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ASTRONOMER HOLDS IT SHOULD BE 1943

Declares Christian Calendar Out
Four Years

Philadelphia, Jan. 6. — This year should be 1943 A.D., or perhaps 1944 or 1945, rather than 1939, according to James Stokley, associate director of the Franklin Institute in charge of astronomy.

Josephus, the great historian, wrote that King Herod died soon after an eclipse of the moon, Stokley said, and the only such eclipse of that time in the Holy Land occurred on March 13, 4 B.C.

Since Christ was born before Herod's death, his birth must have occurred at least four years before the time set by the Christian calendar, the astronomer explained.

This year is 2599 in Japan, he said. According to the ancient Roman calendar, the year 2692 would begin Jan. 14. The Mohammedan new year begins at sunset Feb. 20, when 1358 is ushered in. Sunset on Sept. 13 will bring the Jewish year 5700, while the following day will be the beginning of 7448 of the Byzantine era.

Lions Carnival January 26th.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

The use of fertilizers has been a much discussed subject for years, but as knowledge of fertilizers increases through experimentation more facts are obtained. One important point which deserves more emphasis than in the past is that increased results from fertilizers are obtained when the humus content and the physical condition of the soil are kept on a high level; also, when the crops grown suit the P.H. condition of the soil, which means the relative acidity or alkalinity.

One of the main reasons for the greater results from fertilizers in most of the European countries, than in Canada, is due to the thorough and intensive farming practised in Europe. Thorough drainage of the land, proper rotation of crops, and the growing of cover crops to improve the physical condition of the soil and to supply humus, are in common practice there almost everywhere. The result is that per unit of plant food applied the profit from the use of chemical fertilizers is much increased.

Gather Eggs Often

Eggs should be gathered at least twice a day, and three times daily is better during hot weather. The time of one gathering should be just before dark or as near to it as possible. This last gathering may not produce a great number of eggs but since broody hens will commonly search out the nest containing eggs after the day's laying has ceased, failure to gather late in the day is a common source of distinct deterioration.

Each gathering should be placed in the coolest part of the cellar if no other cool spot is available, as soon as gathered. Eggs should not be put into cartons or cases immediately if this can be avoided. The ideal container for cooling eggs is a wire tray. A wire basket is the next best, and perhaps the most practical. These baskets are ordinarily offered for sale as waste paper containers.

Preventing Farm Fires

It is well known that in Canada every year losses due to farm fires amount to an enormous sum, yet in many cases the damage to a certain extent might have been minimized or

prevented by simple precautionary measures.

One precaution is not to put wet or uncurd hay in barns, nor to put dry hay in barns that have leaky roofs. It is also risky to smoke in or around these buildings. With regard to electric equipment, it is dangerous to use fuses of too great amperage and no article should be used in place of a fuse. Care should be taken to see that lightning rods remain properly grounded, and defective electrical wiring should be repaired promptly.

The use of kerosene or gasoline to kindle fires or quicken a slow fire has been responsible not only for many fires but also for many deaths on farms and just because there has never been a fire on the farm, it is dangerous to neglect precautions under the belief that the buildings will never take fire. Insurance gives an unwarranted sense of security but insurance cannot give compensation for all the financial losses and it cannot replace loss of life. Extreme care should always be taken in handling and using gasoline. The gasoline containers should be tightly closed, painted a bright red, and labelled "gasoline."

Lower Farm Produce Duties

Concessions on dairy and poultry products in the new Canada-United States agreement are much the same as those in the 1936 agreement. The duty on cream has now been reduced from 35 to 28.3 cents per gallon and the quota left at 1,500,000 gallons. On whole milk the rate has been reduced from 6½ to 3¼ cents per gallon on a quantity not to exceed 3,000,000 gallons. The specific duty on Cheddar cheese is reduced from 5 to 4 cents per pound and has been extended to include other non-processed types of Cheddar cheese. On dried buttermilk the duty has been cut from 3 to 1½ cents per pound. The duty on ducks and geese is dropped from 10 to 6 cents per pound, and the rate on eggs in shell of hens and chickens from 10 cents per dozen to 5 cents.

The rate on certified seed potatoes has been cut from 45 to 37½ cents per 100 pounds and the quota raised to 1,500,000 bushels. Canada, however, has removed the 75 cents per 100 pounds duty on United States potatoes entering Canada, and has agreed to permit free entry of potatoes except during the six-week period, June 15—July 31, at which time the duty will be 37½ cents per 100 pounds. Canada obtained concessions on all the major grains and their products except wheat, corn, and corn products, and wheat flour. On oats and by-product animal feed the rates have been cut by 50%. For other major items the reduction averaged somewhat less than 30%. The United States has reduced the duty on both maple sugar and maple syrup. The former is reduced from 4 to 3 cents per pound and the latter from 4 to 2 cents per pound. The rate on frozen blueberries is cut from 25 to 17½ per cent, and unfrozen blueberries from 14 to 1 cent a pound. In the case of cut flowers, a reciprocal reduction from 40 to 25 per cent ad valorem has been made by both countries.

Broilers for Market

The buyer who can afford luxuries can usually afford to be discriminating. Broilers may be considered in the luxury class of food products, when properly prepared for market. When disposing of the surplus cockerels as broilers it is well to bear this in mind and market the birds in the most attractive way. It pays to please the buyer, and when there is keen competition it becomes still more advisable.

When catering to a select private trade it may speed up sales if the carcass is completely dressed and put up in an attractive carton. When sold drawn, the shrinkage will be about 40 per cent of the live weight, and a proportionate price must be realized to pay for the loss in weight and extra labour. Those birds should be selected that have made good growth; these will be found to be plump and well feathered. The well feathered birds have less pin-feathers and consequently dress better.

Starve the birds for at least 12 hours, but give plenty of fresh drinking water before killing. Kill them by braining and bleeding; and dry pick. Sometimes to save time the semi-scald may be advisable. In this case bleed and thoroughly immerse the carcass for not more than 30 seconds in water heated to a temperature of not more than 127 degrees F. It is important to keep the water at an even temperature; over-heating will give a skin-cooked unattractive appearance.

Cost of production records at the Dominion Experimental Station, Harrow, show that it requires approximately 5 pounds of feed to raise a

York Market

Snow was melting outside as the scent of the first yellow daffodils and hyacinths perfumed North York market house on Saturday. Tender lettuce, baby red radishes, crisp young green onions, and the first hothouse rhubarb on the stands, and a drop in egg prices showing increased production made spring and Easter bonnets seem much more important than Christmas trees and fur coats.

A bowl of starry blue forget-me-nots, pots of red-and-white tulips or velvety wallflowers, delicately tinted sweet peas, and fragrant paper white narcissi were other harbingers of spring.

Eggs were as low as 25c. dozen for pullets, with 28c., 32c. and 35c. quoted for small, medium and large grade A, and 38c. for extra large. Butter was a uniform 25c. lb., roasting chickens sold from 23c. to 28c. lb., geese were 23c. Dressed rabbits were 17c. lb. and 35c. each. Jack rabbits were 65c. each, cotton tails, snowshoes and tame rabbits, weighing from 2 to 3 lbs., 25c. each. On the fish stand small herring sold at 2c. each, larger ones at 15c. and 18c. lb., whitefish was 22c. lb., trout 22c. for the piece, 28c. for steaks.

Beef was a little higher in price, porterhouse 32c. lb., sirloin 27c., round 24c., rolled rib 22c. to 28c., short rib 19c., blade 18c., chuck 15c. and 17c., rolled brisket 15c. Legs of lamb were 21c. lb., loin 24c., shoulder 18c., stewing meat 12c. Pork leg 25c., loin 28c., butts 25c., shoulder 18c. Veal cutlet 30c., fillet 18c. to 23c., rolled shoulder 17c.

There were some fine savoyos on the vegetable stands, hard head or red cabbage were 5c. each up; carrots, parsnips, beets or onions were 5c. qt., mixed 6-qt. baskets were 15c. and potatoes 15c. and 20c. Bunches of celery hearts and winter green celery were 10c.; Brussels sprouts 10c. and 15c. a qt., pepper squash 3 for 10c., tomatoes 20c. lb. A variety of apples, including Spies, McIntosh, Baldwins, Russets, Talman Sweets, Delicious, were 25c. to 40c. basket.

A good choice of home baking included, besides pies, cakes, cookies and buns of many kinds, doughnuts at 25c. for a baker's dozen; Chelsea buns 20c. pan, Scotch shortbread, and German coffee cake. Among the many jams and jellies were several unusual delicacies, Harvest Queen jam made with all the soft fall fruits was 15c., 20c. and 25c. a jar. There was cherry and orange jam, apricot or fig, with a plentiful sprinkling of almonds. Preserved citron could be bought with either ginger or lemon flavor, and on the same stand the choice of jellies included mint, cranberry, crabapple plain or spiced, raspberry, currant, lemon or orange.

The captain of a ship once wrote in his log, "Mate was drunk today." When the mate became normal, he pleaded with the captain to strike out the record; he declared that he had never been drunk before, that he would never drink again. But the captain said, "In this log we write the exact truth."

The next week the mate kept the log, and in it he wrote, "Captain was sober today."

If you don't get everything you want, think of the things you don't get that you don't want.

Humdrum isn't where you live but where you are.

broiler on range from chick to two-pound weight. The total cost will vary according to the number raised, price of feed, mortality, price of chick, and brooder fuel consumed. It may be roughly estimated that the feed cost is slightly under half the total cost at present prices and under average conditions.



"I wonder if Jim will call tonight?"



Do you day-dream in the evenings? When somebody like Jim is in a distant town and seems ten times as far away as he really is? And then the telephone bell rings—and there's Jim!



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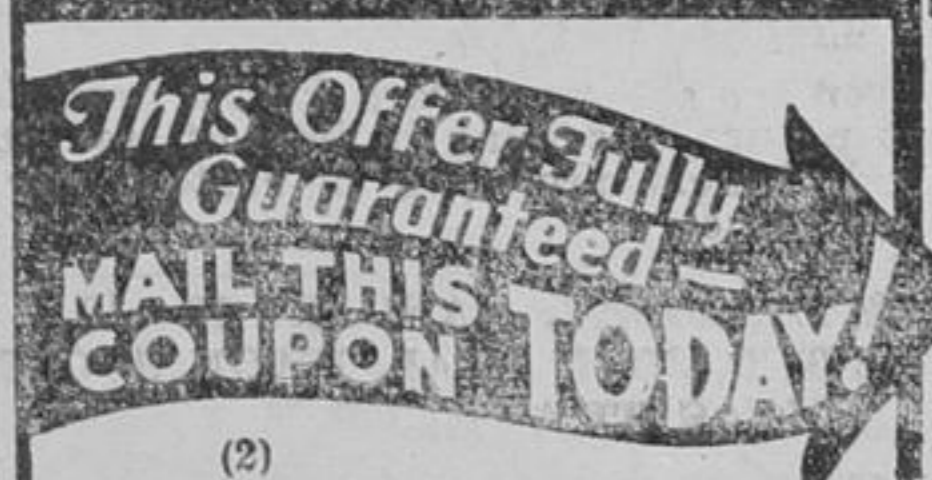
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