



**THE GLENGARRY DANCERS**

Colorful and clever entertainers—The Glengarry Dancers—made a splendid impression when appearing in Scottish Reels and Argyle Broadsword numbers at the Musical Festival. Left to right—Rosemary Noonan, Maureen McDonald, Linda Duffy, Judy Glover, Julie Foster, Catherine Curtis, Helen Noonan, Sheila Johnson. **Guardian Photo**

**AGRICULTURAL NEWS**

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**HERD MANAGEMENT**

The love of animals combined with ingenuity is a certain path to success in milking cows. The handling of livestock and the resulting profits have been enjoyed by many men. Those who are renowned for their dairying ability are most surely even-tempered, generous people with a fond attachment to their herd. Kind treatment and careful handling combined with sound feeding practices will help you in obtaining milk from a cow up to her inherited ability. With this in mind we present a proved feeding programme and some helpful hints on cow care.

**GOOD HERDSMANSHIP**

Have a definite breeding programme. Raise your own heifers from your high producing cows. Keep production records by their use continually. Always use a good pure-bred bull for a herd sire. Always feed a well-balanced dairy ration. Supply salt at all times. Watch the weight and condition of your cows. Be sure every cow has a two-month dry period. Feed and handle carefully during the dry period. Keep the mangers clean and sweet. Have regular hours to feed and milk. Cows on summer-dried pasture require extra feed. In winter curry and brush the dairy cow daily. Cows that are contented are healthy cows.

**HINTS ON MILKING**  
Handle heifers carefully when they are first milked. A cow must like to be milked if there is to be a complete response to milking. Consequently, special care is necessary so that newly freshened heifers do not come to associate unpleasant sensations with milking. Avoid the unusual during milking. Such things as strange noises may attract the cow's attention and so prevent complete response to milking. The milker must be a person who does not arouse the cow's suspicion. Some people, by their actions, create nervousness in cows and cannot be good milkers. Milk those cows first which let down their milk in response to preparation for milking, such as starting the milking machine, hanging utensils, etc. Milk rapidly. If milking takes more than seven minutes for most cows, the effectiveness of the hormone that is essential to letting down milk will be partly worn out and incomplete milking will result. Do not practice prolonged stripping because this will ultimately make a stripper of the cow. Operate milking machines according to the manufacturer's directions. Increasing the vacuum or altering the rate of pulsations from those recommended by the manufacturer may make milking unpleasant for the cow. Do not leave the milking machine on the cow after the milk has ceased flowing because this may injure the delicate lining of the teat cistern. Develop the technique of knowing by feeling when the gland has been emptied of milk.

**SWINE SANITATION**  
As in all classes of livestock, swine sanitation is important. Stunted or dead pigs represent a large loss in terms of labor and feed. A sound health program includes:  
1. Control of internal and external parasites.  
2. Feeding completely balanced rations to prevent nutritional deficiencies.  
3. Preventing and controlling diseases.  
The control of internal parasites is best obtained by using the McLean County System. The essentials of this system are as follows:  
1. Farrowing pens are thoroughly scrubbed with lye water and sprayed with a good disinfectant. Hot water is the most effective.  
2. The sow is washed before entering the farrowing pen so that all dirt which may contain roundworm eggs is removed.  
3. The sow and baby pigs are confined to the farrowing pen until moved to pasture, at which time they are hauled (not driven) to the lot in which there have been no pigs for at least a year. Under such a plan a system of rotation

of pastures is essential, with one year of cultivated crop between hog pastures preferred.  
4. The young pigs are kept on this clean pasture until they are four months old, at which time they are less susceptible to the ravages of the roundworms.  
The above system not only controls the roundworm problem, but also prevents other internal parasites and filth-born diseases from taking their toll.  
There are several modifications of the above system. If a clean, portable house is placed on a clean pasture and the sow is washed before entering the lot, we have a simplified system of sanitation.  
Start with a clean brooder house—it is essential that the brooder house be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before using, unless it is new. New brooder houses should have the floors treated with carbolineum, or a good red mite paint. This will make the boards waterproof and easier to clean after use, as well as providing some disinfecting power particularly in cracks and crevices where germs may lodge. This should be done preferably a

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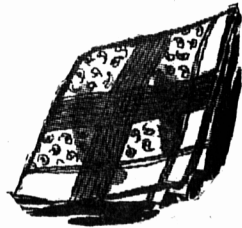
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