

Hints For Keeping An Orderly Home

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We are in the midst of the farming season, and there are so many things to do. Do you think this old adage is true? "Man works from sun to sun, Woman's work is never done."

We are really up against it, because we do so many things. We help with the farm work. We wash, iron, prepare and serve food. We attend to the baby. We try to do a little sewing, a few of us try to attend club meetings while others fall by the wayside and say, "I just don't have time." It adds up that we work approximately twelve to fifteen hours a day, never finish. We just stop and go to bed.

In most organizations the average person works eight hours a day, forty hours a week, and some have one half day off each week. You deserve and should consider these hours and try to plan your work time on the farm in order to have some free time to do some of the things you want to.

Try not to let your house work get away from you, because it keeps you nervous, upset, and takes something away from your personality. It will make you feel mighty good to leave the house, go out to help on the farm, and return at the end of the day and find your house clean and orderly. For that reason, call the family together at night and discuss your problems with them and ask what each member of the family do to make the work easier. Work out a simple plan with them. Let each person contribute his share in helping to make housekeeping duties easier and at the same

time help to keep the house clean and orderly, especially during the busy farming season.

Plan something for everyone to do and have confidence that they will do their share of the work. Ask each member of the family to hang his own clothes and put away shoes, hats, books, papers, magazines, and any other articles that have been used before the room gets a scattered appearance. (Ask an older person to take care of the smaller ones.) Ask each person to make his own bed before he goes to school or work. Ask each one to keep the floor clean and dust once a week.

Plan nutritious meals for the family, and save time by cooking two meals at the same time. Plan to do your laundry work once a week instead of once a month, it will be easier on you and your washing machine. Scrape, stack, wash dishes, and allow them to drain dry. Sewing and mending may be done by the 4-H Club girl or during the slack season.

As a rule it is necessary for every member of the family to be out on the farm at the same time. Generally one person is in charge of doing all household tasks while the farm jobs are being done by others. A family exchange system may be worked out where the housekeeper would exchange places with the person doing farm jobs for, perhaps, a week or two. When different jobs are changed about, no job will become too tiresome.

You may know of other simple short cuts which you can put into practice, but above all, try to keep your house clean and orderly during the farming season.

LONG-TIME OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE GOOD, DECLARES TAR HEEL ECONOMIST

Dr. H. B. James, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, N. C. State College, Raleigh, said today that "the long-time outlook for agriculture is good compared with its status during the past century."

He spoke on "The Agricultural Economic Outlook" at the Ninth Annual Convention of the American Plant Food Council, at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va.

James described agriculture as an industry occupying an enviable position "with its customers . . . increasing and its competitors . . . decreasing."

"I do not mean that the future will be a bed of roses for agriculture," he added. "But I am optimistic about the long-run prospects for farm people. Their level of living is much higher than it was a generation ago, and I feel sure they are not going to allow it to return to prewar levels."

"On the positive side of the ledger, we have a growing population, a reduction in the number of people engaged in farming, new technology, a much broader knowledge of problems and how to solve them, increased output per unit of labor, and much valuable experience in working together and in working with government in an effort to solve production, marketing, and pricing problems. These are factors we must not take lightly; they are important."

"On the negative side of the ledger, we are plagued with many problems. Surpluses are now giving us trouble and may continue to do so for a few years, maybe a whole decade. I do not foresee a shortage of food and fiber for at least another generation, and I have no reason to believe we would be short then unless some disaster befall us. We have many small farms with low incomes. Many of these people will have to get out of agriculture to raise their levels of living materially. Agriculture is becoming a smaller proportion of the total population and consequently will lose some of its political power. Agriculture's public relation program with

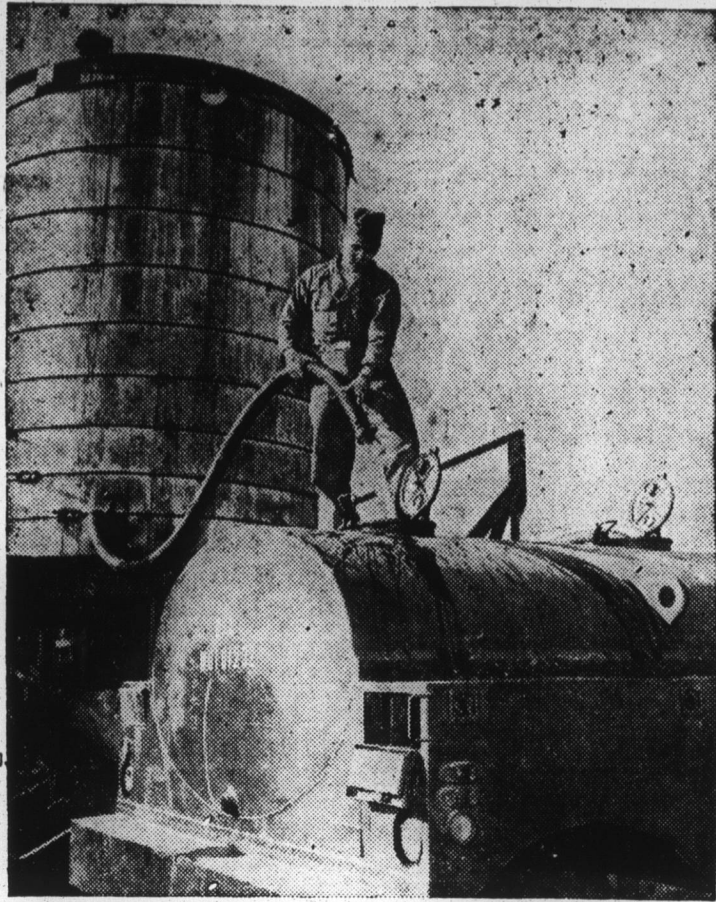
the urban public has not been good and may cause us trouble eventually unless it is improved. The export market for agricultural products in the future is uncertain, although I understand a well-organized, concerted effort is being made to improve the export situation.

"On balance, I am optimistic about the long-run future of agriculture. I expect us to learn more about production, more about marketing, more about handling surpluses, more about prices, more about economic system

and how to make it work even better than it has in the past, more about democracy in a modern world, and more about the individual and how to maximize his well-being."

Dr. James said that "the welfare of the fertilizer industry is tied in with and is an integral part of the welfare of agriculture." Terming fertilizer "an extremely important factor of production," he said that although his native state of North Carolina uses more chemical fertilizer than any other, "at 1951 prices, it would have paid North Carolina farmers to use about twice as much . . . as they did." "It amazes me that the fertilizer industry does not sell as much fertilizer as it would be profitable for their customers to buy," he said. "I believe more work emphasizing the economics of fertilizer use would benefit the fertilizer industry as well as farmers and the general public."

Life has no smooth road for any of us; and in the bracing atmosphere of a high aim, the very roughness stimulates the climber to steadier steps, till the legend, 'over steep ways to the stars' fulfils itself. —W. C. Doane.



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A member of the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Motel Association, elected at the first meeting of the organization in Raleigh on June 4th, is Robert M. Payne, Jr., of Elizabeth City, representing the counties of Currituck, Camden, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Gates of District No. 1.

The constitution of the new organization provides for a governor and an alternate governor from each of the 20 districts of the association in the State.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Spivey of Hobbbsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Vaughn, to Sherlon Cale Layton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Layton of Edenton.

The wedding will take place June 20, 1954, at Warwick Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

A CORRECTION

A typographical error appeared in the head of a story in last week's Herald about graduation exercises held at Chowan High School. The head stated "13 Seniors at Chowan High Given Diplomas." The figure was

transposed, for there were 31 members of the graduating class at the school this year. The error is regretted and was not discovered until the paper was printed.

4-H HEALTH PAGEANT JUNE 23

The Center Hill 4-H Club plans to be in charge of the county 4-H health pageant which will be held at the County 4-H Elimination Day Wednesday, June 23. The contest will be held at Chowan High School.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Christian Bible School, also the Assembly of God Church for the beautiful flowers sent me during my recent illness, and to all my friends and the staff of Chowan Hospital I wish to express my deep appreciation for the kind services rendered to me during my illness.

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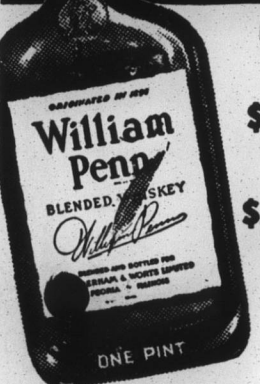
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