

# Women's Page

**CANDA APRICOTS** — Make some wholesome Christmas candy for your children. Prepare a syrup by boiling one cup water with two cups sugar for five minutes. Drop dried apricots into hot syrup. Remove at once. Drain and cool. Roll in granulated sugar shortly before serving, suggests Marjorie J. Wormeck, Penn State extension nutritionist.

**PRESS WOOLENS** — Don't push the iron over wool garments the way you do when ironing cottons. Touch it lightly to the dampened pressing cloth. It's the steam, not the weight of the iron that presses wools, reports Mae B. Barton, Penn State extension clothing specialist.

**HELP CLEAN** — A young child wants to help when Mother is cleaning. He can dust low rungs and table legs, reminds Marguerite L. Durvall, Penn State extension family life specialist.

**FLOCK PRINTED** — Fabrics that are "flock printed" have short fibers massed or held upright in a paste or rubber cement. These designs go in one direction and the fabric must be treated like velvet or cut on the bias when placing a pattern, points out Bernice J. Tharp, Penn State extension clothing specialist.

**FRESHEN LETTUCE** — Freshen lettuce and other salad greens in cold water if they are not crisp, states Louise W. Hamilton, Penn State extension nutritionist.

**PREVENT BURNS** — Lift the lid from cooking utensils so steam doesn't rise in your face or hands, Sanna Black, Penn State extension home management.

**RATS ARE EXPENSIVE** — If you think rats have been eating you out of house and home, you may well be right. Rats cause agricultural losses of more than \$8,000,000 annually, according to John Pepper, Penn State extension entomologist. The new poisons, Warfarin and Pival, are effective killers of these costly rodents.

**FEED WILDLIFE** — Winter feeding programs for wildlife, if properly planned and conducted, have considerable merit, says Robert Wingard, Penn State extension wildlife management specialist. Farmers, sportsmen's groups, 4-H Clubs, other organizations, and individuals have done good service in such wildlife activities. Selection of heifers from his own herd is serious business for the dairyman. Normally about one-fifth of the herd has to be replaced annually. This means that only calves from the best cows should be considered as replacements, reminds Horace Mann Penn State extension dairy specialist.

## Short Courses in General Farming Will Begin Soon

The College of Agriculture at The Pennsylvania State University will again offer four-week short courses for persons interested in general farming, dairy farming, and livestock farming. Any person 16 years of age or older and interested in these agricultural fields may enroll. The General Farming short course will be offered from January 4 to February 1, 1956. The Dairy Farming and Livestock Farming short courses will run simultaneously from February 1 to 29, 1956.

These short courses, which are taught by the faculty of the College of Agriculture, have proven very popular over the years both for persons experienced in farming and for those who were just starting to farm. Classes are made as practical as possible and much instruction is conducted in the laboratories, shops, and barns of the University.

**SUBJECTS EMPHASIZED** — The following subjects are emphasized: Farm Machinery and Tractors; Farm Management; Farm Mechanics; Forage Crops and Pastures; Grain Crops; Poultry Farming; Rural Economics and Social Problems; and Soils and Fertilizers.

The five breeds of cattle in the University dairy barns and the laboratories in the dairy building provide excellent facilities for making the Dairy Farming short course interesting and profitable. The following topics receive emphasis in this short course: Animal Diseases; Dairy Cattle Breeds and Selection; Dairy Cattle Feeding; Dairy Herd Management; Milk Secretion; Pasture and Grassland Management; Grain Crops and Fertilizers; and Reproduction of Dairy Cattle.

**PRACTICAL APPLICATION** — The subjects offered in the Livestock Farming short course acquaint those interested in general livestock production with up-to-date information on livestock breeding, feeding, and management. The practical application of the information given in this course should aid farmers in all phases of livestock farming. Subjects emphasized in the livestock course are: Animal Diseases; Barn Practice; Farm Slaughtering; Feeding of Farm Animals; Livestock Breeding and Selection; Livestock Judging; Livestock Management; Pasture and Grassland Management; and Grain Crops and Fertilizers.

A leaflet describing these and other agricultural short courses offered by Penn State, or an application form for use of those who desire to enroll, may be secured by writing to:

### Can't He?

A quick-thinking sailor came up with a new one when his chief demanded, "How come you're sleeping on the job?" "Goodness," replied the sailor, "can't a man close his eyes for a

## Red Rose Dairy Improvement Reports Listed

Seventy eight Lancaster County dairy herds are on test to find out primarily which cows should be culled and which are producing satisfactorily.

Here is a brief report on some of the high individual cows and herds being tested by the "owner-sampler" procedure of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Carl Diller, Refton, is the cow-tester in charge. High herds in butterfat production for November include:

1. Herbert and Rhelda Rover, R5 Lancaster, 13 cows, avg. 985 lb milk, 38.4 butterfat; 2. Henry B.

Leaman, R4 Lancaster, 12 cows, 798 lbs milk, 38.2 butterfat; 3. Daniel S Stoltzfus, 20 cows, 1,000 lbs milk, 37.0 butterfat; 4. Daniel S Erb, Manheim Pike, Lancaster, 7 cows, 885 lbs milk, 35.2 butterfat. High individual cows of 80 lbs butterfat or more include Dora,

owner Elmer H Rohrer, R2 Lancaster, 1783 lbs milk, 107.0 fat; Nellie, owner Arthur D Wenger, R1 Bareville, 2118 lbs milk, 89.0 fat; Jenny, owner Henry B Leaman, R4 Lancaster, 1824 lbs milk, 87.6 fat; Bizz, owner Clarence Neff, Millport Road, 1599 lbs milk, 83.1 fat



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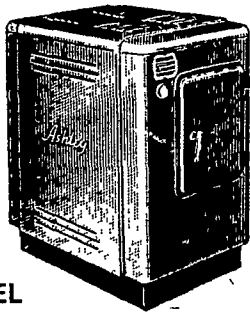
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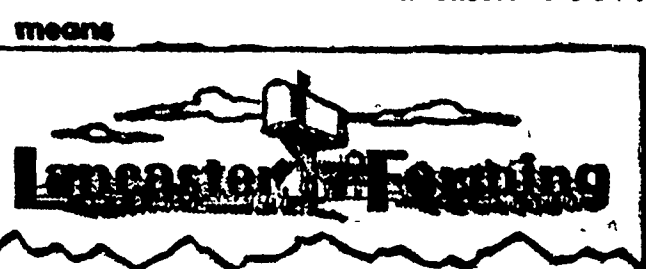
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