

BUREAUS FOR FARM

Organizations That Make County Agents Effective.

PLAN FOR SECURING SUPPORT

Ideas Outlined in Guide Recently Published by Agricultural Department Adapted to Various Conditions.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The counties which have been most active in co-operating with their county agents are, with rare exceptions, the ones which are reaping the greatest benefits from their services. Experience shows that help and advice of the farmers themselves are necessary to the success of county agent work, and the support of both rural and urban population is needed. The means of securing this local support which has been found most effective in the extension work in the northern and western states, officials of the United States department of agriculture say, is to establish a county organization usually known as a "farm bureau." In a guide recently published by the department and known as "Handbook of Farm Bureau Organization for County Agricultural Agents," detailed suggestions are given for forming such an organization. The plan outlined can be adapted readily to the various conditions of different counties. It may be established in counties having inefficient organizations, in counties contemplating the employment of an agent, and in places where the agent is now unsupported by a local county organization.

Functions of Organization.
The chief functions of a county organization, as outlined in the handbook are:

1. To co-ordinate the efforts of existing local agricultural forces, either organized or unorganized, and to organize new lines of effort. It does not supplant any existing organizations or compete with them, but establishes a clearing house through which all may increase their efficiency without in any way surrendering their individuality.
2. To bring to the agent the counsel and co-operation of the best farmers in the county in planning and executing an agricultural improvement program.
3. To furnish the necessary local machinery for easily and quickly reaching every community in the county with information of value to that community or to the county as a whole.
4. To encourage self-help through developing and exercising leadership in the rural affairs of each community.
5. To reveal to all the people of the county the agricultural possibilities of the county and how they may be realized.

HARROW SOIL AFTER PLOWED

To insure Satisfaction in Many Ways Furrows Should Be Gone Over Before Dried Out.

The plow and the harrow should be kept closer together in operation than is the case with those who wait until the field has been completely plowed before applying the harrow. If it is at all convenient to do so, the harrow should be run over the newly turned furrows before the fresh earth has dried on the surface. This will insure greater satisfaction in several



Good Team for Plowing.

ways. If the ground turns up lumpy the large clods can be crushed by the harrow better while damp than when dry.

When much trash has been plowed under the soil dries very quickly, because the refuse underneath holds up the soil and makes air holes and pits. The harrow will adjust the soil and arrange the trash much more satisfactorily by using it as soon as possible after plowing. It retards evaporation, and the little pits and holes will also fill quicker and easier.

TOOL SHEDS MOST VALUABLE

Shelter Costs Comparatively Little When Considering Damage to Unsheltered Tools.

A tool shed costs little compared to the risk of neglecting the implements. Binders, mowers, hay presses, tractors, silage cutters and other machines represent considerable capital and it is economy to shelter and care for them when not in use. The shed is really insurance upon implements from sun, rain and rust, and there is another advantage beside the loss and deterioration, and that is saving time.

Alfalfa Growing Essential.
Winter hardiness is one of the essentials to alfalfa growing in this country.

SOME POULTRY DISEASES

When the crop is hard and unyielding there is danger of the bird becoming crop bound.

When the joints are hot and swollen and the fowl is disinclined to stand, rheumatism has taken hold.

When the nostrils are clogged with dirt and the eyes water, ward off a possible case of croup by timely treatment. If the case is bad apply the hatchet and bury the carcass.

When the bird seems lame and has a small swelling in its foot, remove to a house with no perches and oblige it to roost on a bed of straw. Bumble-foot is easily cured in the early stages if the cause is at once removed.

When a hen seems to droop down behind and goes repeatedly to the nest without laying, she is usually suffering from a disorder of the oviduct, and might as well be killed and eaten.

When the hen seems giddy and turns round and round, she is probably suffering from apoplexy.

When the bird has leg weakness, with no disorder of the liver, feed lighter and give plenty of bone-forming material.

IMPORTANT TO GIVE VARIETY

Duplicate Spring Conditions as Near as Possible to Obtain Eggs in Winter Season.

Everybody gets eggs in the spring. Why? Because spring is the natural laying season. If we want eggs at other times of the year we must "fool" the hen by duplicating spring conditions as nearly as possible.

Variety is important in the winter ration. A hen craves and seeks different kinds of food. In the spring and summer when she ranges on the farm she gets a variety, but in the winter, when there is no grass or clo-



Good Farm Flock.

ver, no bugs or worms, when the water is frozen over, when the snow is on the ground so that she cannot pick up a bit of gravel and sand, these things must be furnished in her feed.

A hen is different from most animals. She will balance her own ration if given an opportunity.

PROPER CARE OF MACHINERY

Farm Implements Depreciate More in Value From Neglect Than From Actual Use.

Farm machinery depreciates in value more rapidly from poor care than from actual use. That is, a larger part of the 10 per cent annual depreciation is caused by exposure than by use.

A 160-acre farm needs about \$1,000 worth of machinery. Ten per cent depreciation means \$100 every year and more than \$50 of this is lost through lack of care. Sheds for this machinery would cost about \$200, which at 6 per cent a year would mean \$12. The difference between \$50 and \$12 cannot all be credited to profit, for part of the care of machinery lies in labor and material. Still there would be a fair margin. Housing, repairing at the proper time, and painting the wooden parts are three essentials in the care of machinery.

GOOD RACKS FOR SEED CORN

Wooden Affairs in Which Ears Are Placed on Separate Shelves Are Convenient.

Wooden seed racks, in which the ears are stored in rows on separate shelves, are convenient dryers, and have no drawbacks in a dry, breezy place, although the air cannot circulate freely on all sides and dampness may be held where the row of kernels rests on the wood.

WRINKLE VARIETIES OF PEAS

Soon as Ground Becomes Dry Enough for Thorough Preparation Plant Them in Garden.

While the smooth varieties of garden peas are capable of standing more cold and wet than the wrinkled sorts, they are scarcely worth the planting. As soon as the ground becomes dry enough for thorough preparation sow the wrinkle variety of peas.

Starting Plants.

On a small scale, vegetable seeds may be started in small boxes or flats placed under the kitchen stove.

What Well Dressed Women Will Wear



Evening Frocks for the Younger Set.

Although the evening dress—pure and simple—"simple" with a question mark) is more or less banished from the wardrobe of young matrons and maturer women, it is still allowed to the younger set.

Every girl is entitled to her share of the little joys of youth, and an evening dress means much in her young life. Naturally evening dress for the youthful is, or at least seems, simple. Nobody wants to see "the girl he left behind him" sit down in dull apathy because her lad has gone to the war. If she is down-hearted, she must not proclaim it, and nothing will hearten her more than her share of pretty clothes. Besides the wheels of business must be kept going.

The lovely dancing frock shown in the picture is warranted to contain nothing that might be better used by the shivering French and Belgians. It is only a gracefully draped skirt of bright green satin under a bodice of green spangles and malines. From the right shoulder a long scarf of gauze is

shown, hanging to the floor. It is intended to be wrapped about the shoulders and arms when its wearer dances, or at any other time, except when she poses to show to admiring sisters how this brilliant frock is made.

The skirt is draped in folds that cascade over the hips and hangs in points at the bottom. The glittering bodice is of net incrustated with small green sequins and rhinestones. It is extended into points that end in a tassel over the hips and supported by two narrow straps of satin over each shoulder.

The pointed skirt allows a glimpse of light gray silk hose that match up well with silver slippers. Altogether this is a very brilliant affair, which can hardly be classed as magnificent and is therefore the sort of frock for the young girl. It does not require the outlay of much money, and even the conscientious young matron might reconcile herself to indulgence in it. There is no reason for her to be down-hearted—not to the extent of falling to look her best occasionally—in a simple evening frock.



For Every Day and Summer Time.

Thrifty mothers who take advantage of winter days spent indoors to prepare for summer days spent outdoors will welcome these spring models in everyday summer dresses for little girls. They are made of the same reliable and familiar cotton goods that have made a place for themselves that nothing seems able to usurp. Striped gingham and plain chambray lend their established popularity to promote the success of the two practical little frocks illustrated. It almost goes without saying that nine out of ten dresses for the everyday wear of little folks are made of these fabrics.

With materials a foregone conclusion mothers interest themselves in the little changes in style and methods of making that make a little variation in the story of children's frocks from season to season. So much attention has been given to new designs for spring that the youngsters' frocks are unusually interesting. The little model at the left is made, for the hardest wear, of tan-colored gingham with a blue stripe. Its business is to be strong and easy to launder and as little in the way of its small wearer as a dress can be. It has a plain yoke, fastened

with sleeves are finished with plain cuffs of white pique and a white pique collar helps to make this little frock dainty and fresh looking, when it starts on its lively career in the morning of a summer day.

The frock at the right has ambition of its own as a model to be chosen when the little miss is "dressed up." It will not need tubbing as often as the play dress, and has considerable more work involved in its making. It is of yellow, pink or blue plain chambray, with a smocked and scalloped yoke. The smocking is ornamented with cat-stitching in black and white cotton and this looks well with any of the colors chosen for the frock. It has a fancy collar of white pique with tabs fastened down by large pearl buttons sewed on with black thread. There are white pique cuffs and pockets finished with black and white cat-stitching. They are the delight of little ones. A small bow of narrow, black ribbon proclaims that this little frock is an affair of some importance in the world of little folks.

Julia Bottomley

ALL MEN AT HOME SHOULD PREPARE FOR WAR

The first test a man is put thru for either war or life insurance is an examination of his water. This is most essential because the kidneys play a most important part in causing premature old age and death. The more injurious the poisons passing thru the kidneys the sooner comes decay—so says Dr. Pierce of Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., who further advises all people who are past thirty to preserve the vitality of the kidneys and free the blood from poisonous elements, such as uric acid—drink plenty of water—sweat some daily and take Anuric, double strength, before meals.

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