

NEW YORK GREETs DeVALERA



ALTHOUGH HIS SHIP arrived at New York in the early morning, Eamon DeValera, voted out of office after 16 years as prime minister of Eire, was given a hero's welcome as he returned to the city of his birth. Beside "Doc" is Frank Aiken, Eire's former Minister of Finance. In foreground, is Grover Whalen, reception committee chairman. (International)

SAVINGS AND LOANS SPURT

CHICAGO (UP)—A new all-time high was reached in the savings and loan system in 1942 with an estimated \$11,500,000,000 involved in financial transaction to home owners and builders. The figures were compiled by the U. S. Savings and Loan League.

PORTAL TO PORTAL

CLINTON, N. Y. (UP) — Cold weather and snow are no barrier to friendly visits between two families living in the Hamilton college veterans housing project. Mrs. Dot Granata, of Mount Vernon, visits Mrs. Bill Kellerhals, New York, by crawling through a hole cut in the wall.

EARLY SNAKE NIPPED

ROBINSON, Ill. (UP)—No one has seen any robins yet this winter in Robinson, but everybody is sure spring is just around the corner. A green garter snake, even more of a rarity at this season than a robin, was found. The first harbinger of warmer weather had had its tail frozen off.

TALKS HER WAY OUT

ST LOUIS (UP)—It wasn't because the traffic cop had a change of mind that Mrs. Charlotte Lee was freed on a parking charge. She simply argued with the officer so long that when he finally got around to handing her a ticket it was past the deadline for parking. The charge was dismissed in court.

LONELY HEART SOOTHED

INDIANAPOLIS (UP) — Mrs. Bernice Jones doesn't like jail as such. But when her husband was locked up on a robbery charge she became lonely. She pleaded her case at headquarters and was locked up, too, on a vagrancy charge. "I just want to be with my husband," she said.

MAPLE SYRUP

BARRE, Vt. (UP)—The maple syrup season is well under way in Vermont. That the latest estimate of Vermont output is 100,000 gallons in this year, which is the top production of the State.

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Expert Advice On Farm Problems

(Compiled by Extension Service at State College)

Question: Recently I built a shed out of country sawed oak boards. They had been sawed about 100 years. Now I am told that paint will not stick to this lumber. Is that true?

Answer: Oak is such a dense wood that paint will not work as well on it as it does on soft woods. In order to paint oak that is used for an outside surface, the pores in it need to be filled. Unless that is done paint on an outside oak surface will begin to fade within about two years. Aluminum paint will not work any better than ordinary paint. About the only satisfactory way to change the appearance of oak used for outside surfaces is to stain it. But stain, of course, will not provide any protection. It merely changes the looks.

Question: Can the Extension farm forester tell me what definite price I should receive for my timber?

Answer: No, he can only indicate the approximate value of your timber. Prices depend upon the size and quality of timber, logging conditions, distance from market, and possible market outlets in a given area.

Question: How does the feeding value of oats compare with corn?

Answer: Oats are worth about 90 per cent as much as corn for feed-cows, but they are worth only 80 per cent as much as corn for feeding pigs. The difference is due to the oat hull. Pigs are not quite so able to digest the hulls as are cattle.

Question: Is there an orchard spray which will not be harmful to bees?

Answer: The answer is no. There is no spray which would kill off injurious insects and not harm the bees. To prevent injury to bees, it is recommended that no poisons be used while there are any blossoms on the trees.

To store bowls, platters, and odd dishes without stacking them, re-

member that a group of "stepped" shelves is useful.

Tones are a useful addition to kitchen equipment and are especially efficient for turning meats, cakes and pies in oven, and excellent to use in rinsing dishes.

A nut pick should have a place in every kitchen. It may be used to remove corks, to punch holes in suture-cases, to untie hard knots, and to crush seams in milk pails and other utensils. Cherries or small pickles, too, may be easily removed from their containers with a nut pick.

When Turkish towels have become worn or faded, simply cut them in squares and keep them to use as dishcloths.

Question: How can I treat pruning wounds in my orchard?

Answer: Pruning wounds will heal most rapidly when made close. Avoid leaving stubs which will eventually rot, especially if large. It is not necessary to cover wounds of two inches or less with protective material. When larger wounds are made it is advisable to cover them with a preparation of pure white lead and linseed oil. Grafting wax, Tree Tangle Foot, or a Bordeaux mixture linseed oil preparation may be used.

Grafting wax which can be applied with a brush is made as follows: Resin 5 pounds; beeswax, 1 pound; raw linseed oil, about one teacupful. Melt resin, add to melted beeswax and then the linseed oil, mixing thoroughly. The operator should carry along some kind of a heating device in order to keep the wax in a melted condition when applying with a brush. A grafting lantern is often used as a convenient heating device. Bordeaux mixture linseed oil preparation is made by adding linseed oil to powdered Bordeaux in proportion that will give a mixture similar to whitelad paint.

STEPS UP PRODUCTION

CAMDEN, Ind. (UP)—A hen in the flock owned by James Sink has mastered the technique of mass production. Instead of laying a single egg inside a single shell the hen lays two complete eggs in a single shell. The hen lays the eggs regularly.

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