



AGRICULTURAL NEWS

OF INTEREST TO POLK COUNTY FARMERS Dope Gathered Here and There Which Has a Local Angle that Makes It Worth the Progressive Farmer's Attention

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PROTECT APPLE CROP BY SPRAYING IN TIME

Raleigh, N. C., April 22.—Indications are that this will be one of the best seasons for heavy apple production in several years and growers are urged to spray the fruit thoroughly at the right time to save this crop and produce a high quality of fruit.

C. H. Brannon extension entomologist at State College is spending his time this spring with the fruit growers of the state and finds that if the apple crop is protected by spraying this year the growers should not lose money. Especially is it important to spray for control of the codling moth or apple worm. Last year he states, very few of the worms were killed by sprays. The moth emerged all during the year instead of at two definite periods and more worms entered winter quarters than usual. These worms will soon emerge as moths, will lay eggs, producing worms which eat into the apples and will cause tremendous damage.

"The codling moth larvae or worms pass the winter in cocoons beneath the bark of apple trees, under the trash and in cracks in the ground. The larvae transform to pupae just before blooming time. This stage lasts about one month when the moth emerges and begins to deposit eggs on the leaves. The young worms bore into the blossom end of the apple and eat the core. They feed in the apple about one month and leave the fruit crawling down the trunk to begin the life cycle all over again.

"To control the moth growers must use arsenate of lead poison applied at the rate of 1 1/2 pounds of arsenate to 50 pounds of lime with each pound of lead to the spray. The most important time for the codling moth spray is when seven-eighths of the blossom petals have fallen. This is very important."

FARM WORK ANIMALS DESERVE MORE ATTENTION

Raleigh, N. C., April 22.—The cost of keeping one farm animal for one year on the farm amounts to \$139.28 according to tests made by the North Carolina Experiment station. Half the value of the State's cotton crop is needed to maintain the work animals on farms. It is important, therefore, that farmers find how to decrease the cost of maintenance or increase the efficiency of the work animals.

LABOR-SAVING IN THE HOME

I don't like to scrub, so I have varnished every floor in my house except the kitchen, and that is covered with linoleum. I go over these varnished surfaces twice a week with an orange mop. This cleans, dusts and polishes at the same time. The linoleum is cleaned in the same way unless it is unusually dirty, when it is wiped up with water to which mild soap has been added. This saves me a lot of back-breaking work, as well as roughened hands—and temper.

I have no suction cleaner, so when my rugs need cleaning I take them out and turn them face down on the grass, sweeping the back briskly with a stiff broom. Then I turn them over and sweep the faces. This does not tear them out as beating does, and the grass catches the dust so it does not fly about.

A tea wagon saves many steps—even a homemade one. A whole dinner may be loaded on it at the stove and taken to the table at one trip, and it takes all the dishes at one trip also. For serving in courses without a servant it is indispensable.

My memorandum pad may not be a labor-saver, but it saves my thinking apparatus a lot. I make memorandums of supplies that are almost out, tasks to be done, and plan meals for special occasions. I keep it hanging on my pantry door with a pencil attached to the board tacked it over the top of the table to make a smooth surface, then give the whole thing three coats of enamel. Now I can use runners, and there isn't half as much laundry.

A big calendar in the kitchen is another help. On mine I keep account of sales and orders for eggs, vegetables, etc., when hens are set, dates of club meetings, birthdays, appointments, and other special dates I wish to remember. —Mrs. V. H. McC., in The Progressive Farmer.

BROOD SOW NEEDS TANKAGE

A sow is kept at least six months to produce a litter of pigs. Sometimes she is kept a whole year for one litter. All the feed and care she gets must be charged against the litter. If the litter is large strong and vigorous, they will be obtained at a relatively low cost, no matter how much feed and attention have been given the sow, but if the litter is small, weak and runty, they will not be worth what they have cost, no matter how little feed and care have been given her.

Some feed nothing but corn to the brood sow during the winter; in fact, many of the brood sows in the South have to pick up most of their feed in the muck and cattle lots around the barns. When corn or other whole grains are fed cattle and mules pigs should follow to pick up the waste grains, but brood sows should not get their feed in that way. Yes, brood

sows do exercise. In fact, exercise is one of the first needs of the brood sow. She should not get it dodging cattle the heels of mules, or forry other hog, but corn alone or corn and a good feed for a brood sow is not sufficient for any animal, much less to brood sow expected to produce a strong litter of pigs in the spring. One part of tankage or fish meal and 10 parts of corn in sufficient quantity to keep the sow growing so she will be in good, strong condition at farrowing, will be found good, but if there is no green grazing then the sow should have a small amount well supplied with good, clean, dry legume hay. —Tait Butler, in The Progressive Farmer.

COOPERATIVES ARE SAFER BECAUSE HAVE LEARNED

Now let us follow through with our companion of our political self-government and of economic self-government. Here in America we have a republican form of government. It is not self-government but it offers the machinery for self-government when the people choose to use it. In like fashion a cooperative marketing association is not self-government but it offers the machinery for self-government if our farmers will use it. It is all we need that machines and bosses may sometimes get control in our cooperative marketing democracy as they do in our political democracy. But there is no way to go back to autocracy or foreign rule.

We often hear it said that this or that cooperative marketing association has made mistakes. No doubt every cooperative marketing association has. But in a democracy like ours, how should we treat mistakes? One method of treatment I regard as itself a supreme mistake. This is the policy which insists that the mistake must be minimized, whitewashed or even gorged into a virtue; that "loyalty" to the association and to the officials who have made the mistakes should cause every member to rally to them and defend them against all attacks.

And while we have found defects in the actual practice there are far to which we can turn—the old system of surrendering the marketing of what we produce to speculators and middlemen, concerned only with fattening on our labors. Certainly no hope lies by that road. Above its door is written, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here." There is no other hope for American agriculture. —Carance Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

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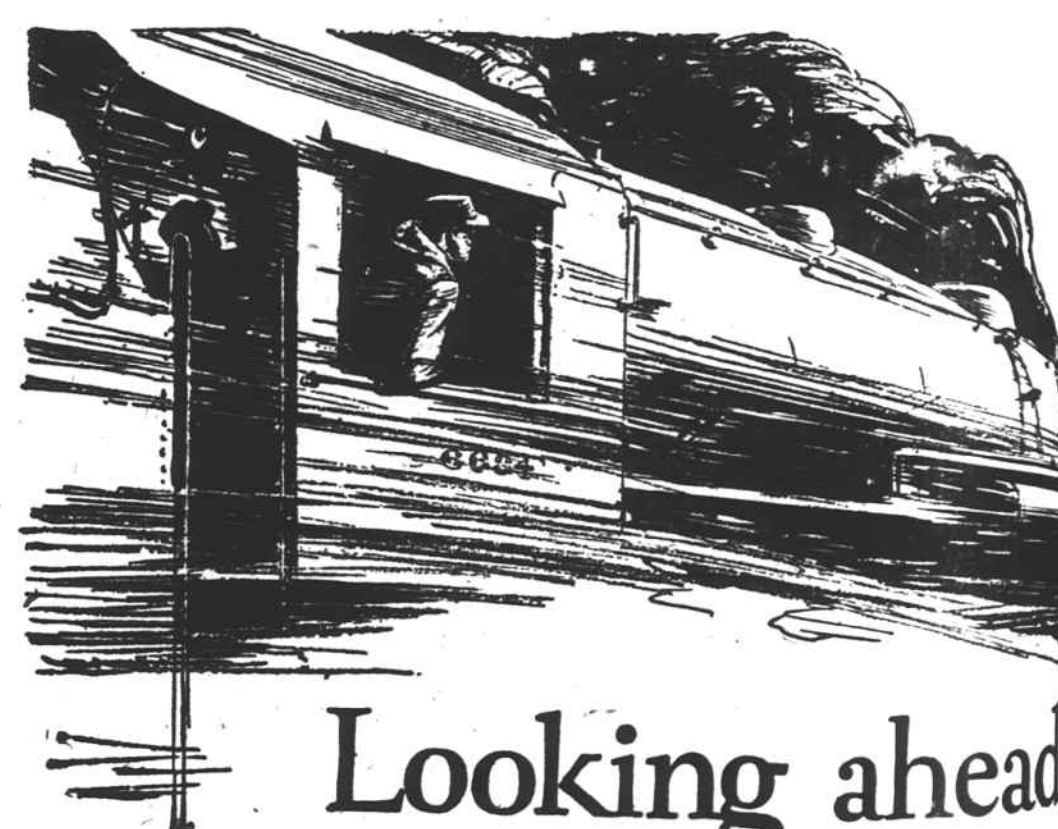
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