

WEEK FARM CALENDAR

From the Pennsylvania State College Agriculturalists

Pick Ripe Tomatoes. When picked fully ripened on the vine, tomatoes have the best flavor, the highest food value and the largest yield per plant say vegetable specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. Once a week is often enough to pick in ordinary warm, dry weather, but every four days is not too often in hot, wet weather.

Grain for Dairy Cows. Where corn is not available, other home grown grains may be fed to dairy cows, according to dairy specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. Barley, wheat, and rye are almost equal to corn in feeding value, but wheat and rye must be limited in the proportion included in the grain mixture.

Spray Tomato Plants. As a control for early blight, late blight, or Septoria blight of tomatoes spray with a 4-2-50 bordeaux mixture, recommend plant pathologists of the Pennsylvania State College. All three blights may cause serious loss of leaves from tomato plants, especially in wet weather.

Prevent Fruit Waste. One way to prevent waste of the short fruit crop is to reduce premature dropping by applying the so-called hormone sprays, remind Penn State fruit specialists. The materials are used according to manufacturer's directions.

New Barley Used. Wong is a comparatively new winter barley of great promise for Pennsylvania. Agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College say that it grows on good soil without lodging but suffers some winter injury. It is the best yielder of the winter barleys.

Pullets on Pasture. Early hatched pullets which are starting to lay may be kept on range if the pasture is good. Penn State poultry specialists say that some laying mash will be saved.

DO YOU KNOW? There have been 700,000 different insects in the world named and described—but it is believed the number not yet brought to light exceeds those already known.

The carrot, that popular and nutritious vegetable, is trying to live down its heritage, for it originated from the wild carrot, better known as Queen Ann's lace, one of the pestiest weeds gardeners know.

WHEAT. A total of 400,000 bushels of old wheat were being held in interior mills, elevators, and warehouses in Pennsylvania as of July 1, according to a recent survey by the State Department of Agriculture. This compares with 380,000 bushels of old wheat on hand at the same time last year and shows a considerable increase over the 220,000 bushel average for the years 1935-1941.

Family Labors Daytime in Plant And Farms Nights

Termed 'Most Outstanding War Workers in the United States.'

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The almost superhuman performance of four members of one family—three brothers and their sister—who toil six days a week in a war plant and operate a fully stocked 100-acre farm by night, was disclosed here, the Chicago Tribune says, when their employer termed them "the most outstanding war workers in the United States."

The round-the-clock workers are Mary Pucek, 21 years old, and her brothers, Steve Pucek, 17; John, 23, and Joe, 26. They are employed at the Grede Foundries company, 6432 West State street, where the personnel manager, James Murdoch, said: "There may be another family like them, efficiently carrying out two very important operations for the war effort, but we doubt it. We are mighty proud of them."

Gets \$135 a Week. All of the men are molders, and Steve, the youngest, who earns \$135 a week, is considered one of the best molders the foundry ever has employed. Mary is a grinder but Murdoch said he is planning to have her become a molder. She will operate a 35 pound ladle instead of the 65 pounders the men use.

Mary and Steve and John live on the home farm near Sussex, Wis., 19 miles from here. Joe, who is married, lives at nearby Menominee Falls, but he helps out on the farm during the busy season.

An account of the night work on the farm was given by John in an interview at the war plant. Before coming to work each day and when they get home at night, he and the others milk a herd of 37 cows. They are also raising 17 hogs, to augment the meat supply.

"It's a hard pull," he declared, "but we are heart and soul in the war effort. The farming has to be done at night and in early morning. Our lighted tractor enables us to plow and do the heavy hauling at night."

Are Early Risers. "We get up at four o'clock in the morning and get the milking out of the way by 6:30. Then I have breakfast and walk down to the gate to wait for a friend, Allen Schroeder, who has a C card, to drive me to the plant in Milwaukee. I have an A card, so I use my own car only once in a while for necessary driving from the farm to Sussex.

"My sister does all the housework and prepares the meals in addition to working here. My father, Adam, is not well, so he can't give us much help around the farm. Mary and the other boys and I work here six days a week, eight hours a day.

"On the farm we grow beets, corn, oats, hay, peas and potatoes. The peas are sent to the cannery. This year we will raise 22 acres of corn and three acres of peas. In addition we will have three acres of beets and one acre of potatoes.

"All of this work will have to be done at night but somehow we will manage it. "We are of Slavonian descent and we went to this farm about 17 years ago. We think we will be able to keep up the farm and our jobs here and feel that we have to. My married brother will come out at the busy time and give us a hand."

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—Here's a thief who knows his ration book, even if he doesn't know the Golden Rule.

When John Overton, a cafe operator, joined his establishment for the day's business, these items were missing:

Ten pounds of coffee. Ten pounds of sugar. Nine cans of evaporated milk. Four cans of tomatoes. Five pounds of meat. The burglar ignored \$5 worth of nickels and then added insult to injury. Along with the loot went Overton's alarm clock.

Scotland's Heather Used As Timber Substitute

LONDON.—Scotland's vast acreage of lovely but hitherto useless heather is being turned into a new timber substitute.

The plant is dried and pulverized into fine, threadlike pieces. After being beaten into a paste the mixture is molded, after which it is sawed, drilled, planed and finished like wood by polishing and staining.

It is reported that the material is immune from wood pests, and is waterproof, fireproof and acidproof. It can be made in slab form or molded to any desired shape.

Reports Theft of Victory Garden, Dirt and All

COVINGTON, KY.—Stolen: One victory garden, dirt and all. That's what T. M. Duncan reported to police.

He planted the plot two weeks ago, he said, and went there to "see how things were coming along." But he found no garden. There was only a hole in the ground. Someone, apparently in need of loose dirt, had hauled it all away.

Invest ten per cent or better of your pay check in bonds and stamps.

THIS COMMUNITY HAS A SPECIAL WAR JOB

THIS COMMUNITY is on the spot! We are in a pulpwood growing section and there is now a pulpwood shortage. The country needs vast quantities of pulpwood for explosives, rayon parachutes, gas mask filters, shipping containers and a thousand other uses — yet some of the mills that make these things are actually shutting down for lack of wood.

This is a desperate situation—a war emergency. Something must be done QUICKLY! And only we who live in the pulpwood cutting areas can do anything about it. This is OUR responsibility.

How the problem can be solved

Mr. Donald M. Nelson, Chairman of the War Production Board, gave the key to the solution in the following statement:

"If every one of the more than 3,800,000 farmers in the 27 pulpwood producing states were to devote 3 EXTRA days in 1943 to cutting pulpwood, we could overcome the threatened 2,500,000 cord shortage with wood to spare."

Will you enlist for 3 EXTRA days?

If you are now cutting pulpwood part time; if you have cut it in the past; or if you have never cut it but know how to use an axe and saw, will you pledge 3 EXTRA days (at regular pay) to meet Mr. Nelson's challenge?

Fill in the coupon. Mail it to this newspaper and you will receive the pledge badge which identifies you as a Victory Pulpwood Cutter.

This is a war emergency.

SEND FOR THIS BADGE TODAY



CHAIRMAN, NEWSPAPER PULPWOOD CAMPAIGN Union Press-Courier, Patton, Pa.

I pledge myself to work at least 3 EXTRA days during the balance of 1943 cutting pulpwood. Please send me the campaign badge which this pledge entitles me to wear.

Name

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BANNER YEAR FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION WORK

Unless adverse weather conditions should greatly reduce crop yields, a banner year is in prospect for official inspections of fruit and vegetables for canning and for fresh shipment to market, according to D. M. James, of the Division of Fruits and Vegetables in the Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Although the peak of this work is not reached until September and October, advance requests for the services of state inspectors indicate that this may be the heaviest year since the service was started in Pennsylvania twenty years ago.

While production of most fruit crops is moderately light this year, the increased demand for inspectors is largely due to the added acreages devoted to growing vegetables for commercial canning, James pointed out. Large percentages of the increases will go to the armed forces and to Lend Lease shipments and strict inspection is required for condition and quality of the pack. Inspectors are prepared to handle larger quantities of corn, tomatoes, apples, peas, and grapes for canning.

In addition to the canning work, the bulk of fresh shipments of apples, peaches, and grapes are certified as to grade and condition by licensed inspectors of the state and federal departments of agriculture. Inspection work this year will be carried on in Adams, Cumberland, York, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Bucks, Philadelphia, Erie, Mountour, Columbia, Blair Mifflin, Huntingdon and Juniata counties.

Last year approximately 350 million pounds of canning crops and 3,000 car loads of fresh produce for shipment were handled by state inspectors.

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STUDIES SHOULD CREATE INTEREST, DR. HILL SAYS

Advocating mass education in the post-war world, Dr. Henry M. Hill of Pittsburgh, advised schoolmen in conference at the Pennsylvania State College to teach subjects that will create desire for more study and for better living.

Dr. Hill, who is superintendent of the Pittsburgh schools, said he was sick to the death of "dehydrated stuff"—and suggested that even history is unimportant unless it teaches the individual to think.

"The important thing," he explained, "is to incite in our children an appreciation of people, movement and color. What good are dates," he asked, "if our children do not learn to love and appreciate the events connected with those dates?"

SOLDIERS REHABILITATE

Hundreds of wounded Pennsylvania soldiers, now completing periods of convalescence in the great military general hospitals at Valley Forge and Butler, are to be sent back into civilian life and given employment in private industry, according to reports reaching the Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

LIST RULES FOR THE CARE OF SHOES

An admonition to "save your shoes" has been issued by the Prison Labor Division of the Department of Welfare to all institutions using prison-made shoes.

"We feel," says the notice, "that our customers should be told what to expect regarding the present and future shoe situation over which we have no control. The materials now being used are not of the same quality as usual because the army and navy are requiring the better materials."

The suggestions given the institutions regarding shoe care might well

be observed by the general public, said Miss S. M. R. O'Hara, Secretary of Welfare. They are:

(1) "All shoes to be cleaned and polished three times a week. This will keep the thread from rotting and help preserve the leather. This is essential in farm shoes as well as work or dress shoes.

(2) "Have all shoes inspected once a week and collect all shoes that need repairing. Do not permit shoes to be worn until the inner soles and uppers are worn through. Shoes worn in this manner cannot properly be repaired.

(3) "Insist that all low shoes are put on with a shoe horn. We have seen hundreds of pairs of shoes that

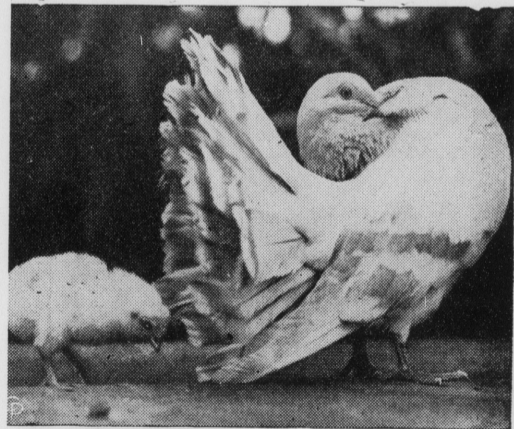
had to be discarded long before they were worn out because a shoe horn was not used. Shoe horns may be improvised from card board.

(4) "Don't permit the shoes to be cut in any manner. Make sure that the shoes are the right size in the first place and cutting will not be necessary.

(5) "If shoes become wet, fill with paper and put in a warm place and allow them to dry slowly. Under no conditions should shoes that are wet be placed on a radiator, as this will burn the leather.

(6) "Make sure that you are buying the correct shoes for the purpose they are to be used. This should be checked carefully."

YES SIR, THAT'S MY BABY!



A FANTAIL PIGEON pouts with maternal pride over feat of hatching out a hen's egg at Miami, Fla. The mystery of the affair is how the hen's egg got into the pigeon's nest, but the chick wasn't worried. He'll find out soon that he isn't a pigeon. (International)

Crawling 'Champ'



THE ANNUAL crawling race for tots held at Pallsades Park, N. J., was won by 11-months-old John Donaruma of Cliffside Park, N. J. The babies, dressed only in diapers, had to "race" down a 100-foot course. The crowned winner stands behind the trophy. (International)



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