

### Problems of the Farm

Contributed by Grey County Department of Agriculture

The usual autumn rush of hogs has now commenced with the gradual lowering of the prices paid. The declining price results in the selling of unfinished hogs because many unload before the quotations recede farther. This should be discouraged.

A twofold result is reflected by such action. The first is that the price is sent down much farther than it would otherwise go and secondly, less valuable hogs are sent to the packers, as there is always a sufficient number of light stock on the market to supply the small demand for it than if the pigs were kept till they had reached the proper weight.

At the present time, if possible, every hog producer should see that his stock is brought to market size of 180 to 220 pounds at home. When Canadians are faced with the necessity of building up their foreign markets it behooves everyone to do his little bit in assisting. Such action will result in better prices later. Your co-operation is solicited.

#### Results of Field Husbandry Experiments.

Many have asked wherein the Ontario Agricultural College, located at Guelph has been of benefit to the farmers of Ontario. To them the following item may be of interest. It is worthy of careful perusal, at least, and should allay any fear that this institution is not worthy of the whole-hearted support of Ontario farmers.

"One of the aims of the Field Husbandry Department of the O. A. C. has been to bring about increased acre yields of high quality on the individual farms. With this object in view over 2,500 varieties of farm crops obtained from different parts of the world have been grown under test and their adaptabilities for Ontario conditions carefully studied. From some of the varieties of greatest merit, improved strains and varieties have been obtained through careful selections from large nurseries, planted by hand, with thousands of selected seeds. As a last resort, controlled cross-fertilization has been used to originate new varieties superior to those obtained through selection from the varieties of highest record. For some time past we have grown and examined annually an average of about 50,000 hybrid plants of farm crops. The plant improvement work has included grain, forage, root and tuber crops.

"The varieties of highest merit obtainable by plant breeding of the College are distributed to the farmers for co-operative experiments on their own farms. If they prove worthy under the local conditions they are soon increased by the experimenters themselves at no additional cost for seed. The surplus is often sold to neighbors and to others to mutual advantage. Through this process the acre yields of several of the farm crops of Ontario have been increased considerably. These increases will be even greater as some of the new varieties become better established and as others are introduced.

"According to the reports of the Ontario Department of Agriculture the last twenty-one years' increases in acre yields of barley, oats and winter wheat, in comparison with the two previous decades amounted to 249,730,411 bushels, which, valued at average market prices reached a total of \$161,049,877.71. This is over thirty times as much as the net expenditure of the Ontario Agricultur-

al College from its commencement in 1874 to the present time."

#### Premium For Rams.

The season has now arrived when rams are in demand. As usual the sheep division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, are still giving the \$10.00 premium to those who have never used a pure bred registered ram before. Approximately 200 farmers in Grey County received this premium in the past two years. All applications must be in to the Department not later than December 31 of the year in which the ram was purchased. Application forms may be secured by writing to the Grey County Branch, Department of Agriculture, Markdale.

#### Bacon Hog Clubs.

During the past summer 26 Bacon Hog Clubs have been organized and started in Grey County. It is possible to organize as many more if interested parties would immediately get busy. Every assistance will be given parties desiring information if requests are made to the Department at Markdale. Only hogs of approved Bacon type are sent to each club free of charge.

#### "DON'T GET IN WRONG WITH THE NEWSPAPERS"

A very wise and successful public man once remarked in tendering advice to a young aspirant for public favor, "Don't get in wrong with the newspapers. You may think you can fight them, but they have a way of coming back that is surprisingly effective. The newspapers have made and broken many public men."

The important question is, "What is meant by getting in wrong with the newspapers?" No editor worthy of the name will attack a man because of personal pique or on trivial pretext. The public man must have done something to get "in wrong" with the newspaper, and when he does he probably deserves all that is coming to him.

Newspapers have brought many worthy men into prominence who otherwise would never have been heard of. Newspapers have introduced to the public many men who have merited all the prominence given them. Sometimes the newspapers have been kindly remembered, and much oftener they have been forgotten by the beneficiary. Many men have sought, and been willing to pay for the "boosting" that a newspaper can give them, but few editors are for sale, and when boosting articles appear they are usually placed along with advertising matter. A good and worthy man has frequently been helped by an unwarranted attack of a partisan newspaper, but generally speaking the advantage is with the newspaper. The better way for a man who wants the help of a newspaper is for him to go to the editor and have a heart-to-heart talk with him. If a newspaper attacks a man unjustly and that man will lay his case before the editor, the chances are that the newspaper will be fair enough and manly enough to retract its unjustified attack. There are, however, many who think they can successfully overcome the fair criticism of a newspaper, but they find out in the end that a well-conducted and generally fair newspaper has an influence on the public mind that is not easy to overcome and should not be trifled with.—Winchester Press.

### THE RIGHT AGE FOR GIRLS TO MARRY

Dorothy Dix, in The London Advertiser, Gives Well-Reasoned Reply.

[There is no particular moment in a girl's life when the stars are more propitious for matrimony, as the fortune-tellers say, than another. So much depends upon the character of the girl, upon the man, upon the circumstances by which she is surrounded. Some girls bloom earlier than others. Sometimes a girl gets a chance at a prince of a man she would be foolish not to grab at any age. Sometimes a girl has an unhappy home that she does wisely to get out of as soon as she can.]

Generally speaking, however, I think the right age for a girl to marry is between 22 and 30, for by that time she is mature enough to know her own mind and have her taste in men formed, and she is still young enough to be able to adapt herself to the vagaries of a husband.

I am opposed to girls marrying while they are very young for many reasons. One is their lack of experience and judgment to pick out a life partner, and they are much more concerned over whether a man dances well and how he combs his hair than they are over his morals and his ability to make a living. Another reason is that they don't even know the kind of man they really want, for the youth who ravishes their fancy one day bores them stiff the next. At 18 and 20 a girl's fancy for men changes as often as it does for chocolate creams.

Another reason why a girl should not marry very young is because she has not had her play time. She is not yet surfeited with admiration. Her feet still ache for the dance, and she still wants to run around with the other boys and girls of her age. If she marries while this perfectly natural urge for pleasure is in her veins, we get the flirtatious wife who dishonors herself and her husband with little affairs that end in the divorce court, and we have the mother who neglects her babies while she gads about. The untidy home, the delicatessen dinner, the

unwanted children, the querulous, discontented wives are, nine times out of ten, just the outward expression of the woman who married too young.

A girl should not marry too young because she is not old enough to know how to make allowances for the weaknesses of others. It takes age to teach us that. Also all girls are self-centred, and think the universe revolves around them. That is no way in which to approach the matrimonial problem. For most men entertain a similar idea regarding themselves, and the dove of peace is no likely to perch on the roof-pole of the house in which the wife considers herself IT.

On the other hand, domestic felicity depends on a woman's adaptability, and you have to catch 'em young to teach 'em that trick. After a woman once acquires ways and forms set opinions she is adamant. She can't adapt herself to a husband's peculiarities. He must either take her or leave her as she is. She can't change.

Therefore, a girl should marry when she has cut her wisdom teeth, but before she is convinced that she is a Solomon in petticoats; when she is settled enough to have some backbone of her own, yet plastic enough to mold; and when she is tired of playing and wants to be about the business of life. And this psychological hour comes somewhere between 22 and 30.

#### DID YOU EVER NOTICE THIS?

Did you ever pause in a post office long enough to take a squint at the floor shortly after a number of people have received their mail? If you have you were probably struck by the number of circular and form letters and hand-bills that littered it up. In fact, you doubtless were struck with the fact that many of them had been thrown in the basket as soon as they were removed from the envelope, the recipient never even taking the trouble to give them a second glance. But did you also notice that you don't see anyone throwing the newspapers, and especially the home-town newspapers in the basket or on the floor? Did you notice that newspapers are always carried away instead of tossed away? Well, right there is mighty good argument in favor of advertising in the newspaper. The cir-

cular letter—a costly form of advertising—goes into the waste basket. The home-town paper goes into the home. Remember this and spend your advertising money accordingly.

#### Meaford Resident Dead.

Mrs. John Raymond, 80 years of age, and a resident of Meaford for 35 years, died on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Raymond is a carriage-maker and is still engaged in business. Besides her husband she leaves one son, Mr. Edward Raymond, and one daughter, Mrs. Lunan.



Stop That COUGH!

DISSOLVE a Peps tablet in the mouth whenever your chest feels raw and sore or the cough troublesome.

The powerful medicinal vapours given off by Peps, are instantly breathed into every part of the chest and lungs. They strengthen and protect against the dangers of wet, cold and changeable weather. They soothe and heal inflamed air-tubes, end soreness and irritation and quickly check the worst cough or cold. Peps are equally good for sore throat, bronchitis, children's chest weakness, bronchial asthma, etc. Free from opiates and all harmful drugs. See box all chemists.

THE REMEDY YOU BREATHE

A man that bets may not be a good man, but a man that doesn't bet is no better.

### EVERYTHING IN Farm Machinery THAT'S US

Cream Separators Fertilizers Pumps, Etc.

J. Schutz

Cockshutt Agent, Durham

### Cash and Carry Store

I have opened up a store in Upper Town and have everything in the Grocery line including:

**Rolled Oats, Pastry Flour, Bread & Cured Meat**

Everything marked at Lowest Possible Price to give the customer the benefit when paying cash.

Lemons, per doz. . . . . 30c. Seedles Raisins, 2 lbs. for 30c.  
Fruit Biscuits, per lb. . . . . 25c. Shortening, per lb. . . . . 22c.

We will appreciate a share of your trade. Call in at any time.

**MRS. J. C. HENDERSON**

Wright's Old Stand at top of Hill, Durham

### Friday & Saturday Specials

**Willard's Chocolates**  
Hard and Soft Centres  
33c per lb.

**Riley's English Toffee, 60c lb.**

**Quaker Kisses**  
The Family Candy  
5c, 15c and 25c pk.

**Boxed Chocolates, 60c.-\$2.00**

**S. MacBETH DRUGGIST and STATIONER**

### Specials for This Week

16 pairs Women's Kid Oxfords, high heels, sizes 2½ to 5. Regular \$5.00 for . . . . . \$1.20  
10 pairs Women's Black Oxfords, low heels. Regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 for . . . . . \$2.75  
Mixed lot of Misses' Brown and Black Bals. and Button Shoes for . . . . . \$1.89

We have just received a shipment of all the Newest Styles and Shades of SPATS and OVER-GAITERS. Come in and look these over.

#### REPAIRING A SPECIALTY

**J. S. McIlraith The Cash Shoe Store Durham, Ont.**

#### LITTLE JIMMY



#### JERRY ON THE JOB



### Maltana

The New Whole Wheat Bread

10c A LOAF

Made in Durham

by **E. A. Rowe**

Baker & Confectioner