

Foscoe Editor Gets National Honors

An industrial editor from the Foscoe community recently shared in a national honor from the Freedom Foundations of Valley Forge, Pa. Claude Callaway, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Callaway of MFD, Bonner Elk, is editor of Firestone News, employee publication of Firestone Textiles, division of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Gastonia.

The Distinguished Service Plaque was awarded the Gastonia Industrial paper, and nine other Firestone publications in cities throughout the United States. This highest recognition from the Freedom Foundation came to the Firestone publications as a group, for having been selected for an award in at least seven of the Foundation's nine annual awards programs.

The 10 Firestone publications received as a group the Foundation's George Washington Honor Medal for "current programs or activities which create or support a better understanding of our great fundamental American traditions in their application to the everyday lives of citizens of our Republic."

The award, for achievements during 1957, was announced during special George Washington's Birthday ceremonies at the Foundation's national headquarters at Valley Forge, Pa., by Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, president.

The Freedom Foundation is a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian organization founded in 1949 to bring about a better understanding of the basic principles underlying the Republic by recognizing individuals and groups for the things they write, do, or say in support of the American credo.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is honorary chairman, and among the trustees are Herbert Hoover and Admiral Arthur W. Radford. A distinguished jury, composed of state supreme court justices and heads of national patriotic, veterans and service club organizations, selects the award recipients each year.

Awards categories include advertising, cartoons, college campus programs, community projects, company employee publications, editorials, essays, general, high school editorials, letters from armed forces personnel, 16 mm

GARDEN TIME

By E. E. GARDNER

For several columns I have been reporting on new varieties of vegetable and flower crops. So far, the reports have dealt with varieties which have won awards in the All-America selection trials. There are some other new developments which you should know about. These have resulted from breeding programs conducted by research personnel in the agricultural experiment stations and seed companies.

Watch for these varieties which will give your garden the "new look" for 1958:

Blue Lustré petunia—a deep velvety blue which develops reddish overtones as it matures, and is the "finest" in its color range.

Matador petunia—a medium-large ruffled bloom of the popular mahogany red, which makes a classy bedding show when planted with white or other blending colors.

Tetra Shades of Rose—a beautiful new zinnia with very large flowers.

Empress of China—a creamy white fragrant lily with eight-inch flowers. Others may be found in your seed catalog.

A new bluegrass named Park has been developed by the University of Minnesota. I do not have much information in it at present except that it has good vigor and is more resistant to disease than Merion bluegrass. It has only been tested in northern locations, so far, which leads me to suggest that it may be better adapted to our mountains.

Mimosa will has been almost as severe as the chestnut blight which has practically wiped out native chestnut trees. A ray of hope now comes from the U. S. D. A. Scientists have been working on this problem and have developed two wilt-resistant varieties, Charlotte and Tryon. I do not have information on the availability of plants but will try to get it and pass on to you in a later column.

Larsen agrees to terms with Yankees for 1958.

Help For Roll-Your-Own Painters



For some years now, women have been on the business end of the paint brushes and rollers in homes all across the country. They've painted their way around more rooms than there are figures in Univac.

Taking all this into account, plus the fact that the repainting time of year is approaching, it's not surprising that at least one enterprising manufacturer has put out a paint roller designed with the ladies in mind.

This roller is made of a new material—urethane foam. (That's a new test-tube foam which is turning up in a variety of house products from clothing interlining to furniture cushioning.) In the paint roller, the foam eliminates a lot of the difficulties which kept house painting from being quite the breeze it was cracked up to be.

Though paint rollers were always a cut above the brush, especially for women to use, they sometimes did present problems. Some of them carried too little paint, some caused streaks, and some could not be used with all types of paints. All these troubles were traceable to the type of covering that was used on the roller.

Now, with urethane foam, a roller has been made which hurls these roadblocks to good painting and eliminates one wearing chore: using a brush in addition to the roller. The rollers made of plastic foam can be used on any surface—including door frames—which means a smooth glide with the same gadget will complete both flat surfaces and trim.

A few hints from one of the leading manufacturers of the new-type rollers:

1. Work the paint well into the roller before applying it to the wall.
2. Try to keep paint off the edges of the roller sleeve.
3. Don't try to pile on too much paint at a time.
4. When you've used up part of the paint on the roller, lightly re-roll the surface you're painting (in any direction you want). Thanks to the new urethane material, the re-rolling will pick up paint bubbles, and small rivulets, and other imperfections. Not only is the roller itself smoother than other materials used in this way, but the surface it paints will be smoother.

So now, when the walls begin to close in—repaint them. It's nice to know it's now possible to do several paint jobs with one instrument—the urethane foam covered paint roller. Incidentally, this material is rugged enough to stand up under the toughest treatment known: the loving care of the do-it-yourself painter.

To make your ironing easier—Be nice to your iron. A bright shiny soleplate is important for easier ironing and good results. To rid the soleplate of stains and caked starch, try either of these two methods:

- (1) Heat iron slightly; then glide back and forth over a piece of household waxed paper.
- (2) Make sure iron is cool, then wipe soleplate with a cloth wrung out in soapy water.

A scratched and rough soleplate can be avoided if you're careful not to iron over buttons, zippers, hooks, etc.

Don't tug on cord. Disconnect iron by pulling out plug.

Don't wrap cord tightly around iron before storing. Wrap loosely to avoid short circuits caused by broken wires.

Don't risk short circuits by scorching or burning the cord. Keep the cord away from the heated soleplate of the iron.

Don't plug iron into extension cords. Minimize fire hazards by plugging it into a wall socket.

Interested?—The ugly white oilcloth of yesteryear has grown into a bright practical table covering that suits today's living to a "T." Using themes from the out-of-doors, Pennsylvania Dutch motifs, and fruit designs, an artist has given this old product a new look; one you will enjoy using for informal indoors or outside. The new oilcloth, available in hardware, department, and dime stores, comes in 46-inch and 54-inch widths in several color combinations.

CATTLE DISEASE

New progress is being made in eradicating brucellosis among cattle, the Agriculture Department reports. Brucellosis is a hazard to humans who may develop undulant fever from contact with diseased animals or their products. While the disease still accounts for losses of about \$50,000,000 a year in unborn or stillborn calves, reduced milk output and cost of replacing infected stock.

FARM POPULATION DOWN

The farm population is off by nearly 2,000,000 in the last year, to an estimated 20,396,000. But it puts the rural population at 60,677,000 compared with 57,985,000 a year ago. By farm people it means persons who live on farms and engage in farming. The rural population includes rural residents, whether they live on farms or not, and also persons living in small towns and communities of fewer than 2,500 persons.

Israel sees potential danger in Arab mergers.

Plan to cut National Guard stir protest.

Questions And Answers On Farm Problems

Question: When should I transplant shrubs and shade trees?

Answer: Anytime between now and the last of March is a good time to finish your transplanting. Pick out a day when the soil isn't too wet. If your plants arrive when the soil is wet or frozes, keep them outdoors, open the package and pile soil, sawdust or sand around the roots and keep this moist until they can be planted.

Question: How can I make sure my chickens get enough water?

Answer: Provide two five-gallon waterers for each 100 birds or one float-type waterer with at least 200 inches of trough space for each 300 layers; place one oyster shell feeder by each waterer. And be sure to construct fairly wide water troughs so the birds can raise their heads to swallow without spilling water into the litter.

Question: What is the easiest and best way to clean my milking machine?

Answer: Prepare a bucket of hot water, add a small quantity of dairy cleaner, turn the vacuum pump on and draw about a pint of this solution through each stall cock, making sure that the sanitary trap in the vacuum line is never half full before emptying. After this is done, draw a small amount of lye solution through each stall cock. Then draw clean water through each stall cock, empty the sanitary trap and replace it for regular operation.

Question: How can I tell if my honeybees are getting enough food?

Answer: You can tell if your bees are getting enough food by checking the combs. It's harder to tell if they're getting adequate pollen, but if there's no pollen around the brood and the young larvae look watery or dry instead of glistening and milky white, there's a good chance the bees are being starved for pollen. Two parts sugar in one part hot water makes good bee food. A soybean flour-brewer's yeast mixture is a good substitute for pollen.

Question: How can I help my young pines become profitable?

Answer: To allow room for young, well-shaped trees to grow to their best potential, it's important

to weed out over-age and surplus trees. This means regular removal of diseased and damaged trees, branchy and badly-shaped trees, vines and poorer species.

Question: There has been a lot of interest in growing onions in North Carolina. What is the outlook for this crop?

Answer: Recent interest in producing onions has resulted in a jump in acreage from less than 100 acres in 1956, to 800 in 1957. The 1958 acreage is estimated at

2,000. The late spring crop is expected to show a 31 per cent increase over last year and 13 per cent above average. But lower prices can be expected if weather is favorable for good yields. Thus growers will have to be extra careful to produce good quality onions to make a profit.

RE-ENTRY OF ROCKETS?

London, England—The Moscow radio announced recently that the Soviet Union has solved the problem of returning rockets to earth and now was working on how to return experimental animals and instruments.

It said that even before the dog-carrying second artificial satellite was launched Nov. 3, Russian scientists had fired animals 130 miles high.

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