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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

40 COUNTIES USE GAS TO POISON WOODCHUCKS State Agricultural College and U. S. Biological Survey Co-operate to Help Farmers Protect Crops.

Allegany county is one of the 40 New York counties that have been killing woodchucks by the wholesale during the past two months. Calcium cyanide placed in the chucks' dens does the business, reports the state college of agriculture at Ithaca.

M. D. Pirnie, of the agricultural college, and M. A. Stewart, of the United States biological survey, have been holding demonstration meetings in the forty counties of the state interested in getting rid of woodchucks and Mr. Pirnie says the results have been more than he could ask.

"In Allegany county, 203 occupied holes were treated, and the chucks opened only eight two days after being treated with the calcium cyanide." He estimates that some of these were undoubtedly opened from the outside by visiting chucks, and that possibly not all of the 203 were closed at all their openings, so that the results were almost 100 per cent.

In many of the dens-chucks were found dead in the hole within two or three feet of the entrance, and the vast majority of holes were unopened. Tests made at some of the meetings show that only three to five minutes of the gas are necessary to kill them.

This deadly gas makes it imperative to use the utmost care in handling it, Mr. Pirnie cautions. It should always be used in dry weather, as it is liberated too rapidly for the safety of the user when the ground is wet.

Canals of calcium cyanide should never be opened in a closed room, or stored where the gas or fumes could be confined in any one place. An ordinary tablespoonful of the cyanide dumped far into each den with a long-handled spoon is one of the best ways of using it. All openings should be closed immediately after placing it. Grass, a sod, or a stone is good to keep the loose earth from sliding down and covering up the cyanide.

Users should keep from breathing the fumes, says Mr. Pirnie, even in the open, as it is a deadly poison. One should be careful to wash the hands after using it, and of course should never get any of it in the mouth.

YEARLY EXTENSION COST 25 CENTS TO EACH FARM Average Annual Tax for County Support of Farm and Home Bureau and Junior Only 25c. On the average, each New York farm pays in taxes about twenty-five cents a year for the county support of extension in agriculture and home economics for both adults and children.

In 1924 the counties of New York state appropriated \$390,000 for farm and home bureaus and boys' and girls' clubs. "This," says Dr. C. E. Ladd, head of the extension department of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca, "is a large sum of money—and lays a heavy obligation for service upon these organizations. Apparently the people of the state feel that this responsibility is being met and that sufficient service is being rendered to farmers, homemakers, and boys and girls, and thru them to the entire state to repay this obligation."

Dr. Ladd points out that if the county appropriations for all three kinds of extension were assessed against the dairy cattle of the state it would be only twenty cents a head if all were assessed against the poultry of the state it would amount to less than four cents a hen; if it were all assessed against the annual potato production it would be less than a cent a bushel.

One other comparison he makes is with the total dog tax paid in New York state in 1924, which was \$683,000, or seventy-five per cent more than the extension appropriations. Using still another basis for comparison, these total county appropriations equal the cost of about ten miles of state road.

JOE HANDLE OMILIES BY BOB ADAMS SQUASH BUGS This time of year with other pests The brown-black squash bugs come. They act as badly as they smell, And that is going some. When the squash vines begin to run, a wilted leaf may sometimes be seen here and there. The bugs have been sucking its juices. The brown eggs should be sought on the under side of the leaves and destroyed when found. Trap the adults by placing small pieces of board or some other shelter near the vines. The insects will spend the night under these and may be found and killed early in the morning—executed at sunrise, so to speak. Melon and cucumber vines may be protected by planting winter squash near them. The bugs prefer the latter plant. Summer squash will not do for this purpose.

MONROE COUNTY AHEAD —2 HERDS IN HIGH 10 Update District Does Well in Putting Cows on Uphill Path to Better and More Efficient Dairies.

Monroe county had two of the ten high herds for the month of March in state dairy improvement association records. George True of Monroe was first, with an average herd production of 63.7 pounds of butterfat.

W. W. Fortune of Essex county was next with a 48.4 pound herd, and M. B. Marshall of Madison county, crowded him closely with his cows' record of 48 pounds of fat.

D. N. Boice was the second Monroe county dairymen to place in the high ten for the month. His average was 46.3 pounds of butterfat. H. E. Burrell, who owns the cow that placed first in all the state associations for the same month, made fifth place with his herd's average of 46.4 pounds.

The next contender, Harrison Dickson of Dutchess county, registered an even 45 pounds for the month, and was closely crowded for that place by Laurence Doty, of Livingston county, who sent in a report of 44.8 pounds. Doty's herd of 25 cows was the largest to place in the high ten for the month.

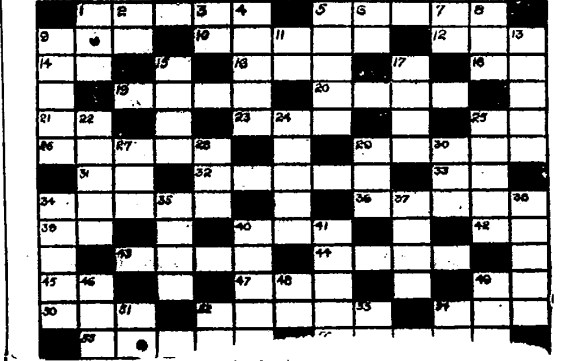
Eighth place went to Isaac L. Mitchell of Delaware county, who owned the next largest herd in the high ten, 24 head. Their record was 42.7. Rufus Pratt of Tompkins county was ninth with a 41.8 pound string, and P. Schneible and sons of Oneida completed the list one-tenth of a pound behind Pratt.

Can you tell the difference between frozen and bruised apples? Do you know at what temperatures apples freeze? These and other questions are answered in a technical paper of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca, N. Y. Send for a copy if you're shipping apples.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: Don't be tempted to let the milk of human kindness become ice cream. Warmth in friends is one of the few kinds of heat enjoyable in summer.

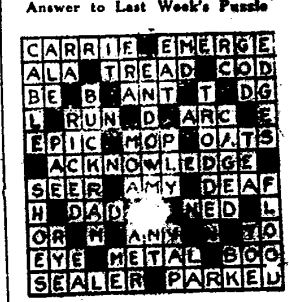
THIS WEEK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

By ROBERT E. FROHARDT Credit for this week's cross-word puzzle goes to Robert E. Frohardt. It contains mostly very simple words—and the ones that aren't simple are words that you should know anyway—so if you don't know them, this is an excellent opportunity to learn them. You should be getting used to the larger cross-word puzzles by this time, so we are going to allow you only twenty-five minutes for working this one. Of course, we realize that the time we give you—and the time you take—are two different things.



- VERTICAL 1. A male child. 2. County (abbr.) 3. Like. 4. Fence pickets. 5. An illiberal adherent of a creed. 6. College degree. 7. In case that. 8. To overcome; frighten. 9. Section of an army. 11. Personal pronoun—third person. 13. Cold. 15. A vessel in which oil is burnt thru a wick. 17. A single voice or musical instrument. 22. Lawful. 24. Two or more metals mixed. 25. To force air noisily thru the nose. 27. A period of time. 28. Bashful. 29. Decay. 30. Employ. 34. Devil. 35. An artificial basin for vessels. 37. To cut irregularly into small pieces. 38. Garment worn by Jewish priests of ancient times. 40. A flower.
- HORIZONTAL 41. To run away with a lover. 46. Algonkian tribe of Indians. 48. A diphthong. 49. A speck. 51. A river in Italy. 52. Call to attract attention. 53. Senior (abbr.) 54. Common Council (abbr.)

- 36. At that place. 39. A man's nickname. 40. Affirmative. 42. Township (abbr.) 43. Deeds. 44. To be in want or need of. 45. Like. 47. Also. 49. Perform. 50. Doze. 52. A great number or quantity. 54. A fish. 55. Hue. 56. To rear or set up, as a building.



Around Our House

TEACH BOYS TO COOK For the boy who likes camping, and for any boy who may have to depend on his own resources now and then, a few lessons in cooking are not amiss. Camp meals, unless a good cook is along, frequently become a succession of baked beans and fried eggs, a diet which has a strange and uncomfortable effect on the digestive apparatus. Every boy should have some general information on cooking vegetables and meats know how to cook eggs in several ways, how to make cocoa and other simple drinks, and how to make good toast and biscuits. The more he knows the better, but many boys have little opportunity to get the practice necessary for elaborate cooking. Mother or older sister, however, can easily teach him enough so that he can be sent camping without ruining his digestion and in case of emergency he can prepare a meal at home that is well cooked and will at least hold body and soul together.

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