

Agricultural News
P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

The annual meeting of the Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs, held at Ottawa, March 2nd-4th, was attended by representatives from every Province, including Newfoundland, together with representatives of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the business organizations which are members of the Council.

The meetings opened on Monday, March 2nd, with a very fine address entitled "Making 4-H Club Work a Community Effort," by Mr. Albert Hofer, State 4-H Club Leader for New York State. Mr. Hofer's address was very interesting and contained many suggestions that those in attendance should put into effect. Mr. Tom Dickson, of the Ottawa Dairy Farm, discussed voluntary local leadership in 4-H Club Work in Ontario, and told of their experience in conducting their 4-H Club Council.

Mr. A. L. Elliot, the Council Director representing International Harvesters Co., Hamilton, spoke on the 4-H Club Work from the business man's viewpoint and brought out the part that business could play in the promotion of 4-H Clubs. The meeting next heard from a former club member who described the meaning his club experience had to him, and this was followed by a father's viewpoint on 4-H Club Work. During the afternoon the ladies had charge of the program, and a young lady was heard from who related her club experience, and also a mother who gave her viewpoint on Home-making Clubs.

The first day's program concluded by the showing of coloured slides of the 1952 National 4-H Club Week.

On Tuesday, the various standing committees of the Council met and prepared their reports for the annual meeting. On Tuesday evening the annual banquet was held and Mr. A. E. McLaurin, the retiring Secretary-Manager addressed the gathering. Before the banquet concluded a presentation was made on behalf of the Directors of the Council to Mr. McLaurin.

The annual meeting on Wednesday was largely attended and a very satisfactory year was reported by the officers of the Council. At the conclusion of the annual meeting, Mr. S. C. Wright, President, thanked everyone for their attendance and interest at this, the 23rd annual meeting of the Council.

At a meeting of the New Board of Directors immediately following the annual meeting, Mr. E. F. Pheasant of the Canada Department of Agriculture, Ottawa was elected President. The other officers of the National Organization were elected along with the executive. Mr. Stanley Wood of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture was elected a member of the Executive. Mr. S. C. Wright, Senior Fieldman, P. E. I. Department of Agriculture, is also a member of the executive in the capacity of immediate past President.

Dairy Farmers

The attention of the dairy farmers is centered at the Legion here in Charlottetown. This afternoon and evening various problems confronting the industry will be discussed. The support and endorsement of this organization on the part of dairy farmers is imperative. Never before has the dairy industry been confronted with the terrific inroads which are being made at the present time. Unless the industry is key-noted by wholehearted support and full co-operation on the part of the individual farmers, it will be unable to meet the competition of vegetable oils and substituted dairy by-products.

The production of clean quality milk not only protects the health of the family, but also assures a quality by product. High quality grades of butter and cheese cannot be obtained if the milk is not of comparable quality. Many factors must be considered in order to produce quality milk. One of the first is the selection of good breeding stock and maintaining a sound breeding up program. The type of stable including stall constructions, ventilation, light, convenience, etc. The production of good palatable feed stuffs, properly harvested and stored. The feeding of a balanced ration. The care and handling of the animals with special attention to individual requirements and many other factors must be taken into consideration in order to produce milk on a profitable basis.

In order to maintain quality once it has been produced, proper care and handling will spell a big percentage of the difference between profit and loss. In this respect such things as clean stables, milking practices, proper cooling, storing practices, proper cooling, considered.

Meetings
The annual meeting of the Sheep breeder's association will be held on Thursday morning, of this week in the Legion Hall, Charlottetown. The Central Farmer's Institute are holding their annual meeting in the afternoon, also in the Legion Hall.

The Federation of Agriculture will be holding a meeting on the same night in the Legion Hall. It is to the benefit of those concerned to attend these meetings and take part in the discussions of the many important matters which are confronting the livestock industry to-day.

Short Courses

Agricultural short courses will commence on Monday, March 16 for a two week period at the Vocational School. A great deal of time and planning has been put into the arrangements for this course, in order that those attending may receive practical knowledge in respect to the various phases of farming. It is hoped that all those who can avail themselves of this opportunity will do so. Applications can be forwarded to Mr. W. S. McMurtry, Supervisor of the Vocational School, Charlottetown.

Sheep

One of the most critical times in the life of a sheep is the first few hours after it is born, and it is about the only time that under normal circumstances a sheep needs individual attention and care. At this time of year when the lambs are or soon will be arriving, there are a few points which you should keep in mind which will help to save you time and labor and also dollars. Have the sheep shut in a dry lambing pen. A new lamb can stand quite a lot of dry cold, but cold and damp conditions cause trouble. Keep an eye on the sheep. Visit the sheep barn last thing at night and early in the morning. If a ewe is about to lamb in the evening, it is best to remove her from the flock or else stay around to assist her. If a ewe has twins in a flock, she may have difficulty in keeping the two lambs near her and might refuse to own one of them. If you are there when a lamb is born, you might be able to save a weak lamb by helping it to get started nursing. A young ewe often will not let her lamb suck at first and the lamb may starve, if you are there, it will be clean the mucous from the nose of the newborn lamb, as smoothly as possible. It cannot get started breathing. Keep the ewe and lamb or lambs in the barn for a day or so until the lambs get so they can follow the mother and also for the first week or so on a cold or damp day. It is especially hard on a new lamb to get wet. Give the ewe a warm drink soon after lambing. Some wheat bran with the water is a good idea.

If a ewe refuses to own one of her lambs, it is almost impossible to get her to take it. If you have another ewe who has lost her lamb it will save time to suckle the unwanted lamb on this ewe and try to get her to take it. A ewe which has lost her lamb will usually take another quite readily and if such a mixture occurs, it is wise to keep that ewe with the lamb. Further trouble. A ewe with one lamb will seldom take another, but occasionally does. About the only way you can do it is to keep the two lambs away from the ewe and hold her to let the two lambs suckle every 3 to 4 hours. The lamb gets to know the ewe and the ewe may take it. In any case, it will keep the "unwanted" lamb living even though you may have to hand-feed it finally. The important thing is to try to avoid unwanted lambs by removing or staying with ewes lambing in a flock and also by keeping the ewes in good condition so they will have plenty of milk for the lambs. Always handle ewe and lambs gently if resisting the lamb is necessary. When the lambs are one to two weeks of age, all should be docked and the males castrated. There is no excuse for having one-tailed and buck lambs to sell in the fall, and these young bucks are often the reason for the surprise lambs which come some cold morning in the winter when you are not prepared and perhaps the ewe is short of milk.

Let's try and do better with our sheep in 1953 by saving and raising more and better lambs. Save that extra lamb by attention at lambing-time and the short-tailed wether is a better market lamb than the long-tailed buck! This is the time of year when

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ADJOURNED MEETING TO-NIGHT

Monday night's City Council meeting was adjourned to tonight at 7:30, on Tuesday evening as was stated in yesterday's Guardian.

Mink breeders enter their busy season.

The mating season for mink begins in the early part of March. Many different practices are followed on various ranches. However, the basic or underlying principles in the handling and care of breeding males and females is essentially the same. During the past couple of years the breeding operations on one of our leading mink ranches has been observed. On this particular ranch they make a practice to line up the breeding females during February. Toward the end of February they evenly distribute the males along the rows of females.

This practice has many advantages, the chief one which is the privacy obtained for separate matings.

When you decide to try a number of your females with males, it is advisable to first use your most docile adult females, especially, if placing them with young Kit males. If this is not done, an old female, for instance might turn on a young ambitious Kit male and give him a beating that will entirely ruin him as a breeder. Fights may develop quickly when trying females with males, and one must always ready to separate them quickly. If on the first day trying females, you do not get the starting should be delayed for another few days. Good males will consistently mate one female per day, and many will mate twice daily, although the latter isn't recommended. A good working adult male will handle two females every second day. Kit males, however, are usually upon, to mate one specified number of females. A percentage of your Kit males may only mate once and occasionally not at all.

The procedure they use is as follows. If you are successful in mating a female to-day, put her back in her pen and try her again on the sixth day. If she refuses to mate try her on the seventh and each successive day until the fifteenth day. If she again mates on one of these days the procedure is repeated and we start trying her again on the sixth day from her last mating. You will obtain more second and third matings during the first half of April. After the twentieth, they have found one mating is usually final and a litter is more definite. You may possibly obtain matings up to April tenth, or later.

A female that refuses to mate to-day should not be tried daily thereafter. Every third day is often enough, otherwise she will become terrified of males to the point where she will not mate at all. Working males should be well fed during the mating season, and watered frequently.

Club News

A new Avonshire 4-H Galf Club was organized on Wednesday evening, March 4th, at a meeting at the home of Mr. Chesel Annear, Lower Montague. Representatives were present from the districts of Lower Montague, Victoria Cross, and Brudenell.

The officers for the Club are: President - Hammond Reid, Vice-president - Floyd Thompson, Secretary-treasurer - Ralph Annear, Adult leaders - Ivan MacDonald and Harold King.

Other club members are: Buddy White, Don Ross, Robert Ross, Morley Annear, Eric MacDonald, Billy MacDonald, John MacDonald, Everett King and Beverly McLeod.

Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman

CHAPTER I

Continued

"Front rank, about face!" was the next order; and two of the guards went down between the lines hurriedly snapping the manacles on to each man's right wrist. The irons had been kept on their left wrists all the time they had been working - the spare cuff having been tucked away up the sleeves of the loose jumpers and secured with a piece of string above the elbow - and in a couple of minutes the operation was completed. Then a long chain was passed down between their extended arms and locked back on itself.

It was evident that neither the prisoners nor the remaining guards understood the reason for this manoeuvre, but when it was completed the sergeant stepped forward and addressed them.

"Listen you," he began unpromptingly. "Do any of you know where the Englishman went to? He's missing, and if I don't get him back before we return I'm going to see to it that every man of you gets a flogging and a term in the punishment corps for aiding and abetting him! So speak up if you want to save your filthy skins!"

The unkempt scarecrows before him eyed him uneasily, and there were one or two murmurings of dismay. Then Christophe offered what information he possessed - which was merely what he had told the guard.

"When you order us to jump clear, sir," he said, "I go one way, and the Englishman goes another. I look round and see him running away, but I don't stop to look any more. But I think, perhaps," the sergeant snapped as he hesitated. "Spit it out, you black imbecile! You thought what?"

"I think perhaps he doesn't get clear of the tree when it falls," the negro ventured diffidently. "From what I remember he is running towards where the top of it comes down."

"So that's what you think!" the sergeant roared contemptuously. "Well, I don't - but you'd better hope to God you're right. If the fool's broken his neck, well, all good, but if he hasn't, you'll all wish that you'd never been born! Has anybody else got anything to say?"

An uneasy silence followed and then the sergeant turned to the four guards who stood eyeing him expectantly.

"All right," he said curtly. "Bisquit, and you, Norman, keep an eye on these cattle! You others come with me."

He turned on his heel and set off in the direction which the negro had indicated, followed by the other two guards. The two men in charge of the prisoners followed them with their eyes as they proceeded towards the head of the fallen tree and then the one turned to his companion.

"This is a nice thing!" he said in an undertone. "Two escapes in three days! You heard the Commandant said to those fellows in number three squad when they turned up with a man missing. It's going to be our turn now!"

"It's that fool, Marchand!" the other returned in the same tone. "He was supposed to be watching at that end, but he was too busy getting into safely to know what was happening to the men! But we'll all pay for it just the same."

"We will, my old one!" Norman assured grimly. "If they'd got that other fellow back it wouldn't have been so bad, but they've chased him into the swamps, and the chances are that he'll die there and they'll never find him. And now, with this one going -" He shrugged gloomily and glanced at

We And Our Neighbours

by Ruhamah Scheinfeld Frank

RELAX AND LOVE THEM AND LET THEM GROW

We plan to visit the United States for two months, and the line of thought we have pursued here, will be somewhat broken, for the time being. However, we shall continue this column, always relating what we see and hear and do among Our Neighbours to the South, to the interests and attitudes of Our Neighbours on Prince Edward Island.

This column is in the nature of a postscript to what we have written so far. It has heartened us to hear from some readers that what we say is "true to life", and from others, that in our column, there is food for thought.

But when we come upon readers - and we do quite often - who say, "What you write is only common sense", we are really happy! Because in conversation with them, we usually discover that without benefit of psychology, they have practiced the main principles we have tried to set forth here - and it has worked!

Boiled down, these principles are the age-old one of, "Love Your Neighbour". "Neighbour" including our very nearest ones, husband and wife, parents and children, brothers and sisters. And "Love" meaning cherish them as they are, helping them to grow in their own direction.

We ask these parents who practice "common sense" pointed questions. Punishment? We seldom find we need to use it, they answer. Children usually want to please their parents and do the right thing.

No mischief? No breaking and damaging, and losing? No quarrelling or occasional disobedience? Oh yes, they laugh, but after all, they are children. What can one expect? Old heads on young shoulders? Of course Dad and get cross sometimes, and sometimes they do punish in haste, but they know we love them. We tell them so, when the crossness is over.

Do they attend to their school-work? We ask. Some do more, some do less, the answer. They are all so different. Johnny is good at

the group of chained convicts with sour dislike.

The sergeant and their two comrades had disappeared from view round the head of the fallen tree, and he tilted his sun helmet back and ran a finger round it sweat-soaked lining.

"It's a pig of a job, this!" he remarked morosely. "It's bad enough on the mainland, but to be stuck on this accursed island for a month at a time! And for what?"

The other shrugged. "To give these animals something to do, I suppose," he said. "There's no more harbour-making or road-work to be done at Noumea, so they put them on to clearing the timber here. No doubt some friend of the Government will then buy the island cheap and plant sugar! That is the way things are worked and fortunes are made, my old one!"

"Ah, these sacred capitalists!" his fellow growled. "And for that, we have to live like pigs in camp here when we might be comfortable in barracks. In my opinion, this outside work ought to be stopped altogether. It's just the prisoners who are not to be trusted who get put on it. There are more chances of making an escape, and if one of them should go bad, like that fellow who killed Berault last year, we kindly provide him with an axe so that he can do his worst. Now what I say is -"

To be continued

his books, Jerry "ld rather work with his hands. Mollie loves to cook, and Jennie loves to sew. But the older ones realize that an education is important, and they stick to it, even if they aren't always interested.

What do you want them to be, when they grow up? We asked. Upright and happy, these parents answer, and they can be that whether they are doctors or mechanics or janitors, or whatever. They'll work it out themselves and they know we are back of them. But of course, these parents add, we are very lucky that they were born healthy, and haven't had much the matter with them since. It's a different matter, when kids aren't just right.

Now what is your secret, with you think good parents should know? Here they always protest that they don't think they are better parents than the next one. Indeed maybe they aren't so good since they don't worry too much about it. They just relax and love their children and let them grow!

Why, what's the use of worrying about all sorts of things that don't last anyway? They say. One year children suck their thumbs, the next year they blush at the idea. When they are two, or three, and maybe at around 6 and 9, they are stubborn as little mules - it's all ways, "no, no", and "I won't" - and you have to watch your step, and not cross them, and then, they act as if butter wouldn't melt in their mouth! It's fun to watch them change.

One year, they hate to be clean, the next year, they hate to have a spot on them! One year, they hang on you, the next year, they try to kiss them! One year, they like to be with you and Dad, and then, off they run with the "gang". They come back, though!

It does seem to work out best, relax and love them, and let your children grow. And the chances are, they will grow as you would most want them to. It's fun that way - and common sense, too.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Mrs. George Dellatue (nee Olive Wilson) who departed this life March 11th, 1951.

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Ever Remembered by Mother, Brother Ellsworth and Sister-in-Law Hattie Wilson, Southport, P. E. I.

IN MEMORIAM

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Lenten Meditation

From The Columns of The Times, London

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

On Whit Sunday the Church celebrates the truth which crowns Easter with the festival of the Holy Spirit. It is hardly to be wondered at that there are those to whom it is an anti-climax to pass from the soul-moving facts of Good Friday and Easter Day to the mysterious experiences of Pentecost.

To the uncommitted critical observer the symbols of Pentecost, tongues of fire and mighty rushing wind which signified invisible spiritual realities, must needs seem to be poor substitutes for the visible crucified and risen Christ.

The slowness of the natural man to perceive the things of the Spirit bears convincing witness to the necessity of the Incarnation. Before man can truly know him God must become flesh and come to his aid by sharing his earthly life.

The divine initiative for man's salvation is God's recognition that unless he takes action to save him man will sink irremediably into chaos and death. Christ incarnate reveals God as Father, and so reveals him in his life and death and resurrection, he unbars the way to the knowledge of God as Spirit.

It has sometimes been contended that a religion which is based on an incarnation concedes too much to human weakness, and that real religion is "purely spiritual" and depends entirely upon intuitive perception of spiritual reality. But the present crisis in man's history is clear evidence that man is fatally weak, and that nothing but God's direct action can save him from the world-wrecking effects of that weakness.

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