

Dateline Cowichan: Farming dominates the news headlines



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Four separate stories on the front page of the Leader reveal local pride in and commitment to farming in Cowichan.

At a meeting at the home of Col. H. D. McLaughlin, Norcross Road, Cowichan turkey breeders set a date for their annual sale during a year that saw the establishment of government inspection.

During a visit to inspect local pens, Dominion poultry producers G. R. Wilson and E. Bonnieman said the Valley's birds were much in advance of birds elsewhere in Canada. Cowichan turkey raisers should go in for breeding stock for export, Bonnieman said.

In what was considered good for Cowichan, a yield of 90 bushels of oats per acre was shown by threshing returns from Mr. A. J. Richards's farm in Westholme.

Meanwhile, Mr. B. Young of Koksilah reported a harvest of 70 to 75 bushels per acre. Membership grew in the Cowichan Jersey Cattle Club with Messrs. Iver Thomas Styger, Hedley Vickers and Kirkwood cooperating with the organization which represented 21 prominent breeders from Cedar south to Cobble Hill and represented several hundred head of Jersey cattle.

A fourth story saw 20 Cowichan agriculturists protesting after a Dominion clampdown on foreign importations of seeds.

1932: fire

Lake Cowichan's two-story Riverside Inn, owned and operated by Norman G. Thomas, was razed by a fire of unknown origin that began in the kitchen. Loss, estimated at \$30,000, was partly covered by insurance.

1932: school

Queen Margaret's School headmistress Miss N. C. Denny returned from attending the opening of new buildings at Queen Margaret's School in Scarborough, England, where she was a pupil. She was accompanied by her brother, Mr. H. A. M. Denny.

1932: eggs

A 10-bird pen at Mr. A. D. Drummond's Herd Road Westwood Poultry Farm topped all Canada in cross-country egg-laying contests with a score of 2,699.9 points and 2,452 eggs. The hens were sired by one of Westholme's Mr. L. F. Solly's birds.

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