

### CHEAP WIRING FOR HOME NOT GOOD

Electrification of a farm home can be a bitter disappointment—if the wiring is unsafe and inadequate.

The disappointment is particularly hard to bear if the family has made a sacrifice to install electricity, said D. E. Jones, Extension agricultural engineer at State College.

Yet families who have to make a sacrifice are often the ones which wire their homes improperly in their effort to cut down the expense, Jones continued.

No house should be wired until the family has given a great deal of thought to the uses that will be made of electric current at present and in the future.

Then the advice of a competent electrician should be sought to determine the type of wiring that will give the greatest benefits, Jones pointed out.

Even though only a few lights and appliances will be used at first, he went on, it is especially important to remember that from time to time the family will wish to add new equipment.

The wiring should be adequate to carry all the current that will be needed, and the wires should be so located as to provide sockets and outlets at all points where lights and appliances will be used.

Jones stated that he has yet to find a family that thought it had too many sockets and outlets. Most of them feel that if they had the job to do over, they would put in more than they have.

The convenient location of switches is another factor vital to the fullest enjoyment and use of electric power in the farm home.

Jones emphasized that although it may cost a little more to put in adequate wiring, it is much cheaper to do it right the first time than to tear out improperly installed wires and do the job over again.

### FARM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Question: Is a grain ration necessary for a dairy cow during her dry period?

Answer: If plenty of good pasture is available and the animal is in good flesh no other feed will be necessary. However, the cow should have free access to a suitable mineral mixture, unless the grazing is legume crops or a legume hay is being fed. If pasture is short or the cow is in poor flesh enough concentrate should be fed to put the animal in good flesh before freshening. Where concentrates are added, all high protein grains and most of the corn is removed from the ration about two weeks before freshening. A good grain mixture to feed during this period is composed of equal parts of wheat bran and ground oats.

Question: How can I rid my poultry flock of lice?

Answer: Probably the most effective delousing product is sodium fluoride. This may be secured at any drug store and can be applied in three ways. First, by the pinch method, second, by dusting, and third by dipping. Dipping is probably the most economical method as it requires much less material and time. One ounce of the sodium fluoride is used to each gallon of tepid water. Hold the wings over the back and dip the birds feet first until only the heads are out of the solution. Ruffle the feathers thoroughly with the free hand to insure penetration of the fluid to the skin. The head should also be ducked a few times during the operation. The birds should be dipped at such times as to allow them to dry thoroughly before going to roost.

Question: What is the proper temperature for curing sweet potatoes?

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Answer: The temperature for best results should be from 80 to 85 degrees. This should be continued until the sprouts begin to appear, which usually requires about two weeks. After this curing period, the storage temperature should be lowered to 50 degrees and kept at that point until removed for shipment or use. The temperature should never be allowed to go below 40 degrees nor above 50 as high temperatures during the storage period causes excess shrinkage.

### ROTATE STOCK IN PASTURE

Rotating stock on pasture increases production, eliminates waste and makes better sods. If given the run of a large area, stock pasture some parts too closely and allow others to grow up and die untouched.

### BEEF PULP GOOD FOR COWS

Dried beet pulp is recommended by some as a substitute for silage at a rate of one pound of the pulp to five pounds of silage. It is claimed it produces increase in milk as well as more healthy cows.

### FEED CALVES HAY

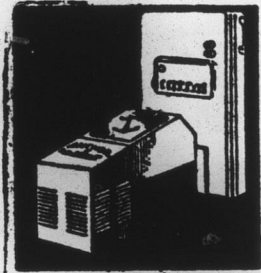
If skim milk and grain low in proteins is being fed, either alfalfa or clover hay is satisfactory feed for calves.

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### WATER COWS AFTER FEEDING

Two-thirds of the water that a cow will drink using water bowls is consumed within three hours after each feeding, according to the report made at the annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association. They believe that this may account for the somewhat greater flow of milk secured from such cows than from those that are habitually watered at the tank after feeding in the morning. Where drinking cups are not available, they suggest watering after feeding each time in order to secure more milk from the herd.

Outbreaks of hog cholera have been reported in various parts of Wilson County and farmers are vaccinating their animals to stem the outbreak.



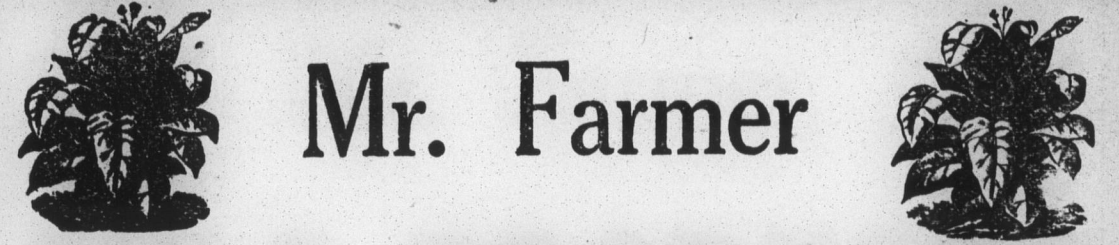
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