MARYLAND'S FARM FRONT FOR THIS WEEK

Leading specialists at Maryland University agree that the agricultural trend in Maryland is definitely in the direction of increased production of grass and livestock. Furthermore they state, this trend is desirable from the standpoint of economy as well as that of soil conservation.

Maryland is surrounded by large city populations affording convenient markets for livestock products. Livestock farming requires less labor than the growing of cultivated crops, and the cost of labor in Maryland is high. Another factor favoring conversion to hay and pasture, with only such grains as can be fed on the farm instead of being produced for sale, is that feed grains can be grown more cheaply in the so-called grain belt than in Maryland.

According to Jos. H. Blandford, Chairman, Maryland AAA, the 1945 program of this organization largely on the advice of the specialists is encouraging the conversion of hilly land from tilled crops to grass, by offering farmers the necessary lime, fertilizer and seeds for the establishment of permanent pastures. According to the Chairman, between 30,000 and 40,000 additional acres of permanent pasture will be established under this program in 1945. He quoted Dr. Fred Leinbach, Chief of the Livestock Department of Maryland University as saying "much of this hilly land, unless converted to hay or pasture, will soon become unproductive from erosion and soil depletion." Others at the University who have expressed similar opinions are S. H. DeVault, Chief of Agriculture Economics, Royle P. Thomas, Chief of Agronomy, John W. Magruder, also of Agronomy, and Wm. B. Kemp Director of the Experiment Station, Blandford said.

War Bonds To Insure Postwar Farm Improvements

Probably no class of people can utilize War Bonds to better advantage than those who operate the farms of the nation. By almost superhuman efforts they have met the challenge of producing food in unprecedented quantities. In so doing, and because of shortage of labor and restrictions on materials, maintenance and improvements of farms and rural homes have had to be postponed. As a result, there is a tremendous potential need and there is the corresponding desire on the part of rural people for the things which will make their homes more comfortable and attractive and their efforts more efficient.

With the increased income from wartime conditions, the funds can be accumulated for the time when the things needed and desired can be obtained. War Bonds afford an ideal form in which to invest the funds for postwar improvements. In that form they help in the war effort. They do not compete and tend to inflate the prices of things which are in short supply at this time. There is every prospect that they will buy more in the postwar period than can be purchased with them now.

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Canning Poultry Feathers

Use of a preservative discovered by U. S. department of agriculture research workers makes possible the industrial use of millions of pounds of chicken feathers formerly wasted or used as fertilizer.

Wet chicken feathers may be preserved several weeks, it was found, by treatment with salt and hydrocholoric acid. The treatment uses 15 pounds of common salt and a pint of commercial concentrated hydrochloric acid, dissolved in 30 gallons of water, for each 15 pounds of wet feathers. A tight, wooden barrel is preferable to a metal drum for the preserving process.

Roosevelt's Appeal for 7th War Loan

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Before his death President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a statement in support of the Mighty Seventh War Loan for 14 billions of dollars in which he reminds the Nation it is still locked in a deadly struggle with its enemies.

MR. ROOSEVELT

The President stressed the importance of greater production together with the buying and holding of War Bonds to help achieve the victory. He said:

"I don't need to tell you that we are still locked in a deadly struggle with our enemies—the enemies of our way of life—and the war is still the chief job of each one of us. The greatest production of which we are capable, faithful adherence to regulations that make it possible to supply our boys in battle with everything they need, and buying and holding War Bonds—these are things we at home must do to speed victory.

"In the past three years more than 85 millions of Americans have invested billions of dollars in bonds. Never before have so many people held such a direct share in a great national effort. To save—to buy and to hold all we can of war bonds—this is a small service to ask of us who do not fight—yet it is one of the biggest things we can do for our fighting men."

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Roy M. Green Tells a Farm Story

By President Roy M. Green
Colorado A & M College
Fort Collins, Colorado

Big crops and good prices left a wheat farmer not long ago with $30,000 cash in the bank. Said he, "If I don't invest this in inflated land values, what can I do with it to earn anything?" I said to him, "Did you ever think of using part of it to insure yourself a steadier farm income after the war? For $150 a month, or $1,800 a year in War Bonds, you can begin to collect ten years after the war $200 a month. As you will be getting older by that time, wouldn't that be a better supplement to what income the farm then produces than having to turn again to the cream can and what your wife can make out of chickens? Wouldn't it be a nice retirement fund for a fellow that is now 55 years old? Wouldn't you like to have had $200 a month cash coming in last time?"

In addition, if you can put in War Bonds a lump-sum as reserve for operations in bad years, for deferred purchases of equipment, for repairs, for up-keep, for new household equipment; and then whatever the postwar adjustment, you would have an easier time of it than you had last time.

You wouldn't have to wait on somebody's extra special plan; you would have already completed one of your own.

If you are proud of the independence of your occupation, and jealous of preserving as much of it as possible, don't orate and speculate—order WAR BONDS!

MARYLAND 4H Club Notes

Kennedyville Club to Participate In Contest

The Kennedyville Boys' 4-H Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Hodge Coleman, the local leader, on May 21, 1945. Information was given out to boys who are interested in gardening, to help them in planting, caring for gardens, and keeping insect pests under control. There was also a discussion on the army worm, which is now active in this locality.

It was decided that the 4-H boys and girls will have their meeting together during the summer months at the Kennedyville School house.

"Make the Best Better," the 4-H motto, is being brought out very well in the National 4-H Electric Contest, which was explained by Mr. Stanley Sutton. This contest is open to all 4-H boys and girls in this country. It is to encourage 4-H members to make improvements on their farms and in their homes, also to help the members to acquire a working knowledge and skill in the most profitable utilization of electricity. By so doing, it is possible to save time, labor, steps, and make more money. The 4-H'ers are to take various jobs on the farm or in the home, and improve on methods of doing them. Awards are to be given at the end of the year for the best reports. The prize for each county is to be a gold-plated sterling silver medal of honor; the state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the 24th National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago, December 2 to 6, 1945, inclusive. The National winners will receive six college scholarships of $200 each. The recipients of these will be a group selected from the State winners, preferably three boys and three girls.

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Women's Suffrage

When the question of the franchise for women came up at the Constitutional convention in 1787, it was referred to the individual colonies. Thomas Jefferson opposed it. Charles Brockden Brown and Thomas Paine agitated for women's rights. The organized feminist movement, an outgrowth of women's activity in antislavery agitation, may be dated from the Women's Rights convention at Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1848.

A Special Dressing For Fruit Salads

Like so many other things, fruit salads are improved when served with a special dressing, made for just fruit salads. They're easy to prepare and can be kept in the refrigerator for some time.

FRUIT SALAD DRESSING
1 cup pineapple juice
Juice of 1 lemon
Juice or 1 orange
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 beaten eggs
1 cup cream, whipped

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt. Mix fruit juices. Add fruit juices to dry mixture and cook in top of double boiler for twenty minutes. Remove from fire and add well-beaten egg yolks. Cook again for five minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from fire, add to stiffly beaten egg whites, then cool. Store in a jar in refrigerator until ready to serve. Before serving, add the whipped cream.

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Mastitis Threat

Squirting the first stream of milk on the floor, when milking a cow, may help to spread mastitis.

Bathtub Stains

Yellow stains on a bathtub can be removed by filling the tub with water, adding a bleach and allowing the solution to remain all night.

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Cover Rolling Pin

Cover your rolling pin with a child's white stocking, removing the foot. The flour enters the rib of the stocking instead of rolling into the dough.

Frozen Vegetables

Care must be taken not to overcook frozen vegetables because they have been partially precooked before freezing.

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Washing Gloves

Never wash leather gloves that have been dry cleaned. The dry cleaning solution removes the natural oil from the leather, and soaps and water will stiffen it.

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