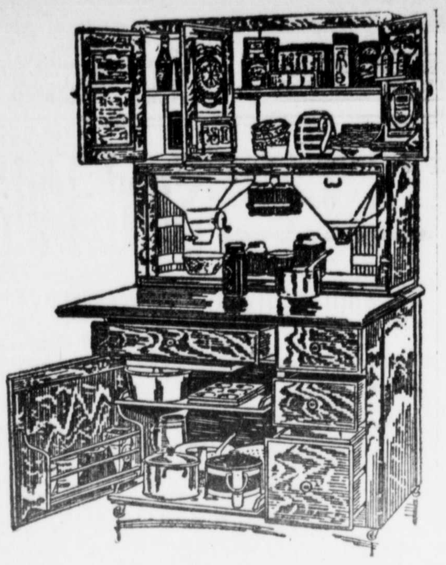

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BREEDERS ASSOCIATIONS IN EVERY DAIRY COMMUNITY

How To Organize And Some Of The Benefits Resulting.

F. B. BOMBERGER,
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The purpose of Community Organization for breeders of dairy cattle is to secure the co-operation of the various breeders of a community in the production and improvement of high grade pure-bred dairy cattle and in establishing a reputation for the community as a breeding center. The advantages of this plan are: concentrated attention along definite lines; co-operation of the breeders in establishing high standards for the community and encouragement for the owners of several herds to produce a distinct type and to supply a large number of such animals to meet the demand created by co-operative advertising. Through the meetings of the organization its members are kept informed of the progress in all that pertains to their work. Through co-operation they may secure protection against fraud and contagious diseases and may secure many advantages not available to the individual breeder. Breeders' associations can secure official test for advanced registry at less cost than where such associations do not exist.

Some Business Advantages.

Advantages in buying and selling are secured through co-operative advertising; through the purchase of best breeding males for use in several herds and through co-operation in purchasing and importing a number of choice animals. By exchanging animals the members may improve their herds with good blood without importing animals from a distance. The members may combine in selling to fill large orders for a distinct dairy type and thereby attract buyers from important dairy states. For instance, carloads of selected animals have been shipped from Wisconsin to many middle states, the Pacific Coast and even to Japan and Mexico as a result of such organization in that state.

The method of organization is for a leader in the community to call a meeting and get as many interested breeders as can be secured, this meeting to be addressed by a capable speaker on the value of such organization. A constitution and by-laws may be adopted and officers selected either at the initial meeting or at another meeting, as desired. Details of the organization may be varied according to local conditions. The co-operation of the College of Agriculture may be secured and wherever possible speakers will be furnished to address meetings held to organize such associations.

OBJECTIONS TO GROWING GRAIN CROPS IN THE YOUNG ORCHARD.

H. BECKENSTRATER,
Maryland Agricultural College.

Most of the grains make very objectionable companion crops in the orchard; in fact, many an orchard has been ruined by their use. While such crops, wheat, oats and the like, occupy the land, it can not be cultivated. They grow at a time when the trees need cultivation most and these crops at the same time consume large quantities of plant food and moisture, and have a strong tendency to make the land poor. There is no good reason why the above grains should ever be grown as a companion crop in the orchard.

Because of its great economic value and the many uses to which it can be put the orchardist is frequently tempted to plant corn in the orchard. Corn has not all the objectionable features that the other grains have. It requires cultivation, is planted later in the season and by the time it gets under way, the trees have completed a good share of their growth. If corn is used it should be kept a good distance away from the trees, the rows should be run north and south and it should be planted as late in the season as possible.

Hay should never be grown in a young orchard. It competes with the trees at every step. It robs them of moisture and plant food when the trees need them most. It provides excellent means for harboring insects and other pests. If hay must be grown, on the land occupied by the orchard, as some persist in doing, by all means cut down the trees and get them out of the way.

SPRING VETCH NOT SUCCESSFUL IN MARYLAND.

Owing to the high price of hairy vetch, many farmers are wondering if they can substitute spring vetch, thinking that this can be sown in the spring, as its name would imply.

Spring vetch is not suited to this State. It is an absolute failure.

None of the vetches grow well after our hot, muggy weather sets in in late spring and early summer. Spring vetch will not make enough growth to amount to much before the hot, muggy weather sets in, hence there is seldom enough growth made to pay for seeding it.

Spring vetch is also sometimes called common vetch and sown in the fall, but it is not as successful as hairy vetch when sown in the fall, and, in fact, is practically as much of a failure when sown at that time as when sown in the spring. — Nickolas Schmitz, Maryland Agricultural College Extension Service.

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Conference Program.

The following is the program for the annual session of the Maryland Conference which meets in West Baltimore M. P. Church on Wednesday, April 5:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1916.

9 A. M., devotional service, led by the president; president's annual report; roll call of the conference; memorial service; the memorial roll, called by T. O. Crouse.

Afternoon.—2 P.M., report of the secretary; report of Conference program committee; announcement of standing committees; election of officers: (1) president; (2) secretary; (3) steward for 1917; (4) treasurer for 1917; (5) standing district committee, three ministers, three laymen; (6) committee on appeals, three ministers, three laymen; recess at pleasure

Evening.—7.30 P. M., service of song, led by the Conference choir; 8 P. M., the Conference sermon, Rev. J. M. Holmes; Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

9 A. M., devotional service; reading of the minutes; roll call; roll call of charges for communications; roll call of special committees appointed last Conference; reports to be considered at the call of the Conference or in their regular order; submission of reports from boards, institutions, agents, societies; 10 A. M., roll call of pastors for annual reports; 10.30 A. M., the Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. F. C. Klein, secretary-treasurer; 10.45 A. M., the Board of Home Missions, Rev. C. H. Beck, secretary-treasurer; 11 A. M., the Board of Young People's Work, Rev. Harlan Feeman, secretary-treasurer; 11.30 A. M., the Anti-Saloon League, Rev. T. M. Hare, superintendent of Maryland; 12 M., recess.

Afternoon.—2 P. M., Conference session; incidental business; 2.15 P. M., the Board of Ministerial Education, Rev. G. R. Brown, secretary-treasurer; 2.30 P. M., the Boards of Publication, Rev. C. E. Wilbur, editor Sunday School periodicals; 3 P. M., the Woman's Boards, represented by their messengers: (1) The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; (2) the Woman's Home Missionary Society; (3) the Deaconess Board; recess at pleasure.

Evening—(Open).

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

9 A. M., devotional service; 9.30 A. M., reading of the minutes; roll call; reports of committees: (1) Pulpit supply; (2) itinerancy and orders; 10.30 A. M., literature and education; report of committee Western Maryland College, Rev. T. H. Lewis; Westminster Theological Seminary, Rev. H. L. Elderdice; the Methodist Protestant, Rev. F. T. Tagg; the Baltimore Book Concern, Mr. Charles Reiner; 12 M., recess.

Afternoon—2 P. M., conference session; report of committee on statistics, preliminary; the electoral college; 3 P. M., report of committee on president's report; recess at pleasure.

Evening—(Open).

SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

9 A. M., devotional service; 9.30 A. M., reading of the minutes; roll call; 10 A. M., the electoral college; 10.45 A.M., reports of committees: (1) moral reform; (2) missions; (3) itinerancy and orders, supplemental; reception of members in the conference; 12 M., recess.

Afternoon and evening—(No session).

SUNDAY, APRIL 9.

11 A. M., the ordination sermon, Rev. George Hines; ordination of elders.

MONDAY, APRIL 10.

9 A. M., devotional service; 9.30 A. M., reading of the minutes; roll call; reports of committees: (1) audit; (2) statistics, final; 10.15 A. M., the Mutual Relief Association; 10.45 A. M., report of the superannuate committee; the Superannuated Fund Society; 11.15 A. M., the electoral college; 12 M., recess.

Afternoon—2 P. M., business session; reports on committees: (1) the steward; (2) the treasurer; (3) Young People's Work; 3.30 P. M., the electoral college; miscellaneous matters; recess.

Evening—(Open).

TUESDAY, APRIL 11.

9 A. M., devotional service; 9.30 A. M., reading of the minutes; roll call; 10 A. M., reports of committees: (1) board of finance; (2) benevolent agences; (3) our Church Home; 11.30 A. M., report of superannuate committee, final consideration; 12 M., recess.

Afternoon—2 P. M., business session; reports of committees: (1) official relations; (2) church extension; the Church Extension Society; recess at pleasure.

Evening—7.30 P. M., service of song, unfinished business, reading of plane of appointments, and adjournment.

Remember This.

In discussing the merits of Senator Lodge's criticism of the national administration in his Lynn, Mass., speech, the Baltimore Sun says:

"When we come to look for the "injury" that the present Administration has done to the United States, even the Root microscope fails to bring any into view big enough to be classified as an interesting specimen. Four years ago the Republicans split in two because more than half of them confessed that after fifty years of rule they had made a serious mess of everything and were no longer to be trusted. Mr. Roosevelt's arraignment of the Republicans was much more violent and sweeping than Mr. Lodge's indictment of the Democrats. The latter says the Wilson Administration is only next to the worst we ever had. Mr. Roosevelt said the regular Republican organization, to which Mr. Lodge belongs, was the worst that ever came down our national pike. That is worth remembering when we estimate the value of the Lodge deliverance. How the country is worse off than in 1912 it would be difficult for Mr. Lodge to specify. We are enjoying unparalleled business prosperity, we are at peace with all the world, except Villa, in spite of Republican efforts to get us into trouble in Mexico and in Europe; and if that is a Buchanan administration the country will be mighty glad to have a second helping from the same dish."

ATTRACTIVE SURROUNDINGS FOR OUR FARM HOMES

Suggestions For Laying Out Grounds And Planting Attractive Shrubbery.

B. W. ANSPON,
Maryland Agricultural College.

Are you entirely satisfied with your home grounds? Have you envied your neighbor who had a well planted yard? If so now is the time to remedy that condition. As the growing season is rapidly drawing near we should have our plan prepared before planting time comes.

To prepare a plan is not a difficult task. In fact, it proves a very interesting one, when the various members of the family are consulted and their views are incorporated in the plan.

Take the measurements of the grounds and transfer them to a good piece of drawing paper. Locate on the plan all existing objects as house, buildings, fences, trees, walks, etc. This should be drawn to scale. If we use the scale one inch equals twenty feet every inch on the plan will represent twenty feet of the grounds.

With this plan before you it is a simple matter to view the whole area at a glance. Here one can only study the relation of one part to the other. Those plantings that have not pleased us can be changed, and so arranged that they will make more pleasing effects.

Where trees are too crowded this should be indicated on the plan. New groupings, changes in the walks, in fact any work that is to be done on the grounds should be indicated on this plan. Then we will have a clear record of the changes to be made. All the work does not have to be done at once. If limited funds are available a portion of the work can be done this spring, the rest later. Without a plan this would be impossible. No mind can carry a definite plan from one year to the next. We are prone to attempt details that are found in other gardens without considering the general arrangement, from which these details are taken. Consequently a poor garden is the result. Every garden should be a picture. One definite idea should be carried out; all other ideas should be subordinate to this main one.

Make Your Own Plan.

One should select the style of gardening one wishes to follow and adhere to that style.

For most conditions the informal style is best. In arranging our plan according to this style there are several general principles that should be considered.

1. Keep the centers open. This provides for a large expanse of lawn, which serves as a background upon which to make the picture by means of trees, shrubs and flowers.

2. Plant in masses. In this style we desire the effect of the mass rather than the individual plant.

3. Arrange the groups in irregular borders, not in straight lines. To unite the buildings with the grounds vines and foundation plantings of shrubs are useful. Thereby the angular lines of the foundations can be concealed.

Send to reliable nurserymen for their catalogues. From these select the plants wanted. Great pleasure can be derived from groupings of native plants. There are many native plants in this State that lend themselves to planting in the home grounds. Among these may be mentioned button-bush, flowering dogwood, arrowwood, fringe-tree, elders, alders, wild azalea, mountain laurel, oaks, pines, maples, hickories, tulip popular, sweet gum, black gum, etc.

With so many plants to select from that are perfectly hardy there is no reason why we should select tender plants. Frequently we see such plants that are tied up in straw and burlap during the winter to prevent their freezing.

SOYBEANS IN MARYLAND.

Of late a great deal of interest in soybeans has been manifested throughout Maryland. Soybeans are well adapted to practically all sections of Maryland, as far as climate is concerned, but thrive best on rich loam and clay soils. They will not grow as well as cowpeas on poor, sandy soils, but are far better than coypeas on stiff, clay soils. They will also stand poor drainage better than cowpeas will. In other words, in those sections where cowpeas do not grow well, soybeans will be far more satisfactory. They are also better adapted to the stiff clay soils in the sections now producing cowpeas well than the cowpeas are.

The two important factors to be taken into consideration in the production of soybeans are inoculation and the selection of the proper varieties.

Practically all soils in Maryland must be inoculated for soybeans if they have not previously grown soybeans successfully.

The best varieties for Maryland are Wilson, Virginia, Ebony, Cloud, Arlington, Medium Yellow, Haberlandt, Hollybrook, Peking and Taba. The Mammoth Yellow variety is commonly found on the market but it is one of the poorest varieties for Maryland except where it is simply used for a green manure crop.—Nicholas Schmitz, Maryland Agricultural College Extension Service.

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