

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

FRUIT ON JUMP DURING HARVEST TIME

Delay in Packing May Mean Loss From Storage Period. Have Equipment Ready.

Landie fruit in a hurry," says G. Beck of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca. "Farmers have everything ready when the harvest begins. Delays in harvesting and packing are costly. To obtain its best quality and market value, fruit should be packed and stored as soon as possible after picking. Apples, particularly the ones, pears and early apples, and fruit harvested during comparatively hot weather. With cold storage fruit, a day's delay in storing means a week's loss in time possible to keep it in storage. Leaving it in the packing house or orchard for three or four days after it is picked means that for four weeks will be cut from maximum storage period. Have packing tables, sizing machines, picking bags, orchard containers, ladders and everything needed good repair before it is wanted. The ruts and rough places in roadways thru the orchards may be given some attention to help the fruit from being bruised on way to the packing room. Hire dependable pickers after rating how many will handle for the crop, and have in constant places the necessary supplies, barrels, baskets, corrugated caps, stencils, hatchets, and the like. Doing all these things ready can form a major part of the fruit grower's rainy day jobs until picking."

CENTRIC CLEANER WISE INVESTMENT

Must Have Good Care if to Give Best Results in Cleanliness and Labor-Saving.

A vacuum cleaner is a valuable investment and yields returns in cleanliness and health, and in savings of energy and time. There are three types of machines: those that depend on suction alone; those that depend on suction plus a motor-driven fan driven by the friction of the fine across the floor; and those that use suction plus a motor-driven fan. Some persons who buy a good vacuum cleaner fail to get results from use because of failure to understand the construction and operation of comparatively simple devices, and failure to properly care them. Cleanliness, correct adjustments, oiling and frequent inspections are necessary if a cleaner is expected to give real service.

Round Our House

THE ART OF ACCENTING

Many of the fine points of home decorating depend upon the placing of accents. The house that has no rearing touches of color is unattractive, but when a small bit of brightness is introduced into an otherwise room it may make all the difference between monotony and variety. It may be a simply framed picture in glowing colors—it may be a bright bit of pottery. The color may come in fresh chintz curtains, a piece of furniture of unusual color. A bowl of flowers is always cheerful and refreshing. Care should be taken not to introduce too many accents or the room will seem less but the proper placing of a carefully chosen object will give out beauty in the plainest way.

BY BOB ADAMS

SQUASH-VINE BORER

Link the stem of Jonah's gourd by these fat white larvae bored. In most parts of the state August is a good time to plant lettuce, radishes, turnips, spinach and peas. They can be planted on soil which has already produced a crop or on new ground. The state college of agriculture at Ithaca advises using early varieties which mature rapidly, thorough soil preparation, and continued cultivation. All these will help to bring the crops on before frosts catch them. Radishes, beets and turnips require only a half inch of soil over them, while lettuce and spinach should not have that much. Peas, tho, may have as much as two inches of dirt over them if the soil is light and dry.

cherries, pineapple, peaches, and strawberries, which do make good jellies when used, can be combined with apple. The pectin in the apple juice keeps it stiffen well and the mild does not disguise the flavor of other fruit.

106 is a new Cornell bulletin for homemakers, and tells how to model a straw hat. Write to the college at Ithaca for a copy.

"WHY BE A FARMER?"

Enos Lee Answers the Question. The Ability to Maintain a Good Home.

"Why be a Farmer?" a lot of farmers have been asking themselves during the past four lean years, and many wage earners have wondered why the farmers stuck. Recently a real farmer answered the question by radio from Station WGY, Schenectady. Enos Lee, president of the New York State Farm Bureau Federation, left operations at his Yorktown Heights farm to tell the world why he remains on the farm which his family has owned and worked for over a hundred years.

The satisfaction of being engaged in producing food, the constant battle, the element of chance, the ability to maintain a good home, Mr. Lee gave as his chief reasons for being a farmer.

"You might say that the production of food, clothing and the essentials which make comfortable living are a very poor excuse for being a farmer," said Mr. Lee, "but I submit that any person who engages in this business at least has the satisfaction of knowing that he is doing something worthwhile and something essential to the maintenance of the world."

"One of my big reasons for being a farmer is the weather. The weather, be it hot or cold, wet or dry, is one of the big factors that enter into the business of farming. I really like the weather because you do not always know just what is coming next. It is that uncertainty that keeps the farmer going."

"But the best reason for being a farmer is because the farmer maintains on the land one of the best homes that can anywhere exist. My conception of a good country home is one in which children are brought up in the atmosphere of reverence for the church, for their parents, and with an inclination to pursue their education as far as possible. Our country needs fine citizenship as never before and boys and girls reared in an atmosphere of good country homes are the type we need."

ADAMS BASIN MAN HAS WINNING COW

George True Upholds Reputation of Genesee Valley in Dairy Improvement Association Records.

George True, of Adams Basin, Monroe county, takes first place with his "Star" for the month of April in state dairy improvement association records. This is in addition to having the highest average producing herd for the month. Star gave 114.6 pounds of butterfat during the month.

F. H. Thompson and Sons of Oneida county, were second with "Lady," whose record was an even 90 pounds for the month of April. Albert Roy of Wellsburg, Chemung county, made third place with "Number Ten," recorded at 88.3 pounds.

Close behind Roy's cow comes "Smith Strathmore C. DeKol," owned by Fred G. Smith of Scottville, Livingston county.

R. L. Macdowell of Odessa, Schuyler county, owned the cow that completes the high five; "Alfalada P. Hengerveld," made him 87.4 pounds during the month.

Mr. True's cow leads in milk production as well as fat, with a record of 2,547 pounds of milk. All the cows in the high five this month are Holstein-Friesians.

CARRY ON

Let not your gardening complex die with the passing of July; A good late garden makes a hit if you'll get out and do your bit.

The gardening season is not over with the last of July. Not by several jugfuls, as the old saying goes. In most parts of the state August is a good time to plant lettuce, radishes, turnips, spinach and peas. They can be planted on soil which has already produced a crop or on new ground. The state college of agriculture at Ithaca advises using early varieties which mature rapidly, thorough soil preparation, and continued cultivation. All these will help to bring the crops on before frosts catch them. Radishes, beets and turnips require only a half inch of soil over them, while lettuce and spinach should not have that much. Peas, tho, may have as much as two inches of dirt over them if the soil is light and dry.

Homespun Yarn

Aunt Ada's Axioms: Whether the good die young or not, they die happy.

Inexpensive butcher's aprons, easy to launder, are handy to slip on while getting dinner.

Bake potatoes on a rack instead of on the floor of the oven so they will cook evenly on all sides. When they are done, the rack can be pulled out to save burning your hands. Careful washing and a little fat rubbed on the outside will make the skins as good as the inside to eat.

S. O. S. FOR HOMEMAKERS

When perplexing problems come up on housekeeping and home-making matters and you seem unable to find help or information that deals with your special trouble, where do you go for help? The state college of home economics at Ithaca is ready to help if you will explain your difficulties. The college has bulletins on household management, foods and nutrition, clothing, design, decoration and a number of other subjects. When there is no bulletin to meet your particular need, teachers are glad to write a personal letter with suggestions for solving your difficulty. A postcard addressed to the college will bring a list of bulletins. If none of these answers your questions send your S. O. S. in a letter and the college will answer.

Rude Rural Rhymes

Dear and Familiar

The human heart still loves the wonted, whose faults old use has somewhat blunted. I'd rather lose my garden crops thru my own dog than other yaps, and much prefer my own hen scratches to those of any neighbor hatches. The things we loved in youthful days, those things we still delight to praise. I made of late a lilac poem because they blessed my boyhood home. More dear to me a mountain land than one for cultivation planned. It was the Granite State that bore me and held her rocks and hills before me. I like to have my garden stony, with big and little darnicks bony, because the fields my father tilled were with assorted sizes filled. I even bless the pusley weeds that every northern garden breeds. I'm very glad I have to fight them and love them even while I smite them. When I spade ground I like the squirms of all the wiggly angle worms and the white grubs are not so good, the June bugs in their babyhood, and tho I throw them to the chickens in spring I'd miss them like the Dickens. It is a lucky thing, I wot, that mankind like the things they've got. I'd rather have fair Hannah scold me than other girls an angel hold-me. I'd rather hear cuss words from Jim than sweet songs from the cherubim.

—BOB ADAMS

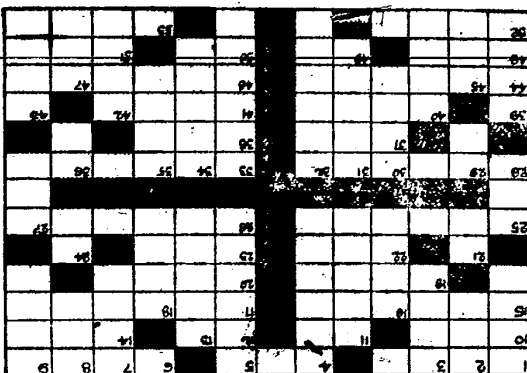
Uncle Ab says better farming is generally done by better men.

Successful poultry breeding rests on records of ancestry performance on which to base breeding programs. A new bulletin of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca, E 117, presents a workable plan for pedigree hatching and record keeping, and your copy is free for the asking.

THIS WEEK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

By W. J. DAVIS

The honor this week goes to W. J. Davis. This cross-word puzzle ought to give every fan a good half-hour of pleasure—maybe more. To make it more thrilling, Mr. Davis has given you a thief—under another name—to catch. Let's see what kind of a detective you are. Can you catch a crook?



HORIZONTAL

- Indication
- Small dog
- A plot
- A girl's name
- A state (abbr.)
- Interjection
- Natural substance containing minerals
- A plant of the onion family
- A thief
- A rising ground
- Certain
- Born
- Old School English
- Attentive; earnest
- Any delicious beverage
- An individual
- Approaching
- Township officers (abbr.)
- A federal republic of North America
- To come together
- To be carried
- Graduates of a college
- That which feeds
- A good friend
- Adverb
- Suffix
- Double
- Paradise
- Closely watched

VERTICAL

- A wise man
- A girl's name
- Style of apparel
- A small package or parcel
- A minister
- A protuberance of the ear
- To be; to exist (plural)
- A limited period of time
- A fabric

- A place of abode or shelter
- A narrow path
- Bills receivable (abbr.)
- Adverb of place
- A state (abbr.)
- Little devil
- A torn or old piece of cloth
- A boy's nickname
- Any slender support
- Uncloses
- Hastily formed idea or desire
- An old time bell, still in use in some localities
- A willow
- Artificially formed
- A state (abbr.)
- Back of the neck
- A stubborn animal
- A whirlpool of water
- Walked
- Boy
- Evangelical Union Extension (abbr.)

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