

AGRICULTURAL NEWS
P. E. I. Department of Agriculture

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION. O'Leary and District Meetings were held in O'Leary to discuss Artificial Insemination and the organization of a club. Since that time a survey has been underway to determine the breeder interest. The results so far are very encouraging. In all probability, the survey will be completed this week. The board of directors will then meet to set up the organization and call for applications for the position of inseminator.

Montague and district. Considerable interest has been shown in the Montague area and a meeting is being held at the High School Auditorium this Friday afternoon to discuss the organization of a club in the surrounding districts. All interested cattle breeders are urged to attend this meeting.

Charlottetown and district. Three areas have been drawn up around Charlottetown as proposed districts for the establishment of artificial breeding clubs. They are tentatively named Cornwall area, which includes Lots 31, 32 and 65; the York area, which extends from the Winsloe Road east to Tracadie; the Pownal area, which includes the districts south of the river down as far as Vernon Bridge. A meeting is being held on Wednesday, February 15th, commencing at 2:00 p.m. in Charlottetown. The cattle breeders of the above named districts are all invited to attend this meeting.

In order to establish an artificial breeding club it is necessary to have a minimum of 700-800 cows signed up for the first year's operation. If this is not done it is not practical, on a business basis, to operate a club. It is necessary to conduct surveys to determine the breeder interest as soon as possible so that inseminators can be properly trained and be ready for the spring breeding period.

AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL. The Ninth Prince Edward Island Federal - Provincial Agricultural Council has been holding its deliberations the last three days. This is a group of more than sixty workers of the Canada Department and Prince Edward Island Department of Agriculture. It serves as an excellent opportunity to discuss the various problems confronting agriculture within the province. Reports are given by all divisional heads and solutions to the various problems confronting the industry are discussed in detail.

BREEDERS MEETING. All cattle breeders have been invited by the Department of Agriculture to attend a meeting today to discuss the various policies which are in effect. This should prove to be a very interesting discussion. It will afford an opportunity for cattle breeders to express their own ideas in reference to the cattle industry.

WINTER FAIR. The annual meeting of the Maritime Stock Breeders Association is being held in Amherst on Tuesday, February 21. On the day before various committee meetings will be held for the purpose of drafting suggestions and recommendations to be submitted to the annual meeting for the 1956 Maritime Winter Fair. The board of directors will hold their annual meeting on Monday night.

ADVANTAGE OF PROGRAM. An outstanding Shorthorn breeder has this to say about a breeding program: "The long-time breeder comes to know what his individual animals most likely will produce from certain matings. This he knows from their own performance and that of their ancestors. Such a breeder, who has followed planned breeding for a long time, has the advantage over the beginner, or the veteran breeder operating without a fixed program."

WINTER MILK FLAVORS. Mr. J. C. Palmer, Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph, says that such things as turnips and rape should never be fed before milking. Otherwise the cream will be off-flavor and be rejected or made into inferior butter. Feed them just after milking. Off-flavors seem more common during the winter, so now is the time to watch your feeding methods.

It takes a very short time for feed flavors to reach the milk. Experiments show that four hours before milking is the deadline for these types of feeds.

QUIET PLEASE. Scientists have known that blood spots can be caused when hens jump off high roosts or give themselves a severe jolt. Until recently they didn't know that loud noises also cause blood spots.

Professor Stadelman, Washington State College, noticed that during the time when he was remodeling a laying house, the number of blood-spotted eggs increased. He further tested this idea by recording different noises such as engines, guns, etc. Sure enough, hens subjected to his disc-jockeying laid more spotty eggs than undisturbed hens. Further tests are being made to find out more information about effects of noise on hens.

FARM MACHINERY. It is always wisdom to protect an investment and the outlay on farm machinery. It represents a considerable portion of the capital expenditure on the highly mechanized farms of today. It takes considerable patience and time to put a moldboard, cultivator, shovel, seed drill or oneway disc into satisfactory condition if the working surfaces have been allowed to rust for any length of time. Rusty bearings, shafting steel chains or slip clutches may cause more wear in the first hour of operation, after a season's storage, than will occur during the entire operating season.

Rust is found on iron or steel after exposure to moisture in the presence of air and to remove it from any surface that is to be polished, some of the iron or steel has to be removed. Various oils and lubricating materials may be used for rust prevention, but unfortunately most farm equipment receives no treatment of any kind.

Time spent in cleaning up farm machinery and applying an effective rust preventative is far from wasted. Hours of irritating work and possibly expensive repairs may be saved when equipment is used again in the spring.

CLUB NEWS. The annual meeting of the Head of Hillsboro "Busy Bees" Calf Club was held in the school house on Saturday, January 28th, at 7 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the president and the members repeated the 4-H pledge. The roll call was answered by eleven members with four visitors present. The secretary then read the minutes of the preceding monthly and annual meeting which stood approved as read. The financial report showed a balance of \$271 on hand after the distribution of prize money which totalled \$110.00 among the club members. Correspondence consisted of a letter referring to the "Swift Canadian" broadcasts. There was also a letter which stated that special rates could be obtained by club members for the "Ayrshire Review". The president called for the ap-
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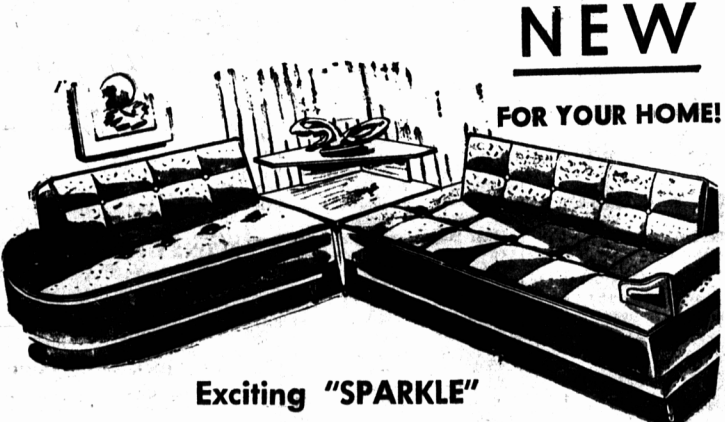
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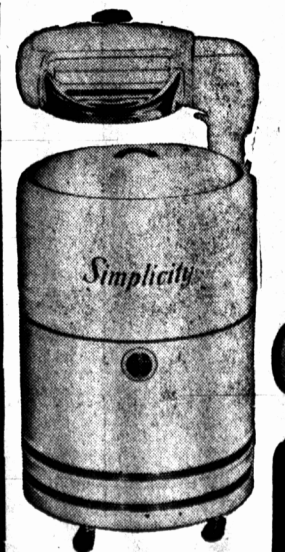
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