

# URGES FARM CHIMNEYS BE EXAMINED NOW

Specialist Cites Fire Danger From Cracks In Cement

There is no better time than now to check chimneys against fire hazards, while the furnaces and stoves are cold, according to David S. Weaver, head of the agricultural engineering department at State college.

"Roof fires," he said, "are chiefly caused by sparks leaking out through cracks in the chimney. Farmers should remember that after a few years, cement can dry out and crumble. In time the bricks may loosen and a dangerous fire hazard is created. Such cracks should be cemented before the heating units are started in the fall."

Mr. Weaver also recommended that stove pipes be thoroughly checked for rust holes and worn spots. "Be sure the pipe joints fit snugly, otherwise smoke and flame may seep out," he said.

Farmers should take the additional precaution of having an approved fire extinguisher near stoves and heaters and wherever there is a chance of fire getting out of hand.

He said that combustible roofs are a real menace, too. "Such roofing," he declared, "should be replaced or covered with fire-resistant shingles or other flame-proof material."

Emphasizing that in a few hours fire can wipe out a farmer's work, and savings, the specialist reminded farmers that America's fire losses for the first five months of this year are already greater than the entire twelve months of 1942. These losses so menace the prosperity of the country and the life of its citizens that President Truman through Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has asked farmers to do their part in stopping these huge losses.

## State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By VERA STANTON Assistant State Agent

Baking soda can be of big help for many little cleaning jobs around the kitchen. It may be used as a gentle scourer for stains on china, pottery, glass



**ANOTHER LINK IN CHAIN**—Here's another link in the lengthening chain of registered Guernsey cattle in Macon County. As part of a county-wide program, A. R. Higdon last summer presented a registered heifer to Tom Cabe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cabe, of the Cat Creek community. It was understood that young Cabe would "pay" for his calf by returning to Mr. Higdon the first heifer calf the animal had. Here Cabe (center) repays his debt, and Mr. Higdon, in turn, presented the calf, under the same conditions, to Lonnie Crawford (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Crawford, of the Wayah section.

or cooking utensils of enamelware or glass that would be scratched by rougher scouring materials. For example, tea or coffee stains on china cups may be removed by rubbing with a damp cloth dipped in soda. However, soda should not be rubbed on gilt decorations on china.

Soda also helps soften food that has scorched on enamelware or glass. Fill the scorched utensil with water, add a teaspoon of soda, and allow it to soak an hour or so. Then heat the water gradually on the stove, loosening the burned food with a wooden spoon.

Washing in soda and water has long been known to housewives as a good way to "keep things sweet." It is recommended for washing the refrigerator, or rinsing out vacuum bottles.

Finally, soda can be used in brightening silver. For the fast electrolytic cleaning method, an aluminum kettle is filled with water containing salt and soda—one teaspoon of each to a quart of water. The water is brought to a boil, the silver laid in and

the boiling continued for just 2 or 3 minutes. Then the silver is removed and washed.

Many housewives keep an aluminum cup of hot water containing soda beside the dishpan when doing breakfast dishes. Into this cup go soup spoons or forks discolored by breakfast eggs. By the time the dishes are done, the silver is bright again.

Frequent brushing of screens and sills can save the housewife much time and labor in window washing. In summertime screens catch dust, dirt and small insects which are easily brushed off. If left on, rain and wind will beat much of this soil onto the glass panes. Dusting windows helps keep them clean and delays the day when they must be washed.

## State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I control silverfish?

A. The best results will be obtained if silverfish are con-

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Spray about baseboards, doors and window casings, closets where pipes go through walls or floors, and other places where silverfish hide or crawl over the DDT deposit.

Spray thoroughly in attics or basements if they are infested, especially around pipes or wall spaces leading to floors above, if there is danger of fire from an oil spray, use 10 per cent DDT powder or sodium fluoride. Apply either powder with a hand duster, blowing it into cracks or spreading a thin film wherever the appearance of the deposit will not be objectionable.

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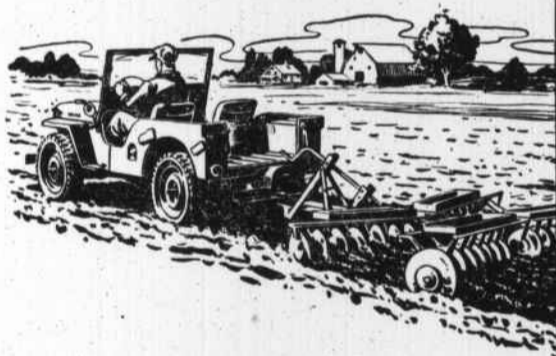
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