

THIS BUSINESS OF Living

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"SUCH NICE SUDS"

"Such nice suds!" Ever hear your mother, or maybe it would be your grandmother say that, looking at a zinc wash tub full of warm soapy water?

If you did, you know what happened next. A thoughtful look came into her eyes as she lifted some of the foamy stuff in her water soaked hand and went on: "I guess I'll just wash out that slip cover off the big chair," or "I've been wanting to wash those blankets on Jim's bed" and off she'd go to fetch that something extra that had no place in that week's washing but was now included because she couldn't bear to waste those nice suds.

Perfect suds weren't easy to obtain in those days of rain barrels, stove-top water heating and home-made soap. That perfect combination of hot water and properly made soap, that every good housekeeper knows loosens dirt as if by magic, didn't always happen when water was hand dipped or hand pumped and every quart of it heated on the big boiler it took two people to lift to the top of the cook stove; when the sway-back cake of home-made soap had to be shaved and soaked in a small amount of water before it could go into the tub full of water or into the hand-power washing machine.

A tub full of warm suds was to be

used to the limit no matter if that extra blanket meant an hour's extra hard work for a woman already worn out with the week's accumulation of dirty clothes.

But now a day's nice suds are taken for granted and the young woman I heard use the expression the other day didn't hesitate to let a big porcelain tub full of live, sparkling suds go down the drain pipe.

She was dressed in blue slacks and a faded, but becoming, rose blouse and there was a blue ribbon round her fair short hair. She was almost done with the washing that morning when I dropped in to see her and was as fresh as a daisy, planning a picnic with her husband and children for that afternoon. She was putting the last of the colored clothes through the electric wringer when I invaded her basement wash room and as she reached for the last garment, she lifted some of the suds in her fresh, pink-nailed hand and made that old-fashioned remark.

"But then," she shrugged her slim shoulders as she reached down to pull out the plug—"I have so much good hot water that with these soap flakes I always get nice suds. So what's the difference?"

In that one little remark, was the whole story of what our modern industrial system has meant to the women of America!

Entertained Members Of Art Club At Belvidere Home

Mr. and Mrs. L. Jay Winslow entertained their daughter, Mrs. R. M. White, of Norfolk, Va., and members of her art club at their beautiful home in Belvidere on July 11.

Among those present were: Mrs. Z. D. Brownley and daughter, Helen; Mrs. M. G. Hite and daughter, Peggy; Mrs. H. E. Martin and son, Linwood; Mrs. R. M. White and son, Jay, and Miss Julia Miller Chappell, all of Norfolk, and Miss Mary Elizabeth White, of Hertford.

The hosts served a delicious old-fashioned country dinner of fried chicken, home-cured ham, a variety of vegetables and ice cream and cake.

Dusting Of Peanuts Proves Profitable

Dusting of peanuts to control the leafspot disease should begin at once, says Howard R. Garriss, Extension plant pathologist. This practice has netted growers as much as \$15.30 per acre in experimental demonstrations, he said.

Garriss reported that early applications, made at two-week intervals, have proven the most profitable. In previous years growers have applied the first of three treatments on or about July 25. "However, this year, we are recommending four treatments, the first to be made as early in July as possible," he stated.

Last year tests of the four-applications-per-season method resulted in yields of 509 pounds more nuts per acre than yields from untreated plots, and increases from the three-applications-per-season demonstrations were 459 pounds more nuts per acre.

"Control of peanut leafspot by sulphur dusting also substantially increases the yield and quality of peanut hay," Garriss declared. "The material used for sulphur dusting of peanuts is a specially prepared 'dusting sulphur' which is conditioned for sticking to the plant. Any good

grade sulphur dust is satisfactory if the particles will pass through a 325 mesh.

"The rate of application should be from 16 to 30 pounds of sulphur per acre, the exact amount depending upon the size of the plants. The treatment should be made either in the early morning, when it is calm and there is some dew on the plants, or in the late afternoons after a rain. It is necessary to avoid winds during the operation. However, if rain occurs within 24 hours after the dust is applied, the applications must be repeated."

Special Invitation To Farm-Home Week

A special invitation to farm people to attend the thirty-seventh annual Farm and Home Week program at N. C. State College July 29-August 2 is extended by John W. Goodman, assistant director of Extension, and Miss Ruth Current, State home agent. They are co-directors of the event.

"Whereas, the largest attendance at previous Farm and Home weeks has been from Eastern North Carolina, we are hoping this year to have more rural people from the western part of the State," Goodman said. "The program has been designed to attract more delegates from the piedmont and mountains."

For instance, he said, the agronomy and horticulture conferences on Thursday will be of special interest to farmers of the Western part of the State. Discussions of legumes, such as lespedeza and the clovers, will be held under the leadership of competent agronomists and farm agents. Then L. R. Neel, associate editor of the Southern Agriculturist and superintendent of the Middle Tennessee Experiment Station, will tell "What Legumes Can Mean to North Carolina."

The horticulture program will feature discussions of peaches, sweet potatoes, beekeeping, and vegetable and fruit disease and insect control.

"Of course the major part of the Farm and Home Week program will be of interest to farmers and farm

women in general, no matter what part of the State they come from," Goodman said. A few of the headline speakers are: Governor and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, Governor-Nominate J. M. Broughton, R. M. Evans, administrator of the AAA, and Jonathan Daniels, outstanding North Carolina editor and author.

Who Knows?

1. What position did Prime Minister Winston Churchill hold during the World War?
2. What is the size of the U. S. public debt?
3. What is the Townsend Plan?
4. The President of what South American country retired from office in July?
5. When did the British acquire Hong Kong from the Chinese?
6. Mexico held an election for President last week. When will the results be proclaimed?
7. British-French warships fought off the coast of Africa last week. How long has it been since British and French fleets fought each other in a major naval engagement?
8. When does the fiscal year of the Federal Government begin?
9. What three supply routes are available to Chiang Kai-Shek in his war against Japan?

THE ANSWERS

1. First Lord of the British Admiralty.
2. The public debt of the U. S. on June 30 was \$42,967,000,000.
3. A proposal that the Government pay its elderly citizens sixty or more years old a monthly pension of \$200 in a form of money that must be spent within the month.
4. Roberto M. Ortiz, of Argentina, on account of ill health.
5. In 1841.
6. In September.
7. The last previous major sea battle between Britain and France was off Trafalgar in 1805 when Nelson destroyed Napoleon's fleet.
8. On July 1st of each year.
9. Through Indo-China, through Burma and through Asiatic Russia. The first has been closed by Japan.

Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below. Applications must be on file with the Commission's Washington office not later than August 5 if received from states east of Colorado, and not later than August 8, 1940, if received from Colorado and States westward. The salaries given in each case are subject to a deduction of 3 1/2 percent.

Engineering draftsman (aeronautical), \$1,800 a year; chief, \$2,600 a year; principal, \$2,300 a year; senior, \$2,000 a year; assistant, \$1,620 a year. Applicants must have had certain high-school study; and, except for the substitution of study in aeronautical engineering, must have had elementary drafting training or experience. They must not have passed their 53rd birthday.

Engineer, \$3,800 a year; senior, \$4,600 a year; associate, \$3,200 a year; assistant, \$2,600 a year; various optional branches. Applicants must have had study in an engineering course in a recognized college, and professional engineering experience. They must not have passed their 55th birthday.

Senior inspector, boat construction (wood hulls), \$2,600 a year; inspector, boat construction (wood hulls), \$2,000 a year; Navy Department. Except for the substitution of college study in naval architecture, or apprenticeship as ship-fitter or boat-builder, applicants must have had experience in the inspection or testing of wood hull construction work. They must not have passed their 53rd birthday.

Senior artistic lithographer, \$2,000 a year; artistic lithographer, \$1,800 a year; assistant artistic lithographer,

\$1,620 a year; junior artistic lithographer, \$1,440 a year; negative cutter, \$1,800 a year; junior copper plate map engraver, \$1,440 a year. Appropriate experience is necessary for these positions. Applicants must have reached their 20th, but must not have passed their 53rd birthday. Apprenticeship copper plate map engraver, \$1,260 a year; apprentice artistic lithographer, \$1,260 a year. Applicants must have had 6 months of appropriate experience, which may include apprenticeship. They must have reached their 16th, but must not have passed their 21st birthday.

Psychophysicologist, \$3,800 a year; principal, \$5,600 a year; senior, \$4,600 a year; associate, \$3,200 a year; assistant, \$2,600 a year; National Institute of Health, Public Health Service. Applicants must have completed certain college study and must have had appropriate research or teaching experience, or graduate study. They must not have passed their 53rd birthday.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from C. T. Skinner, secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the post office or custom house in this city, or from the sec-

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Auto Quiz No. 5 ANSWERS

1. d. no apparent defects. Many drivers, after an accident, will insist that the gas pedal stuck, or that the brakes suddenly failed or that something else went wrong. Actually, from 93 to 95 per cent of all vehicles involved in accidents are found to be in apparently good condition with no major defects noted in steering, braking, lighting, etc.

2. b. 18 to 24 years. Recent figures indicate that the most dangerous ages are 18 and 19; that drivers under 20 and over 60 have the highest accident rates.

3. False. You should move him only enough to prevent his being run over again, then make him comfortable and call an ambulance. Hundreds of deaths are caused by the bungling of well-meaning but ill-advised bystanders whose first thought is to put the injured person in an automobile and rush him to the hospital. This often results in compound fractures, concussions, punctured lungs.

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