

# News and Information for the Busy Farmer

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## Annual Conventions

Ontario Fruit Growers' Association—Jan. 19, 20 and 21, Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton.

Ontario Plowmen's Association—Feb. 1, King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Ontario Field Crop and Seed Growers—Feb. 2, King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

Class "B" Fairs Association—Feb. 2, King Edward Hotel, Toronto, 2 p.m.

Ontario Agricultural Societies—Feb. 3, King Edward Hotel, Toronto and Feb. 4.

Seed Display—Feb. 1 to 4, King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

## Price Parity

The disadvantage which prevailed between prices of farm commodities and manufactured products since 1929 was terminated in Oct. 1936, and during the first half of 1937 farmers were able to obtain a greater than normal quantity of manufactured goods in exchange for their agricultural products. In the last several months, due to the fall in agricultural prices, this advantage has been almost lost and at the first of December the two sets of prices were practically on a parity. It is expected, however, that the present position will not be greatly changed during the first part of 1938.

## Rearing Winter Pigs

The winter feeding of swine presents many problems that are not encountered in summer time, since pigs are forced to live under unnatural conditions in winter and without the variety of feeds available in the earlier part of the year. At the same time it has to be remembered that any attempt at forcing winter pigs when exercise is limited is courting disaster. Good feed should be fed at a rate that the pigs can overtake and the pigs kept in dry, comfortable quarters with room for exercise in the early stages of growth. By combining good feeding and management, many of the common ailments of swine will be avoided, and the result will be healthy and thrifty market pigs.

Successful winter pig production depends largely upon three factors. These factors are: warm, dry sleeping quarters, free from draughts; suitable feeds and care in feeding them, and exercise in the early stages of growth. Exercise for the growing animal is practically a necessity. This is particularly true of the pig in the early stages, and especially so if the pig is being forced by heavy feeding. Heavy feeding without exercise is conducive to crippling. It is wise, therefore, to allow the young pigs to run outdoors during the fine fall weather, and when they must be kept inside, due to bad weather, they should be allowed sufficient pen space to exercise freely.

With regard to providing warm and dry sleeping quarters, if there

are buildings available it would be unwise and not economical to build new pig quarters. Even old buildings should be remodelled only sufficiently to ensure comfortable feeding and sleeping accommodation. Sufficient trough should be provided so that each pig will have an opportunity to secure a fair share of the feed. If the building is draughty or likely to be cold, the construction of a covered sleeping berth will be well worth consideration. It can be constructed of any available lumber in a dry corner of the feeding pen. The sleeping berth should not be more than three feet high and covered with boards and straw, and just large enough in area to house the pigs comfortably in a bed of dry, clean straw.

## The British Market and Canadian Farm Produce

A story of neglected opportunities for sale of Canadian agricultural products in the United Kingdom market is told in a highly informative report just issued by the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Hon. James G. Gardiner. The report reveals the results of an intensive study of the British market which was conducted by a group of Canadian agricultural experts who visited the British Isles with A. M. Shaw, recently appointed Director of Marketing Services for the Dominion Department of Agriculture. It was found that other Dominion's products were better known than Canadian in Great Britain and that housewives were not familiar with Canadian goods.

Practically every product of the Canadian farm which enters the export market, from cattle and dressed poultry to honey and canned pears, is dealt with in the report, and each item is related to the British merchant and consumer. The report reveals information which the Canadian agricultural specialists gleaned from interviews with importers, commission agents, brokers, wholesalers, manufacturers, retailers and housewives in 18 cities in England, Scotland and Ireland. Farms where herds of Canadian dairy cows and beef cattle were feeding were visited, as were fruit auctions, cheese factories, jam manufacturing plants, and famous food markets.

The report includes six general findings of great importance to the Canadian farmer and to all those interested in the export of Canada's farm produce to the British market. Definite recommendations are also given in the report, advocating an immediate adoption of a three-fold, long-term policy to win greater and more constant share of the British market. These findings and recommendations are set forth at length in the 86-page report which may be obtained free on application to the Publicity and Extension Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

## GOLDEN VALLEY

Mr. James Anderson and his brother, Mr. Frank Anderson of Kincaide, Sask., spent Tuesday with Mr. W. G. Porteous and Mr. Wallace Comrie.

The annual school meeting of S. S. No. 12 was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Craig on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance and a very favorable report of the year's work was given by Mr. E. Cowan, the chairman of the board. He resigned from the board after serving nine years as trustee, and he nominated Mr. A. E. Hill as his successor and he was elected. The committee in charge for the social part of the meeting was composed of Miss Hazel Porteous and Maurice Huges and they had a good program. The McDonalds of Marvelville played an active part in the program, after which refreshments were served by the ladies. The Section looks forward to an enjoyable evening at the annual school meeting.

Mr. Joseph Cabana who is working for Mr. A. B. Cowan, is spending a few holidays at his parental home at Limoges.

Miss Geraldine Acres of Vernon spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. R. S. Hill.

Miss Ethel McNab of Ottawa spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McDiarmid.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dow and sons of Metcalfe, Mr. and Mrs. Milas McLeod and family of Kenmore, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Purcell and Elsie Hume of Ottawa and Misses Margaret and Inez Hume of Marvelville spent part of New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cowan.

Mrs. G. G. Acres visited her mother on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cowan spent Sunday evening with Miss Evelyn Cameron of Metcalfe who was at her home for the week-end.

Miss Hazel Porteous returned to Madawaska on Monday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid was held on Tuesday Jan. 4th with a good attendance.

A number from the Valley attended the reception which was held at the home of Mr. John McDonald, Ormond, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dan McDonald, whose marriage took place recently. They were recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts and received the best wishes of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McAndrew spent Friday evening with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. McAndrew.

Mr. H. L. McDiarmid spent Saturday at York's Corners, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson and Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cowan attended the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cowan, of Westboro which was held on Saturday.

## Sad Case

"Are you sure that the car was crowded?"  
"Indeed! Why, even the men couldn't get a seat!"

## PANA

Mrs. Howard Patterson of Billings Bridge spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford McKewn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrow spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John MacDonald.

Mr. Andrew Harrington has been confined to his bed for the last week with a cold.

Miss Belle Beckstead has been employed in Cornwall for the last month.

Mrs. Norman McCormack of Marionville spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. I. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stanley of Metcalfe spent Wednesday with Mrs. Edgar Stanley.

Miss G. McIntosh of Glengarry has been engaged as teacher for the 10th line school No. 21. She succeeds Stanley Fisher.

Miss Dorothy Loney of Edwards spent the last two weeks with friends in Cornwall.

## MARVELVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McCormick and family spent the week-end with Mrs. McCormick's mother near Pana.

The missionary society held their monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. C. Robinson.

Mrs. Jas. McCormick celebrated her 79th birthday Jan. 3rd at the home of her son Norman, accompanied by her sister Mrs. R. N. Swerdfeger of Pendleton, and her brother, D. J. Hill. In spite of her advanced age Mrs. McCormick is quite smart and enjoys very good health. We all join in wishing her many more happy birthdays.

The annual school meeting was held in the school house on Dec. 29 at 8 p.m. Mr. Elwin Hill acted as chairman and D. J. Hill as secretary.

Trustee's report was given by the chairman of the board, Wm. Hume. In general business some very important discussions took place. Next order was election of trustees, Mr. Hume being the retiring trustee. Nominations being as follows: Mrs. Jack Stearns, Messrs. Geo. Hay and Hugh Fader. A vote was taken in the usual way and the chairman declared Mr. Fader elected. The 1938 board will be as follows:—Mr. J. B. McVey, Mrs. Chas. Fader and Mr. Hugh Fader. After the meeting lunch was served by the ladies.

The L.O.L. held their regular meeting in the Orange Hall Jan. 3rd.

Mr. W. M. Sharp made a business trip to the Capital last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Stearns were guests of the former's parents on Sunday.

Our present day civil law is based to a large extent on the code of laws compiled by the famous Roman emperor Justinian long before the Christian era dawned.

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And safe the seed and safe the fruit.

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The grain for food, the grapes for wine.

What need we fear, what need we dread,  
Hearing the wild geese overhead  
Proclaim their million-year-old-rite  
Of safe departure, age-sure flight.

How can we doubt that dreams come true,  
Watching this wood-smoke's ageless

blue  
As in a million falls before?  
What winter kept and wild spring found  
And burning summer raised from ground  
Is here as evermore, for reaping,  
God's everlasting promise keeping.  
—Margaret Widdeman

Inflation is what you are in the midst of when you think a stock is a good buy because it has gone up 200 per cent.

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## BEAUTY QUEEN WAS MURDERED BY SMALL TUBE OF TOOTHPASTE

In Vienna a woman is seeking divorce on the ground that her husband holds her down and tickles her until she screams. "You are lucky," the judge told her, "for there once lived in Salzburg a tailor named Tobias Hacker, who tickled seven wives to death."

Ingenuity in murder is not limited to thrillers. As great an originality as you will find anywhere in fiction has marked some of the stranger crimes of the year, and now a baffling murder mystery, in which the outstanding feature is a tube of toothpaste, has created a sensation in Bucharest.

Tita Critescu, "Miss Rumania" of 1933, was one of the loveliest young actresses in Europe. One evening last January she went to her bathroom and sang with happiness.

Her engagement to a handsome young man in the Diplomatic Service had just been announced, and her father and mother had dined with her in her pleasant little flat overlooking the river. Tita had chattered of her exciting plans for the future.

**BATHROOM TRAGEDY**  
Shortly after she entered the bathroom, groans brought her maid rushing to the door—to find Tita writhing in agony. The doctor was summoned but the actress died before dawn and he had grave suspicions.

At the autopsy traces of cyanide were discovered in the body. At first the police suspected suicide, and so convinced were they that Tita was buried without benefit of cery.

But why should this beautiful girl kill herself directly before her happy betrothal? So insistent were her parents that the case should not be dropped that the police again searched Tita's flat.

In the bathroom a young police officer sniffed. From somewhere came the smell of bitter almonds, its insinuating odour a clear sign that Tita could not, as the detectives had at first imagined, have thrown the poison bottle out of the window into the river.

For some minutes the officer searched, then he found that the

pungent perfume came from the toothpaste. The paste was analysed and discovered to be heavily impregnated with poison. In using it, Tita had unwittingly killed herself.

**ASTONISHING ALIBI**  
By a process of elimination, the police rounded up Tita's former circle of friends until they hit upon an architect named Liviu Ciuley. Ciuley had once been on the point of marrying Tita and she had jilted him for the diplomat. Insanely jealous, it seemed likely that Ciuley had decided he would rather see Tita dead than married to another man.

In vain the architect protested that he had still loved the girl, and he offered to pay the fees and expenses of a Scotland Yard detective to investigate the mystery. He was put on trial for murder, but the police had arrested the wrong man. A jury found Ciuley innocent. The murdered was gone uncaught.

There was a similar dead end in the case of Johann Molnar, of Budapest. Whoever wished to kill Molnar laid his intended victim out one evening, plied him with drink, and then returned him to his own doorstep. There Molnar lay snoring soundly.

The murdered stuffed a carrot and two small chips of carrot into the unconscious man's mouth and nostrils and crept away. Try as they will, the police have been unable to trace the man with whom Molnar spent his last evening. All Molnar's friends proved an alibi. The killer has covered his tracks.

At last one suspect of the year may have saved himself from the gallows by having an astonishing alibi—that of killing his man before a throng of spectators. At a rifle meet in Hungary, Ivan Ramoff wagered that he could hit an apple placed on the head of a cory, Josef Skoll, at a distance of 100 feet. Fired by gibes, Skoll accepted the challenge.

No sooner had he poised himself with the apple than Ramoff took aim, fired, and Skoll fell to the ground with a bullet through his temple.

**FIFTY SUSPECTS**  
If this broad-daylight shooting was accidental, Ramoff was liable to no more than a few years' imprisonment for manslaughter. If Ramoff killed with malice aforethought he must face the extreme penalty. Supposing Ramoff wanted Skoll out of the way, could he be sufficiently cunning to perform an act of murder under the cloak of manslaughter? That is the open question over which Hungarian lawyers are wrangling.

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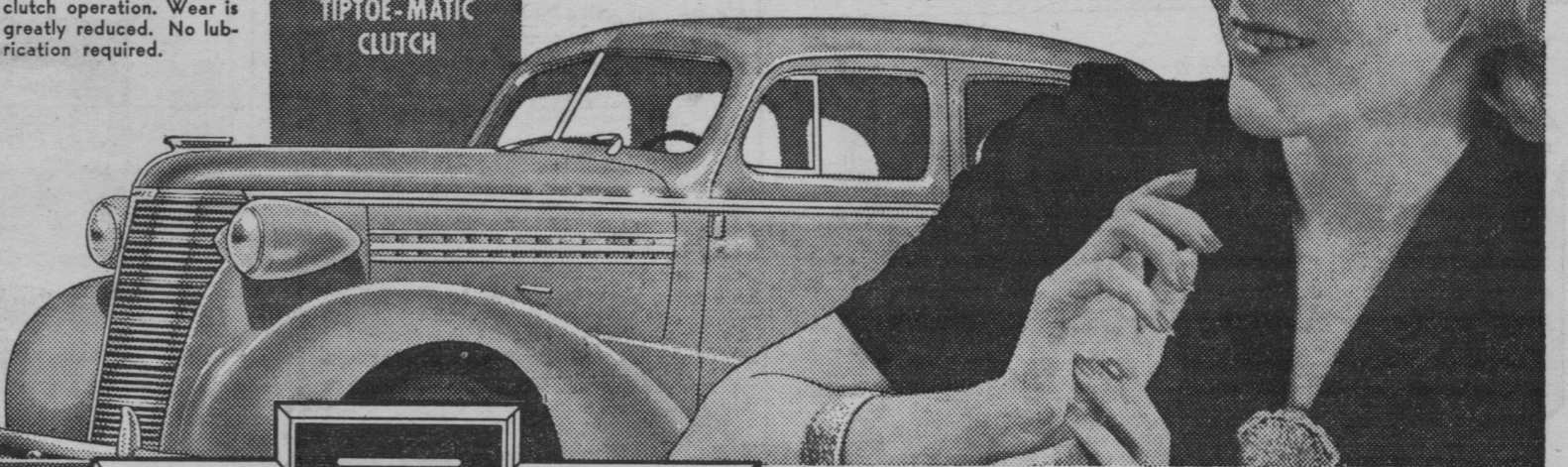
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