

FARM TOPICS

Order Fertilizer Early—Most manufacturers are well stocked with fertilizer, but early ordering or hauling direct from the factory, are made urgent by limited transportation facilities and labor shortage. Farmers should act now or run the risk of possible disappointment later during fall seeding.

Get Rid of Fleas—Fleas carried indoors—as they frequently are by cats and dogs—can be controlled by using rotenone dust on the animals, and paradichlorobenzene crystals on the floors following a good cleaning with the vacuum cleaner, informs John O. Pepper, extension entomologist at the Pennsylvania State College.

Watch Gas in Silo—Because carbon dioxide gas forming from fermentation processes in silos can be fatal, R. H. Olmstead, extension dairy specialist at the Pennsylvania State College, advises farmers to keep silo doors open on a level with their work, and to apply lantern test before entering during filling season.

Prevent Tuber Rots—Vine-killing herbicides help prevent losses from tuber rots if applied to potato plants infected with late blight, but should be used only after potatoes attain desired size.

Treat Barley Seed—All barley seed not known to be completely free of loose and covered smut, and stripe should be treated with New Improved Ceresan.

Start Woods Work—Start the fall timber operations on pines and hemlocks since they check less readily than the hardwoods.

Let Peaches Ripen—Peaches fully ripened are larger, of better quality, and sweeter—an important item now when canning sugar is scarce, informs J. L. Mecartney, extension fruit specialist at the Pennsylvania State College. He suggests picking yellow varieties when the fruit has changed to a light greenish-yellow, with up to 25 per cent blush.

Clean Laying House—Before removing the new crop of pullets from range to laying house give the quarters a thorough cleaning and make all necessary repairs.

Tip Raspberry Plants—From 5 to 20 new plants can be developed from a single hill of black raspberries and most varieties of purple raspberries through "tipping down". These plants can be propagated most easily at this time of year.

Dust Late Beans—A second generation of Mexican bean beetles is now appearing, and to save late snap and lima beans from possible heavy damage dust them with one-half per cent rotenone.

All Right for Ice Cream—Skim milk powder dissolved in either milk or water gives satisfactory body and texture to homemade ice cream and is less expensive than evaporated or condensed milk.

JAMS CAN BE EASY ON SUGAR!



—Photo Courtesy Ball Brothers Co.

Beautiful but dumb—that's strawberries! Take away their glorious coloring and what have you? Nothing much but dull, uninteresting lumps, incapable of self support! Strawberries demand sugar just as if it were not rationed

and insist upon most of it being granulated. When going into jams or preserves, they will tolerate the substitution of corn sirup or corn sugar for about one-third of the regular sugar called for in the recipe.

These pampered pets of the garden can't stand up and jell without the aid of sugar and pectin. Some of them need lemon juice too. They will not behave right when canned, unless granted more sugar than any other berry wants; then after they get it, they must be patted along or they fade, flatten, and float.

According to Gladys Kimbrough, Home Service Director for Ball Brothers Company, glass jar company with headquarters at Muncie, Indiana, "Tart strawberries with small core and deep red color throughout are less popular with the general public than the sweet, feather-weight ones, but are far the better for canning and preserving."

Miss Kimbrough advises home canners to forget about preserves for the duration or until sugar is more plentiful and make up a con-

siderable amount of jam. Jams are easy on sugar. A good one can be made by using one-half pound sugar and one-third pound of corn sirup to each pound of capped berries. Jams need to be cooked a little longer when corn sirup is used. They should be cooked in small batches and stirred often.

Berries Without Sugar
When one runs out of sugar, berries (any kind) may be cleaned, crushed and stewed in their own juice until thick, then canned by processing 10 minutes in a hot-water bath canner. Strawberries, prepared in this manner have an ugly color but will brighten up to some extent later on when sugar is added and the mixture boiled down to Victory jam thickness—meaning not quite so thick as usual. Two cups of sugar are needed for making one quart of crushed berries into jam.

Here is a helpful hint. A spoon or two of juice from those beets you canned won't change the flavor but will help the color of jam made from canned strawberries.

Blueberries, huckleberries, blackberries, dewberries, elderberries and many others are far more useful than strawberries and can be beautifully without one speck of sugar. Most of them can best when heated slowly until the juice runs free before they are turned into jars for processing, but blueberries, especially if they are to be used in muffins and the like, are nicer when canned by a recipe we found in the Ball Blue Book.

Place two or three quarts clean blueberries in a square of cheesecloth. Hold the cloth by the corners and dip into boiling water until spots appear. Then dip quickly in and out of cold water. Pack into hot jars. (Add neither sugar nor liquid.) Process 20 minutes in hot-water bath.

Wild blackberries have always been a favorite with home canners but the equally useful elderberry is likely to be left to the birds. That when elderberry pie is so wonderful! Good cooks usually touch it up with a spoonful of lemon juice or vinegar.

We like elderberries and most others best when canned with some sugar but sugar shortages certainly won't stop us if we can beat the birds to the berries.

Pre-Season Training

Lehman Township Football squad is undergoing pre-season football training at Patterson Grove Camp Ground under the direction of Coach Donald Dodson.

Grange Meeting

The regular meeting of Mountain Grange will be held Monday evening, August 27, at the hall in Carverton. All members are urged to attend.

Enlists In Navy

Joseph Skopic of Lehman has enlisted in the Navy for three years and is now taking his boot training at Sampson, N.Y.

Centermoreland

Mrs. Stacy Schoonover and daughter of Kunkle were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schoonover.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Buckley's daughter of Maryland spent a few days with them last week.

Sgt. and Mrs. E. E. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Robbins on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Troaster were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Troaster.

Glenn son of Mr. and Mrs. Al-

bert Nulton was operated on for appendicitis Sunday night.

Local Districts Get State Funds

G. Harold Wagner, Auditor General, has approved payments totaling \$14,619.14 to four Luzerne County school districts. The funds are paid from appropriations authorized by the Legislature.

The school districts receiving the payments, the amount each will receive, and the purpose for which it is to be used, follows:

Lehman Township, \$8,000, transportation reimbursement; Denison Township, \$732.94, high school tuition; Hunlock Township, \$2,984.46, high school tuition; Jackson Township, \$2,901.74, high school tuition.

Corn Feeds Scarce

Local feed dealers are experiencing difficulty obtaining all types of feeds containing corn. The shortage is attributed to poor corn crops in the West which are causing farmers to hold on to their surpluses which are usually put on the market at this time of year.

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FLOOR WAX STAR BRAND pt. 21c qt. 35c

ARGO STARCH 1 lb. pkg. 9c

Nabisco Saltines pkg. 11c

Nabisco Shredded Wheat pkg. 11c

CRISCO 1 lb. jar 26c | 3 lb. jar 71c

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DUZ med. pkg. 10c | lg. pkg. 23c

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