

This, That & the Other

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 could make so large and weird a noise. Few things in time of peace are more blood-curdling than being awakened in the dead of night by the sound these feathered shriekers make. However, they are practically harmless unless they are struggling for liberty. Then, who could blame them for fighting?

This owl picks the bones of what meat we have, eats any kind of raw meat we can spare it, and may in time learn to eat Purina pellets like we feed the hens. I talk to it, and it listens for a while with cross-eyed concentration; then, seeming to feel it can endure no more, turns and flies back into the darkened part of the brooder.

Among the gifts my husband received at Christmas is a small toy automobile which has one distinguishing feature. It will not run off the edge of a table, although on the floor it runs in a straight line. Placed on a table or box, it moves briskly along until the edge is reached, when it turns and sidles around the corner exactly as if being carefully guided, turning again when the next corner is reached. Watching it, I can't help wishing real cars could be made with as much sense as this little one has.

A friend, stopping by to see my husband, was not sure of the house and came up the front steps somewhat doubtfully. No one answered her tap on the door; but she saw Theo in the yard and went to speak to him, saying she knew she was at the right place, because through the glass panel in the front door she had seen my picture on the piano.

Pretty good identification; but the picture seen was of my mother, not me.

When another of these columns is written it will be in another year. We usually wish for each other a happy New Year, or one that is glad or prosperous. This time my deepest wish is for a peaceful year. Not the armed truce that is now our best substitute; but genuine peace with no thought of war. This may be too much to hope for now, but it is not too much to be longed for, prayed for, and worked for. We have made some progress this year, though there is a long way yet to go before we arrive at the place sought with deep earnestness by our leaders. Let us all hope that next December thirty-first finds us farther along the road.

Special Tractor Care

The owner should drain out heavy summer oil and replace it with winter oil of the proper grade. If possible, the crank case pan should be removed and all sediment cleaned out. If the cool-

ing system has no thermostat heat control, a radiator curtain should be used to insure an operating temperature of 160 to 180 degrees. If the carburetor is fitted with a heater bypass from the exhaust, this should be adjusted for winter position. In addition, spark plugs should be cleaned and reset to manufacture's specifications, and the breaker points in the distributor should be given the same treatment. A complete check-up also requires valve adjustment. Finally, if the tractor is to be used often during the winter, anti-freeze should be placed in the radiator.

Grows Pork by the Acre

How many pounds of pork can be produced "per acre"?

A Tyrrell County farmer, R. L. Spruill of Columbia, Route 1, ran a test last summer to find out. And, according to a report by County Agent H. H. Harris of the State College Extension Service, the experiment was highly successful.

Mr. Spruill had a three-acre field of corn which he estimated would yield 66 bushels to the acre. He decided to run a hogging-off demonstration.

On August 19, a total of 27 pigs weighing 2,862 pounds were turned on the field. For 67 days they went about eating all the corn they wanted.

By October 25, the pigs had added 2,688 pounds and weighed a total of 5,550 pounds. Thus Mr. Spruill figures he produced an average of 896 pounds of pork per acre.

At \$1.25 a bushel, the estimated corn yield from the three acres would have brought \$247.50. Mr. Spruill spent \$64.80 for 1200 pounds of supplement and \$3 for 30 pounds of mineral to feed the pigs. In other words, the corn, supplement, and mineral cost \$315.30.

The hogs sold for 25.5 cents a pound. The 2,688 pounds added during the demonstration thus brought a return of \$685.44, and the net profit from the hogging-off was \$370.14.

Mr. Spruill's records show he made \$5.52 a day just by watering and caring for the pigs. And, considering the hogs as harvesters and marketers of corn, he was able to realize a return of \$125.05 per acre above feed cost, in addition to saving the expense of harvesting the corn.

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