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AUTOCASTER



RECOMMENDS SPRAY FOR ELM

STATE ENTOMOLOGIST SAYS
TREES SHOULD BE
TREATED

The following letter from M. H. Swenk, state entomologist at the University of Nebraska will be of interest to all who have fine elm trees in their yards and who find them infested with insect pests:

April 26, 1922.

Mr. W. P. Snyder, Superintendent, Experiment Substation, North Platte, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: I have your letter of April 24, enclosing a bit of elm bark that evidently has been infested with two pests of that tree, namely the white elm scale (*Chionaspis Americana*) and the woolly aphid of the elm (*Schizoneura Americana*). You ask what is the proper treatment for this pest, which is giving a good deal of trouble in North Platte.

Under the living adult female scales of the white elm scale, during the winter occur eggs, which hatch about middle of May into very tiny-like young scales which crawl about and scatter over the trees, eventually settling down and losing their legs and eyes and becoming covered with a scale. In some localities there is a second brood during July which matures in September.

The control of this white elm scale, is that of dormant or winter spraying with lime-sulphur wash. When the leaves are off the trees this wash can be used at a strength to kill the scales by its caustic action. They spray loosening the scales and causing them

to drop off. Ordinary commercial lime-sulphur of any brand used exactly as described on the label of the container for controlling the Jose scale by winter spraying will be effective. The newly hatched scales can be killed by summer spraying with Black Leaf 40, using three-fourths of a pint in 100 gallons of water, and adding three pounds of soap to each 50 gallons of spray.

For the control of the woolly aphid of the elm I would suggest spraying with kerosene emulsion or a strong tobacco spray. The kerosene emulsion may be prepared by dissolving one-half pound of hard soap in one gallon of boiling water, adding two gallons of kerosene, and churning with a pump for 5-10 minutes, and then diluting with ten parts of water. The spray should be used so as to completely drench the aphids on the trunk and branches. An equally effective and rather safer spray to use, from the standpoint of injury to the foliage, is nicotine sulphate, such as "Black Leaf 40," diluted 1 part to 800 of water and with soap added at the rate of a pound to each 25 gallons of diluted spray. This spray, too, must be applied with force to penetrate the woolly-covering of the aphids.

Yours very truly,
MYRON H. SWENK,
State Entomologist.

BIGNELL NOTES

Mrs. Frank Bockus is receiving a visit from her mother Mrs. Rose.

The girl's sewing club met with Mrs. C. E. Snyder Saturday afternoon.

Miss Violet Fletcher, who has been ill with scarlet fever is reported as improving.

The community club voted to hold a celebration at Bignell on July 4th and will begin at once to make plans for the occasion.

The pupils in the eighth grade took the second examination Thursday and Friday while the other pupils had a two-days vacation.

Miss Ethel McCracken, teaching in Bignell, left Friday evening for St. Paul to attend the wedding of her sister.

The wedding bells will soon ring in Bignell. A miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. Emma Overheiser, Wednesday evening.

R. R. Morris, I. M. Abercrombie, A. R. Leavitt and Chris Rosenberg attended a meeting of the United Protective Association in North Platte Saturday evening.

The Executive Board of the Community Club, met with Mrs. R. R. Morris Thursday afternoon and outlined plans for the club for the coming year.

A number of Bignell people attended the chicken supper at the South Bluff school, Thursday evening and report a wonderful supper and splendid program.

The Golden Rod Hampshire pig club met Saturday afternoon with Scott Shaner, and held its drawing of pigs. This club consists of seven members, the president being a girl.

County Agent Geo. H. Kellogg was in Bignell, Friday morning and vaccinated the pigs in the Poland-China club that will be used in its project. The eleven boys who make up the club met Saturday afternoon with Monday evening after school.

The community club met Friday evening and adopted the plan proposed by the Executive Board for the work of the coming year. George H. Kellogg, county agent, was present and assisted greatly in helpful sug-

gestions for the betterment of various departments of our club work.

Friday, May 12 will be achievement day of the hot lunch clubs, when two other schools, Box Elder and west Osgood hot lunch clubs will meet with the Bignell school. There will be a program with members from each school, and sports including running, jumping, vaulting, etc. will follow.

The community club has signed a contract with the Omaha Daily News whereby the club, by obtaining a certain number of subscriptions will receive a radiophone. The members are very anxious to get these subscriptions and to have the radiophone by July 4 when they plan to give a pub-

lic demonstration of the same.

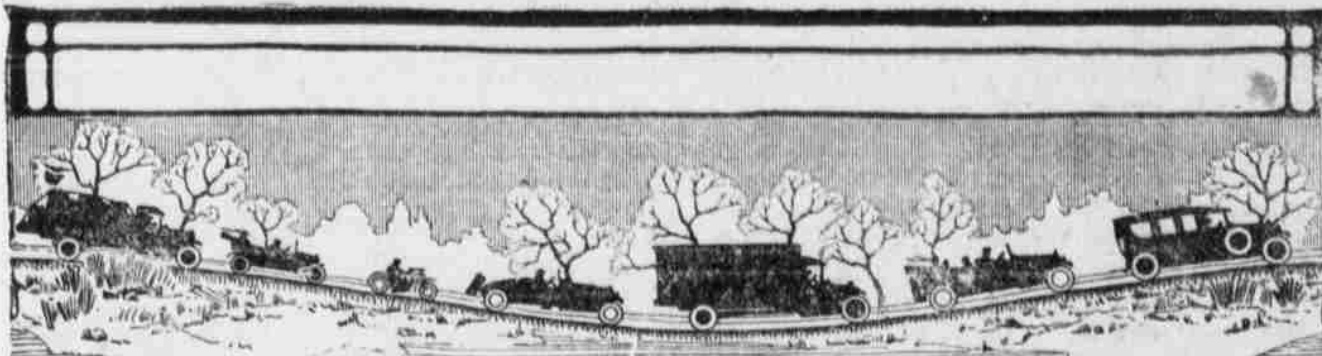
Miss Murphy, a trained nurse with the University Extension Service will meet with the Community club, May 19 and give a health talk. She is advance agent for Dr. Hedger, noted lady doctor of Chicago, whom the Lincoln county Farm Bureau is trying to book for two days in Lincoln county in behalf of the under-nourished and undersized children.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETY SAYS NO FLAGS ON CONFECTIONS

The following rules for the use of the American flag are those which tell how not to use the flag. They are issued by the responsible officers

of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution. They are: Discontinue the use of mutilated flags when used as decorative head coverings, aprons, pillow covers, blankets, table covers, cushions, luncheon sets, paper napkins, ribbons, handkerchiefs, etc., decorated with flag designs. Never use ices frozen in the form of flags, cakes iced with flag designs nor flag confections. No not plant flowers and foliage grouped in beds on lawns to represent the colors of the flag.

The Alpha Delphian Society will close the year's work with a social Tuesday, May 16 at the residence of Mrs. W. R. Maloney. Every member is urged to attend.



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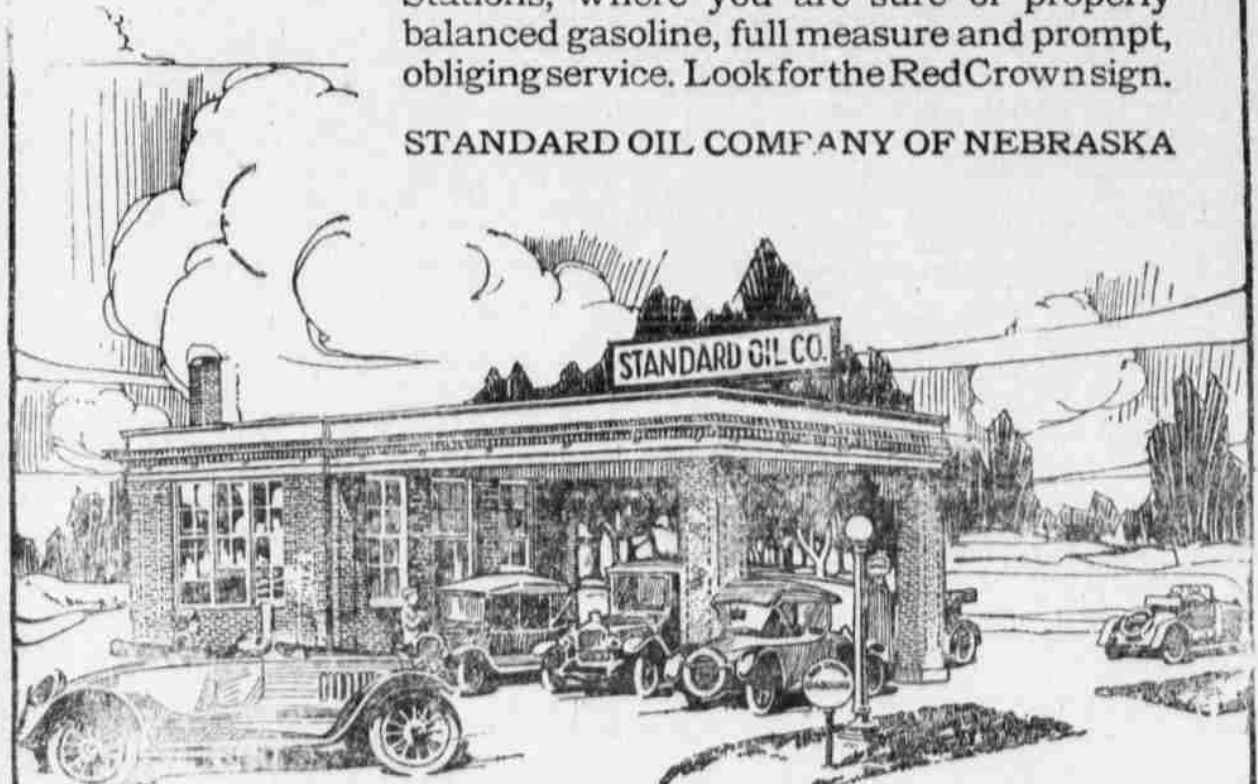
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