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## NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

**Field Crop Production**  
 Total grain production in Ontario is estimated at 168,795,000 bushels as compared with 153,118,000 bushels in 1937, and an average annual production of 169,066,000 bushels during the ten year period 1925 to 1934. The production of turnips and mangolds is now estimated at 41,605,000 bushels as compared with 39,050,000 bushels in 1937, while the total of hay and clover crops and corn for husking, amounted to 9,794,000 tons as against 9,406,000 tons in 1937. It is quite evident that field crop production this year in Ontario was on the whole very satisfactory from the fact that total grain production is the highest of any year since 1930; mangolds and turnips the largest crop since 1928; and total fodder crops greater than in any year since 1928, with the single exception of the year 1935.

**Winter Feeding of Pigs**  
 Winter feeding of swine presents several problems which are not of the same importance in summer hog production. First, adequate housing accommodation is essential in order to grow the pigs quickly and economically. Second, suitable feed mixtures are necessary, and third, particular care must be taken in feeding and caring for the pigs.

The housing accommodation for winter pigs should provide dry and reasonably warm sleeping quarters. Draughts should be avoided and the bed should be well bedded with dry straw. Do not crowd too many pigs into a small pen, but allow sufficient pen space and trough space so that all can have an equal chance. In the feeding of the pigs a suitable mixture of grains properly supplemented will go far in keeping the pigs healthy and thrifty. Provide a mixture of grains such as oats and barley, and possibly a mill feed or wheat, and supplement with a protein supplement such as skim-milk, buttermilk or tankage. Include with the meal mixture at the rate of 1 to 2 pounds per hundred a simple mineral mixture such as equal parts iodized salt, ground limestone, and bone meal. Roots and good quality legume hay—alfalfa or clover—are valuable in small amounts to supply succulence and maintain the pigs in a thrifty condition. These should not form the

main feed but should be used in small amounts as an addition to a good feed mixture. Finally, good care is necessary in the feeding and management of the pigs in order to keep them in a healthy vigorous condition. Supply nutritious feed at a rate that they can handle it but do not attempt to force the pigs.

**The Vegetable Crop**  
 Western Ontario: Weather conditions have been generally favourable for the development and harvesting of vegetables, although the quality of the onion crop was materially affected by wet weather earlier in the season, particularly in Essex and Kent Counties and the Bradford area, which has resulted in lower percentages of good storing quality.

Potato foliageage was killed by frost in the early part of September in the Northern districts, while all vine crops were considerably damaged in some areas in Old Ontario in the early part of October.

**Eastern Ontario:** A large percent of the potato crop has now been harvested and the yield is a little disappointing in some sections, although the quality generally is above average. There are numerous reports that dry rot is developing in bins on potatoes which have been dug lately, and caused, probably, by too much wet weather.

Onions were above average, both in respect to quantity and quality, but growers experienced considerable difficulty in drying the crop because of the frequent showers.

Celery is now being harvested and for the most part is of good quality. There was much less blight development this season than a year ago. Other vegetables are all above an average crop and the weather has been ideal for harvesting during the past ten days with no rain.

Reeve J. Jefferson of King Township retires at the end of this year after eleven years municipal service. Reeve Jefferson has been a capable and efficient municipal leader and his retirement will be a loss to municipal life in York County.

**APPREHENSIVE**  
 Time, 3 a.m. "What's the matter, sir? Lost your key?"  
 "No officer; lost my nerve."

## DISTRICT NEWS

The great exodus of young people to other countries and the large number of deaths among elderly people are reflected in the marked decrease in the population of Ireland shown in figures of the last census now being made public.

At a special meeting held in Palgrave on Monday the Albion Township Council decided to adopt the government relief system. Road Supt. J. H. Ruherford will act as supervisor to the end of the year. Previous to this the Albion Council paid its own relief.

At a special session of Etobicoke Council the township disposed of its first block of debentures following its removal from default. A block of \$35,000 was sold at par with accrued interest of 4 1/2 per cent to Harrison & Company, Toronto. The same firm also secured an option for another block of \$77,000 at the same price.

A total of 13,000 fry have been placed in the streams of Peel this fall, according to Game Warden D. G. Sutherland. The majority of the fry were speckled trout, liberated in the Credit river north of Inglewood, while a quantity of bass were put in the Credit at its Lake Ontario mouth.

Hunting in the Bracebridge district, Harold Parkinson, Snelgrove, suffered painful injuries and a narrow escape from instant death when a gun he was carrying suddenly discharged. Parts of the nickel-jacketed bullet penetrated the peak of his cap, one piece tore a hole in his left hand, and another fragment lodged in his neck. He was able to bandage the injuries and return to his home at Snelgrove.

"Dora's White Lady", owned by James Bagg and Son, Edgeley, was named the reserve junior champion Jersey cow at the Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, last week. On the same day Wychood Farms' entry from Concord, "Grove Farm Standard Maid", was named reserve senior champion for Jersey cows and grand champion, reserve, female.

Meaford Town Council have finally solved a way to make the poll tax delinquents "pay up".

Chief Mervyn Moore has been given the job of notifying all the bachelors who have not paid their annual tax to either pay up in cash within the next two days or do two days work given them by the town, in payment.

So far the response has not been "very rushing". The other alternative is to go to court.

York county council decided last week to continue a court fight against assuming full maintenance costs of the East York-Leaside viaduct.

J. E. Lucas, county solicitor, was told to appeal an Ontario municipal board decision. The board recently ordered York county to assume full future maintenance costs.

Reeve John Warren of East York was unsuccessful in an attempt to persuade council to drop the case. He contended the greater part of the volume of traffic over the bridge was from points outside East York and Leaside.

The sixth consecutive balanced budget was announced last week to York county council by its finance committee. A possible surplus of \$20,000 may be shown, it was stated.

"When we hear of municipalities going into default and overspending their budgets it is gratifying to see six years of surplus," Reeve John Warren, finance commissioner, commented.

The detailed report showed that \$718,519, or 72 per cent of the total budget, had been spent. Twelve of 17 controllable expenditures had been underspent. Departments overspent were, juvenile and family court, mothers, allowances, old age pensions and house of refuge.

York county council on Tuesday adopted a recommendation of its agricultural committee to close the West York market at Rogers Rd. and Bicknell Ave., in York township.

Reeve Earl Toole, Whitechurch, chairman of the committee told council the market has been operating at a loss for three years.

Reeve Sam Wright, Long Branch, urged county council to close all its markets, including the St. Lawrence market in Toronto.

"They are operating in direct opposition to storekeepers and merchants who pay the taxes. Only about 20 per cent of the stall holders in any of the markets are farmers or producers," he declared.

## 'Adult Education' Is Studied By Institute

Excellent discourses on "Adult Education", the meeting's keynote, featured the Kleinburg and Nashville Women's Institute November session in the Kleinburg Hall last week. The theme of the meeting was ably dealt with by Miss Merle Hamby and a related subject "Education by way of libraries" was outlined in an interesting manner by Mrs. E. Foster. Other features included a piano duet by Miss Margaret Matson and Mrs. L. Miller, an amusing contest conducted by Miss A. Cherry, and reports by the secretary on the "Officers' Rally" at Thistleton and the "Local Leadership Class" at Vellore.

The decision to open January and February meetings at 2 p.m. was reached during business discussions, the change being decided on to provide 1/2 hour periods for instruction by the local leader, Mrs. Jeffrey. Mrs. H. Farr, vice-president, presided over the gathering.

## DO YOU DO THIS?

A careful study of fire records shows that at least 80 per cent of fires are preventable. The following examples are given from among the thousands of known causes to show how easy fires can start and the fatal results that may follow.

A man dropped a cigarette in a rubbish pile in a rooming house and burned to death eleven people.

A man dropped his cigarette in a couch in the lobby of a hotel. Fire resulted at 3 a.m. and resulted in the death of four people.

A mother in one of our leading college cities, for the five hundredth time perhaps, started a fire with coal oil. The fire she started burned to death three children besides herself.

A man dropped a match on a garage floor, walked on and left it. A six-year-old child found it and ignited her clothing which resulted in burns that caused her death a few hours later.

Man attempted to sleep and smoke at the same time—result, he set bed afire, was overcome with smoke, and removed in an unconscious state. Only the timely arrival of the fire department saved him from being cremated alive.

"A MODEL WOMAN" is the title of a poem forwarded by a Washago reader from an exchange. It follows:

I know a woman wondrous fair—  
 A model woman she—  
 Who never runs her neighbors down  
 When she goes out to tea.

She never gossips after church  
 Of dresses or of hats;  
 She never meets the sewing school  
 And joins them in their chats.

She never beats a salesman down  
 Nor asks for pretty plaques;  
 She never asks a thousand things  
 Which do his patience tax.

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## 1939 FORD CARS AND NEW MERCURY 8



PICTURED above are the two Ford V-8 cars and the new Mercury 8 announced by Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, for 1939. Top, Ford V-8 Fordor Sedan; centre, DeLuxe Ford V-8 Fordor Sedan; bottom, Mercury 8 Town Sedan. All three cars are individually styled. All have hydraulic brakes. The Ford V-8 is available in three models. It has a full grille and unobtrusive louvres at the rear of the hoodsides. Interiors are roomy and well-appointed. The Deluxe Ford V-8 has wholly new

streamlines, a deep hood unbroken by louvres, a low radiator grille in bright metal and wide spaced headlamps. Both Ford cars are powered with the improved 85 horsepower engine. The Mercury 8 is entirely new to the Ford-Lincoln line and fills a place between the deluxe Ford and the Lincoln-Zephyr. It is a big car with a 116-inch wheelbase. Its V-8 engine develops 95 horsepower. The front end design with low radiator grille reflects Lincoln-Zephyr styling. There is a choice of four body types.

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