# "FARM AND HOME"

***Our Weekly Digest Of Timely Topics Which Will Be Found Interesting And Instructive***

## *Successful Pea Culture Result Of Many Factors*

Fertility of the soil, rotation, inoculation, time of planting, and lime are all important factors in growing peas successfully for canning purposes, according to Herman A. Hunter, canning crops specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service. He points out that as fixed costs for seed and fertilizer may vary but little from one year to the next, the greatest hope that the average farmer has of making a profit is to increase his yield per acre. This means the following of better practices.

Included in these practices is planting the seed early, says Mr. Hunter. He emphasizes that as the planting season may be delayed this year because of the severe winter it is more important than ever that the land be prepared and the peas planted just as soon as weather and soil conditions will permit. This usually means from March 1st to 15th on the Eastern Shore and about two weeks later on the Western Shore.

It is important to use well drained and fertile soil and to see that the fertility is kept up through proper fertilizer. Five to six hundred pounds to the acre, broadcast, of a 4-8-5 or 6-6-5 analysis fertilizer will be found beneficial in maintaining fertility. Lime should be applied if needed although peas do well in a slightly acid soil.

Peas should not be planted on the same land oftener than once in four years and they should be inoculated before planting. On the other hand, tests in the state have shown that peas do very well if they follow tomatoes or other cultivated crops.

Anyone interested in more information regarding pea culture should write his county agent or the University of Maryland Extension Service at College Park. In addition, county agents are in position to test land for lime requirements.

## *Many Fertilizer Grades*

Sales reports for 1935 show that nearly half the three and a half millions of tons of commercial fertilizer sold was of five popular grades. Despite this fact more than a thousand grades were offered the farmer to choose from. Since incidental costs are about the same whether 10 or 10,000 tons are sold it is suggested by the Department of Agriculture that farmers and manufacturers unite in selecting a dozen or so grades which would fill all soil needs. Thus the manufacturer could produce tonnage instead of grades and sell for less.

## *Soybeans Make Soft Pork*

No matter whether you raise a single pig for pork or a hundred porkers for market don't feed them rations containing more than five per cent soybeans. More than that amount in fattening rations, according to the Iowa state experiment station, will cause soft pork. Larger proportions are sometimes fed, partially because such feed is cheap.

## *Begin Lawn Care Now*

Spring is still around the corner but some folks have already turned their attention to their lawns because early care, before the final spring thaw, is repaid with the finest lawns later in the year. Some lawns fail because their soils become acid, a condition not at all favorable to turf grasses. Such soils are poor in nitrogen supplying power and fail to absorb water readily especially during dry seasons. Lime is the cheapest as well as the best corective for this condition. Under average conditions 50 pounds of finely ground limestone is sufficient for each 1,000 square feet of ground. Winter and spring are the best times for this treatment because freezing and thawing aid lime penetration of the soil.

## *Better And Fewer Steaks*

Less beef will be marketed during the first few months of 1936 than during the same period of 1935. But according to the Bureau of Economics the steaks the consumers do get will be of much better quality. Although the number of fattening cattle on the feed lots on the first of the year was below the five-year average, feed-lot operations had increased 25 per cent and more in the corn belt states.

## *Delaware Livestock Increases*

Increased valuation for five species of Delaware livestock during 1935, including horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, and mules which increased in value from $4,348,000 on January 1, 1935 to $5,512,000 on January 1, 1936, was reported by J. A. Ewing, Federal Statistician for Delaware, with offices in College Park, Md.

According to Ewing's report, there was no increase in the number of sheep, horses, cattle, or mules in Delaware, but hog numbers increased during the year from 26,000 to 27,000 head. The report also showed that the value of the same species of livestock for the entire country increased from $3,250,085,000 on January 1, 1935, to $4,885,302,000 on January 1, 1936.

# GIVES POINTERS ON FEEDING OF CALVES

### High Prices on Good Cows Puts New Value on Growing Profitable Heifers.

Losing calves or stunting their growth takes on a far more serious air today than it did a few years ago. Good milk cows can only be developed from thrifty growing heifers and today's higher prices for good cows has automatically put more interest and care into raising heifer calves.

In line with the trend of the times, W. R. Arends, well-known dairy authority of the Purina Mills, says, "It has long been known that vitamin A and D are extremely essential in the ration for raising the right kind of heifer. Now with the recent discovery of concentrated vitamin A, calf raising has become less hazardous. This concentrated vitamin A is being passed along to dairymen by the Purina Research Farm in the form of a new ingredient called Pur-a-tene, added to every sack of Purina calf feed.

**First Feed Should Be Milk**

In making, feeding recommendations for the first few days of a calf's life, Arends says that the first food should be calf's own mother's colostrum milk. This milk is laxative and performs the job of setting the digestive system in motion. If it is felt necessary to take the calf from its mother before nursing, and if the milk is fit, Arends advises milking the cow and feeding the calf by hand. He says a bottle and nipple may be necessary although many dairymen teach the calf to drink from a pail the first feeding. If for reason of disease, the mother's milk cannot be used, milk from a cow that's in the first part of her lactation period should be fed.

"Nature has taught the calf to look up for its milk," according to Arends, "yet when the dairyman teaches it to drink he expects the calf to hold its head down. Remember, the calf must be taught every step of the way. The earlier the calf is started, the easier it will be."

**Overfeeding Milk Is Dangerous**

Another condition Arends points to is that the baby calf has a very delicate digestive system and overloading it with milk is almost sure to bring trouble. He advises starting with

about three pounds of milk daily for small breeds, and about four pounds daily for the larger breeds; gradually increasing the milk up to 8 pounds daily by the last day of the week for heavier breeds and 7 per day for the smaller breeds. Along with the milk the calf should be taught to eat dry feed as quickly as possible.

**Easy Way to Get Calves Eating**

"When the calf is but 4 days old, it should get its first solid food," says Arends. "Calf Chow in checker form is the easiest and safest dry feed on which to start the calf. A few checkers should be placed in the calf's mouth directly after feeding it milk. With checkers and a grain ration in a trough before the calf at all times, it will soon get the habit of taking feed as it needs it. Fresh, clean water and good alfalfa hay should be available at all times. On this kind of feeding, it won't be long until the calf is well on its way to a profitable first-calf heifer."

"If interested, more information can be obtained on raising calves from the latest Purina dairy bulletin, available from all feed stores handling Purina feeds."

## *Maryland Musings*

There seems to be considerable trunk injury to fruit trees from last year's cold and sunscald effects, according to Albert F. Vierheller, horticulturist for the University of Maryland Extension Service. The bark of these trees shows large cracks or curled portions.

The best treatment, he says, is to cut away the loose bark, back to live tissue, and then to use some large-headed short nails or bill poster's tacks to hold the edges and prevent them from further curling back. The exposed wood may be painted with common white lead paint or grafting wax. It should be remembered that if the wood is painted the paint should not go over the live edges of the bark. If the trunk is very badly injured, it may be worth while to bridge graft in order to save the trees.

The largest American beech tree located in the State of Maryland, according to Walter W. Simonds, forester for the University of Maryland Extension Service, is growing on the property of a Miss Cox near Kirkham, Talbot county. This tree is said to be 84 feet in height and to have a spread of 106 feet. The circumference, four and one half feet above the ground, is eleven feet six inches.

# POULTRY

## KEEPING POULTRY HEALTHY ADVISED

### Vital Points Suggested by an Authority.

By Roy S. Dearstyne, Poultry Department, North Carolina State College. WNU Service.

Keeping the flock healthy is one of the vital points in a successful poultry business. As a means for protecting the health of laying birds, the following suggestions are given:

Provide dry, open front, inexpensive houses that will be free from drafts in cold weather.

When possible, put wood or concrete floors in permanent laying houses.

Place the roost poles level, with a screen beneath so the birds will not have access to the droppings.

Clean the dropping boards at least once a week. Clean the houses as often as the litter becomes dirty.

For all flocks of 25 or more birds provide yards, allowing one acre for 300 to 350 laying birds.

Have two yards, if possible, so the birds can be changed occasionally from one yard to another.

Treat birds for parasites, both internal and external, whenever they are present. But do not deworm hens while they are laying.

Take precautions to protect growing stock against internal parasites and disease, especially coccidosis, or bacillary white diarrhea.

## Wild Turkeys Are Being Produced for Illinois

An experiment to raise wild turkeys in a domestic manner is being tried by the Illinois department of conservation for restocking areas in the state suitable to wild turkeys. Breeding birds with a wild strain were obtained in 1930 from Garnard K. Leach of Kirkwood, who has been experimenting with the breeding of wild turkeys for nine years on a farm near Lesterville, Mo.

Young hens from broods of wild turkeys were domesticated in pens until mature. During the mating season, their wings were clipped and they were placed in pens in woods accessible to wild gobblers. Mating was successful and Leach now has the fourth generation of these crosses. They show the markings and wary characteristics of the real wild turkey, Leach said.

For continuation of the experiment this year the conservation department of Illinois has 150 birds. When they breed in sufficient number they will be released.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

## Lanterns Guard Turkeys

Western sheepmen often place lighted lanterns on poles at night near their flocks to keep coyotes away. Many turkey raisers in the Great Plains follow the same plan to protect their birds. Coyotes usually are less daring when they see a light. To get them on "clean" ground, farmers often raise turkeys at some distance from the farm home. Such flocks are more likely to be attacked by coyotes—especially when they roost outdoors. "Coyotes are naturally afraid of anything that is unusual," says the bureau of biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. "Tin cans tied together on a pole and rattling in the wind also frighten them, but once accustomed to such devices they are likely to begin their depredations."

## Egg Auctions

Pennsylvania is a great state for auction selling. Four years ago poultrymen around Doylestown, Pa., tried an egg auction. The idea has since spread into Montgomery, Lancaster, Butler, Chester and Northampton counties. Eggs and poultry worth more than $1,000,000 were sold during the first six months of 1935. Farmers get about ten cents more a dozen for their eggs, buyers have a more regular supply, and consumers get better eggs for breakfast, as the auction method puts a premium on quality . . . New Jersey is credited with being the first state to try egg auctions, the first one having been held at Flemington. Many eggs shipped by Pacific coast producers are sold by auction in the big New York market.—The Country Home.

## Alfalfa Good for Birds

Under natural conditions, hens only lay during the season of green feed. But we have changed their laying habits, and get nearly one-half our production during the time when green feed is not available outside. Some substitute must be provided if we are to maintain the highest production throughout the winter, as well as to keep the flock vigorous and healthy. In the midwest, the regular use of alfalfa is the answer, says Wallaces' Farmer.

## Drinking Fountains

In cold weather, the drinking fountains must be kept from freezing. One way is insulating them with several thicknesses of flexible insulation on the top and around the sides down almost to the water in the pan, fastening with wires twisted fairly tight or by sticking with emulsified asphalt or roofing cement. If the insulated container is filled with hot water, it will stand severe cold for several hours without freezing.—Wisconsin Agriculturist.

# Beer Distributor Expects Big Year

### Demand For Valley Forge Beer And Rams Head Ale Far Ahead For 1936

"Quality is the best policy," says John M. Sentman, distributor for Adam Scheidt Brewing Company's Valley Forge Beer and Rams Head Ale in this territory, "and quality has been the keynote at the Adam Scheidt Brewery since it was established in 1854. And the powerful, consistent Scheidt advertising tells this "Quality" story in a most convincing manner. This, in my opinion, accounts for the increase in the demand for these fine brews in this territory. Today with a brewery which covers twelve acres, equipped with the most modern brewing equipment, and with the greatest output in their 82 years' history, these high standards for quality are never relaxed but, if anything, are more exacting than ever before."

Only the finest malts, the choicest of imported and domestic hops and a special yeast culture are used. Added to this is the fact that the brewery is built around four artesian wells that tap mineral springs, 800 feet underground, for water identical in its mineral content, with the famous brewing waters of Europe. "Buy the very best—regardless of cost," is a standing order at the Scheidt Brewery. "Follow the brewing formulas that experience has proved will produce the finest flavor brightnes sand quality," is another rule that must never be broken. And the modern Scheidt Laboratory makes certain of the quality of the ingredients and the perfection of the brewing.

Then, months of ageing in the dark, cold cellars—millions of gallons of beer in the beer cellars, other millions of gallons of ale in the ale cellars—following Nature's slow processes, but watched and checked, day by day, until the tests show that the brews are ready for delivery.

Quality, flavor, brightness—they are always and invariably the highest in Valley Forge Beer, known as "The Pilsener of America," and in Rams Head Ale, "The Aristocrat of Ales."

Stocks of wheat in mills and elevators in Maryland are estimated at 1,300,000 bushels, according to Crop Reporting Service for this state. This compares with 450,000 bushels for the same time a year ago.

## *Resolutions of Respect*

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in memory of Mrs. Caroline Kettell McNeal, who passed from life on February 22, 1936, reports the following:

That, in the passing from life of Mrs. McNeal, the Woman's Club of Elkton has suffered the loss of a highly esteemed member of the Club. Although prevented, since failing health, from participation in its activities, she ever manifested a loyal interest in its affairs. But the chief impress which she has left with us, and all those who knew her, was her deep Christian faith and beautiful character, exemplified through her fine qualities of mind and heart. A devoted and beloved Mother and Sister, her gentleness, patience, cheerfulness and innate kindliness, and her strong conscientious sense, are a lasting memory of an exemplary life.

That a copy of this tribute be sent to her family; to the press; and that it be spread upon the minutes of the Club.

Adelaide F. Evans
S. Corinne Jamar
Matilda D. Dixon
Committee.

John Baylor, Solicitor

**Order Nisi**

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In Equity, No. 4580

ORDERED, This 29th day of February 1936 that the report of Henry L. Constable, Auditor, mentioned in these proceedings, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 27th day of March next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Cecil County once in each of two successive weeks before the 13th day of March next.

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## Blindman's Buff

By MICHAEL SAUNDERS

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THE landlady stealthily hid behind the staircase as Peter slowly descended the steps, his ever-tapping cane guiding his way. Her small eyes, sunk deep in her fleshy face, shone with avarice as she waited breathlessly. She knew that her blind tenant was going out on his nightly rounds to beg, that somewhere hidden in his room lay a tin box filled with money—the result of begging for alms. She knew, because he had once hinted at such a box, but she had not questioned him further about it.

She had given the box of money a great deal of thought. What would he want with all that money? He couldn't use it; he was used to living on next to nothing. But a normal person, one who could see and enjoy the advantages that money could bring—

Peter had reached the bottom of the stairs. He adjusted his black glasses more firmly over his sightless eyes. Cocking his head to one side, he listened with those keen ears of his and then slowly went out into the night.

The landlady quickly emerged from her hiding place and ran up the stairs. With her pass key she opened his door and entered, carefully locking it behind her. Cautiously she turned on the switch and proceeded with her systematic search. First the closet, then the drawer of the bureau, next the furniture, and finally the bed. Nothing! She bit her lips in anger and frustration. Was the box of money merely a hoax, the imagination of her tenant?

She was about ready to give up all hope when her sharp eyes lighted on the small carpet on the floor. Her hawklike gaze noted that the wrinkles on the rug suggested that recently it had been moved. Hastily she pulled the carpet to one side and discovered that one of the floor boards was movable. Grasping the board and pulling it upward, she gazed into the cavity and her eyes rested on a tin box. There wasn't even a lock on it! She gasped in triumph.

With an excited sob she opened the box. Greenbacks all of them, filling the container! Tens, hundreds of large bills! Evidently he had a habit of converting his silver into bills of large denominations so that the money would fit conveniently into the box. She snapped the lid down and made for the door, then suddenly she stopped dead in her tracks. The sounds which she had not heard before because of her excitement she heard now—too clearly and too near!

Tap, tap, tap. Then the sounds stopped. He was at the door. She was trapped.

She hastily turned off the lights just as the door was opening. Silently she hid in the farthest corner of the room.

Darkness shrouded her as she waited fearfully. Peter crossed the threshold, his form outlined against the light streaming in from the corridor. Softly he shut the door behind him. As he walked toward the window he stumbled over the board which the landlady had forgotten to replace. Peter halted. He bent down and felt the slab of wood. The landlady studied him warily as she mentally cursed her own negligence.

Then things happened swiftly.

Peter straightened and leaped with catlike agility to the door. He was locking it. The landlady almost gasped aloud. Her heart pounded like the beat of a drum.

Snap! Peter had turned on the lights and the room was drenched with a clear yellow light. The landlady only partly suppressed her despairing sob by putting her hand over her mouth. Her eyes dilated with terror as she crouched fully exposed in the corner.

A terrible thought had entered her mind. Why did he turn on the lights? He was blind—or was he blind?

He was turning in her direction. Those black glasses of his seemed to gape at her. What lay behind that black film of glass? Her eyes bulged from their sockets; cold clammy sweat broke out all over her body.

"Give me back my money," she heard him say. The words were uttered softly, knowingly.

"Didn't you hear me?" she heard him thunder threateningly. "Give me back my money!"

There was a long and awful silence as they faced each other. The landlady held her breath; the room seemed to sway before her eyes. Her heart and mind were beginning to crack under the strain. And then like a stroke of vengeance and justice, it happened.

With a sudden motion Peter swept off his black glasses and pointed a long, bony finger at her.

"Did you think I was blind?" he said with sarcasm, his eyes reflecting the yellow light of the electric bulbs.

He wasn't blind! It was the last thought which burned across her mind, for she slumped to the floor, a victim of avarice and shock. He stumbled over a chair in his path. Blindly he groped for his cane and then lifted himself with its aid.

If he could only see, as he had made her believe he could, he wouldn't have to fumble so for the bills that had fallen out of the tin box.

**Food of Kangaroos**

The food of kangaroos is wholly vegetable. The larger species graze together like cattle. The family contains a wide variety of forms and sizes, including the wallabies and rock kangaroos, and the tree-climbing, or rat, kangaroos.

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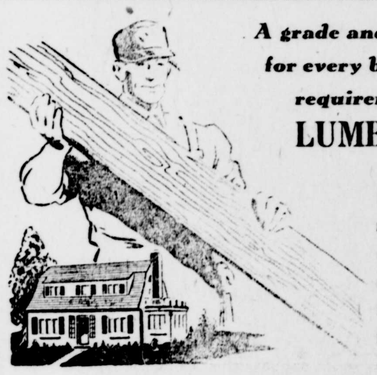

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