

County Agent Urges Clean Up Week On Farms In County

Lists Suggestions Which Will Help Remove Hazards

"Clean Up Week on every farm and around every premise should be every week in the year," says C. W. Overman, county agent. "We are conscious of the necessity for cleaning up to prevent fire and accident hazards but we become negligent and careless. Why not make next week, or one week during the month of May 'Clean Up Week' around your premises?"

Mr. Overman makes the following suggestions:

In The Home

1. Clean closets, attic, and basement of wastepaper and other discarded odds and ends that might be fire hazards.
2. Burn oily dustcloths and remove accumulations of grease from cooking stove.
3. Make sure that loose-flying curtains and other flammable materials cannot blow over stoves or similar heating surfaces.
4. Check electric cords and plugs on table and floor lamps, clocks, irons, radios, and other appliances, and see that necessary repairs are made.
5. All dark areas should be provided with adequate light.
6. Examine roofs, chimneys (particularly in attics), stovepipes, flues, sills of buildings, doors, windows, screens, stairways, steps, and ladders, for defects and see that necessary repairs are made.

In The Barn

1. Inspect your electric system for overfusing, defective ground connections, broken insulators, dust around lights, leaks in roof over wiring, and other such hazards.
2. Examine lightning rod installations and correct any defects. Be sure they are effectively grounded.
3. Keep pitchforks, rakes, shovels, and other sharp tools in racks provided for them.
4. See that fire-fighting equipment—such as hand extinguishers, hose, shovels, water containers, and ladders—is in tiptop shape, conveniently located, and ready for use.

In the Farmyard and Fields

1. Clear the yard and fields of broken glass, loose strands of barbed wire, nail-studded boards, and other litter that might cause accidents.
2. Remove dry brush, dead trees or limbs, weeds, and grass along roadsides, at road intersections, and near buildings.
3. Inspect bridges, gates, culverts, and fences, and make repairs where necessary.
4. Make sure all flammable liquids are stored well away from major farm buildings.

5. Inspect and correct conditions around springs, cisterns, or wells, to keep the water supply safe and sanitary.

Remember! By cleaning and keeping your surroundings in order you are reducing the fire hazard. The primary causes of farm fires are:

Lightning—Replace rods or wires that are damaged or worn. Be sure ground connections are secure.

Sparks on roof—Install spark arresters on chimneys.

Faulty flues and chimneys—Correct defects or do not use the chimney. Clean all chimneys and flues regularly.

Defective heating system—Overhaul and clean, repair, or replace.

Electrical defects—Replace worn or frayed wiring. Replace or repair defective electric appliances.

Spontaneous ignition—Do not store wet hay in barns. Make frequent examinations of cured hay after storage.

Fires cost a tremendous amount in property loss and injury to persons everywhere. Most of these fires can be prevented. Accidents cost a tremendous loss of time, injury to persons and many lives, among both people and livestock on farms and in homes everywhere. Check your premises now and remove these hazards, observe safety precautions around machinery and do everything possible to prevent accidents this year. It will probably save you expensive doctors' bills, painful injuries, and loss of time, and it might save loss of lives. Overman urges everyone to check up and clean up now.

Care Necessary For Strawberry Plants

"Now is fresh strawberry shortcake time," says County Agent C. W. Overman. "and if you are foresighted in taking care of your plants, you are now enjoying the rewards."

"Are you having trouble with birds eating the few berries you have? Cloth placed over the plants from daybreak until mid-morning is claimed to be a good method of guarding berries from the birds. This is because birds do most of their feeding during the early morning."

"Scarecrows, noisy bright streamers of tinfoil, firecrackers, and blank gun shells have all been used with various degrees of success. However, John Harris claims the best method he has seen was by the birds themselves. Two mocking birds with a nest near the strawberries will keep all other birds away and will even try to keep you away. The few berries the two mocking birds eat are not missed. The problem is how to encourage mocking birds to build their nests near the strawberry planting."

No Sale

"I'm afraid that new book they're trying to launch isn't going to have any sale."

"Why not?"

"It hasn't been forbidden to circulate."

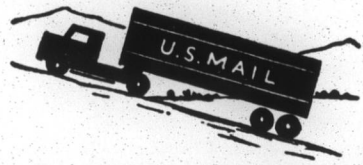


The United States mails provide one of the great puzzles of our present day civilization.

Today postal distances separating peoples and nations—thanks to the airplane—are getting smaller.

But at the same time villages and small cities only a few miles apart are becoming more widely separated in point of time because the rail connections once joining them are largely disappearing.

Overseas mail from London to New York is delivered overnight. A letter from Paris requires only 24 hours and one from Rome but 36. Even a letter from Karachi, India, takes only 60 hours.



But America's rural areas and smaller cities seem to be getting farther and farther apart—if one judges by the time it takes to deliver a letter. For instance...

The mails from Forreston, Illinois, to Dixon, Illinois, only a matter of perhaps 20 miles by auto, may take as long as four to five days in time on the roundabout rail route it must be sent.

This is just one of the reasons the Independent Advisory Committee to the Trucking Industry is urging the U. S. Postoffice Department to use the nation's giant trucking industry to haul the mails on all routes up to 300 miles.

Not only does ACT assert this action would move the mails "faster and more efficiently" but would bring a saving of "more than \$100,000,000 annually."

Remembering that the U. S. Postoffice Department in 1953 showed a \$440,000,000 deficit, any plan to speed up the mails—and save millions of dollars—might well be worth looking into.

Especially For Pet Owners...

Cats which recover from mild cases of influenza may develop feline empyema about three weeks later. The secondary infection may prove fatal if not treated, but veterinarians are now reporting good success in treating such cases with minor surgery and antibiotics.

Dogs which have recovered from infectious hepatitis may still have breeding troubles for several months. Many pups born dead after such attacks will show lesions of the disease.

Cats can suffer from diabetes just like human beings. And insulin, the treatment used to help human diabetics is also beneficial to diabetic cats.

Vets Question Box

Q—I want to go to school under the Korean GI Bill. Since I was discharged before August 20, 1952, I understand I'll have to begin before Au-

gust 20 of this year. Would it be possible for me to file my application now, and begin class this coming fall?

A—No. Under the present law, you actually must begin your studies before the August 20 cut-off date. The filing of an application alone is not enough.

Q—I'd like to train in a foreign college under the Korean GI Bill. Will VA pay my way abroad and back?

A—No. You will have to pay for your own travel. All you will receive from VA will be a single monthly allowance to cover each month of training.

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