

Soil-Savers Honored with Awards From Goodyear Rubber Company

One hundred and thirty-six outstanding American "soil-savers," farmers, ranchers and conservationists, will be guests of honor at a series of luncheons in 17 midwest and plains states during September and October. These contest winners will represent thousands of other grass-roots Americans who have participated in a joint industry-agriculture movement to safeguard the nation's future.

All of the 17 events will be statewide affairs, bringing public recognition and impressive awards to eight men in each state. Five are members of the governing body of the outstanding soil conservation district in each state, and three are the farmers or ranchers considered to have done the best job of putting soil-saving techniques to work in their operations from July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951.

Bronze Placques

Each of the 136 winners will be presented with a commemorative bronze plaque at the luncheons and 72 grand award winners will receive in addition a one-week vacation trip to Arizona during December where they will be guests of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, sponsor of these

soil conservation awards to dramatize the preservation of America's vital topsoil.

Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wyoming will each be represented by eight grand awards winners who will receive the Arizona trip. The other eight states, whose winners will be honored at luncheons and receive plaques, include Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. Winners from these states in past years have been awarded Arizona trips.

Winners in the conservation contest are selected by a state judging committee in each state, which reviews the work records of district governing bodies and rates them according to a uniform point system.

Principle factors considered by the judges include organization, education, publicity and accomplishment.

Destination of the grand award winners in December, will be the Wigwam guest ranch, on Goodyear Farms, the rubber company's 17,000 acre agricultural research and development enterprise, 18 miles West of Phoenix.

This, That and the Other

Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

If my flowers could have a theme song, it ought to be "Will you love me all through August as you did in May?" For in August I am so busy and so tired the poor flowers peer wearily out from the tall crabgrass that almost smothers them, like the neglected things they are. In May I hoed, weeded, and transplanted in a fine frenzy of cultivation. In August the canning has me by both hands and my feet are heavy. Something simply has to go undone.

One more irritation of hot weather is suffered by those who wear spectacles. Perspiration causes an oily film on frame and lenses and mere rubbing with a soft cloth or tissue will not remove it. The glasses need to be really washed with warm soapsuds. An oculist told me soap water is better than any fancy preparation.

The latest issue of *Woman's Home Companion* has two deeply interesting articles. One, "I Am Dying of Cancer," discusses problems that arise when the head of a family discovers he is incurably ill; and tells what he and his wife have done toward solving some of them.

The other article, "Journey Together," is by the Robert Turneley who wrote "Rise up and Walk," the story of some of his experiences as a victim of polio when

Obedience

When mortals learn to love aright; when they learn that man's highest happiness, that which has most of heaven in it, is in blessing others, and self-immolation—they will obey both the old and the new commandment, and receive the reward of obedience.—Mary Baker Eddy

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over thirty years old, "Journey Together" tells of his going from Warm Springs, Georgia, to California. The trip was made in a specially equipped automobile. Fully as remarkable a character as the author is his wife. By all means buy or borrow a *Companion* and read these stories.

On Saturday afternoon I went down to take some vegetables to the sons' wives and happened to hit the suppertime of both babies. Susan, now eleven months old, was playing on the floor. She crawled to a cabinet door and pulled it open. Seeing there were vases and small jars on the shelves, I closed the door. She gave an indignant screech, yanked the door open again, then turned and looked at me with a triumphant grin. Her mother picked her up and put her in a high chair at the table and offered her a spoonful of strained carrots. She grabbed the spoon. Selma said firmly: "Let go this spoon. We are not going to have any argument this time." Susan's grim clutch caused her to add in a low tone: "Not a bit of argument. I'll just get another spoon." Trying to feed herself, Susan spilled carrots on the freshly-scrubbed floor which was to have been waxed as soon as the children went to bed. She caught the sauce-dish of carrots in both hands and began trying to drink the vegetable. I left and went to see Judy who was hurrying to get Michael's supper. She said I could talk to him until she had things ready but he was not much interested. Mike is now three months old and is being given pablum and apple sauce.

Judy has a system. She takes Mike on her left arm and places his left arm back of her body, holding his left hand in hers. That pinions him, in a fashion, and she spoons food into his mouth like this—pablum, apple-sauce, Mike's mouth. only she goes so fast it's pablumapplesauceMike'smouth, over and over. He, with a look of intense concentration, swallows. When I commented on the speed Judy said sometimes she had to go faster than that.

No doubt those babies will in time be trained to have good table manners. Meanwhile, I am perfectly satisfied to be their grandmother instead of their mother, or mothers.

Looking Backward

From our *Record* files of nine years ago this week: K. P. Leonard announced the development of a new variety of peach. Irby Gill staged a mock trial at Rotary with Vance Brown as the defendant. Elmo Bunn was promoted to staff sergeant at Maxwell Field. Rev. M. M. Turner was called as pastor at Wakefield.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Rosa Bunn at Hopkins Chap-

el. Carl Bunn claimed to have grown Wake County's tallest tobacco, harvesting over a thousand sticks of tobacco from six-tenths of an acre, the stalks being ten feet high. Rom Moser was called to active duty as an aviation cadet.

The marriage of Miss Mary Wallace and Sgt. George Henry Temple was solemnized on August 15. Funeral services were held for H. F. Wade, father of H. C. Wade of

Zebulon. Last rites were held for Albert V. Medlin.

Cleveland Chamblee lost a tobacco barn by fire. Funeral services were held for Solon Baker. Mr. and Mrs. John Barrow, Jr., entertained their club at bridge. Sgt. Carl Kemp returned to his station at Dallas, Texas, after being home on furlough. Mrs. Foster D. Finch had charge of the Methodist Missionary Society program.

Garden Time

By Robert Schmidt

Community, county, and State Fairs will soon attract our attention. Many gardeners will enter exhibits of fruits, vegetables and flowers — others will not go to the trouble, but will stand around the exhibits and say — "I have better turnips, potatoes or cabbages than those, at home." Haven't you heard them? Everyone should be public spirited and place his best products on exhibit at the near-by fair.

Fair Suggestions

Here are a few suggestions that may be helpful in preparing your exhibits. Read the fair catalogue over carefully and especially the information about the classes in which you are making entries. If the class calls for five tomatoes, a peck of potatoes, a pound of peaches, then be sure that you enter that many — no more or no less. Unless the class calls for the largest specimens, do not exhibit the over sized fruits or vegetables — exhibit the best market size. In any exhibit the fruits and vegetables should be uniform in size and shape and color, free from all insect damage and disease, free from bad bruises, and true to type. In an apple, exhibit the stems must be on each apple. Unless they are muddy or dirty, it is not

necessary to wash Irish and sweet potatoes — in fact sometimes washing shows up the defects more. It is usually necessary to know what variety of fruit or vegetable you are exhibiting. I have seen many entries disqualified because they were not of the proper variety. For a few vegetables, certain conditions are called for: tomatoes should be ripe, bell peppers green, pimiento peppers red, hot peppers red or yellow according to variety. Root crops

such as turnips should have tops removed because the leaves will wilt badly before the first day is over.

Of great importance is the care in packing fruits and vegetables for transportation to the fair. Each specimen should be wrapped separately in paper. Many a good exhibit is ruined before it gets to the fair.

Next week I will give some suggestions for preparing flowers for exhibit.

Tar Heel Farm Facts

About 95 per cent of the home demonstration club women of Clay County already have started fall gardens, according to Mrs. Velma Beam Moore, home agent. Most of the members have planned their gardens according to the needs set forth in a food conservation plan prepared by specialists of the State College Extension Service.

About 25 animals were entered in a community dairy cattle show held recently by Negro farmers of the Potat section of Rockingham County.

A cow owned by Ed Sims of

near Waynesville has broken the North Carolina milk production record for Holsteins. The animal's H. I. R. record for 365 days shows production of 21,521 pounds of milk and 679.8 pounds of butterfat.

On three-fourths of his cleared land, the average Tar Heel farmer earns less than \$30 per acre each year.

There were 11.3 million people at work on farms in the United States in June, 1951 as compared with a 12.4 million 1945-49 average.

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