

ENERGY SAVERS by Penny, Paul & Larry from the WISE FAMILY



This week is car tune-up week at the Wise house. Paul changed the air filter, replaced the spark plugs and distributor points and adjusted the ignition timing.

Did you know that a tuned car averages six percent better fuel economy than an untuned car?

Other items that need periodic maintenance for fuel economy are the carburetor, cylinder compression and lubrication.

The car will last longer and will give better mileage if its maintenance requirements are followed.

Changing Paul's driving habits has helped save fuel and will prolong the life of the car, too. No more fast starts that can use up to 15 per cent more fuel than moderate acceleration from a stop.

The biggest energy use in the Wise home, as in most homes, is the heating system. No matter what fuel you use, the conservation measures we've taken can help you stretch your heating dollars.

A properly insulated home with storm windows and

doors and weather-stripping can save as much as 55 per cent in fuel and heating costs over a similar house without the added protection.

Storm doors and windows pay for themselves in heating savings over a few seasons. A dead air space, excellent insulation, is formed when they are used.

We've added weather-stripping and caulk around all the windows. And after our last fire in the fireplace, I made sure the damper was closed to prevent drafts.

The throbbing sounds of the stereo frequently greet us when the house is empty.

Larry is the culprit, and he is guilty of a common waste of energy — leaving radios, TV's and stereos on when no one is listening. He comes home from school, turns on the stereo and then goes outside.

Blazing lights all over the house really irritate Paul. We should all make it a habit to turn off lights when we leave a room.

Replacing the bulbs with ones of less wattage also helps conserve electricity. Your use of the lamp will determine the wattage necessary; experiment to see if a dimmer light is still effective.

Doing dishes is a never ending household chore. To save some energy, we've stopped using the power drying cycle of the dishwasher. The dishes air dry in the machine just as well and it saves the energy needed for power drying.

Penny has also changed some of her practices in the laundry. Instead of always using the clothes dryer, she's gone back to hanging the clothes out on nice days. The clothes smell so much fresher it's worth the extra effort!

INA will be Sponsor of National 4-H Programs

Insurance Company of North America announced recently that it will sponsor the National 4-H Dairy Program for 1974 and become the insurance industry's first national donor company.

In helping underwrite the 4-H Dairy Program, INA will enable young people to acquire skill and practice in dairy production through ownership and care of dairy animals. Throughout the program, students study marketing, processing, distribution, consumption, and utilization of dairy products.

In addition, INA will sponsor an awards program, including trips to the National 4-H Congress, for each state winner and college assistance for each national winner.

"We are proud to make this commitment to the youth of our country — our nation's finest resource," said Frank E. Raab, Jr., INA president. "Of the many donor programs, we believe the Dairy Program to be unexcelled in helping build self reliance, responsibility and financial stability. No businessman must be a better manager today than the successful dairy farmer."

Of the nearly six million 4-H members from nine to 19 years of age, 91,500 students are enrolled in dairy production projects in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. An additional 678,000 are enrolled in related food-nutrition programs.

The Philadelphia-based insurance company has been a pioneer in farm and ranch protection since 1796 when its first farm policy was written, covering a property near Trenton, New Jersey.

Insurance Company of North America, a subsidiary of INA Corporation, is one of the largest worldwide multi-line insurance organizations, operating in 110 countries.

When she does use the dryer during bad weather, Penny has started taking the clothes out when there is still some moisture in them. Overdrying wastes energy and is hard on fabrics. Clothes that are nearly dry go on a clothes rack placed near the dryer to finish air drying.

Mrs. H. N. of Emmaus has sent one of her favorite energy savers. She suggests using nightlights in hallways and bathrooms to cut down

on use of overhead lighting. Sleepy eyes adjust more readily to the dimmer light, too.

(This is one of a series of columns on energy conservation. Reader suggestions are welcomed and should be sent to the Wise family in care of this newspaper.)

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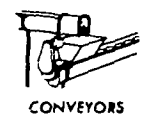
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