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FOR RURAL READERS**

INFORMATION ABOUT AGRICULTURAL SUBJECTS FROM RELIABLE SOURCES

Organized Agriculture week should be on the calendar of every farm home in Nebraska. Like the State Fair, it affords an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with fellow farmers and homemakers from all parts of the state and nation. But it is so much different from the fair that every one should attend both each year.

For setting the color in cotton material the clothing specialists at the U. of N. Agricultural College recommend the following: For blue, pink, red, black, and most other colors, use 1 cup of salt to one gallon of boiling water in which you are shrinking your material. For blue, 1/2 cup vinegar to one gallon of boiling water in which you are shrinking your material.

Weatherproof whitewash for exterior uses on buildings, fences, etc. (1) Sixty two pounds (one bushel) quicklime, slake with 12 gallons of hot water. (2) Two pounds common table salt, 1 pound sulphate of zinc, dissolved in 2 gallons of boiling water. (3) Two gallons skimmed milk. Pour (2) into (1), then add the milk (3) and mix thoroughly. Alum added to a lime whitewash prevents it rubbing off. An ounce to the gallon is sufficient.

Become bull-conscious and you will sell your bulls: if not for a large price then for a small price plus the gratification that comes from doing a useful service to one's fellowmen and also plus the assurance that always one good purebred bull makes a market for another and yet another. The one who uses a grade or scrub bull needs only to consider with a fair degree of seriousness the losses he is thereby sustaining and the profits he is sacrificing to become bull-con-

scious. Surely no man who milks cows can knowingly use a sire that is holding butterfat production to a basis of actual loss and not reach the point where he experiences sleepless nights.

The Annual Corn Show of the Nebraska Crop Growers Association will be held this year as usual on January 3-4, as part of the Organized Agricultural meetings at the Agricultural College January 2-6. A feature of the Show this year will be a department for the boys and girls. Heretofore they have had to show in competition with the older corn growers, but by having a department by themselves a large entry is expected. Boys and girls under 18 are eligible and the one showing the best ten ears of dent corn will receive \$8.00 as a premium, besides having his or her name engraved on a silver trophy. \$49.00 in all will be given as prizes to the boys and girls.

Those who are planning on entering corn or other grains at the Annual Corn Show of the Nebraska Crop Growers Association, Jan. 3-4 will be interested in knowing that the entry fee which has always been charged in the past has been removed. This has been done because it was felt that the fee tended to keep many from exhibiting who otherwise would. Although some departments of the Show are always flooded with entries, others are often low. It is to increase the competition in these latter departments that the entry fee is not being charged this year. The Corn Show will as usual be held at the Agricultural College in connection with the annual Crop Growers meeting and other organized Agricultural meetings January 2-6.

It is now believed that the vitamins are to some extent destroyed by drying and also by cooking. Probably no two foods are affected to the same extent and even if the effect on every food were known, the facts would be difficult to keep in mind. In the absence of definite available knowledge on this, nutrition specialists at the U. of N. Agricultural College advise one raw vegetable or fruit every day. Green leaf vegetables, cabbage, apples, carrots, tomatoes fresh or canned, oranges or grape fruit may be used interchangeably so as to have a variety of these raw products. When raw carrots or cabbage are shredded finely, they may be included in a child's diet as easily as apples, tomatoes, etc. Such food needs thorough chewing which should be taught early to every child.

As the days grow colder, hot soups become more popular as an article of diet. The following suggestions are offered by the food specialists at the U. of N. Agricultural College. The ingredients of milk soups may be grouped under four heads: A liquid, a starchy substance used for thickening, a fatty substance and flavoring. The liquid may be milk, either whole or skimmed or a mixture of milk and one or more of the following: Meat stock, cream or vegetable juice including pulp. The starchy substance may be flour, bread crumbs or potatoes. Butter is the best fat for children, hence butter should be used in soups which are to be served to children.

The proportions are usually three-fourths of a level tablespoon of flour and an equal amount of butter to each cup of liquid. The following recipe will make six servings. For a variety, other vegetables may be substituted for the peas. 1 can of peas or one qt. of fresh peas, 1 quart of milk includ-

ing liquid or peas, 2 tablespoons of butter, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 1 slice onion.

The committee in charge of general arrangements for the annual meetings of organized Agriculture has secured from the railroads their agreement to a round-trip rate of fare and one-half to Lincoln from any point in Nebraska, from which such round-trip rate would not be less than \$1.00. Tickets may be purchased at these reduced rates at any time from December 30 to January 5, with final return limit January 10. This is considered a great improvement over the plan of conditional reduced rate for the return trip, which was disappointed so many people in past years. In order to buy this fare and a half round trip tickets, it will be necessary to furnish the local ticket agent an identification certificate issued by the secretary of Organized Agriculture. These certificates may be secured by writing to the Agricultural College at Lincoln and stating which of the organized Agricultural meetings on desires to attend. If one expects to attend more than one meeting, state the one in which you are most interested. A single certificate will cover purchase of as many tickets as may be desired by members of the same family.

The Agricultural College at the University of Nebraska is offering an unusually attractive list of winter short courses for the benefit of busy farmers and their sons. Beginning with January 1, 1923 there will be winter courses at the Agricultural College in almost every line of farm and mechanics. Boys who are 16 years of age or over may enter. Mature farmers will gather in large numbers for one or more of these short courses. Work of a very practical nature in the feeding

of farm animals, the raising of poultry, choosing of dairy cattle, grading up the herd, avoiding plant enemies, etc. will be offered.

First comes the auto tractor four weeks course beginning Jan. 1, 1923. Here the men go into the shop for practical work on automobiles, trucks and tractors. Lantern lectures and blackboard illustrations will finish the theoretical part of the instruction. Then the four weeks course in general agriculture will open Monday, Jan. 22. In this course men may choose

the line of specialized agriculture which they desire to study. For instance one group of men may want to put in half or two thirds of their time in studying the animal industry. Another group may want to take up extensively the marketing problems and the raising of crops. Diseases of plants and animals will be emphasized.

The one week poultry course has been very popular in the past and will enroll a large number of students this winter. The date for this course is January 8. The woman on the farm

usually knows more about poultry than anybody else. It is not strange therefore that half those attending the poultry short course are women. There will also be a one week course in ice cream, opening February 5. This course is primarily intended for those who are interested in the making of ice cream from a commercial standpoint. Further information regarding all of these courses may be obtained by postal card request addressed to the Principal, School of Agriculture, Lincoln.

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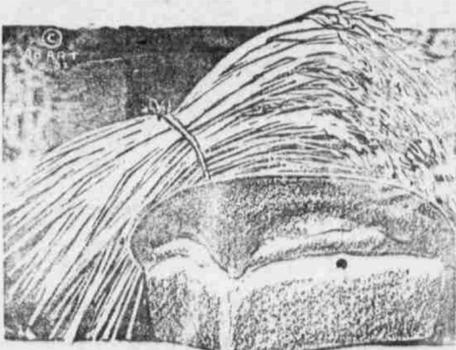
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