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GROW FEED FOR WINTER

Plenty of Forage and Silage Necessary for Wintering Cattle

erease its live stock production, but it would require careful planning to insure ample reserves of being carried for winter feeding. To become a permanent business the lement of risk in the matter of feed or the winter must be eliminated.

A Tragedy in Western Kansas

"In Western Kansas the past winter tragedy occurred," said President Jarine of the Kansas Agricultural College a addressing the annual meeting of the ansas Live Stock Association. "A large crage in that section, ordinarily retred for forage production, has been meet over to the production of wheat a result of the government-guaranced price on wheat. Notwithstanding a fact that a succession of dry sumers had lowered the quantity of forage oduced and the amount in that county was smaller than for years, it was lieved that there would be an abuntuce of feed for cattle through using the large wheat acreage for pasture, he herds belonging to Kansas stockmen are even augmented by cattle brought from adjacent sections of other states. Joisture did not come, however, in time of make the wheat pasture count. The apply of any and all kinds of feed raply dwindled and when the heavy snows me in December the situation was descrate. Hundreds of cattle died, for here was little that could be done. Not all was there a great monetary loss, it also in loss of foodstuff. It would are been a wiser policy for the government to have offered a bonus on forage of production in Western Kansas, there than on wheat production.

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The experience of stockmen in Westsame as the past winter furnishes a
gargument in favor of more forcrops and the silo. Corn stalks,
and stalks, wheat straw, even Rus-

sian thistles, are better than snow drifts for keeping cattle alive, and every year quantities of any one or all of these feeds can be collected and held for times of emergency. If land is prepared properly, and the right varieties of sorghums for silage planted, good yields can be produced eight years out of ten. When this sorghum crop is stored away in a pit silo, or other kind of silo, it will furnish the best possible insurance against drouth, short pastures, or long, severe winters. Silage can be kept in a silo for an indefinite period. Several years may elapse between the time of its storing and using, providing it is stored right, and it will be found in prime condition for feeding.

Sorghums Superior for Silage

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"Tests conducted by the Kansas Experiment Station at Manhattan have clearly demonstrated the superior value for silage of the sorghum crops such as kafir and the sweet sorghums. In a three-year feeding test with calves it was found that the average gain in weight per acre of silage fed was 1,039 pounds for corn silage, 1,013 pounds for kafir silage, and 1,376 pounds for sweet sorghum silage. Cottonseed meal was the concentrate used in this test and an equal amount was used with each kind of silage.

"The value of the sorghums as an insurance crop for maintaining stock cattle was forcibly shown the season of 1918 when our corn at Manhattan yielded three and a half tons, kafir seven tons, and sweet sorghum or cane nine tons of silage per acre.

Sorghums Equal to Corn for Fattening

"In the use of the sorghums for grain production we have a splendid opportunity to push the fattening belt farther west and at the same time cheapen the cost of production. Tests conducted by the Kansas Experiment Station show

that for all practical purposes a pound of sorghum grains—kafir, feterita, and milo—is equal in feeding value to one pound of corn.

"In one test steer calves fed corn chop, cottonseed meal, alfalfa hay and silage gained while on feed 431.3 pounds a head, or at the rate of 2.39 pounds daily. Similar calves fed ground kafir, cottonseed meal, alfalfa and silage gained 424.1 pounds a head, or at the rate of 2.35 pounds daily. The difference in gain is so slight as to be practically negligible. The feed requirements for each hundred pounds of gain were as follows: Corn-fed calves, 490.38 pounds corn chop, 66.10 pounds cotton-seed meal, 150 pounds alfalfa hay, and 397.07 pounds of silage; kafir-fed calves, 497.02 pounds of ground kafir, 67.2 pounds of cottonseed meal, 162.55 pounds alfalfa hay, and 401.7 pounds silage. These figures show that in the feed required to produce the gain there was very little advantage in favor of the corn.

"In the days when land was cheap, pastures plentiful, and feed and labor inexpensive, it was well enough to disregard the by-products of the farm, but the day has come in agriculture when wasteful practices must cease if profits are to be made. A few years ago creameries poured skim milk and butter milk down sewers, but creameries have learned to utilize the by-products of the industry. Not a gallon of skim milk is needlessly wasted today and thousands of dollars are saved to the industry through a means formerly ignored. In the utilization of by-products, the packing plants have created immense wealth.

ing plants have created immense wealth. "Straw is the most abundant byproduct of Kansas farms available for feeding live stock. In producing a wheat crop, two pounds of straw are grown to every pound of grain. The straw pro-

duced with the Kansas wheat crop of 1918 amounted to not less than 5,580,000 tons. We have learned at the experiment station that a steer can be induced to eat from eight to fifteen pounds of straw daily when fed with succulent silage and these feeds together with a small amount of concentrated feed such as cottonseed cake or linseed meal, prove a most economical ration for maintaining a heef-producing animal.

for maintaining a beef-producing animal.

"At the Fort Hays Experiment Station in 1916-17 two groups of breeding cows were wintered in a feeding test in which the cows in one group consumas an average daily ration per cow, hay pounds of alfalfa hay, 7 pounds of the hay, and 8.8 pounds of wheat straw the cost, on the basis of feed prices ben prevailing, being 5.6 cents a day cow. In the other group the cows cowsumed an average daily ration of 15.22 pounds of cane hay, 2 pounds cotton-seed cake and 8.89 pounds of wheat straw, the cost of this ration per cow being 6.5 cents a day. The cows in the first lot gained at the rate of .64 of a pound daily and those in the second lot .65 of a pound.

"It is in connection with the cost of producing live stock that the agricultural college may be able to extend a helping hand. Some of you are especially interested in the production of feeders, others in finishing on grass, others in finishing in the feed lot, and still others in producing pure-breds, or seed stock. Whatever your line of production, you are all interested in how you may feed your animals more economically. I would suggest two factors in particular that will make it possible to reduce considerably the present cost of producing live stock in this state; first, a greater use of the sorghum crops; second, more efficient utilization of the by-products of grain farming."



CROUP OF HEIFERS IN DEVELOPMENT TEST AT FORT HAYS EXPERIMENT STATION.—FROM PHOTO TAKEN IN SPRING OF 1916, BEFORE ANY OF THE HEIFERS WERE BRED

MECHANICS ON THE FARM

Items of Interest About Automobiles, Engines, Tractors and Motorcycles

Cleaning the Cooling System

FTER driving a car all winter in a climate which makes necessary the use of anti-freeze solution, the cooling system should be cleaned out thoroughly before the warm weather comes on. This is a simple task and in many cases a necessary one because it many cases a necessary one, because it seems that no matter what kind of antifreeze solution is used, a certain amount of sediment is bound to settle in parts of the system or adhere to the cylinder and radiator walls in such manner as to interfere to a greater or less extent with efficient operation of the cooling system. Add to this the sediment that always results from heating water in any kind of vessel, from a teakettle to a steam boiler, and the reason for cleaning the cooling system is quite apparent.

Many methods of cleaning the cooling system have been suggested from time

to time by various people, but some of them are questionable because there is danger of injuring the radiator on ac-count of the caustic chemicals used. The following method can be recommended as being absolutely safe and at the same time will give the cooling sys-tem a thorough flushing that will re-move practically all loose foreign matter.

First, drain the system by means of the pet cock in the bottom of the radi-ator. Then turn a hose in the filler cap of the radiator to admit a moderate stream of water. Next start the motor and let it idle at a fairly good rate of speed, leaving the petcock in the bottom of the radiator open all the time. This will not only flush out the water jackets and the radiator but because of the and the radiator, but because of the fact that the motor is running the water pump will be kept in action and will send a good stream of water all through

After this is done, examine the hose connections from the cylinders to the radiator, to sea that they are in good condition. It sometimes happens that anti-freeze solution will have a bad effect on the inside of the hose, while from the outside it will be apparently as good as ever. A fairly reliable test is to press the hose firmly between the fingers. If it seems good and firm it fingers. If it seems good and firm it is probably in good condition. If it is weak and flabby it may be sucked together from the force of the water pressure and either partially or completely cut off the circulation of the water.

Some drivers seem to think that simple artifrees solutions made from

ple anti-freeze solutions made from water and alcohol do not need to be removed, assuming that the alcohol will evaporate in time and the addition of water will be sufficient. This is not true, because while the alcohol will evaporate, the sediment will remain. As a matter of fact, the cooling system should be flushed out once or twice a season, whether anti-freeze solution is used or not.-Buick Bulletin.

Less Fault Found with Tractors

Several hundred tractor owners in the Dakotas were asked these questions: "What do you find to be the principal advantages of the tractor for farm

"What are its principal disadvan-

tages?" The replies received have been summarized in Farmers' Bulletin 1035, just published by the Department of Agriculture.

Saving in time, making it possible to cover the desired acreage within the proper season, is put first among the advantages by a large percentage of the farmers. Other advantages mentioned

Ability to do thorough work, especially in hot weather, when horses are at a disadvantage.

Saving in man labor, doing away with more or less hired labor and enabling one man to farm a larger acreage than he can with horses.

Economy.

This last advantage is mentioned by a larger percentage of Dakota farmers than of farmers in other states where similar investigations of the tractor have been made. This is doubtless because

the cropping system followed in the Da-kotas is such that the tractor can be used to advantage for more of the farm work than in most other parts of the country.

The principal disadvantage of the tractor, according to the reports made by these farmers, is its injurious effect on moist soil. This difficulty is a serious one in districts where the soil is heavy where it is necessary to do a considerable amount of work in early spring.

Difficulty of operation seems to rank

next as a disadvantage. A large per-centage of farmers emphasize it. Other disadvantages mentioned are expense of operation, undue increase in investment, and delays on account of engine trouble.

In comparing the reports upon which this bulletin is based with those obtained from tractor owners in various parts of the corn belt several years ago it appears that less stress is laid upon the disadvantages of the tractor in the recent reports than in the older ones.

Fuel for Tractor

It takes about two and a half gallons of fuel an acre to run a tractor for plow-ing in the Dakotas, according to reports from several hundred farmers received by the United States Department of Agriculture. These reports cover two, three, four and five-plow tractors of various makes.

Slight differences in fuel consumption are found between machines of different makes, and there is usually a slightly lower consumption where gasoline is used than where kerosene is used. These differences, however, are so small that the average of two and a half gallons may be taken as coming very close to the actual acre consumption for any type or size of machine.

The more recent reports received in this regard indicate that farmers are having much less trouble than formerly in handling kerosene-burning tractors. Nearly two-thirds of the tractors on the Dakota farms reporting burn kerosene, and the results are apparently satisfac-tory, particularly in view of the fact that the present price of kerosene is but half that of gasoline. However, the advantage of gasoline in ease of operation and in the additional assurance it gives that the engine will keep running stead-ily makes many men prefer the more expensive fuel.

Power Farming Machinery

In making a change from animal to mechanical power on any farm, there are several changes in the organization and management of the farm which help considerably in making power farming a success. In the first place, it is neces-sary to have machines for use with a tractor which were designed for this purpose. It is almost as ridiculous to expect a tractor to work satisfactorily with plows, harrows, etc., which were designed for horses as to expect to hitch a horse to a spade or rake which were intended for use by a man and be able to do a good job of plowing, harrowing, great many farmers in the past have endeavored to economize by using their horse gang plow behind a tractor so as to avoid discarding an implement which was not worn out and at the same time obviate the necessity for increasing their investment in equipment. The same has been true with harrows, disks, and other machinery. On a farm where the purchase of a tractor is at all justified, the purchase of suitable machinery for use with it is also fully justified. The horse-drawn plow was designed by the manufacturer to stand up under horse power. It was also designed to carry the weight of an average man when in operation. When a horse plow is placed behind a tractor, there is always danger of straining, twisting or even breaking the frame, and fur-thermore it is usually difficult to make it maintain its proper position and do good work because it is inclined to bounce around more or less without the weight of a man on the seat. Some farmers have tried to substitute weights

of various kinds for the weight of the driver, but this is not usually very satisfactory .- ABNOLD P. YERKES.

Government Trains Mechanics

Inquiries continue to pour into the offices of the Federal Board for Vocational Education relative to the "farm mechanics" course evolved as a brand new occupation for disabled men of the army, navy and marine corps who are so badly disabled as to require voca-tional retraining at the hands of the board. Farm owners in many different sections have instantly recognized the practicability of the course and voice the need for men trained along the lines indicated.

The labor shortage has caused many a farm owner to realize that he must get out of the rut and substitute ma-chinery for time-honored wasteful methods, but his own lack of knowledge concerning the upkeep and operation of farm tractors, motor trucks, automogas engines, electrical machinery and the like has been the principal bar-rier. The difficulty of obtaining competent help has been an equal obstacle. That the federal board has started training disabled soldiers in this new trade of "farm mechanics" has been glad news to many farm owners, long time victims of incompetent, untrained labor, who, nevertheless, have been steadily increasing their wage demands while not improving the service rendered.

Spring Management of Bees

Spring management of bees is like the handling of an army. The commanding general must lay his plans very carefully. His supplies of all kinds must be in place ready for use at a moment's notice. It is during the winter season that the beekeeper should lay out his plans. All of his hives should be nailed up and painted. His supers, sections and other equipment should be put up and stored at or near the apiary where they can be utilized very quickly when

the busy season arrives.

Some beekeeper has said that the time to prepare for a honey flow is the fall before. This will apply with equal force to the spring management. I will point out some of the conditions essential to good wintering, for without good wintering the bees cannot be in proper condition to take advantage of the honey flow the following spring.

First, I would have a young, vigorous queen which would supply the colony with a large force of young bees for

Second, from forty to forty-five pounds of well ripened sealed stores. Third, abundant insulation. Also pro-

tect the hives from the direct sweep of the wind. If all of these requirements have been fully carried out, the colony should come through the winter in the very best of condition.

It seems to me that the recent rec-ommendations of Doctor Phillips have completely revolutionized that part of beekeeping which pertains to spring and fall management. He recommends that a colony in this locality be wintered in two ten-frame Langstroth hive bodies with four inches of packing on the bot-tom—six inches all around the sides and ends and eight inches on top.

Some time ago in one of our leading text books on beekeeping I was reading the recommendations on spring management. The author recommended twenty-five pounds of honey for winter. He also said that as soon as the weather warm enough for the bees to fly they should be examined to see that all had enough stores and if any had less than two or three frames of honey they should be fed sugar syrup or given frames of honey from colonies which could spare it.

All of these theories, together with the practice of spreading brood in the spring, have been pretty well exploded. I was reminded of what Josh Billings "What

once said: "What is the use of knowing so much you know ain't so?"

For several years past I have wintered my bees with a half depth extracting super on top. This is completely filled with honey, besides fifteen or twenty pounds below in the brood frames. This gives very nearly fifteen Langstroth frames. In most cases the bees will have sufficient stores and ample room for early brood rearing until ple room for early brood rearing until the winter packing is removed. I have found by quite a number of years' experience that the more stores my bees have in the spring, together with empty comb for early brood rearing and the hives protected, the better the colonies





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come up to the honey flow. If we live to secure a good crop of surplus host we must leave no stone unturned have all colonics. have all colonies in the best possible condition when the honey flow come as a means of securing a crop, the fellowing hints may be of some benefit.

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As the late G. M. Doolittle once say "Have all colonies rich in stores" that they will not slacken brood red ing. In early spring before natural plen is abundant, feed some substitutions such as rye flour, barley flour, or so shorts. I place this in boxes the twelve inches deep at the south end my bee house, where it gets the direct rays of the sun and is protected for the wind. Do not manipulate or turb the bees unless absolutely next sary. Leave all winter packing on most sary. Leave all winter packing on most the bees begin to require manipulated the bees begin to require manipulated in this locality is about May. I would also strongly condemn to another in spring, or for that mains at any time during the season, unless are free from foul brood.

In conclusion let me say that the been severely alone.—O. A. KEENE.

A German economist says: "German strove for a new order." Well, she parties it. and it was " it, and it was "move on."

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THE HAYS ROUND-UP he various cattle-feeding tests being ducted at the Fort Hays Branch Exducted at the Fort Hays Branch Ex-ment Station, to which we referred week, will end April 12, and as has n the custom for several years it will the ceasion of a round-up meeting give wide publicity to the results, indications now are that the comon of silage and fodder feeding from sured acreages will show that an in the silo is equivalent to and as ient as four acres in the shock. It

my weather which has prevailed h heavy snowfall, the silage was at times easily accessible, while it was ost impossible to get the fodder from

comparison between Russian thistle and alfalfa hay is of special interest attlemen of the western sections. In the years conditions are such that the tile is about the only thing that kes any growth. A good many cathen have utilized the thistle hay in link but the year definite in the such that the second section is the second section. pinch, but no very definite informa-has been available as to its exact no. The cattle in the Hays test have en the thistle hay with a relish and appears that it will be not far from per cent as effective as alfalfa hay.

speaking program has been produced, and a number of prominent stockwill discuss live-stock problems. is a meeting farmers and caten, and particularly those of the

of the state, can hardly

tern part ord to miss. NDLING KANSAS-GROWN WHEAT here is a possibility of our producing year the biggest crop of wheat ever in the state. It is none too soon be planning for the handling of this. We are to have another year of ernment control of wheat marketing, er through the authorization of a tinuance of the Grain Corporation ch handled the 1918 crop, or the cre-n of some other agency which will rate along similar lines. The creaof this Grain Corporation was necry in order to make effective the ernment guaranteed price and to inthe proper distribution of wheat to fighting men and our allies. The hod adopted brought much hardship Kansas farmers and feeders and oth-because it entailed the rushing of ctically all the crop to the great ter-als as soon as it could be harvested threshed. There was absolutely no ntive to hold wheat, and the result been that Kansas mills operating been that Kansas mills operating it in the midst of our great wheat-wing territory have not had enough eat to keep them running at normal acity, and much of the time our ckmen sould not get mill feed. Ship-g wheat back from terminal ware-ses is a most unscientific and ilses is a most unscientific and il-cal procedure, but it is the only way Kansas mills to get wheat for their

tinued operation.

Year ago the State Board of Agriure endeavored to get the Grain
poration to put into operation a plan mely one incentive would be ofel for storing wheat locally so that
the would be available to keep our
ls running to capacity and to insure
ocal supply of mill feed, but their
pressure without success. without success.

rainly to be hoped that some er of the method employed may be worked out in the 1919 crop. Resolutions ed by the agricultural committees of Senate and House of the Kansas islature, which has just adjourned, with this question. These resolurolling grain and grain products in 8, which resulted in the organization the Grain Corporation of the Food hinistration and further point out by a recent congressional act there be a continuation of the present handling of grain and grain products he 1919 erop. control and a continuation of

he unscientific handling of the wheat

crop of last year, which resulted in the unnatural movement of wheat grown in Kansas to terminal markets, is pointed out, likewise the fact that the byproducts of wheat milling which are so essential to the live stock interests of the state could not be obtained and that this unscientific movement of wheat made it impossible for the mills of Kansas to operate normally. The resolutions state that the Grain Corporation did not avail itself of storage on farms, at grain elevators, and in the mills of Kansas, instead moving the wheat as rapidly as possible to terminal markets where storage and which was a state of the storage was a st age charges were paid which would have been acceptable and remunerative to owners of storage on farms, at grain elevators, and in the mills of the state.

In conclusion these resolutions urged that the agency appointed by the Presi-dent to handle the wheat crop of 1919 be instructed to conserve in all producing territories enough wheat to keep the local mills operating at maximum capacity, and in order to do this that the agency handling the wheat be instructed to make arrangements to secure storage available in mills, at country elevators, and on farms, and that a just and reas-onable amount be paid for this storage. It is further urged that whatever agency is appointed to handle the crop and milling product be instructed to apportion to the mills of Kansas from the purchases it may make, amounts of flour in the proportion of the capacity of Kansas mills to the total milling capacity of the

United States.
Some method most assuredly should be adopted which would operate against the rushing of the whole crop to the terminal markets as soon as it can be harvested and threshed. We would suggest that our readers express themselves on the questions involved. It is highly desirable that there has a wide discussion the questions involved. It is highly desirable that there be a wide discussion of this matter of wheat marketing and continued government control as has been provided by congressional action. It will probably require further congressional authority to regulate the details, and your senators and congressmen should have their attention directed to the necessity for some plan which will hold more wheat in storage locally.

DAIRY PROGRESS

The Holstein-Friesian Association of

The Holstein-Friesian Association of Kansas, which is holding its annual meeting in Topeka as we go to press, meeting in Topeka as we go to press, is one of the forces making for dairy progress in our state. We are making progress in this great industry, but it is being made largely through the efforts of too small a proportion of those interested in better dairy cattle and better dairy methods—the kind of men comprising the membership of the breed comprising the membership of the breed associations, marketing associations, and cow testing associations. We cannot get around the fact that the great mass of men milking cows are making too little use of their thinking ability. As we pointed out in addressing the Holstein Association at its annual banquet, the most important attribute or characteristic of the dairyman who is making a pronounced success of his business is his mentality. No other type of agricultural activity offers greater opportunities for the exercise of intellectual power. Failure to apply the mind diligently to the many problems involved is a most effectual bar to progress. The dairyman to be highly successful must be a man of brains and he must use them. It is not the muscular work, but the mental,

which counts most.

The fact that many are not studying these problems intelligently is shown in the results of the work of every cow testing association. In practically every herd will be found cows being milked at a loss, and the owner did not know it until it was brought to his attention as a result of the testing association work. Far too many are practicing methods of feeding, and management, which would feeding and management which would prevent even the best of cows from making a profit. Bringing this to light is also a feature of the testing work. The chief function of the cow testing

which counts most.

association is to spread real dairy knowledge over a whole community. Such an edge over a whole community. Such an association put Dickinson County on the map as a dairy county. A state breed organization like the one which held its annual meeting and association sale in Topeka this week is performing a splendid public service in sending the light into the dark places, promoting a wider use of good dairy cows, and the adoption of better methods of feeding, breeding, and general management. It largely or better methods of feeding, breeding, and general management. It largely hinges around the arousing of enthusiasm and the inspiring of ideals, for without a vision of something better there can be no progress, no mental stimulus. To many milking cows is a disagrageable and uninteresting task but stimulus. To many milking cows is a disagreeable and uninteresting task, but once begin to put some intellectual effort into the work and all this is changed. Work in which we are interested is never drudgery, and the more enthusiasm we put into it the greater will be the ultimate spaces. will be the ultimate success.

One could not attend such a meeting of enthusiastic Holstein breeders as the one now in session and mingle with the crowd at the sale without imbibing higher ideals of dairying and of the possibilities of dairy cattle breeding.

Don't be discouraged if there are times when it looks as if your boy of twelve to fourteen is headed in the wrong direction. Be patient with him during the transition from boyhood to manhood. Give him time to find himself. It is just possible that your own parents had some anxious moments. Tid-Bits calls attention to the fact that Isaac Barrow. attention to the fact that Isaac Barrow, who turned out so splendid and noble-hearted a man, was, when a boy at Charterhouse, notorious chiefly for his stormy temper, proverbial idleness as a scholar, and pugnacious habits. Such unhappiness did he cause his parents that his father was wont to declare that "if it pleased God to take from him any of his children, he hoped it would be

When the Duke of Wellington was a boy he gave his mother so much trouble that on one occasion she bitterly exclaimed, when asked what his future was to be: "He had better go into the army. A lad like that is only fit food for the bullets!"

CO-OPERATE IN KILLING GOPHERS CO-OPERATE IN KILLING GOPHERS

The effort to wage a co-operative campaign against the various rodent pests of Kansas is worthy of the fullest support. Clearing the county of gophers is one of the major farm bureau projects in some of the Eastern Kansas counties. The introduction of alfalfa was a bonanza to the pocket gopher, which had been compelled to eke out a precarious living on the roots of our native grasses. With such an abundant and easily obtainable food supply as the native grasses. With such an abundant and easily obtainable food supply as the alfalfa roots furnish, gophers have increased incredibly in numbers. In many grazing sections prairie dogs are also doing an immense amount of damage. C. G. Dueber, of the agricultural college extension service, states that in 1915 a conservative estimate of the damage done the alfalfa crop alone by gophers and prairie dogs amounted to five mil-

It has been demonstrated that any farmer may by persistence in following tried methods, free his own premises of harmful rodents, but he is helpless to prevent an early recurrence of the trouble unless he can secure the active co-operation of his neighbors. It is only by unity of effort that an entire county or township can be freed of any kind of rodent inflicting serious losses on the crops. By combining to poison the common pest at the same time and to purchase poison, the cost of treatment may be materially reduced, and when permabe materially reduced, and when perma-nence of results is considered there can be no question of the economy of such co-operation. During the last four years plans have been conceived and put into operation which have effected the re-quired co-operation of many thousands of farmers and have resulted in the

practical elimination of rodent pests over millions of acres of valuable agricultural land, attended by an enormous direct saving and followed by increase in crops produced. The eagerness with which farmers have availed themselves of the opportunity to join in concerted movements to obtain relief from these posts where the effectiveness of modern pests where the effectiveness of modern pests where the effectiveness of modern poisoning methods has been demonstrated, is most significant and gratifying, while the returns in increased cropyields upon the amount of labor and money invested in the community campaigns have exceeded all expectation. A successful fight against rodent pests requires that all local, state and national agencies concerned be brought into harmonious and effective co-operation and

monious and effective co-operation and that methods of proved efficiency be used.

A gopher-poisoning demonstration was given under Mr. Deuber's direction on a farm six miles north of Topeka last work.

In Shawter County a determined week. In Shawnee County a determined effort is being made to destroy the gophers and save the waste which has been going on in the alfalfa fields every

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL Sanitary officials representing a large number of the Middle West states met in Chicago last week to discuss model state legislation necessary to meet the provisions of the federal laws regarding indemnity for cattle killed upon reacting to the tuberculin test. It is regarded as highly important that the states should aid the federal government in the eradication of tuberculosis. Figures were given at this meeting showing that

were given at this meeting showing that last year 2,800 carloads of cattle and hogs went into the tank at the different markets where there is federal inspec-tion because of tubercular infection. It was urged that the various state sanitary boards promulgate rules and regu-lations relative to the interstate move-ment of live stock in harmony with the rules and regulations of the Bureau of

rules and regulations of the Bureau of Animal Industry as far as possible.

Every true American can commend most heartily the law passed by our legislature requiring English to be used as the medium of instruction in all the elementary schools of the state, both public and private. No practice has been more potent in preventing the development of the true American spirit in our foreign communities than the velopment of the true American spirit in our foreign communities than the employment of a foreign language as the medium for elementary instruction. No foreign-born citizen who appreciates his citizenship should object to the employment of this means of making his children truly American. In addition it is required that a complete course of instruction in civil government, United States history and the duties of citizenship be given. It is also required that each public school secure a flag and flagstaff and display the flag regularly. The State Board of Education is empowered to enforce compliance with the powered to connew legislation. powered to enforce compliance with the

The Food Administration announces that it has no authority to fix maximum prices on hogs. A conference was held in New York last week to consider the possibility of such action. All the Food Administration and other government agencies can do is to prevent any undue influence from affecting the free play of supply and demand. The market is now absolutely on a supply and demand

"There are two kinds of economy—the kind that saves and the kind that spends. The first cost of a man, a method or a machine is of only passing importance. The really vital factor is how much each will earn over and above the man, machine or method now in use." -Exchange.

We desire to be classified according to our exceptional virtues; we are apt to classify our neighbor according to his exceptional faults.—HENRY BATES DI-

FARMERS AND PEACE LEAGUE

Address Before Atlantic Conference of League to Enforce Peace

ARMERS think easily in terms of world trade. The largest item in international exchange consists of products from the farm. It has been well said that food is the other side of every international transaction. Wheat, cotton and wool are the most world-wide materials of exchange. Of all men the farmer, therefore, is most concerned with that world commerce in the raw materials of food and clothing which, more than all else, draws the nations together.

It is well to remember that the most

continuously active international organization in the world deals directly and only with the products of the farm-the International Agricultural Institute at Rome, founded by the prophetic vision and unquenchable faith of an American, David Lubin of California.

As yet no one can discuss with authority the interest of American farmers in the League of Nations. The National Board of Farm Organizations, through which the organized farmers of America speak, has not yet made its position known. I have, however, presented the views which follow to as typical a body of 150 American farmers as can be found in America. This body stamped them as correct. Furthermore, what the American farmers thought about the war will help to show what As yet no one can discuss with auabout the war will help to show what they are thinking about the League of

Nations and the peace.

Living nearer to the earth than any other men, the farmers deal more closely with realities. Of all our people they are the most apt to be right in the long run, and least likely to take the shadow

for the substance.

The farmers of America, under every sort of handicap, raised the vast crops without which the war could not have. been won and gave to our armies a million fighting men. Yet with the direction of the war they were allowed to have nothing to do. They will not consent to be excluded from their rightful share in the direction of the peace, and of the vast international issues which must grow into settlement after-

Slow to get into the war, once in our farmers were there to see it through. Few of them were deceived by the talk, so common a few months back, that Germany could never be beaten, and that the time had come to compromise. There

was no compromise about them.

The proposal to let the Germans off easy appeals to them little. The damage has been done, the loss endured. It is clear that if the guilty do not pay, the innocent must. And since Germany is to pay the bill, the farmers of America will agree that she must be allowed to earn the money, and that the only way to earn it lies in foreign trade. But there must be restrictions strong enough to prevent her from ever being able to win by trade what she lost in war.

Farmers were not carried away by the Russian formula of no annexations and no indemnities. The self-determination of peoples as an easy and certain cure for the world's troubles leaves them equally cold. They do not forget that the fathers of numberless American farmers fought and died to prevent the principle of self-determination from de-

stroying our nation.

The farmers are for peace, for a permanent peace, a peace fitted to the conditions of the world in which we live, and not a peace adjusted to the dreams of dreamers who are not responsible for making their dreams come true. They will welcome a just peace, with reparation to the injured and punishment for the guilty, but they do not want to see generosity take the place of security and justice. They want this war to be the last. When peace is made they want it

Farmers think long and change slowly. So does the world. Neither a man nor a nation can be remade by the signing of a name. The League of Nations will accumulate the confidence of the world a little at a time. If it is to live long its growth will be sure but slow.

Leagues of Nations are not new. The covenants which have made them have become scraps of paper in the past. . If they have nothing but signatures behind them, they may become scraps of paper By GIFFORD PINCHOT

again in the future. Therefore the farmers will look at first not for a Therefore the highly organized new world state, but for less ambitious and more workable machinery, under which each nation in the League will be left to handle its own affairs, including its tariffs, much as it does at present.

Fortunately for us a League of Na-

tions is already in existence, a league or Nations is already in existence, a league so powerful that it has defeated the greatest military power of all time, so united that its members have pooled their food and their ships, and so harmonious that their ships, and so harmonious that their ships, and so harmonious that their ships. monious that they have even put their armies under the command of a single The League of Nations which defeated Germany exists now and is ready to be expanded cautiously and steadily, yet as rapidly as permanence and safety will permit, until, in the fullness of time, it may even be able to guarantee the peace of the world.

It will be easy for the farmers of America to approve the demand for real guarantees behind the coming peace. They will understand that France would not be justified in entrusting her safety to the hopeful promises of an untried league whose power to keep them is yet to be proved. Moreover, France must not lose in trade what she won in battle. She will demand real guarantees, and will disarm only so fast and so far as such guarantees will warrant.

They will realize that England, having found her safety in her fleet for central forms.

turies, will trust in it hereafter as heretofore. They will see that we ourselves cannot place our reliance for the en-forcement of the Monroe Doctrine on an untested league, but for a time at least must maintain the strength to enforce it ourselves at need. As Colonel Roosevelt said, a League of Nations must be treated as "an addition or supplement to and never as a substitute for our own armed force," at least until success in the substitute of the substitu practice shall authorize a greater trust.

Disarmament will come. With all our hearts we hope it will come quickly. But time and the experience of mankind alone can give to a League of Nations the strength to guarantee it. It was centuries after the first policeman be-fore peaceful citizens found it safe to stop carrying arms.
Since our farmers know that Germany

is the criminal responsible for the great-est of international crimes, they will not want to see her, at least until she has brought forth fruits meet for repentance, helping to govern a League of Nations organized to prevent her own particular crime from being repeated.

Moreover, American farmers will not expect our soldiers and sailors to form

part of an international police force sta-tioned abroad. They will perceive that such a force would have little to do, and they will not favor it. They want

their boys at home. Wars threaten but seldom, while the problems of peace are with us every day. The League of Nations, in my opinion, will have little to do with the direct prevention of war, but it should play a vast and beneficent part in promoting international harmony through the daily intercourse of peace. If the nations of the world are to live together in good accord, then the principle work of the League of Nations will not be to pre-vent war, but to guide, control, and promote the vast international activities of peace. Here, far more than in the limitation of armaments or an international peace, lies hope for the end of war.

Near the close of his administration President Roosevelt invited the nations of the world to join the United States in a world conference on the conserva-tion of natural resources, with the pur-pose of preparing an inventory of the wealth of the whole earth. In the preliminary memorandum sent through the State Department on January 6, 1909, President Roosevelt said:

"The people of the whole world an interested in the natural resources of the whole world, benefited by their conservation, and injured by their destruction servation, and injured by their destruction. The people of every country and interested in the supply of food and material for manufacture in every other country, not only because these are interchangeable through processes of trade but because a knowledge of the total supply is necessary to the intelligent treatment of each nation's share of the supply." supply."
Twenty-two nations accepted the invitation of President Roosevelt before by

left the White House, among which were France, Great Britain, and the German Empire, and Brazil. By the concurrence of the Queen of the Netherlands, the conference was to be held at The Hague.

As was said in a note to the diplomatic representatives of the United

matic representatives of the Unitel States on February 19, 1909:
"With such a world inventory ***

the various producing countries of the whole world would be in a better position to operate, each for its own good and all for the good of all, towards the safeguarding and betterment of their common means of support."

Thus the conference was to consider questions by the solution of which all would gain and none could lose. It would necessarily have become a most potent means of promoting the best understanding among all nations.

When President Roosevelt took action looking to a world conference on the conservation of natural resources, he began a movement which, had it been carried on, might well have led to the league we seek today.

league we seek today.

The diffusion of common knowledge of the resources of the earth, the awakening of mutual interests, the meeting of mutual needs, the mutual understandings and services, which were dormant in the services of the serv in this plan, may now come into actual being as the strength and essence d that League of Nations which we hop will grow as a counterweight out of the terrible losses of the war. The league could begin its service to the nations it no better way than by taking up the world conference on conservation when President Roosevelt laid it down, and preparing a worldwide inventory of what the earth has to offer for the welfand and happiness of man. and happiness of men.

Canning Club Achievements

By Marian Mateer, Extension Division, Kansas Agricultural College

E canned the Sas in Kansas."
This is the record of the Mother-Daughter canning teams of the state, and all who attended the demonstrations staged by the county teams at the Wichita Wheat Show and Exposition last fall can certainly back

Exposition last fall can certainly back up this statement.

How about those "corn dodgers"? Did you taste them? Did you see them baked? Do you realize that the Kansas Bread Club boys and girls have saved 58,790 pounds of wheat flour? Some record, that!

During the club year the six best teams in bread making and a similar number in canning were chosen for the purpose of putting on demonstrations at the Wichita Show and Exposition. The counties chosen for bread making were Rice, Ottawa, Jewell, Pratt, Jefferson and Woodson, while the fortunate counties for canning were Harvey, Rice, Anderson, Sedgwick, McPherson and Leavenworth. The real good done by these teams not only lasted through the duration of the exposition, but began many weeks before when practice demonstra-tions were held throughout their individual counties.

The canning teams consisted of a senior and two junior members, while the bread teams were made up of three juniors. Could they can? And could they bake? Well, I should say! Two teams were on the stage at one

time, thus making the contest keen. Club songs and yells were a further incentive. An enthusiastic and interested audience witnessed every demonstration. Some of the evenings were spent in reg-

ular club games and stunts.

The expenses of the teams were met entirely by the exposition. The children will never forget the wonderful time nor the grand sights. Further interest was

added by the presence of O. H. Benson, U. S. léader of boys' and girls' clubs. Even during that one short week everybody learned to admire and love Mr. Benson. He gave some remarkable talks on club work, which inspired the ambi-tion of every child and grown person present.

The members of the teams were judged on the following points: Skill in work, subject matter, and personal record. Miss Agnes Morton, of Washington, D. C., acted as judge.

A fine club spirit was displayed by all the members when it was announced that Rice County stood first in bread making and Harvey county first in canning. These two counties were declared state winners and presented the ban-ners and baby bonds. Every team made known its intension of living up to the club motto, "To Make the Best Better," These two counties were declared and plans and schemes are already being laid for the next state contest.

The canning and baking were both done according to methods and recipes sent out by the club department in connection with the extension division of the Kansas Agricultural College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The demonstrating

recipes in their work at Wichita.

If there are no such clubs or teams in your county, find out the reasons and in your county, find out the reasons and write to the club department of the Kansas Agricultural College for information. No county should miss this opportunity. Look into the matter. Ask your farm bureau and county agent about the work. Your boys and girls need to belong to some of Uncle Sam's clubs, and they need your backing. Here's your chance to make your neighborhood produce a state winning team and rank first in boys' and girls' club work.

Poisoning Gophers

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It is not difficult to poison or trap pocket gophers. Their activity is remarkable. It has been estimated that the runways made by a single gopher is one season if straightened out would measure a mile. Since the mounds of earth are only a few feet apart, a single gopher can make quite a showing. The gopher runways are usually four to eight inches beneath the surface and can be located by means of a probe made of any strong handle an inch in diameter and thirty-six inches long. A broom handle does very well. One end should be bluntily pointed. Into the other end a piece of three-eighths-inch iron rot should be fitted, protruding about fifteen should be fitted, protruding about fifteen inches and bluntly pointed, or an ordinary nary wagon rod serves the purpose. A footrest aids in probing the hard soils. By forcing down the iron rod nest gopher workings or a foot or two back of fresh mounds, the open tunnel can be felt as the point breaks into it. The end of the instrument is then used care fully to enlarge the hole.

fully to enlarge the hole.

To poison them, prepare bait of sweet potatoes or parsnips by cutting them into pieces about one inch long and a half inch square. Poison the bait by sprinkling over it from a box about one eighth ounce of powdered screyching and to too the control of this quantity of sach and one-tenth of this quantity of sacch arine to each four quarts of the damp, ened bait. Drop one or two pieces of this poisoned bait into the holes opened into the runway by the probe and closs the opening. A specially prepared points the opening. A specially prepared poison bait which is sold at cost by the college is a contract the agricultural college is a contract to the agricultural college is contract to the agricultural college. college is very convenient to use,

A cold frame is constructed in exactly the same manner as a hotbed, with the exception that no manure is placed by neath it to supply hard neath it to supply heat.

JUDGING OF DAIRY CATTLE

Learn to Judge Cows by Their External Indications of Capacity for Milk Production.

ELECTING milk cows from out-

ELECTING milk cows from outward appearances is a difficult task and even the most skillful judge of dairy cattle would hardly dare to say whether a cow might be expected to produce 250 pounds of butter fat or 400 pounds. A good judge, however, can usually pick out the cows of very low production from among those of average or fair production or from among the high producers.

The basis of dairy cattle judging is the relationship between general form and appearance and production. It is pointed out by Prof. H. Barton, of Macdonald College, Quebec, in the Farmers' Advocate of Canada, that in development for production and reproduction animal form and appearance have undergone corresponding modifications. That power of production and tendency to reproduce manifest themselves externally admits of no doubt. To measure the relationship between manifestations and perdoubt. To measure the relationship between manifestations and performance is the task of the judge. To do this in a general way is simple enough, but to do it specifically in individual cases may not always be possible. The important fact to note, however, is that a continue relationship between in the continue of that a positive relationship between indications and results does maintain.

From these indications standards have been established. In them are included considerations of milk production, reproduction, breed peculiarities, etc. The would-be judge must first be familiar with what the standards exact. He must have he able to amploy them as a means next be able to employ them as a means of measurement. This means he must be able to recognize representations of the standard or parts of it when exhib-ited before him. The third and often most important qualification is the ability to total his measurements in forming an estimate of an animal and to compare them when a decision between two or more animals must be made.

The various standards call attention to many details, all of which can be asso-ciated and grouped as parts of one or more important features of dairy animais. Not infrequently the amateur goes astray because of his tendency to consider minor indications in an isolated way instead of in conjunction with many others closely related. The breeder if he errs is likely to do so because of prejudice against, or partiality for some particular feature which has proved impressive in his experience. The animal with all its features including as they do innumerable details, must be considered as a whole and particularly with ered as a whole, and particularly with due regard for blend, balance, and sym-

The essentials of a utility dairy animal may be briefly indicated as follows:
Size.—Size may be mentioned first, not because it ranks first in importance but because it is one of the first things to be observed. It is a relative factor from a breed standpoint and should be conred as such. An undersized Holstein might pass as a representative Ayrshire, the same could be said of the Ayrshire and Jersey. There are at least three important reasons why size should be carcially noted: Breed standards are specific in regard to it; cows of at least medium size include the majority of the medium size include the majority of the producers; the tendency on the avisis for size to diminish. Good size therefore, important. In estimating general scale comes first, but with it should be included substance and gen-eral type. In other words, it must be a desirable kind of size, a good proportion of height, length, depth and thickness. Strength.—The general apprearance of

Strength.—The general apppearance of the animal is indicative of strength and vigor or a lack of it. The more important individual indications of it are the heart girth head back quarters and heart individual indications of it are the heart girth, head, back, quarters and hide. Mistakes are often made in rating the heart girth, condition and ani-

Should Show Large Capacity for Feed 1. Face Muzzle. Forehead. Shoulder. Withers. Chest. Heart girth Barrel. Loin. Hips. Pin bones. Thigh. Udder. Points of Dairy Cow 17. Milk wells. Milk veins. Named and Located 19 Teats.

mal structure sometimes being mislead-The most vital part is what may called the floor of the chest. If this is of good width and well filled in the fore flank just back of the lower part fore flank just back of the lower part of the shoulder a certain amount of slackness or even falling away above need not be regarded as a very serious consideration, especially if there are other indications of health and strength apparent. Any undue narrowness or cramped appearance in the middle or bottom of the chest cavity is a positive indication of weakness, but all degrees of it can be found.

The type of head, indicative of strength in a dairy animal, is one of breadth, moderate length, width in the nose, with a well-defined expansion to form the muzzle, and a prominent eye of good size, bright but mild. The head that is very long and narrow or pointed

that is very long and narrow or pointed should be avoided.

should be avoided.

A strong back is one of moderate length from the shoulder to the hook bone, well braced with ribs of considerable spring and extending into a wide, strongly carried loin. A common defect in dairy cattle is undue length of back or middle. Judges in their ambition to get size and capacity yery often overor middle. Judges in their ambition to get size and capacity very often overlook the danger of getting an animal out of proportion in this respect. The result is that a distinct weakness, associated with little capacity, sometimes characterizes winning animals.

An animal may be strong in other parts and weak in the hind quarters. From the standpoint of strength above it is important to select well-built quarters. The strong quarter is one that is straight on top to the drop of the tail and carrying its width well through.

The hide with its covering is always a register of condition and vitality. An unduly thin hide lacking pliability, or a

unduly thin hide lacking pliability, or a very harsh, tight hide is invariably associated with other evidences of weakness in some form.

The energy expended by a good dairy cow is an enormous amount. No other animal is called upon to do anything like as much work, not infrequently un-der conditions that tend to jeopardize her health, hence the importance of a robust constitution.

Capacity.—The amount of feed necessary for maintenance is about the same for all dairy cows of similar weight. The amount they are able to consume varies greatly. The difference between the two is available for making milk and fat It is obvious, therefore, that the con with big capacity is the one that can show the biggest return over and above the cost of keeping her.

The general size or scale has some-

thing to do with capacity, but in pro-portion to size the cow's middle, together with the indications of feeding vigor, are

its true measure. Strength in the head as above described, particularly the size and character of muzzle, is splendid indication. Roominess throughout is highly desirable. Most important of all is the depth and spread of barrel. This depends upon the length and spring of rib. Rarely is a good cow shallow or even tidy in middle.

Quality.—This is a general term applied to the texture or fiber of the cow throughout. It may range from extremely fine to extremely coarse. Texture must be considered in conjunction with other things, size especially. It is an established fact that quality is a strong indication of dairy usefulness. In

strong indication of dairy usefulness. In the extreme it may characterize lack of size and weakness. It is observed in the general appearance of an animal, the head, neck, bone, hide, hair, and general finish. All of these should be noted. Hide and hair are of special significance and should be handled, the best place being on each side of the animal over the last ribs and about half way up the side. In handling one should get the impression that there is an abundance of hide, which, together with the hair, seems pliable and almost velvet in character.

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Milk Organs.—The udder, teats, milk veins and milk wells come under this

head.

The essentials of a good udder are capacity, strength and milk-making texture. To obtain the maximum of these it must be large, therefore long, wide and deep, well balanced and glandular rather than of an unduly muscular natural transfer.

rather than of an unduly muscular nature, but firmly attached.

Udders that are not capacious, that are split up below into quarters, that are unequal in quarters, that do not extend well forward and well up behind, that are loosely attached, are objectionable. The texture of the udder is ascertained by feeling the general character of it, noting its size and shape, to-gether with the quality of skin cover-ing it and in the attachment behind. The bottom of the udder should ap-

pear fairly level and have a teat of good size, but not extremely large, near the center of each quarter. The milk veins center of each quarter. The milk veins and milk wells, as they are called, vary a great deal. Of the two the milk wells' indication is the more reliable. Milk vein development, either in length, size or branching, or all of them, is a good indication. The wells are found in the form of distinct holes through the wall of the abdomen near the ends of the of the abdomen near the ends of the veins. An abundance of opening either in the form of one or more large wells or a number of smaller ones on either side is reliable evidence of production, as is also restricted opening unfavorable evidence. It must always be remembered that the milk organs proper should

be estimated in accordance with age, development, and, if possible, treatment of

Character.—Character is usually con-sidered in reference to breed. There is, however, such a thing as character, apart from breeding peculiarities in dairy cat-tle. Sex expression and the appearance of what may almost be called intelli-gence is apparent in all really good dairy

animals.

Temperament. — Closely allied to strength and the ability to supply engry for a given purpose is the temperament of an animal. The nervous energy which a dairy cow possesses makes it possible for her to undergo severe work and to devote herself to manufacturing milk rather than flesh. The ability and tendency to do this is manifested in the tendency to do this is manifested in the expression of the head and eye, the temper, and the general form. A nervous eye, an irritable temper or a phlegmatic appearance indicate weakness in this particular. A general angularity of form, which nevertheless may be smooth in finish and carry moderate fleshing, is the result and indication of correct tem-

perament for dairy work.

Breed.—The standard for general utility is one and the same thing for all breeds of dairy cattle. The breed standards include certain ear marks which ards include certain ear marks which serve as the guide posts of the breed and within which a breeder must steer his course if he is to have true representatives, capable of propagating their kind. Jersey character is very striking and attractive, but apart from color a Jersey head on a Holstein is a disqualification and spells disaster. Color is one of the closely limiting factors in this connection, but other things such as horns, size, udder, teats, etc., clearly show breed distinctions which must be recognized. recognized.

recognized.

Type. — Everything mentioned above as part of the standard is exemplified in what is called type. Some interpretations of type take it to apply to only general outline and character of form. The correct type must include all that is best, from either standpoint. One frequently hears criticism of a judge for breaking type or for not following type. Many variations are presented in the av-Many variations are presented in the average show-ring and, while a judge should certainly be expected to look for and emphasize the established type with all that that includes, it will often be impossible for him to array animals as grades of type when viewed from a gen-eral appearance standpoint. Out of a number it is usually possible to select some that approach an all around well-balanced type, but the average judge will do well if he finds all his winning animals of this order. From there down many variations will appear, and the (Continued on Page Nine)

GENERAL FARM AND STOCK ITEMS Something of Interest for All-Overflow from Other Departments

ARDENERS frequently inquire as to the advisability of using coal and wood ashes on garden soils.

The use of coal ashes is permissible on heavy clay soils. However, they should be screened before being applied, and then should be spread evenly over the surface and thoroughly mixed with the soil as deep as it is plowed or spaded. Coal ashes have very little value as fertilizer, their use being mainly to loosen the soil and make it more workable. Wood ashes, especially those produced by burning hardwoods like hickory or oak, frequently contain as high as 7 per cent potash, and are valuable fertilizers. Those produced from burning soft woods, such as pine, and also hardwood ashes that have been exposed to the weather, have comparatively little value as fer-tilizer. About fifty pounds of dry, untilizer. About fifty pounds of dry, un-leached hardwood ashes may be applied to a plot of ground 30 by 60 feet in size, but should be well mixed with the

Pastures for Hogs

Every successful hog man has demonstrated to his own satisfaction that good pasture is essential to economical pork production. It has also been shown by work at many different experiment stations over the country. As grain be-comes higher in price it is necessary to find cheaper feed, and for this purpose pasture crops are indispensible.

The Missouri Experiment Station has carried on extensive experiments with forage crops for swine, and has found that it requires on the average little more than three pounds of grain to pro-duce a pound of pork on such crops as alfalfa, clover, rape, sorghum and blue-grass. A little more than five pounds grass. A little more than five pounds of grain was required, on the average, to produce one pound of pork, from dry lot feeding under similar conditions. This would mean a saving of around 40 per cent in the amount of grain fed. With pork at 12 cents a pound the average return for a bushel of corn fed to hogs on pasture was \$2.20 as compared to an average return of \$1.32 cents. pared to an average return of \$1.32 a bushel of corn fed in dry lot. The above results emphasize the economy of forage crops. They do not, however, tell the

whole story.

The value of pasturing off the crop and by so doing returning the larger amount of fertility, must not be over-looked. It is also claimed by many that hogs which are run through the summer on forage and then finished in dry lot make greater gain in the dry lot than those grown through the summer in a dry lot rather than on forage. Then there is the advantage of supplying succulent feed which keeps the hog in the best physical condition. The use of pas-ture crops also aids in controlling disture crops also aids in controlling dis-eases by making possible more sanitary conditions which helps keep the herd

The free from lice and worms.

While pastures in general are good, there are some which give larger returns than others. Alfalfa as a swine forage ranks at the very top. This is true for several reasons. It has a long growing reason and here furnishes resture early. season and hence furnishes pasture early and late. It is drouth resisting, growing luxuriantly when many other crops can not grow for lack of moisture. The composition of the plant also makes it especially fitted for balancing a corn

Clover ranks next to alfalfa as hog pasture. Its composition is very similar to alfalfa. However, it can not be pastured as early nor will it maintain as many hogs per acre as alfalfa. The crop fits well into corn belt rotations and may be very profitably harvested

The best annual hog forage is, without much question, to be had by seeding as early as possible in the spring either with Dwarf Essex rape or a mixture of rape and oats. The oats may be put in with a grain drill, using not more than the property of the seeding the seedi than one bushel of oats per acre, the rape then being broadcasted at the rate of six pounds an acre and the seed covof six pounds an acre and the seed covered by harrowing lightly. There is no annual forage which will produce more pounds of pork an acre than will-rape and oats. This crep has given excellent results when compared with other hog pastures by the different experiment stations. Your experiment station can

supply you with more detailed informa-

tion concerning it.

Bluegrass or sorghum are also to be recommended. Bluegrass comes early and late, but takes a rest during hot dry weather. A field of sorghum is very valuable for this hot dry spell when other crops are not doing much growing.

Home-Made Seed Corn Tester

For testing seed corn the rag doll tester is one of the most simple devices that can be used. It is also inexpensive.

The rag doll tester is made by taking a piece of muslin eighteen inches wide and of any desired length, depending on the number of ears to be tested. If the tester is to accommodate twenty ears of corn, a piece of cloth eighteen inches wide and four feet long will be ample. The cloth should be marked off in two and one-half or three-inch squares. These squares may be smaller or larger as occasion demands, but in general the three-inch square is large enough to accommodate as many kernels as will be used—usually not more than ten. At least six inches of cloth should be allowed on each end of the tester beyond the squares.

After the kernels have been removed from the ear and placed in the numbered squares, the sides of the cloth may be folded over and the "doll" may then be rolled up without fear of disturbing the kernels. The rag doll should be thor-oughly moistened either by sprinkling with warm water or by immersing in a bucket of warm (not hot) water for two or three hours. After the cloth has been thoroughly saturated it can be put

away in a warm place. The rag doll must not be allowed to dry, as moisture is essential. A good method of maintaining the moisture in the rag doll tester is to put it in a shoe box or small wooden box and cover it with moist sawdust. As with other testers, the sprouting kernels must not become chilled, as this will not only retard but may actually prevent the germination of the grain.

Break In the Colts Now

If the two and three-year-old colts to be worked this year have not been broken to harness, they should be given attention at the first opportunity. Begin easy with them, remembering that a work horse is often made or marred by the way he is handled in breaking. When they become reconciled to the feel of the harness, set them at light work. Hitch the colt or the team to a skid of some sort and give the first lesson in pulling. As soon as it can be done safely, hitch them to the wagon for safely, hitch them to the wagon for light hauling. Patience may be required to get a colt to behave well in harness, but a good draft horse will be the re-

Plant Cherry Trees

The planting of a few cherries in every farm fruit orchard was urged by 0. F. Whitney, secretary of the State Horticultural Society, in addressing the Kansas Woman's Farm and Garden Conference. "If you have room for just one tree put out a cherry," said Mr. Whitney, "and I don't think you will

make any mistake. The Early Rich. mond I consider the best variety of cherry for us to grow. The Montmor, ency has a good many friends and it is well enough to plant two or three of these, for they come a little later, but it makes a dense growth of foliage and is more likely to be broken by the wind The Early Richmond comes earlier and often escapes. Plant your cherries on high land. If you have only low flat land, back-furrow the land so that you have a ridge and plant your cherry trees on the ridge.

Feeding the Orchard Pays

We would not expect to grow a grain crop without enriching the soil as we removed the plant food in the crops removed the plant food in the crops grown, and while we do not as a general thing remove much of the growth from the orchard, especially if left in grass, yet to get the best production we must return fertility. It is not entirely because the ground is growing poorer, but that the grass must have a good part of the moisture and available plant food and the trees do not get all they need. In order to give them more plant food we must either save that in the soil for we must either save that in the soil for them or give enough so that they will have their demands met in addition to what the grass takes. This is not easily accomplished and I doubt if many orchards produce fine fruit under this system, though many claim advantages for the sodded orchard over the cultivated orchard. vated orchard.

vated orchard.

If I were intending to leave the orchard in sod at all, I would select a legume and then I would keep it cut pretty close. White clover grows low and add humus with its leaves and nitrogen which is gathered from the air by the bacteria that work on the roots of all legumes. By cutting the leaves frequently the plants are checked and not so much plant food or moisture is reso much plant food or moisture is required, and the leaves will form a light mulch. Whatever grass we let grow it will be an advantage to cut often to prevent so much loss of moisture and plant food, and to keep the decaying tops forming humus and mulch.

When we have let the ground be covered by a covered by a

ered by a growth of grass we should give a liberal winter much of manure, and this should be disked into the soil some before growth begins in the spring. This will start the grass and trees off nicely, and then when the grass has made a good growth mow it and leave it where it falls. After the new grass gets started another top dressing cat be applied, or at least one more appli-cation after some mowing during the fore part of the season. After midsum-mer it will not be necessary to apply any fertilizer, and later the mowing can be discontinued, for the trees will need to be checked in the fall and the new growth ripened up well for wintering. The fruit will color up better and be finer flavored if the forcing stops when it it gets well along in size, and before it

Wood ashes is a valuable fertilizer for the orchard. Ground rock phosphate of ground bone will add phosphorus. If the rock is used it should be mixed with the manure, for it does not have as much value when used alone. The manuschales to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed as much below to release the should be mixed by the sho wnen used alone. The manufe to release the fertilizing elements thing it absorb the limit By letting it absorb the liquid manufe in the stable it saves that element and is itself benefited by it. The legumes and the manure supply nitrogen enough, and the above are mineral elements to balance it. — ALBERT MCVEY, Jackson

Lime Often Beneficial

An application of about ten ordinal An application of about ten ordinary ten-quart pailfuls of hydrated or air slaked lime to a plot of garden ground 30 by 60 feet in size will generally prove beneficial. Lime has the effect of loosening and pulverizing any heavy clay soil, and of binding loose, sandy soils. Lime also corrects any sourness in the soil due to lack of drainage, but in a case of this kind proper drainage in a case of this kind proper drainings should be secured.

Lime should always be applied to the surface, and in no case should it be put on the land at the same time as commercial feetilizer. mercial fertilizer.

SPRAY SCHEDULES FOR APPLES-1919,

Insects or Fungi

1. San Jose scale

Other scales

Canker worm

3. Codling moth

Apple scab Cedar rust

4. Codling moth Apple blotch

Canker worm

Codling moth Apple blotch

Curculio

6. Codling moth

Canker worm

Curculio

Tent caterpillar

In late fall, during warm days in winter, or in early spring before the leaf buds open.

Lime sulphur 5 gallons to 50 gallons of spray.

Dormant Spray

Cluster-bud Spray Apple scab. Cedar rust When the blossom buds first show pink. Curculio

Lime-sulphur 1½ gallons, arsenate of lead paste 2 pounds, or powder 1 pound to 50 gallons of

Calyx-Cup or Petal-Fall Spray

When the petals are from one-half to two-thirds

Lime-sulphur 1½ gallons, arsenate of lead paste 2 pounds, or powder 1 pound, to 50 gallons of

Second Codling Moth and First **Blotch Spray**

Fourteen days after calyx-cup spray.

Bordeaux mixture, 3:4:50 formula. with arsenate
of lead paste 2 pounds or powder 1 pound, to 50 gallons of spray.

Third Codling Moth and Second Blotch Spray

Four to five weeks after calyx-cup spray. Bordeaux mixture, 3:4:50, with arsenate of lead paste 2 pounds or powder 1 pound, to 50 gallons

Second Brood Codling Moth Spray

Eight to nine weeks after calyx-cup spray. Arsenate of lead paste 2 pounds or powder 1 pound for 50 gallons of spray (1 pound soap, well dissolved, to 50 gallons is useful in secur-ing a thorough spread of the lead.) If blotch is present use Bordeaux and lead arsenate as in No. 5, but no soap.

7. Codling moth

Third Brood Codling Moth Spray

When needed—determined by codling moth cake.
Usually comes about first week in August.
Arsenate of lead paste 2 pounds or powder 1
pound to 50 gallons of spray. Add soap as in
No. 6.

From Profit

N annual return of \$1,595.50 is the record of eight high grade Holstein cows milked by R. H. Graham of Salina. This is an average of \$199.55 from each cow. They produced in twelve months 53,195 pounds of milk. The price received was \$3 a hundred pounds.

Mr. Graham began his doing. N annual return of \$1,595.50 is the

Mr. Graham began his dairy venture Mr. Graham began his dairy venture two years ago on an eighty-acre farm. He bought nine heifers from a dairyman who was retiring, selling one later, so the year's record reported above is from the eight remaining. They were two-year-olds when the above record was made. Their production can be estimated to be about 25 per cent higher when they reach maturity. The highest production was 7,705 pounds, or almost four tons of milk. The eight averaged over three tons of milk each for the over three tons of milk each for the

A registered bull from a dam produc-A registered bull from a dam produc-ing seventy-five pounds of milk a day has been purchased to head this herd. Mr. Graham is looking forward to get-ting 10,000-pound cows as the offspring of this cross. He sees no reason why every man specializing in milking cows should not have cows which with proper feeding and care will produce at least 6,000 pounds of milk in twelve months instead of 3,000 pounds, the present

We give these figures because they show what can be done with a small herd of high-producing cows. Mr. Graham is developing a specialized farm with milk and egg production as the two projects. ain projects.

Specializing in Dairying

Dairying is becoming so important as branch of farming and so many are trying to follow it that it is amazing ow much ignorance exists concerning now much ignorance exists concerning to Many farmers are trying to follow dairying, but so few succeed that it is discouraging to contemplate. Many would-be dairymen stick with bulldog enacity to the beef-bred mongrel and indeavor to use her for dairy purposes. If people want to use beef-bred cattle, they do they not raise pure bred beef thy do they not raise pure-bred beef attle and then stop milking them? As ar as our best investigators can disover, a good dairy cow and a good beef ow cannot exist in the same hide. If we want beef cattle, then we must raise eef cattle and get away from the dairy

Most "cow-keepers" lay an excessive raine on the beef-bred steer calf. Well, he value of the steer calf is more than wallowed up by the lack of high pro-luction in his dam and the lack of sellng value in his sister. The way to get way from the steer calf is to raise pure-bred dairy-bred cattle that will lave a value far beyond the feed that

ey consume.

People who go to Kansas City and my siringers and milk them until dry and let them go for beef are not dairy-men; they are just "cow-keepers." It is just such men as this who are com-plaining of the high price of feed. The plaining of the high price of feed. The way to get away from the high-priced feed is to have high-producing cows and ust disregard the high price of feed. There is a Holstein cow in North Topeka that now is giving ninety pounds of milk per day. That milk is retailed for 13 cents a quart. This cow's owner is not worrying about the high price of feed and he buys every pound of it. This is the kind of cows that make successful dairymen. This cow's milk is preducing a profit over her feed, and her calf is worth \$200. Five hundred bollars has been refused for this cow. Do you know of a beef-bred cow that an show such a record? The beef-bred this cow goes on from year to year. This cow goes on from year to year.

It seems that people refuse to recog-lize the fact that farming is becoming a pecialized industry. We farmers must be one thing or the other, and not a mixture. You never saw a machinist You never saw a machinist who was a success as a storekeeper.— WILL J. STEWART, Shawnee County.

No Substitute for Butter

We cannot place too much emphasis on the fact that there is no real subtitute for dairy foods. In a recent issue of the Creamery Journal it is stated a writer has attempted to show that butwriter has attempted to show that buter fat values during the recent period of high prices were entirely too high, as proof has cited the fact that if ou inspected the farmers' purchases as they were starting home in nine cases hey were starting home, in nine cases

Good

out of ten you would find butter substitutes stowed away for use on their home

tables.
"Although in our opinion," says the Journal, "this estimate is overdrawn, Journal, "this estimate is overdrawn, the fact remains that too many farmers depending on the dairy cow for support do this very thing. Then how can they logically insist that Mrs. Average City Housewife call for butter when the farmer producers are among the first to fall for the substitute?

"Moreover, when city consumers are continually confronted with the adver-tising propaganda of the substitute people in street cars and window displays, ple in street cars and window displays, newspapers and signboard ads, it is little less than can be expected if they take up the use of substitutes, unless at the same time they are shown the value of the real article.

"There is only one way that such propaganda can be met, and that is through a vigorous campaign of adver-

through a vigorous campaign of advertising the merits of dairy products. Actually, with the comeback that we have—there are no substitutes for dairy foods—it is a matter of deep concern and regret that those who are beholden to the dairy cow for support have not awakened sooner to the opportunity for pushing their business through the me-dium of advertising. Milk and its products have been such common articles of diet that we have taken too much for granted, and have thereby opened the way for the entering of substitute competition. Certainly our failure to advertise dairy products has not been because our products lacked merit or real value to advertise. If the oleo peo-ple or some standard automobile manufacturer or the makers of P. A. smoking tobacco, for instance, had half as much opportunity to advertise the merits of their goods as have the pro-ducers and manufacturers of dairy products, they would long ago have capitalized the situation and had the consumer literally swimming in milk, because they realize the benefits to be derived through consistent and persistent advertising."

Manure Circulating Capital

Manure may be considered as part of the circulating or working capital of the farm. It contains plant food which came from the soil, but in that form has no market value as food for man or animal. By returning it to the soil its fertility can be converted into food products of value. The value locked up in manure should be kept in circulation. This cannot be accomplished by leaving it piled up against the barn or lying on a slope where it will slowly decay and leach away. This is really a lazy man's way of getting rid of the manure and the loss in plant food and money is

Get the manure back on the land just as quickly as possible. Money that lies around the house draws no interest and the chances of losing it are good. In

the chances of losing it are good. In
the same way, manure that lies around
the barnyard isn't doing any work and
its "shadow grows steadily less."

How much manure should be applied
per acre? Spread it just as far as it
will go. A heavy application of manure
usually produces more per acre than a
lighter application, but ten loads of manure spread over two acres will produce nure spread over two acres will produce more crop than if it is spread over one acre. It is probably a safe proposition to try to cover all the corn land with manure. In most cases, however, there will not be manure enough. Set the spreader for five or six loads per acre and make it go as far as possible. It will require more driving, but the increased yield will pay the bill.

Complaints are sometimes received.

Complaints are sometimes received that manure can not be applied to the soil without injury to the crop. This is usually due to the fact that too much is applied. Even a good thing may be overdone. See that the manure is evenly distributed and that each field receives its share in turn.

'Deposit the manure in the soil and it will pay big interest. The beneficial effects of a single application of manure have been observed in some cases for more than twenty-five years thereafter.

Hereford Calf Club

A Hereford Calf Club is being organized in Johnson County, Kansas. A thousand dollars has been offered by J. A. Moser of Kansas City as a premium fund for the first annual show of the club. The sale is to be held in October or November. At least thirty young-



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sters are expected to enter the contest on or before April 1.

R. J. Kinzer, secretary of the American Hereford Breeders' Association, has expressed confidence that the organiza-tion of this competition will aid greatly in making this section an important Hereford breeding center.

The farm bureau announces that it

will lend support to the organization of a similar movement for the other breeds of cattle adapted to this county.

The use of blinders has been entirely abolished in the armies and, as an army veterinary surgeon says, "with the greatest benefit to the horses in efficiency, soundness and appearance."—Our Dumb Animals Animals.

MAINTAINING CROP YIELDS

OW to maintain or increase crop yields is a problem of fundamen-tal importance to the farming industry. The principal considera-tion in the maintenance of yields of Kansas crops is that of maintaining the supplies of organic matter and nitrogen, al-though in the eastern half of the state the supplying of phosphorus and of lime will be just as important. This state-ment was made by Prof. M. F. Miller of the Missouri Agricultural College in addressing the Kansas Crop Improvement Association at its annual meeting held in Manhattan during Farm and Home

"With reference to maintaining the supply of organic matter and nitrogen," said Prof. Miller, "it must be kept in mind that the systems of farming which have been followed thus far in Kansas have tended toward a rapid exhaustion of these materials. According to the data secured by the Kansas Experiment Station, soils which have been cultivated Station, soils which have been cultivated for thirty years have lost from 25 to 30 per cent of the original store of nitrogen and from 30 to 35 per cent of the organic matter. While such losses will continue on a diminishing scale during the next thirty years, providing the same farm practices are followed, before the end of that time the reduction of the content of these materials will reach an content of these materials will reach an

alarming condition.

"The exact methods to be adopted for controlling the supplies of nitrogen and organic matter will depend upon the systems of farming; that is, grain farming, live stock farming, or general farming, and the utilization which is to be made of farm residues. The most important principal in connection with these sysprincipal in connection with these systems of farming will be the growing of more legumes, such as alfalfa, sweet closers and the state of the state, while straw manure, stalks and grain stubble must be returned to the land. Under grain farming special attention must be given to the return of the straw from the grain crops, and it will be highly desirable if some system of green materials can be combined with this. In his stock farming better care of manure for the system, using this, as in the case of straw, more legumes, such as alfalfa, sweet clousing this, as in the case of straw, largely as a top dressing on small grain, or in some cases it may be plowed under for corn, kafir or sweet sorghum. The loss of manure in Kansas is appalling. The statements commonly made that manure cannot be well used because of a danger of burning the crops, is largely a result of its improper use. Little is to be feared from manure when used as a top dressing on grain to be plowed under later after it is largely decom-

> "As to phosphorus, the average of analyses to date shows that the soils of Kansas contain about one thousand pounds phosphorus in the surface seven inches of an acre, while the standard set up for a very fertile soil is two thousand pounds. This does not mean that sand pounds. This does not mean that the soils of Kansas are only half as productive as the soil chosen as standard, since the availability of phosphorus may often be high and crops may thus secure much more phosphorus than the analyses would indicate. It does seem, however, that the average Kansas soil, especially in the eastern half of the state, has much less phosphorus than it should have. Furthermore, the losses through grain farming and even through live stock farming are marked. "The lime need of the soils of Kansas

> is at this time largely limited to the soils of the eastern third. This need must soon be met on many soils if crop yields are to be maintained, and espe-cially if crop yields are to be increased. Furthermore, this need for lime will increase and gradually spread westward as the years go by, until finally the soils of the entire eastern half of the state will be more or less in need of lime. Fortunately the large supply of lime in the soils west of the center of the state is such that no attention need be given this matter for generations to come.

Start Plants in Treated Soil

To be sure of obtaining healthy young plants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cabbages, lettuce, and so on, for transplanting to the home garden or elsewhere, treat the soil in the seed box with boiling water before planting. Most all soils commonly used for seed beds con-tain one or more kinds of harmful molds

Before treating the soil it should be

placed in the box ready for seeding. Make a few holes in the bottom of the box for drainage. Pour on the boiling water slowly at the rate of two gallons to a box of soil one foot square and four inches deep and at once cover with a newspaper to help hold the heat for a longer time. After a few days or whenever the soil has dried out enough the seed may be planted. Be careful that no diseased soil or anything else which might spread the trouble gets into the hor

Young plants grown in this treated soil not only have white, sound roots, but also have a healthy, vigorous ap-pearance above ground. Besides this, seeds sprout better and the plants grow much faster than those planted in un-

A Granger on Legislation

The legislature has ended its career and it seems there will be no shedding of tears by anyone because of its accomplishments. Many of the much mooted plans of the Governor were thwarted by plans of the Governor were thwarted by a legislature which seemed to think it represented the people fully as well as any one man could, and what few concessions it gave the Governor were handed out in niggardly fashion. Great questions were involved in the program which the Governor had adopted, and it is now of the people. is very doubtful if some of the people whom he sought to serve had been questioned with regard to the matter. The main trouble with the program was that the Governor waited until after election to spring it on the people. No campaign having been on these questions the representatives were rightfully tions, the representatives were rightfully slow to bubble over with enthusiasm for things so far in advance of public thinking. Many of the questions which were advocated directly affect farmers and farming, yet none of the members of farmers' organizations with whom we talked professed to know that such a program was forthcoming. The legislature was right in refusing to be led by a halter of the administration after a pussy-foot campaign in which no issues were involved.

The educational department of the state tried to place the educational facilities of Kansas all in the hands of the educators. Senate Bill 399 as rewritten would have placed all teachers on the Board of Education. This board has to do with the course of study for the big schools of the state and prescribes rules and regulations to govern such schools. The State Grange maintains that farmers who furnish a large supply of pupils to these schools should be represented on such boards. A similar attempt was made to have an all-teacher text book commission. Both these measures failed. Grange members want something to say about what their children shall be taught, and they feel that a representative of the parents should be given a place and bearing in the deliberations. place and hearing in the deliberations of these boards.

The quail bill was neglected in the senate until the last minute. It was House Bill No. 1, and passed the house early in the session. When it went to the senate that branch played horse with it until close to the end of the session, and then amended it so as to have a ten days open season.

With the coming issues of the next campaign it seems that there is great need for Grange activity. Three amendments to the constitution are to be submitted at the next general election. It behoves every Grange to have these questions up for discussion the coming two years and be informed so that an intelligent vote can be cast. There is intelligent vote can be cast. no place where these questions can better be studied than in the country Grange hall, and I am sure the state master and state lecturer will be able to assist in obtaining facts for these discussions in a very short time.

Many Grange co-operative stores are being organized this year. Last year several started, but this year the war work will not interfere as it did then. Reports come from all the stores and elevator associations connected with the Grange that they all did a good business last year and expect to do more this year. The Grange does not advertise its co-operative business so much as its educational features, which we think are the most important, yet there are many Grange co-operative business associa-

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Paint Your Screens

The time is fast approaching when the fly swatter will have to be rescued from its winter hibernation; also the fly screens will have to be fitted up for their summer service. What would we ever do without the swatter and the

But it wouldn't be so necessary to "swat the fly," bat the mosquito and chase the festive bug if the fly screens were protected from rust by an application every spring of a good screen paint; neither would it be necessary to buy new screens so often. It is merely another case of a stitch in time saving nine; only in this case it is a few cents worth of paint saving several more cents worth of new screen and the bother of putting it on the frames.

But a real screen paint should be used. An ordinary house paint merely stops up the holes and generally gums up the screen. We might as well have our screens look decent; we might as well be able to see through them while protecting them; a special screen paint is the answer. It costs no more than the wrong kind.

Boys' Baby Beef Book

The third edition of the Boys' Baby Beef Book has just been issued by the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association, 817 Exchange Avenue, Chicago. This sixteen-page booklet is finely illustrated, printed in two colors, and contains besides the announcement of Secretary Charles Gray, ten articles from boy and girl champions whose "Doddie babies" have won state, interstate and national contests. An article by E. P. Hall, feeder of four international carlot grand champions, as well as the last steer herd grand champion, tells the youngsters how to pick out the kind of a calf that will win.

a calf that will win.

A statement from the Farmers' Bulletin of the U. S. Government on the Aberdeen-Angus breed, as well as a statement by John Gosling, Kansas City butcher and lecturer on beef carcass, add weight to the letters from the boys and weight the boys and weight the letters from the boys and weight the letters from the boys and weight the boys and weight the letters from the boys and weight the letters from the boys and weight the boys and weigh and girls who have won fame with black calves. Pictures of Canadian, Indiana, Wisconsin, Texas and other winners are shown. Secretary Gray announces that the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association will give \$1,000 in premiums to calf club and baby beef boys and girls who feed Aberdeen-Angus calves this year. He points out that the boys and girls have done a big bit in winning the war and that they are on the right track toward a bigger and better agricultural future by following the calf club up into pure-bred beef cattle raising.

In getting out the Boys' Baby Beef Book, which is merely a title and not intended to leave the girls out in the cold, the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association has followed its lead in propaganda literature inaugurated some years ago when "Supremacy of Aberdeen-Angus" first appeared. Any teacher, county agent, bank or individ-

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Let Us Plant Trees

Trees around a home add more beauty and comfort than anything else that costs so little. The moisture condition that we have this spring gives us the best condition for planting trees we have had for years. The Fort Hays Experiment Station nursery has already booked more orders for trees they is yould for more orders for trees than is usual for this season of the year.

Interest in Hays Meeting

Letters from a great number of stockmen living in various parts of Western Kansas show an interest in the sixth annual live stock round-up to be held April 19 the stock round-up to be held. April 12, that indicates that this meeting will bring a larger crowd to the Fort Hays Experiment Station than the ation than the record-breaking attendance of last year.

A negro soldier approached the major of the medical corps, attached to one of the base hospitals, and demanded:

"Boss, how does you all do yoh cookin' in thah?"

"Well, Sam," replied the major, "we have all the newfangled equipment here.

It's quite different from the field hos. It's quite different from the field hos-

pitals. The fact is we do our cooking by electricity."

"By 'lectricity, huh," retorted the double double double by pahdon, suh, but yo' sho' ought to hab given dem beans anothah shock."

PASTURES FEED THE

ASTURES have ever been neglected. As a result they produce less and less each year. In the pioneer days the best land was cultivated and had much labor expended the stock ran at large upon upon it. The stock ran at large upon the land which no one wanted. As the country became more thickly settled, the policy of turning to pasture the land which could not be used for anything else continued. The grass grew of its own accord, and seldom was any credit own accord, and seldom was any credit given for the milk or meat produced by animals getting their feed from this source. We are beginning to realize that our meat and dairy production depends to a large extent upon what the pastures yield. Even a high prairie native grass pasture will respond to manure, and yet on very few farms is any manure ever spread on the native grass pasture other than what the animals drop in grazing. On pastures so ferpasture other than what the animals drop in grazing. On pastures so fertilized a heavier and stronger growth of grass will result and this will mean more meat or milk from the land kept for grazing purposes. In Virginia, says Joseph E. Wing in the introductory chapter of his book, "Meadows and Pastures," an acre of bluegrass pasture has produced 500 pounds of beef. He points out that a forty-bushel yield of corn, which is away above the average even which is away above the average even in our best corn-belt states, would make fewer pounds of beef or pork.

We have been warned by our soils specialists here in Kansas that erosion, or soil weshing is causing one of our most.

soil washing, is causing one of our most soil wasning, is causing one of our most serious losses of fertility on many a Kansas farm. Many a hillside slope would be improved by being seeded to grass. The soil would be held and filled with organic matter resulting from the mass of grass roots filling it. In the course of time it would be brought back to its original fertility and meanwhile would be producing each year a larger return in furnishing feed to the animals grazing upon it.

There is no place on the farm that will be more benefited by a little judicious fertilization than the pastures. There is no better way to fight weeds, for worthless weeds come in because the grass is perishing for lack of plant food, and the weeds, being especially adapted to adverse conditions, take its place. You can boost meat or milk production during the time of the year when aniduring the time of the year when animals are on pasture in either of two ways. One is to piece out the feed of the pasture with concentrated feeds or supplemental roughage and the other is to feed the pasture and thus increase the amount of grazing it will furnish. On the average Kansas farm probably both methods should be followed, but the tendency is to neglect feeding the grass and each year it becomes more necessary to supply additional feed to stock when the pasture might be become. stock when the pasture might be becoming more productive each year instead of producing less.

In the feeding of concentrates there ought to be, and doubtless are, two big gains—first, that which comes from the grain itself; and, secondly, that which comes from the increased fertility value of manure produced. Normally, 80 per cent of the plant food in grains fed is

cent of the plant food in grains fed is voided in the excrement; but as to how much of this is effectively used is an entirely different proposition. Similarly, there may be two big gains from fertilizing a pasture; first, in increased production of grasses and clovers: and, secondly, in bettered quality of the herbage—as in clovers replacing grasses and weeds.

Which method is the more economic.

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which brings in the larger profit from the keeping of live stock?

At the famous Cockle Park pasture experiment field in England, we have a very line of the stock of the field in England, we have a very line of the stock of th Very fine comparison of results secured from these two practices. ago one pasture received the initial application of fertilizer, repeated since at three-year intervals. On the second pasture fertilizer was used but once, at the very beginning of the very beginning of the experiment, but concentrates have been fed annually since that time.

Here we have a sharp comparison be-

Here we have a sharp comparison between tertilizer alone and concentrates alone excepting the one application of fertilizer made fifteen years ago.

On the fertilizer pasture the average annual acre increase over the fifteen-year period was 130 pounds live weight of cattle, plus 50 pounds live weight of sheep. This paid for the fertilizer and left an annual gain from its use of 48s lid per acre (about \$12).

The adjacent pasture, where concen-

trates were fed and fertilizer used but once, gave an average gain of 123 pounds live weight of cattle and 51 pounds of sheep—practically the same as on the fertilized pasture. The increase came within 2s 5d of paying for itself; or putting the case differently, there was a loss of about 60 cents an acre.

These results are suggestive of what might be accomplished by paying more attention to the fertilization of our pastures.

pastures.

Retraining Disabled Soldiers

Out of 787 cases of disabled soldiers out of 787 cases of disabled soldiers approved for retraining by the federal board for vocational education, agriculture in its various branches is not first in numerical order, as is generally supposed. One hundred sixty-five cases have been awarded courses in commercial colleges, fitting them for office work and hunginess careers generally. Agriculture leges, litting them for office work and business careers generally. Agriculture does come next with 137 cases, which are divided up into the following: Agronomy, one; animal husbandry, ten; dairying, three; farming, 114; poultry raising, six; truck gardening, three.

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The majority of those who took the agricultural courses are not, as popularly supposed, men who have suddenly become converted to the beauty of agriculture by reason of exercise in trench digging in France, but are farm boys who have realized the benefit of a more scientific knowledge, and who are desirous of returning to their old home places and apply the principles of scientific agriculture and management.

In addition to the agricultural courses, four are taking horticulture, three land-

four are taking horticulture, three land-scape gardening, and one bee culture. In the main, this education is given in the land grant colleges of various states. The student is allowed \$65 a month sup-cort fund while undergoing training port fund while undergoing training, and allowance for his dependents are made during that time. The federal board now has under consideration a broadening of the whole field of agricultural education available for the disabled men.

Plants Should Be "Hardened"

Before the plants are set in the garden, either from the hotbed or the cold frame, they should be gradually hard-ened to outside conditions by giving them more ventilation each day. Finremove the sashes entirely on bright days and replace them during the nights. The aim should be to produce strong, healthy plants that will make a quick start when placed in the garden.

The silo is merely a Mason jar about The silo is merely a Mason jar about a million times bigger. It cans corn just as perfectly for the bossies as the Mason does for mother. The only thing lacking is a screw top. The silo might have had one, too, but the first builder knew from experience how hard it was to open a fruit-can cover, so he was canny enough to make the silo screwless.—Exchange.

"A stitch in time saves nine" applies to farm machines. Keep them in repair. *************

Judging of Dairy Cattle

(Continued from Page Five) final rating of an animal may put it where it looks like a conflict of type with one given precedence over it and the one to come behind it.

Method in Judging.—There is perhaps no best procedure in going about the judging of a ring of animals. It is worth while, however, to adopt some simple system and follow it. Special mention may be made of certain practice. tices. There are a number of important positions. One of the first to take is that of viewing the general appearance of one or more animals, at the same time comparing them in this respect they may be viewed from the rear and front, particular note being taken of the heads. Usually fairly clear-cut impressions will be gained while making this preliminary examination, which will facilitate mak-ing comparison in matters of more detail. ing comparison in matters of more detail. After the animals have been gone over in detail, in the various positions, it is advisable to see them moving one behind the other in a circle. Specific information in regard to each individual having been obtained, the animals on the move will invariably reveal something more, freedom and style in movement are in themselves important, and in this examination the judge has his best opportunity to make his final analysis.

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Grow a Few Grapes

Every one should put out a few grape ines. The grape is a fruit that should vines. be more generally grown. O. F. Whitney pins his faith to the two varieties, Moore's Early and the Concord. "Moore's Early I consider the best grape we can raise," says Mr. Whitney, "The Concord will grow if you give it a chance but will grow if you give it a chance, but Moore's Early comes earlier, is a nicer grape, a sweeter grape, and grows in better bunches. You can go into ecstacies over a plate or a basket of Moore's Early. Be sure to let them ripen well and you will find no variety produces a better table grape. The grapes turn black before they are quite ripe and we are quite often disappointed because we pick the fruit green. The Worden is a good variety, but the bunches are apt to be scattering. You must prune the grape vines severely to get large fruit. I was reading today of a man who said he had never pruned his grape vines until the leaves were well started. I knew one man who saved his grapes from a late frost because he did not prune until late. If the first buds are frozen, a second crop will come; and if those are destroyed, a third.

But It "Ain't"!

A British committee was conducting an inquiry with a view to determining how extravagance in hotels and restaurants could be checked most advantageously. When the question of margarine came to be considered, a member of the committee inquired of a witness, a matter-of-fact waiter, whether that article of food was known in the restaurant business as "margarine" or as "marjorine."

"We don't call it neither, sir," the waiter replied. "We calls it butter."—Exchange.

THE HOME-MAKER'S FORUM

ETHEL WHIPPLE, Editor

Letters from readers are always welcome. You are urged to send in helpful suggestions, to give your experiences, or to ask questions. Address the Editor of this Department.

Preparing Household Budgets

HE war has helped to teach the nation the much-needed lesson of thrift and the value of careful buying, sane saving and secure investment. We must not forget the lesson, now that the war is over. The home should be run on a sound basis. A man who managed his business in the haphazard way in which some housewives conduct the financial affairs of the home would soon have no business to manage.

To obtain the greatest value for each dollar which has cost so much in time and effort and brain and sinew is the and effort and brain and shew is the problem of every housewife. Certain family needs—food, shelter, clothing, and the operating expenses of the home—must always be met and can be reduced. to the minimum necessary for efficiency only by careful planning. In such items as education, savings, recreation and incidentals the element of choice plays a greater part. We of today be-lieve in the larger life. We are not satisfied with the bare essentials of liv-We are getting away from the philosophy of our grandfathers that we win by going without; that he is wisest who denies himself the most. This hard philosophy was necessary in order to live at all in the pioneer days when there was not enough of anything to go around. The lesson we need to learn is that of denying ourselves one thing in order that we may have another which is more desirable. If we can by forethought and wise planning reduce the amount necessary for food, clothing, and maintenance, without sacrificing the health or comfort of the family, we shall be able to add to the funds available for education, recreation, advance-ment, charity, health, savings, invest-ment, or whatever may be the particular star to which we have attached our wagon. We do not all strive for the wagon. We do not all strive for the same things, but those who have learned to plan their expenditures beforehand are attaining their diverse ends more successfully than those of us who merely keep a record of family disbursements after the money has been spent. Most of us live on incomes which are more or less fixed, and the only way of stretching them to cover extra ex-penses is to decide beforehand just what proportion shall be eaten, worn, lived in and burned up, and what shall be set aside systematically for other purposes. "The measure of our civilization is the distance we plan ahead."

The making of a budget by those living on the capricious incomes from the soil implies the standardizing of the farm business so that a minimum average income can be depended upon, taking a number of years together. This average income must be the basis of the annual budget. There should be no unwise plunging in a good crop year and no niggardly scrimping in a lean year. Prices will vary more or less, and sometimes unexpected expenses will cause one item to expand, but, even though it cannot be strictly adhered to, the budget plan will still be of service in showing the amount of the excess and making it easier to determine the items over which a corresponding decrease can be distributed.

Perhaps no help that has been given

Perhaps no help that has been given the homes of the state by our agricultural college will prove to be of more practical value than the suggestions regarding the planning of a definite yearly budget recently sent out from the office of the state leader of county home demonstration agents. "It is suggested," says this circular, "that every man, woman and child take account of his or her personal property, savings and debts, and make plans for twelve months of getting ahead during the next year. To make both ends meet is the ardent desire of every housewife who has but a limited income at her disposal. Properly to expend the money placed in her hands is the wish of the more fortunate woman who does not feel the pinch of want so keenly. Do

as the Old Country folk who come to our generously Nature-endowed country; spend less than you make and never trust to the future to 'make up' for living beyond your income now. If you make but two dollars today, save a little, even though you may know that tomorrow will see you more prosperous."

The table submitted shows estimated expenditures for incomes of \$960, \$1200 and \$2400.

 Budget for \$960 Income

 Maintenance.
 30 per cent
 \$288.00

 Food.
 35 per cent
 336.00

 Clothing.
 10 per cent
 96.00

 Investment.
 10 per cent
 96.00

 Advancement.
 4 per cent
 38.40

 Health.
 6 per cent
 57.60

 Recreation.
 5 per cent
 48.00

 Budget for \$1200 Income

 Maintenance.
 .33 per cent /8396.00

 Food.
 .32 per cent 384.00

 Clothing.
 .10 per cent 120.00

 Investment.
 .10 per cent 48.00

 Advancement.
 4 per cent 60.00

 Health.
 5 per cent 60.00

 Recreation.
 6 per cent 72.00

 Budget for \$2400 Income

 Maintenance.
 .31 per cent
 \$744.00

 Food.
 .25 per cent
 600.00

 Clothing.
 .13 per cent
 312.00

 Investment.
 .12 per cent
 288.00

 Advancement.
 .4 per cent
 96.00

 Health.
 .6 per cent
 144.00

 Recreation.
 .9 per cent
 216.00

Most farm families will not pay out for food as large amounts as those indicated on the chart, because much of the food consumed is produced on the farm. Strictly speaking, however, the market value of all that is raised for home consumption should be credited to the income and charged to food. The farm business has yielded these returns, and you are simply selling them to yourself instead of to another. Some of the fuel may also come from the farm, and rent or taxes are covered in the farm investment, so that the sum actually paid out for maintenance of the farm home will be less than indicated in the table.

The seven divisions of household expense given in the table are explained as follows: MAINTENANCE includes rent taxes; house and furniture insurance; life, accident and health insurance; expressage; telephone, stationery and postage; newspapers; fuel, ice; replenishing of house supplies; laundry supplies; renovating and recovering furniture; wages paid household help; upkeep of the home.

Food includes everything the word implies. It also accounts for meals taken outside of the home and for sweets.

CLOTHING includes all wearing apparel, materials purchased with which to make clothing, and the cost of repairing, cleaning and pressing.

Investment accounts for purchases of

Investment accounts for purchases of stocks, Liberty bonds or other bonds; money deposited in savings banks; payment on property; purchases of household furniture, where these do not merely replace wornout articles.

ADVANCEMENT is the "field of choice." It includes musical instruction, education, membership in clubs, books and magazines, church contributions, and donations to charity.

HEALTH covers prescriptions and drugs for hygienic purposes and all doctors' and nurses' bills.

RECREATION has a close relationship to health. Health is largely a matter of proper and sufficient play in addition to wholesome food and right living. Any well balanced plan of living must take into consideration the three deciding factors in happiness: love, work, and play.

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If you do not feel prepared to immediately make out a definite budget, it would be well to at least begin the keeping of careful household accounts, analyzing and studying these with a view to working out such a system later. A study of your expenditures should also develop greater purchasing power. Women who care to go more deeply into this fascinating study will find the book

entitled "Increasing Home Efficiency," written by Martha Bansley Bruere and Robert W. Bruere and published by the Macmillan Company, full of helpful ideas. The experiences of numbers of complians of different occupations in solve families of different occupations in solving this problem are given. It also discusses the basis of efficiency for the home, or what society has a right to expect of the home and what assistance it owes to the home in return.

The Magic Child

In the ledgers of our hearts the debit columns are frequently written full and black with our children's indebtedness to us-to us, overworked, self-sacrificing, loving, and devoted parents. The ledgers show to our eyes that we have given to our children our all; and the only returns we can see for our investment of love and devotion are rebelliousness, selfishness, disobedience, discourtesy, perhaps stupidity, items which make us feel that we have spent our all to no purpose. In our frantic depression we feel that we have failed; and we despairingly ask ourselves, why, when we have given all we had to give, should we fail?

There may be many answers turns we can see for our investment of

There may be many answers, or component elements of the full answer, to this despairing question of our hearts, but I am here going to deal chiefly with one answer. We fail because we expect too quick results, because we are too impatient for the child's development. We want immediate profits from our investment. We fail because we try to implant excellent precepts, and from them we expect immediately to spring a magically perfect child.

There are few more important rules to remember in connection with the training of children than to ignore 99 per cent of the children's mistakes; to notice only the significant points, only those of the child's bad manners or bad habits that actually spell destruction, that mean a serious injury either to the child himself, to other children, or to important property. One important point noticed at the right time and corrected in as faw woods as possible the point noticed at the right time and corrected in as few words as possible, the corrective statement made simply, definitely, and to the point, and if necessary repeated in exactly the same words so that there will be no doubt in the child's mind as to the meaning of those words, one point so corrected will be more fruitful of good results than the most devoted attempt to watch over all faults every day. faults every day.

The only magic we can count upon to make over our children is a combination make over our children is a combination of understanding, hard work, patience, and then more patience—and a willingness to wait and keep on waiting. It is hard and slow and seemingly commonplace, but it can work miracles. And no other magic can do so much.—MIRIAM FINN SCOTT in Good Housekeeping.

Care of Sewing Machine

Don't forget to oil the sewing machine frequently. The treadle and pit-man should be oiled in their bearings almost as often as the working parts above the table.

Don't allow the machine to stand un-Don't allow the machine to stand un-covered when not in use, as it collects dust and lint. The working parts be-low the cloth plate should be dusted and lint removed frequently with a small camel's hair brush. The parts above the cloth plate should be wiped often with cheese cloth. cheese cloth.

Don't run the machine when the presser foot is down and there is no material in the machine, as this roughens the under side of the foot and blunts the

Don't run the machine while it is threaded without a piece of material under the foot, as this causes the thread to knot around the bobbin and makes a big ugly bunch of thread on the under side of the work when stitching is begun. There is often a tendency on the gun. There is often a tendency on the part of the operator to stitch several inches after the end of the seam has been reached. This is a bad practice.

Don't pull the material while it is

Don't pull the material while it is being stitched, as this causes a stretched, tight, ugly stitch and very often blunts or breaks the causes a stretched, or breaks the needle. The feed will take care of this unassisted and will push the material through as fast as the machine can take care of it.—BERYL DIXON, Colorado Agricultural College.

Left-Over Soda Breads

Even though the war is ended, it is the duty of every housewife to avoid waste of food. The cost of white flour and substitutes and other ingredients of batters and databases it also a matbatters and doughs makes it also a mat-

ter of practical economy to use left-over breads. The following method for using all sorts of left-over batters and doughs was worked out by a woman in charge of the cooking for a club of forty girls and is given out by the department of home economics of the South Dakota State College. The head of the department assures us that the result is a delicious rue bread

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Set a sponge at night as for white bread, using two dry yeast cakes, two quarts of warm water, a little sugar and flour enough to make a good sponge and let stand over night. In the morning prepare the left-over soda breads, which were in this instance three dozen but. were in this instance three dozen buttermilk pancakes and one loaf of steamed brown bread. Soak them in water until soft and drain in a colander to remove any cold liquid. Put the soaked breads in the bread pan and rub out smooth with a wooden spoon to prevent any bulky material from entering the bread.

Mix together one cupful of shortening, two cupfuls sugar, one cupful molasses, seven teaspoonfuls salt and two cupfuls hot water. Add this mixture to the soft bread with enough warm water to make the entire mixture warm. Stir in the sponge and beat the entire mixture thoroughly. Mix in the flour, using the proportion one-third rye flour and two-thirds white-flour until the dough is the proper consistency for rye bread. Let rise and knead. After the second rising, mold into leaves and put into severe the second rising, mold into loaves and put into separate bread tins, as this makes the baking of a heavy bread more even. Bake in a moderate oven. This recipe makes twelve

Any kind of left-over soda breads could be used instead of the pancakes and brown bread. This would prevent any waste of breads, as the baking powder breads can easily be used for making dressings. ing dressings.

Mrs. Lofty and I Mrs. Lofty and I
Mrs. Lofty keeps a carriage;
So do I.
She has dapple grays to draw it;
None have I.
She's no prouder with her coachman
Than am I
With my blue-eyed laughing baby
Trundling by,
I hide his face lest she should see
The cherub boy and envy me,

Her fine husband has white fingers;
Mine has not.
He could give his bride a palace;
Mine a cot.
Hers comes home beneath the starlight;
No'er cares she.
Mine comes in the purple twilight,
Kisses me
And prays that He who turns life's sands
Will hold his loved ones in His hands.

Mrs. Lofty has her jewels;
So have I.
She wears hers upon her bosom;
Inside, I.
She will leave hers at death's portals
By and by;
I shall bear my treasure with me
When I die.
For I have love, and she has gold;
She counts her wealth; mine can't be told

She has those that love her station; None have I:

But I've one true heart beside me;
Glad am I.
I'd not change it for a kingdom,
No, not I!
God will weigh it in His balance
By and by,
And then the difference 'twill define
'Twixt Mrs. Lofty's wealth and mine.
—Author Unknown.

Tomato and Barley Soup

1 quart canned tomatoes
2 quarts boiling water
1 cupful pearl barley
4 teaspoonful pepper
4 tablespoonfuls butter or other
2 medium sized onions
14 teaspoonfuls salt

Brown the fat, put in onions cut in small pieces and fry until tender, then add boiling water, tomatoes, barley and seasoning. Cook for two or three hours over a slow fire.—Mrs. Helen Anderson, Home Agent, Washington County.

Potato Drop Cookies

Potato Drop Cookies

1½ cupfuls hot mashed potato

1½ cupfuls sugar

1 cupfuls four

2 teaspoonfuls baking powder

1 teaspoonful cinnamon

½ teaspoonful cloves

½ teaspoonful nutmeg

½ cupful chopped raisins

½ cupful chopped nuts

Combine the ingredients in the order
given and drop the mixture by spoon
fuls on a slightly greased tin. Bake the
cookies in a moderate oven.—Cornell cookies in a moderate oven.—Cornell University Bulletin.

Using Dried Pumpkin

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And stories by the score,
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The High Producing Flock

OU should have a laying strain of one of the leading breeds of chickens. It is then an easy matter to buy eggs or birds with which to improve the flock. No one breed has a monopoly on egg laying, but the breeds that have been undergoing improvement the longest are the best ones

on which to depend. The quickest way for immediate results is to buy a lot of pullets. Pullets, however, are not as good breeders as hens. The eggs of the latter are larger and the chicks hatched from them are larger and more vigorous than those hatched from pullet eggs. Pullets are sometimes hard to buy, but hens can usually be bought during the summer and early fall when poultrymen are making room for their pullets. Males should be bought from a better flock, due allowance being made for color, shape, etc.
The laying type is now considered to be
the hen with long, rectangular body.
The back should be long, not short enough to give a bunchy appearance to the hen. If possible see new stock before buying. If you must send away, learn whether the breeder is reliable, if possible. Sometimes it is best to have a shipment come C. O. D. Better buy of those who have only one breed. Those who handle fifty-seven varieties are usually hucksters; i. e., they buy and sell and often are none too scrupulous

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Keep the best of the hens bought for the second year's breeding and buy eggs or new and better blood for males the third season to mate with the first hatch of pullets, which would then be hens. The first set of males could be mated with the same hens the second season by keeping them penned during the breeding season. There are two very important reasons why the breeding flock should be penned. Fewer and better males can be used, thus improvement will be comparatively access. men will be comparatively easy. Also the eggs of the remainder of the flock not be fertilized and therefore they

will be much improved in quality.

Always in buying new blood for the flock keep your ideal in view and work toward it. Vigor is next in importance. Use only vigorous males and females. This is the ounce of prevention that will save a pound of cure. Better use a vigorous good-sized male from a 200-egg hen than a perfect comb, fine-boned light-weight male of uncertain vigor though he be from a 250-egg hen.

Poultry Club Project

Here are some of the different proclubs such as are being organ-id conducted under the direction of State Poultry Club Leader Ernest H. Wiegand:

Poultry-Raising Project Each member sets two settings of eggs from some standard breed of chickens, ducks, geese or guinea fowl,

male and one male. Home-Flock Project member cares for and improves ne flock according to specific di-birections will be sent each

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ATS THE HEN pose and get its own feed. Old Mother is a poor rustler, but that's no excuse sing 62 out of every 100- of her own or attor chicks before they reach full feather. O WEISS CHICK FEED beats all others. Beats the hen. saves the little enes—practically all them. Contains wheat, oats, beef, all, and enough "Crys-" to provide plenty of it for the baby chicks. Get it of your dealer. THE

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Each member keeps specified records on a pen of standard-bred birds consist-

ing of six females and one male.

A club member may take more than one of these projects if he so desires. Every club member will be responsi-ble for the following, regardless of the project he undertakes:

New coops or poultry houses must be built, or old ones remodeled, according to specific instructions.

Some specified ration of feeding must be adopted and adhered to throughout

the club year.

Monthly reports are to be made on blanks provided by the county agent, home demonstration agent, or county

A demonstration on some phase of poultry work will be required in order to select a demonstration team from

A bird or birds must be exhibited at the state, county, school, or club fair, in a coop of specified construction.

Summary of the year's work must be in the hands of the designated county

leader by October 15 with the last month's report.

You could do no more commendable thing than to encourage and back to the limit the poultry club work for your own boys and girls and the boys and girls of the whole community. Earnest and faithful local leaders are essential to the success of the poultry clubs. Why not get into the game and offer your

assistance to Mr. Weigand, the state leader, who may be addressed at the agricultural college at Manhattan.

Feed Little and Often

Young chicks should not be fed for from twenty-four to thirty-six hours after hatching, and will not suffer if given no feed until the third day. The yolk of the egg, which is absorbed by the chick, furnishes all the nourishment required during this time. It is this provision of Nature for the first sustenance of the chick that makes it possible to ship newly hatched chicks considerable distances.

At the start it is advisable to feed five times a day, dividing the day into equal periods, and alternating a mash or soft feed, such as johnnycake, with a hard grain or scratch feed.

Unless the premises where chicks are kept and all appliances used are known to be absolutely free from lice and mites, and it is certain that chicks have never been exposed to them, it is a wise precaution to paint or spray the brooder with a mixture of four parts crude pe-troleum and one part kerosene, allowing it to dry thoroughly before using. Puffs of insect powder on the chicks when in the brooder, about once a week, will destroy any lice that may be on them.

The cleanings from the poultry house are valuable as a garden fertilizer, and these should be saved in barrels or some other receptacle where they can be kept reasonably dry until they are spread upon the garden. This class of fertilizer is very rich and liable to burn the plants if applied in too great quantities or in direct contact with the roots of the

Cause of White Diarrhea

White diarrhea is caused by the ba-cillus Bacterium Pullorum with which chicks are often infecten when hatched. The germs multiply very rapidly and one infected chick may infect the entire brood. Prevention is the best method of combating the disease and should begin as soon as chicks are hatched. Intestinal antiseptics should be given to kill the germ. Mercuric chloride is one of the most powerful remedies, but, being a rank poison, its use is not to be recommended as long as there are safe, harmless remedies on the market that will do the work.

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May 12—A. S. Neale, Manhattan, Kan. May 12—Sam Drybread & Son, Elk City, Kan. Sale at Independence, Kan.

Hereford Cattle.

Sale at K. S. A. C., Manhattan, Kan.

Sale at K. S. A. C., Manhattan, Kan.

Samuel Drybread & Son, of Elk City, Kansas, owners of the Star Breeding Farm of Hereford cattle, have announced May 13 for their annual spring sale of Herefords. This sale will be held in Independence, Kansas, The offering will include thirty-eight head of large yearling helfers by the Sreat vearling breeding bulls, Roe Hampton and Gay Lad; twelve head of choice two-year-old helfers bred and forty-seven head of mature cows, twelve with calves at foot and most all bred to drop calves early in the spring. Several head of young bulls, yearlings and two-year-olds, and one herd bull, a son of Bright Stanway. Several of the helfers are half sisters to the great show bull, Ardmore, that was grand champion at the American Royal and International at Chicago, 1917. The offering promises to be the best lot of cattle ever sold from he Star Breeding Farm and probably one or the best lots that will go through any sale this spring sale season.

J. C. Parks, of Hamilton, Kansas, owner of the first pring sale season.

J. C. Parks, of Hamilton, Kansas, owner of one of the good herds of Percheron horses in Kansas, has made quite a success with this breed of draft horses. Mr. Parks has always wins the premiums on his colts and stallions. He is not only a breeder but a feeder. The colts are well grown out, large heavy boned fellows. Oftentimes a yearling in the Parks herd will be as large as a two-year-old on other farms. They are grown in a way that insures their future this time is an exceptionally fine lot of year-olds, that promise to grow into ton drafters at three years of age.

Lad. She has a yearly record of 665.37 pounds butter and 16.584.9 pounds milk. Her dam has seven-day record of 605 pounds of milk. Their bull's sire is from a son of Pontiac Korndyke and full brother to Pontiac Clothilde De Kol 2d, 1.271 pounds butter in one year. The sire's dam has 30 pounds and year's record of 1,082 pounds butter and 27,625 pounds milk. She is a daughter of Colantha Johanna Lad and Creamelle Vale. His twelve nearest dams average 27 pounds butter and he has seven-year record dams that average 1,040 pounds butter and 25,448 pounds milk. Fifty per cent of his blood is from Colantha Johanna Lad and Pontiac Korndyke. He has six world's records in first five generations.

Don't forget the big free show of Shorthorns at Coffeyville, Kansas, Thursday of next week. It isn't often that such an array of splendid cattle can be seen together. The exhibition is free to all, so you can well afford to take a day off. The students' judging contest, which will be held in connection with the cattle show, should also interest you. The show will be held at Exposition Hall at the fair grounds and all arrangements for the comfort of visitors will be made. Be sure and attend.

P. A. Drevets, of Smolan, Kansas, owner of good herds of registered Hereford cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, reports his herd doing well. Mr. Drevets has the popular blood lines of both Hereford cattle and Duroc hogs and his herds are drawn upon heavily for high class breeding stock. A feature of his Hereford herd at this time is the choice lot of cows, many with calves at foot, and all bred to a double-standard Polled Hereford bull.

T. D. Morse, manager of Morse Stock Farm, Neosho, Missourl, the home of orfe of the famous herds of Red Polled cattle now assembled, reports the herd doing finu. The Morse Farm herd of Red Polls is one of the strictly high class herds of that breed and for high class individuality and choice breeding has few equals. A feature of the herd at this time is the fine lot of young stock, including some outstanding young bulls.

T. F. Doran, owner of Dornwood Earm and the famous Dornwood herd of registered Jersey cattle, reports his herd making a fine record. This is one of the Jersey herds in the Southwest that is famous for heavy production. It is bred and a feature of the herd at this time is the fine lot of young stock sired by Blue Belle's Owl 79641 and out of Register of Merit dams.

Dr. J. H. Lomax, of Leona, Kansas, has announced June 24 for his annual Jersey sale. Doctor Lomax is well known among Jersey breeders for the quality of his herd. He is one of the most successful breeders of Jersey cattle in the West and this sale offering promises to be one of the very best lots of cattle that will go through any sale this year. Doctor Lomax formerly lived in St. Joseph, Missouri, but he moved this spring to his farm near Leona, Kansas, where he can give his entire attention to his fine herd of Jersey cattle.

H. H. Holmes, of Topeka, has consigned five head of high class Shorthorn cattle to the Central Shorthorn Show and Sale at Kansas City, Missouri, April 1, 2 and 3, including the great herd bull, Viscount Stamp by Wooddale Stamp and his dam was Ravenswood Emerald by Lavender Viscount, the show that was two times grand champion of America. Viscount Stamp promises to be one of the most promising herd bulls to be one of the Most promising herd bulls to be consigned to the Central Shorthorn Show and Sale. Mr. Holmes is also consigning three choice open heifers, one an extra choice Orange Blossom and one Secret White two-year-old that is bred to drop calf early in spring. These are all real cattle of exceptional quality that would improve most herds in Kansas.

U. S. Byrne, of Saxton, Missouri, has sold

U. S. Byrne, of Saxton, Missouri, has sold his farm and will disperse his entire herd of Holstein cattle and Poland China hogs, Tuesday, April 15. Several years ago Mr. Byrne went to Wisconsin and bought forty head of the best registered and high grade Holstein cows he could buy for his foundation herd. About twenty head of the sale offering have been raised on the farm. The herd has proven to be one of the profitable dairy herds of Western Missouri. The registered cows are such cows as Sadie Lyons Butter Maid by Crescent Beauty Butter Boy and made a 123-pound record at 3½ years old. She carries 50 per cent of the blood of Greenwood Johanna Lyons, a 26-pound sire. His dam was a champion at the National Dairy Show. Sadie Lyons Butter

Maid is one of the best cows on the farm. Grace Lyons Butter Maid and Muriel Butter Maid are half sisters and are very promising herd cows with splendid records as producers. There are also four choice registered helfers sired by Sir Gerben Butter Boy Korndyke. This buil was bred and used in the herd of H. B. Cowles, of Topeka, Kansas. One two-year-old herd buil sired by Crescent Beauty Segis Pontiac and out of the great cow, Sadie Lyons Butter Maid. The offering is one of the good lots of dairy cattle to be sold this spring and probably as profitable a lot as will go through any sale this year.

Pruning Grapes

Of all our fruits, the grape must be runed the most severely. This is necpruned the most severely. This is necessary because otherwise the grapevine can set more fruit than it can bring to proper maturity.

As a rule grapes should be pruned while the tissues are dormant but not frozen. In late pruning there is more apt to be trouble from bleeding of the vines. A little bleeding does no harm, though under ordinary circumstances we would prefer to prune grapes in February or March rather than in April and

May. In order that a clear statement can be made regarding the methods of prun-ing the grape, it will be necessary to define several terms that are used to designate different parts of the grapevine. First, the wood growth of the past season is spoken of as the canes of the grapevine. Older wood is spoken of as spurs or arms, depending upon whether they are short and stubby or of some considerable length. The main trunk of the vine is spoken of as its trunk. Ordinarily in pruning old bearing vines, we pay little attention to the trunk, the arms or the spurs, although occasionally weak and diseased spurs or arms are removed together with all the cane growth that they have with all the cane growth that they have attached to them. Pruning the grape then is limited almost entirely to a pruning of the canes. Many of last year's canes are pruned off entirely. If the vines are being trained on a three-wire trellis, all but six canes should be removed; one being left for each wire and for each direction. In the case of a two-wire trellis all but the case of a two-wire trellis, all but four canes are removed; there being left one cane for each wire and each direction. In deciding which canes to leave the pruner needs to use his best judgment. Only strong, healthy, vigorous canes should be left. Preferably these should start from the main trunk or from the arms or from the canes of the preceding year at about the same height as the wires along which they are tied. All canes or suckers coming from around the crown of the plant or below ground should be removed, except in those cases where the trunk itself has become diseased or weakened and it is desired to renew it. The canes that are left to produce the fruiting shoots for the coming year should be pruned back so that each will have a minimum of five or six and a maximum of ten or twelve buds or joints. The number that should be left depends upon how many canes are left and how strong and vigorous the individual vine happens to be. Rather weak vines that cannot be ex-

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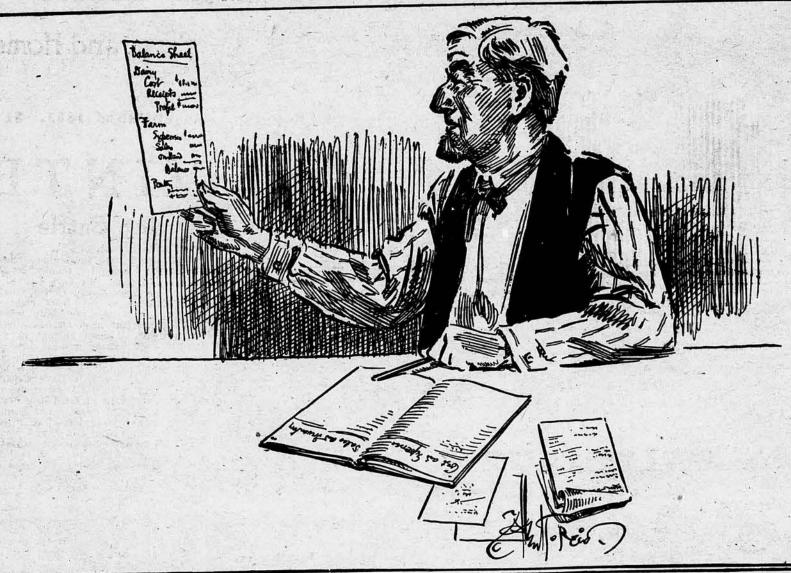
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