

News and Information for the Busy Farmer

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Wintering the Brood Sow

The brood sow deserves her fair share of winter accommodation. A pen that is well bedded, dry and free from draughts is essential. Place the feed trough some distance away so that she is forced to exercise outdoors daily. Eradicate lice and round worms; there is no market for them. Feed a mixture of grains to maintain the sow in fair flesh, but use barley sparingly unless the sow is very thin. Provide clover or alfalfa hay to be eaten at will. Be kind to the sow, but not "too kind" or weak, unthrifty pigs will result.

Poultry Production

The value of poultry and egg production during 1937 does not show much change from 1936. Egg prices averaged fractionally lower than last year, but poultry prices were a shade higher. It is interesting to note that the rise in prices of poultry products from the low point of the depression has been of very limited proportions, and very much less than in the case of most other agricultural products. Poultry producers were handicapped during the greater part of 1937 on account of high grain prices, but since harvest production costs have declined with lower feed prices, Ontario shipped this year large quantities of live poultry to the United States markets and also considerable quantities of dressed poultry to the United Kingdom.

Fruit Crop Value Up

Although prices received by growers for fruit crops generally showed a decline from last year, the total value of commercial fruit production in 1937 will show a moderate gain as the yield of all fruit crops, with the exception of cherries and pears, was higher this season. Plantings of all tree fruits were again made on a heavy scale, but grape vine plantings declined to the lowest level in years. Exports of apples from Ontario to the United Kingdom have been considerably greater than in 1936 and up to the present time shipments have been approximately double those of a year ago. Export prices have been fair. The United Kingdom crop was much lighter than last year, but substantially heavier imports from both Canada and the United States have kept prices down. Spys were an exceptionally light yielding variety this season and there is a shortage on domestic markets. Storage supplies of apples are reported considerably in excess of holdings at this same date a year ago.

Dairy Products

Prices of butter and cheese were consistently higher during 1937 and the total value of dairy products is expected to amount to about \$97,000,000 as against \$91,000,000 in 1936. Production of creamery butter in the first 11 months, as compared with the same period of last year, declined from 81,106,000 lbs. to 75,809,000 pounds representing a decrease of 6.5 per cent., and due chiefly to the diversion of milk from creameries to cheese factories and evaporated milk plants. The output of cheese, on the other hand, rose from 85,991,000 pounds to 91,353,000 pounds for a gain of 6.2 per cent., and exports of this commodity to the United Kingdom were considerably higher. Wholesale prices of butter to date have averaged

about 2.5 cents per pound more than a year ago and cheese prices about 1.2 cents greater. The quantity of milk purchased by concentrated milk plants shows a substantial rise owing to a keen domestic and export demand for manufactured products, the output of which has increased by approximately 35 per cent. Prices to producers for fluid milk were generally continued at about the same level as in 1936 until November, when an upward revision was made in the Toronto milk-shed.

Feeding Brood Mares

To properly care for brood mares during the winter months, it must be understood that they should be given mild exercise each day but deep snow and the hauling of heavy loads should be avoided. It is particularly important that mares in foal are not allowed to be idle during the winter months, as they usually produce weak foals—no matter how they may be fed.

A brood mare's ration may be made up of a variety of feeds, however it's essential that it be nutritious and contain a generous supply of protein and minerals. A good grade of mixed hay, oats and bran will supply all the necessary requirements. A few roots fed daily will also prove beneficial. The amount of hay and grain to be fed daily will depend upon the size of the mare, her condition and the type of work she is doing. Naturally the more she is required to do—the larger the daily grain ration. Young mares that have not completed their growth must be fed quite liberally.

After the foal is born, drinking water with the chill taken off is given to the mare. The mare's first feed after foaling is always a warm bran mash and the grain ration contains one-half bran for a week or more after the foal is dropped. By so doing, complications such as an oversupply of milk or indigestion are usually avoided. When mares are thin at foaling time, light feeding should only be continued for a few days. In such cases, the feed is usually increased gradually in order to insure a good supply of milk for the foal. Mares that are required to work while nursing their foals will require liberal feeding, if they are to be kept in good flesh and provide a generous supply of milk for the foals.

Winter Brooding of Chicks

The poultryman with proper equipment can handle chicks in mid-winter with as little mortality as with April chicks. He may not get as high percentage hatch as later on but even the hatchability of eggs is being controlled by the feed. January chicks will cost more as eggs are higher priced to start with. Then it will take more fuel than with spring brooding. But there is more time for looking after the chicks; there may be less disease and mortality; broilers will catch a high market, and pullets should be laying early in the fall or even in late summer when egg prices are at their peak. Of course, if many started hatching all their chicks in January the higher prices for broilers and eggs would be wiped out, and chicks hatched at some other season would find the best market. Brooder houses unsuited for prolonged zero weather and the higher price for chicks will limit the number going in for January chicks.

A Burning Question

How to heat our homes with economy is an important study for the thrifty housewife who has no "money to burn." There are several factors which should be given attention. First, there is the matter of having more fire than necessary when the weather is mild. Do not start a fire in the furnace too early in the autumn nor keep the furnace going too late in the spring. Have a fire in the stove, or fireplace for a few hours in the morning and evening.

Before cold weather comes, see that the house is weather tight. Do not try to heat all outdoors. Pack the cracks around doors and windows with felt weather stripping or wood laths. See that the cellar has no holes which admit air. Use double windows and doors if necessary. There is a layer of air between the two windows or doors which acts as an insulation to shut out the cold.

A cellar is a protection against cold floors. If there is no cellar, have a double floor with plaster,

wall-board or insulating paper between them. Inspect your basement windows to see if they admit cold air. Look into your attic. Dead air in the attic will prevent the loss of heat. Do not let a current of air through the attic drain off heat from the house.

To lock the windows when closed, to draw toe curtains on a cold night and to close the draft of the fireplace will all help to conserve the heat of the rooms. When the weather is cold, the rush of outdoor air into warm rooms is greater than in mild weather and one can have good ventilation with smaller openings and in a shorter time.

To get the heat into the living rooms and not waste it in the basement, cover the warm air ducts or steam or hot water pipes with insulating paper.

Study your furnace to be certain that you are operating it efficiently. If your local dealer cannot explain it to you, write to the manufacturer for suggestions. Most makers of heating systems have an efficiency engineer for this purpose. There is a difference in the type and size of fuel. Small coal burns quickly and makes a hot fire, but soon turns to ashes and packs on the grate, shutting off the draft. Large coal may require a hot fire to keep it burning. Learn what size is most economical for your furnace, the size of your rooms and the weather. Know how to make the fire hot when you need it so, how to shut it down, how to pack and hold it during the middle of the day or over night.

METCALFE

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Caskey are spending Christmas week at Madoc and Tweed.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Byington, of Portland, Ont., were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus B. Cameron during the week.

Mr. Wilmer Byers, of Queen's University, Kingston, is spending this week with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dowser and son Leonard were Christmas week-end guests of relatives in Fitzroy Harbour.

Mrs. G. York and daughter Ina were holiday guests of relatives in Ottawa.

Miss Eleanor Woods, of Kemptonville Agricultural School is spending this week at her home here.

Miss Evelyn Dow, of West Lorne, Ont., spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Lottie Dow, here.

Mrs. V. Patterson and Misses Muriel and Lillian Patterson, of Ottawa spent the week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. Wm. Totten.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Conlin spent Christmas Day with friends at Mille Roches.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomlinson, of St. Catharines, were guests of the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. Merrow during the week.

Lance-Corporal Walter Rowan, of the R.C.C.S. at Barrfield, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rowan.

Mr. Max Rowan, of the staff of Corpus Christi School, Ottawa, is spending this week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Rowan.

Miss Leda Graham, of Ottawa, spent the week-end a guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham.

Miss Violet Sully and sister Josie, of Toronto, are guests of Miss Elizabeth Sully and Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson this week.

Mr. Ernest Whiteside, of Picton, Ont., is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Whiteside.

Mr. Jas. Wallace has been the guest of his son, Mr. Herman Wallace, and Mrs. Wallace, Woodroffe, during the holidays.

Fred W. Thompson, of O Division R.C.M.P. at Toronto, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Thompson during the past week.

The annual meeting of L.O.L. No. 205 was held recently in Metcalfe Orange Hall, with Worshipful Master, Harry C. Latimer presiding. Satisfactory reports for the year were received and election of officers for the coming year was conducted by the District Master, John Warren, resulting as follows:

W.M.—Harry C. Latimer.
D.M.—Geo. E. Morris
Chaplain—A. B. Cowan
Rec. Sec.—A. F. Quail
Fin. Sec.—John Warren
Treas.—John E. Woods
Lecturers—Wm. A. Loney and Wm. H. Carson.

D. of C.—Harold Graham.
Committees—Albert Stanley, John P. Carson, F. B. Latimer, Russell Boland, Geo. W. Walker.

Installation of the newly elected officers was conducted by Bro. (Rev.) A. M. Wooten, of Kenmore.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity Church was held at the Rectory. The president Mrs. R. B. Stanley was in the chair, and devotional exercises were conducted by the rector, Rev. H. A. Irwin.

Reports of the year's activities were given by the various officers

and after a brief business period, Rev. H. A. Irwin presided for the election of the following slate of officers for 1938:

Honorary president—Mrs. H. A. Irwin.
President—Mrs. A. B. Cowan
Vice-president—Mrs. Glenn Dowser.

Secretary—Mrs. R. B. Stanley.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. H. Rolston
Dorcas Secretary—Mrs. S. H. Bishop.

Literature Secretary—Mrs. F. T. Latimer
Prayer Partner—Mrs. E. E. Wilson.
Little Helpers Secretary—Miss M. Latimer.

At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served by Mrs. Irwin, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Dowser and Mrs. R. B. Stanley.

The December meeting of the A.Y.P.A. of Holy Trinity Church was held at the home of Miss Fannie Stanley, with the vice-president Sidney Irwin presiding, in the absence of the president Oren Stanley.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the rector, Rev. H. A. Irwin. During the business period, plans were made for presenting a play early in the New Year. It was arranged to have two of the members interchange with members of another branch in holding discussions on monthly magazines. It was also agreed that the young people would assume responsibility of the programme to be given at the Sunday School Christmas entertainment.

Rev. H. A. Irwin closed the meeting after which a delightful lunch was served by Mrs. Jas. Stanley, and after enjoying a social hour, a vote of thanks was tendered the hostess by Miss Phyllis Rolston.

The pupils of Metcalfe Public School held their annual Christmas concert in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21. Mr. J. H. Caskey, principal of the Continuation School acted as chairman and an excellent programme of choruses, dialogues and recitations was given by the pupils. A pantomime "Little Star" and a song drill "Little Boy Blue and Bo Peep" by the children of the Junior Room were outstanding numbers, while little Irene Raymond won repeated applause for her graceful dancing.

During the evening an address was read to Mr. M. A. Pelton by Hazel Graham, while Billie Woods on behalf of the pupils made the presentation of an electric table lamp. Mr. Pelton expressed his appreciation for the gift and after briefly stating his reasons for resigning from the staff here, to accept a similar position on the staff of Manotick Public School, he extended all good wishes to his successor Mr. Stanley Fisher.

At the close of the programme Santa Claus appeared and distributed the gifts from a gaily decorated tree.

The Christmas 'Literary' of Metcalfe Continuation School was held on Wednesday, Dec. 22. President Keith Rolston was in charge and after a brief session which included a very satisfactory financial report given by the treasurer Eldon McEvoy, a very enjoyable programme was given.

Christmas carols were sung and a quartette comprised of Amy Irwin, Dorothea Blair, Phyllis Rolston and Margaret Irwin sang "Good King Wenceslas." A cow boy song was contributed by Orville Ireland who proved himself an adept at vidding much to the delight of his fellow students. A trio, "Three Crows" sung by three of the students, and a dance by Irene Raymond of the Public School, were also well given. The Continuation School "Gazette" in a beautiful cover designed by Amy Irwin, was read by

the editor, Sidney Irwin, whose comments left no student forgotten. Christmas gifts were presented to Mr. J. H. Caskey, principal, and Mr. K. W. Stuart, assistant, and also to Mr. M. A. Pelton, of the Public School who is leaving this district.

At the close of the programme a treat of candy provided by Mrs. J. H. Caskey and Mrs. K. W. Stuart was enjoyed.

The residents of the village and community were shocked on Tuesday evening to hear of the sudden passing of Mrs. Margaret A. Harrison, wife of the late Montgomery Harrison.

The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon from her late residence to Metcalfe United Church where service was conducted by Rev. H. A. Bunt, assisted by Rev. Thomas McNaught, of Russell. Interment was made in the family plot in Metcalfe Union cemetery.

Born in North Osgoode, sixty years ago, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Booth, Mrs. Harrison had spent her entire life in the district, coming to the village to reside several years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edgar Dean, Ottawa; Miss Hilda, at home; four sons, Albert, of Edwards Harry, of Ottawa; Orten, of Russell Clarence, of Oshawa. Her husband Montgomery Harrison predeceased her about seventeen months ago.

The pallbearers were five cousins, Percy Booth, Charles Booth, William Booth, William Fisher, Robert Fisher, and a nephew Carl Booth.

Many messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes were received by the family, the latter including tokens from Metcalfe Rural Telephone Co. and staff of Gamble Robinson Limited, Ottawa.

The December meeting of Metcalfe Women's Institute was held in the Township Hall, with the Vice-President, Mrs. Jas. D. Cameron presiding. Mrs. W. A. Cowan was secretary and Mrs. J. H. Caskey acted as pianist for the evening. After opening the meeting by singing the Institute Ode and several Christmas carols, Mrs. Cowan gave a report of the school competition held in November at which S.S. No. 13, with Miss Florence Loney as teacher, won the Garland Trophy, and also gave a full report of the Convention held in Ottawa in October. Several letters of appreciation from sick and bereaved members were read and roll call was answered by an exchange of gifts, in charge of Miss Jessie Cameron. The gifts being numbered were drawn by ticket at close of the meeting. It was decided to ask School Boards to cooperate in introducing medical inspection in Public Schools and members from each school section represented were appointed to visit their local Boards. A cash donation was voted to the Institute for the Blind and committee for distribution of Christmas baskets appointed. The motto for the month, "Peace on earth, good will to men" was taken by Mrs. C. E. L. Morrow. Current events was in charge of Mrs. G. York and Dickens "Christmas Carol" was read by Mrs. Geo. E. Morris. A solo "Lo in a Manger" was sung by Bessie Stanley.

The closing item was a cake naming contest won by Mrs. F. R. Stanley.

EDWARDS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davidson, of Johnson Corners, spent Christmas at the latter's home, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Waddell, Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Denison spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cooper spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hugh Ross.

Mr. John James spent a week with his daughter, Mrs. Milton Closs, of Clyde Forkes.

There was no service at Knox Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Birch, of Hammond, spent a couple of days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fader, of Marvillville, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell.

Miss Anetta McCooeye, of Russell, is holidaying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCooeye.

The Anglican church had their Christmas concert on Thursday night in the Orange Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCooeye, Doris and Herbie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCooeye.

Miss Edna James, of Ottawa, spent a few days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John James.

Mrs. Robt. Davidson and daughter Jean, of Johnson Corners, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Waddell.

The annual meeting of Knox Church will be held on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quinn and Mrs. Wm. Birch called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCooeye and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCooeye on Sunday afternoon.

After which the gifts were distributed and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

A last tribute to the memory of R. Barber Stanley, of Greely, was paid by friends and relatives at the funeral service held in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, Dec. 19th. The rector, Rev. H. A. Irwin conducted the service, and also the graveside prayers at Greely cemetery, where interment was made in the family plot.

Mr. Stanley was born at "Maplehurst" North Osgoode, the son of Richard Barber Stanley and his wife Ann Lawlor, and spent the greater part of his life on the homestead, moving to the present family home at Greely, about thirty-five years ago. Although eighty years of age Mr. Stanley still retained an active interest in community affairs and particularly in the work of All Saints Church, Greely, of which he was a member and church warden for many years. In earlier life he had attended Holy Trinity Church at Metcalfe and was the last of the group of early pioneers who subscribed to its erection. Mr. Stanley was also a member of the Orange Order for sixty-three years, and was an honorary member of L.O.L. No. 757, Johnston's Corners, for the past twelve years.

The chief mourners were his wife formerly Miss Alma Youngusband one daughter, Mrs. G. H. Brownlee, of Manotick Station; six sons, O. L. Stanley, Toronto; J. H. N. Stanley, Montreal; E. L. Stanley, Russell; Wilmot, of Marvillville; Clark, of Metcalfe, and George, at home; eight grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. W. D. Brunton, of Ottawa.

The many beautiful floral tributes included those from L.O.L. No. 757 Johnston's Corners, and the Manager and staff of the Royal Bank of Canada St. Catherine St. Branch, Montreal.

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