

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

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Holiday Records: To make next Christmas easier, save and file away this year's list of gifts, and add to it any ideas you may want to remember, suggest extension specialists in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. For example, keep a record of any magazine subscription sent this year and the date when they expired. Jot down ideas for homemade gifts that may be useful next year, and keep a record of types of wrappings or seals which you found especially useful or attractive this year. Before putting away Christmas cards, bring your address book up to date with new or changed addresses. Instead of discarding Christ-

FIRST AID KIT SEED AS NEED ON EVERY FARM

State College Authority Says Homemade Affair Is Satisfactory

Every North Carolina farmer owes it to himself to provide adequate first aid materials and facilities for the treatment of minor injuries occurring on the farm and in the home, that may save a life or prevent serious infection, says Prof. David S. Weaver head of the Agricultural engineering Department, State college.

Prof. Weaver suggests that a homemade first aid kit containing the essential medications and drugs may serve just as well as the more costly prepared first aid kits. A tight box, preferably of metal and similar to a small cash box or fishing tackle box, will serve as a suitable container for the kit.

Minimum requirements for the kit are: Rolls of adhesive tape of varying widths; sterile cotton, swabs and sticks; sterile white cloth for large bandages and tourniquets; matches; ointment for burns; tincture of iodine; boric acid; tincture of mercuric iodine; tincture of benzoin; liquid green soap; and rubbing alcohol.

The following specific suggestions for treatment are given:

For bruises and scratches and after removal of splinters, apply an antiseptic, then a sterile bandage.

For puncture wounds — deep slivers or nail punctures — apply tincture of mercuric iodine, bandage wound and go to a doctor.

For small cuts — cleanse skin

with alcohol, put them into a scrap book which the youngsters of the family can enjoy the year around, or save them for a shut-in day and let the children paste them in the book.

Many a new year's landscape is blemished by old Christmas trees dumped forlornly in backyards. Foresters of the U. S. D. A. suggest that a few minutes' work with a sharp hatchet can convert the old tree to a neat bundle of kindling for winter hearth fires. Or, the tree can be set into the ground outdoors as a winter shelter and feeding center for birds. Birds will enjoy bits of suet, raisins and bread crusts attached to the branches and will repay the kindness next spring by helping to destroy insect pests and weed seeds around the grounds and gardens.

Oranges and grapefruit are the buys in fresh fruits this winter. Prices of both are lower than in many years, according to U. S. D. A. marketing specialists. Both the orange and grapefruit crops for the 1946-47 season promise to be the largest on record. The orange crop is 20 per cent larger than last year and 53 per cent above average, while the grapefruit crop is 6 per cent larger than last year's big crop and 69 per cent above average.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Is seaweed practical as a mineral and vitamin supplement in poultry rations?

A. The high content of potassium salts which are toxic to poultry, plus the known laxative properties of certain of the gum constituents would tend to minimize the importance of seaweed as a poultry feed ingredient, according to an investigation of this subject by J. A. Weybrew, associate research professor with the N. C. Experiment station.

Q. Are wartime controls of cottonseed meal still in effect? A. Cottonseed meal has been removed from the limitations and restrictions placed on it during the war period, and you may therefore purchase all of the meal you need for feed and fertilizer. It may be obtained from your local supplier in any quantity you may desire.

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