

Wood To Take Place Of Coal, Oil As Fuel

In view of the present transportation shortage, the Government is suggesting that farmers and people in small towns use wood as fuel instead of coal and oil, where feasible.

R. W. Graeber, Extension forester of N. C. State College, says that the use of wood fuel has great possibilities in North Carolina for the heating of homes, curing tobacco, heating schools and in smaller industries where equipment can be readily changed from coal-burning to wood-burning.

The forester said a ton of dry wood is equal in heat units to about a half ton of soft coal. Different kinds of wood vary in weight from about 1 1/2 to more than 2 tons per cord.

"The maximum heating results are secured from well-seasoned or thoroughly air-dried wood," Graeber said. "Such wood will then contain about 15 to 20 per cent moisture by total weight. Fuel wood requires from six months to a year to season properly. If it is intended for next winter's consumption, the wood should be cut not later than this summer."

The Extension worker said that farmers, in providing themselves with fuel for their winter use, can place their woodlands in good growing condition at the same time. "Utilize the poorer species," he suggested; "the dead, crooked, defective and heavy-limbed trees not suitable for commercial use. This thinning-out process will give the good trees a better chance to grow into saw-timber size."

Farmers who have stacks of wood alongside the road should find a ready market for surplus fuel, "and this is one time that surpluses will mean extra profit for the farmer," Graeber declared.

"Row, Row, Row Your Boat . . ."



Lucky is pretty Maxine Arten to be living in Atlantic City, N. J. where the Inland Thoroughfare provides the perfect answer to gasoline rationing. Maxine rows to work daily, dons a skirt after tying up her rowboat, doffs it for the row home after her stenographic chores are complete.

Several Livestock Shows To Be Held

Livestock breeders are generally forgetting about show animals for 1942, and are concentrating on producing meat and other products on the Food-for-Freedom list, says L. I. Case, Extension beef cattle and sheep specialist of N. C. State College. This is commendable, the animal husbandman declared, but there still will be a number of fairs and shows at which steers and breeding cattle can be exhibited.

Case said that 4-H club members and other farm youths will be given an opportunity to show their baby beeves if transportation facilities are still available. He said that plans are still going forward to conduct the 1942 State Fair, but Dr. J. S. Dorton, manager of the fair, is prepared to call the exposition off if it seems in the best interests of the war effort.

The International Livestock Exposition, usually held in Chicago the first week in December, has been cancelled for 1942, but fat stock and carlot competition will be held at the Chicago Stock Yards at approximately the same time that the 1942 International was scheduled.

"In other words," Case explained, "competition this year will be confined mostly to market animals of the type that 4-H club members feed out as fat calves. Some breeding animals will be exhibited at county and sectional fairs where little travel will be necessary to bring stock to the show ring."

With this in mind, the Extension specialist advised: "Farm boys and girls who are feeding and fitting steers for 4-H club shows should go ahead as usual. Some provisions will be made for the exhibition and sale of these steers. Our National government is interested in the production of more food, especially livestock products. Therefore, 4-H members and vocational students who are conducting baby beef projects are doing their part in the war effort."

An attractive table isn't necessarily an expensive one. The important thing is to have the table cover clean, the silverware shining, the glassware clear and sparkling. All these details have a marked effect upon our appetite as well as our health.

A centerpiece of flowers or green leaves, however, simple, adds a touch of pleasantness.

Meals, above all, should be pleasant. Many cases of indigestion start with a heated table conversation.

Yanks Read Mail 'Down Under'



Our soldiers in Australia keep in touch with their home folk by mail. They are shown reading their first mail from home after reaching Australia. Some of the men wear tropical helmets, the others absorb the sun's rays.

Things To Watch For In The Future

"Strap-hanging" facilities for transport airplane passengers on short trips. One line is considering selling "standing room" because of the shortage of seat space. . . . A new form of nylon which can be used as "type metal," cast, printed, cleaned with benzene, melted and recast. . . . A light-radiating walking stick of unbreakable plastic, for use in black-outs, emitting either red or blue rays. . . . More "MacArthurs" and fewer "Mikados" in trade names—a freight model locomotive by Baldwin is a case in point. Similarly, Eberhard-Faber changed its pencil trade name from Mikado to Mirado. . . . A new radio-controlled relay device which automatically turns off the house lights when the local radio station goes off the air, as in a raid. . . . Wooden soles for shoes, chemically treated to give them almost leather-like flexibility. . . . "Victory Gardens" along railroad rights of way—the Chicago and Eastern Illinois has made available a total of 184 such acres to be worked free.

Increase In Poultry Raising In North Carolina This Year

Best estimates indicate a 15 per cent increase in layers on North Carolina farms this year. Hatchery reports also indicate that the 1942 hatch will probably run between 20 and 25 per cent higher than that of 1941. This increase is the result of the Government's call for more poultry and more eggs, both as food for people at home and to supply the needs of the armed forces and lease-lend requirements.

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Rationing Plan In England Described In Personal Letter

Life Still Moves Forward in Battered Coventry Despite Bombs and Rationing

In a letter to her brother, Elder E. C. Stone of near here, his sister recently described the rationing system in Britain. Writing from the much-bombed city of Coventry, the sister stated that a temporary library had been set up there, meaning apparently that the regular institution had been destroyed by the German savages.

Postmarked in Coventry, April 9, the censors possibly having gotten behind in their work before releasing it. The letter follows, in part:

My Dear Brother,
We are glad to get your letter. We liked the patriotic envelope. It is the first I have seen like that. The letter got here in 14 days, very quick compared to the sea route. That way some of them took over six weeks to reach us.

Should like to come and share some strawberries with you and suppose you could supply the cream. It was a luxury to us in pre-war days but now it is an unheard of thing. Last year there were a few strawberries at a fabulous price. I can't remember what it was. Brussel sprouts have been 30 cents per pound and cabbage 16 to 20 cents this winter. They are getting cheaper now. We have been able to get plenty of root vegetables at 6 cents a pound.

Just lately the government has released cans of fruit and he have had two cans of pineapple, one of peaches and one of plums. We have eaten the pineapple and are saving the other fruit for some special occasion, don't suppose there will be much more. It had been in the country for some time. The pineapple came from Singapore so we know we shall not see any more of that for some time. We get quite a fair share of dried fruits now, raisins, prunes, dates and Sultanas. This has all come about through our point system which is a very fair way of rationing. We have to ration at one shop for our fats, cheese, bacon, sugar, jam, but everything else that has been rationed since those things come on what we call points and every person is allowed 24 points a month to spend on dried fruits, canned tomatoes, canned milk, breakfast cereals, canned fish or peas and peas and one can go to any shop for them. Of course, some of the things take a big number of points. Everybody seems to want Salmon or American meat, so to counteract that they put the value up and one has to give 32 points for a can of salmon and 24 (that is the value of one book for the whole month) for a can of American meat, but we can buy from the grocer cut off in ounces

State College Hints For Farm Homes

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So far as health is concerned, we can get along with absolutely no sugar. Sugar applies fuel or energy to the body but other foods can do this just as well as sugar.

Do something everyday at home to help win the war.

There's an old saying—maybe you remember it—that "a good hoeing is worth as much as a shower." Even a heavy downpour does little good if most of the rain runs off. But a good hoeing keeps down weeds. Weeds draw heavily on the moisture in the soil. The fewer the weeds, the more moisture saved for the crops.

"Tickle the ground with the hoe, and you will make it laugh with a harvest."

Don't let the insects get ahead of you in the garden.

Make plans for a fall garden by buying seed now. Don't wait; seed will be hard to get later.

Save two tons of hay for every cow you expect to keep. Hay will be high next winter and hard to get.

Prune shrubs that have finished flowering but do not prune those which produce berries.

Prune only those plants that need it.

Thin out the older canes and avoid round or flat pruning.

Rayon hosiery can be expected to give good wearing results. The extraordinary long wear of nylon hosiery cannot yet be expected, but when a comparison is made with sheer silk hosiery, the consumer will probably be pleasantly surprised.

Reasonable care in handling and washing rayon hose is, of course, important. Treat them as you did your fine silk hosiery but have several pairs and wear on alternate days to allow sufficient time for thorough drying. Remember that rayon stockings are weaker when wet and their full strength is not regained until completely dry. If you roll or knead them in a turkish towel (for a few minutes only) it will make them dry more quickly and evenly. When you take them from the towel, shape them gently and place double over a rod or line.

Cabbage is versatile and is very good when freshly green and not too solid. That's when it is delicious, briefly boiled with nothing added but salt and a little butter.

Butter, cream, bacon, cheese, bread, onions, garlic, celery, parsley, canned tomatoes, lemons, bacon from a big slab without rendering so many points. For dried fruits we only give six points for the pound, and breakfast cereal 3 points for a box and so on. So you see it makes an even contribution and the more in a family the better it works out and what you don't get one month you look forward to getting the next. We have three books each and another card with coupons for clothes. Our needs to be a good mathematician, I say, to shop wisely these days. Don't know whether you are interested in this I have just gone on. We have to get interested, things being as they are: Life is not simple these days but it is surprising what one does get used to. We are only getting one egg each a week.

The winter has been terribly long, cold and sunless, but today is a lovely spring day and have noticed the blossoms in the almond trees at the bottom of our road and the gentleman that lives next door has brought a bunch of wild violets from his little boy who is evacuated into the country.

We saw a lovely lot of little lambs frisking in the green fields which is pleasant to feast one's eyes on after looking on so many wrecked buildings on the streets this winter. Everybody has been thankful for quiet nights but, of course, we never feel really safe. I still have plenty of work to do and help with the housework.

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house. You'll save money and you'll save food and tin (a vital war metal) and you'll help speed America's victory.

Regarding sugar, remember that canned fruits call for much less sugar than do preserves. The OPA suggests that you can fruit without sweetening and add sweetening just before serving.

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