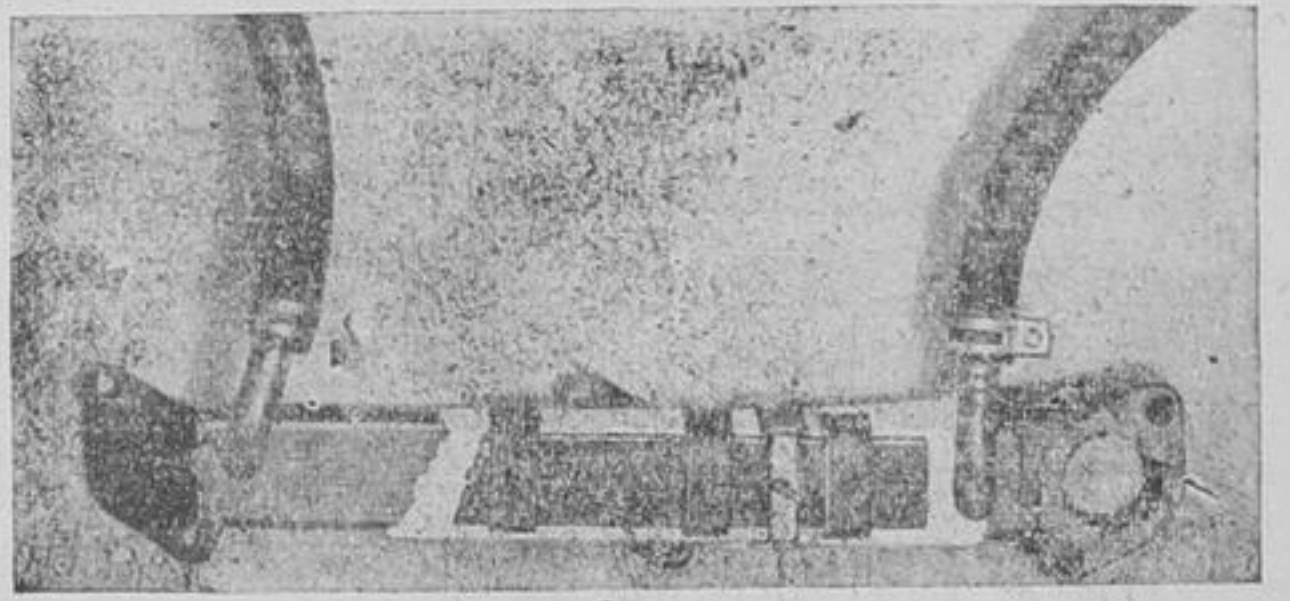
Next Sunday will be the first of the New Year. Holy Communion will be administered at Teston, Laskay and King United Churches.

At a fashionable restaurant during the Christmas holidays a girl had just finished luncheon and was preparing to light a cigarette, when the waiter showed an elderly lady to the table.

Newcomer (acidly)—I do hope you won't remind me eating whilst you are smoking?

Girl (readily)—Not at all, so long as I am able to hear the orchestra.

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