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From Around Nebraska

Postmaster Ray L. McElravy, of David City, has had an objection for some time to the scratchy old pens the postal department furnishes for the post office lobby. So, he decided one day last week to do something about it and bought some smooth-working ball point pens for the lobby desks.

He wasn't too sure about the success of his venture, though, and did not order a removal of the old ink wells until a "period of experiment" has passed to determine whether postal patrons would swipe the pens or leave them for the next person to use.

Only time will tell, commented the David City Banner-Press.

The coyote hunting season has been on full blast in the Ord area lately and an Ord filling station operator has collected 60 coyote tails which he has tucked up along the canopy over the station driveway. Most of the tails have been furnished by Richard Albers who is a government-paid hunter who keeps the coyote population at a minimum. The display of tails is drawing much comment and many looks.

The Albion area received a rain of .11 inches one night last week. The precipitation was attributed to cloud seeding by rain-making generators which were started in the area. Much of the rain missed its intended mark, though, the Albion News stated, for Grand Island got .44 inches at the same time. Oddly enough, the Grand Island area is not in the rain-making district. Meanwhile, work of collecting a needed \$1000 to carry on the work during 1956 is being collected at this time.

The folks in Pierce County have taken a dimmer view of the rain-making possibilities of the silver iodide generators and have decided to pull out of the district this year. The Pierce County Leader announced last week that all who had put money into the project could get their money back again by asking for it.

At Chadron an oil refinery has collected a pool of oil near its establishment at the outskirts of Chadron and recently a flock of ducks mistook the oil pond for water. They landed in the oil and were unable to leave it. Many died and others were caught and taken to fresh water ponds in hopes that they would be able to fly again but the thick oil had coated their wings so that they were unable to take off. Eventually most of the ducks died, the Chadron Record reported.

A new hospital, donated to the people of Osceola by Dr. C. W. Jeffrey, was dedicated only a short time ago and already has 22 patients, the Osceola Record revealed last week. Most of the money for the quarter million dollar project came from the doctor who became rich in the oil business in Montana and wanted to do something for his old home town.

Missouri Valley has designated March 24 to 31 as Cleanup week and the Harrison County News is urging everyone to make an effort to clean up their yards in preparation for spring. City officials have announced that they will fog the city soon, to kill insects of all kinds. The fogging has been practiced regularly there for a number of years.

The Lyons Cooperative Creamery held an open house last Saturday and paid its stockholders \$30,445 in dividends. It was another in a long succession of successful years, according to the Lyons Mirror-Sun.

Luther College, at Wahoo, which has been building a men's dormitory for a number of months, will dedicate the new \$150,000 building June 3rd, according to the Wahoo newspaper. The three-story brick dormitory houses 87 boys and provides, for the first time, modern housing for the men of the campus. A four-story frame building which had been in use for fifty years is to be abandoned.

Central City reports a total of \$4,136 for Merrick county in the recently-ended March of Dimes campaign. Compared to Washington County's nearly \$11,000 this area has apparently done a good job.

Chadron staged a home show last week which was attended by 1200 persons, according to the Chadron Record. The affair showed innovations in home building, home furnishings, landscaping hints and other things pertaining to the home.

Follow These Tips For Easier Painting

"Painting is easier than ever!" That's the good word from the nation's enterprising paintmakers.

As proof of the promise, Arthur W. Stendel, president of the Sherwin-Williams Co., points out that "modern paints can be applied with less effort, modern tools speed application, and modern techniques of painting eliminate many inconveniences formerly associated with the task."

"As a result of continuous research and testing," he explained, "our company has improved the brushing qualities of house paint to the point where you can paint as much surface with the same effort in two hours as you used to do in three."

Tools Simplify Task

Improved tools also help reduce the time and effort required for painting.

"For example," Stendel said, "you don't have to get down on your hands and knees to paint a floor nowadays. Thanks to a new long-handled paint roller, you can



paint alternate steps to keep stairways usable while they are being painted. Finish the job when the steps painted first are dry.

spread the paint while standing—and paint the floor much faster.

This long-handled roller is a great time and effort saver when you are painting ceilings, too."

Tricks Ease Job

New application tricks also make painting less disturbing to everyday family routine.

By way of illustration, Stendel suggests the following technique when painting stairs.

Paint alternate steps in each flight. Follow up by painting the others when the newly painted ones dry. That way the stairs can always be used, and nobody will be inconvenienced while the paint is drying.

(Left) ROLLING PAINT on floors with a long-handled paint roller saves time and effort. It's a good tool for painting ceilings, too.



Combine salad dressing mix, vinegar, water, and oil as directed on the bottle or package.

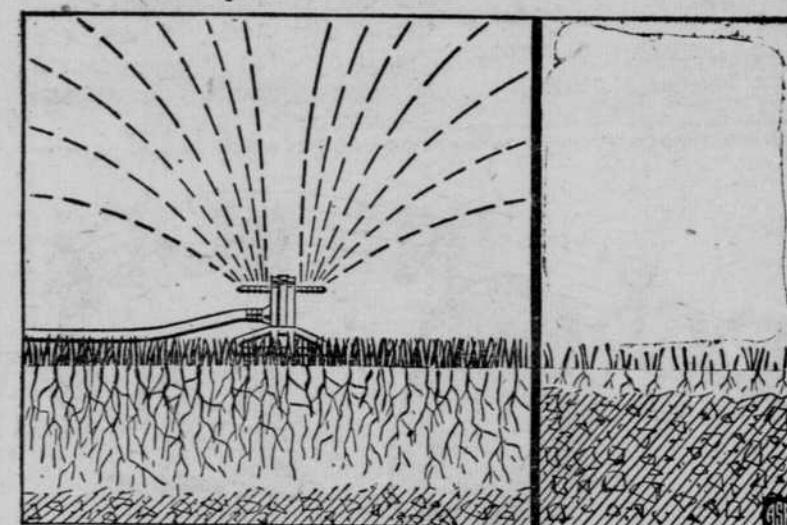
TEAR lettuce leaves into bite-sized pieces and place in a bowl. Fry bacon in skillet until crisp. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of the dressing. Then add celery salt, vinegar, and sugar; stir well while mixture comes to a boil. Pour over the lettuce in bowl, cover, and allow to steam 5 or 6 minutes. Remove cover, toss lettuce, and serve on a warm plate. Garnish with scallion slices or small onion rings, if desired. Makes 4 cups or 4 servings side salad. (ANS)

HERE'S HEALTH!

By Lewis



Healthy Lawn Smothers Weeds



Plenty of water just as grass begins to grow in the spring assures deep, healthy root structure for lawn grass and gives it the vitality to smother out weeds. At left, the soil under a healthy lawn is moist to a depth of four to six inches. At right, soil is moist only near the surface, causing a shallow root structure and sparse grass which can easily be invaded by weeds.

Grass will soon begin its spring growth in this area, so now's the time to begin planning the annual war against weeds in the lawn.

One of the best ways to prevent unwanted weeds from establishing themselves, or to get rid of weeds already established, is to smother them with a thick, healthy stand of grass.

To do this, a leading manufacturer of lawn watering equipment, makers of Green Spot products, suggests a liberal application of a complete plant food, well watered into the soil.

Secret of this method is that grass starts growing several weeks earlier in the spring than weeds. If a lawn is well fed and well watered, it will then have the vigor necessary to smother out weeds as they begin their growth.

After either feeding or re-seeding a lawn, adequate watering is essential to success. Application of plant food must be followed with moisture so that it may work down into the soil and so grass roots may make best use of the food.

Good watering tools are necessary for efficient use of water. Rotating and oscillating sprinklers throw an even pattern of water over large areas at a useable rate, approximating the fall of a gentle rain. Usually with just a hose and nozzle, not enough water to more than wet the surface of a lawn can be applied.

A free booklet giving more details on proper lawn care is available by writing to the Green Spot Division, Scovill Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, Conn.

Good Eating—From the Pennsylvania Dutch



THE PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH, FAMOUS FOR THEIR WAYS with food, are justly proud of their old-time recipes. Especially popular are their old-fashioned warm salad of lettuce and bacon, which adapts so well to new short-cut seasoning ideas.

The secret is in the dressing, easily and quickly made with an envelope of Good Seasons Salad Dressing Mix. Just add vinegar, water and oil to an envelope of the mix as directed on the package and shake well. Or, use the self-measuring bottle available in a Good Seasons Salad Kit for mixing the dressing. Either way, you'll have a distinctive dressing ready in seconds.

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH SALAD
1 package Good Seasons
Exotic Herbs Salad
Dressing Mix
Vinegar, water, oil
2 medium heads leaf
lettuce

Combine salad dressing mix, vinegar, water, and oil as directed on the bottle or package.

4 slices uncooked bacon,
chopped
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mixed dressing
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon celery salt
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar



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YOU'RE TALKING TO A PARADE
NOT A MASS MEETING

Home-How-To's

Tips For Easy Floor Care

Resilient floors can be beautiful with a minimum of care if they are properly maintained. With occasional attention, using good quality cleaners and waxes, they can be kept in their best condition.

Through experience, Congoleum Nairn Inc., manufacturers of Gold Seal floor coverings, has



A damp mop for light soiling. found that most people overwash and overwax their floors, thus making unnecessary work for themselves without benefiting the floors. This company has found that just before floors are worn out by scrubbing them by hand.

By following a few simple rules one can be assured of getting the maximum of beauty and wear from floors with a minimum of work.

A damp mop will remove light soiling. However, when a complete washing is indicated use warm water and a mild cleaner, such as Nairn Linoleum Cleaner. For stub-



New waxes need no rubbing.

born smudges fine steel wool will do the trick and for marks from rubber heels use a cloth moistened in household cleaning fluid. Rinse the surface of the floor thoroughly with clear clear water and allow to dry completely before applying wax. For best results apply a water emulsion wax such as Nairn Self-Polishing Wax and allow it to dry for about a half hour. Then apply a second very light coat of wax and let dry. Where a high luster is required buff the floor after the wax has dried. Repeat this process as often as required.

Avoid using strong soaps or abrasive cleaning compounds, as alkaline soaps may soften the surface and abrasive cleaners may roughen the natural smoothness of many floor coverings. Do not apply lacquer, plastic or other hard finishes to any smooth surface floor covering. These materials quickly



For a high luster, buff after waxing. scratch and will give a shabby appearance in areas of constant wear. Also they will yellow the colors and soften the surface of the floor as they age and are almost impossible to remove without causing permanent damage to the floor covering.

It is important to remember that broken casters and small metal slides indent floor coverings and may damage them permanently. Equip furniture with large surface casters, glides or furniture cups.

Where the flooring is asphalt tile—the use of cleaners or waxes containing solvents such as benzene, turpentine, naphtha, etc. must be avoided as they will soften the composition of the tile and cause the colors to run, permanently injuring the material.

Closure Makes Overalls 'Grow'

Closure Anchors Unruly Blouses



FROM TODDLING STAGE TO darning frontiersman, junior's growth means gradual lengthening of overall straps, which entails frequent "let-downs" of strap buttons. Now mother can eliminate the trouble of making adjustments, by attaching "Slide-Fit" — the adjustable Talon closure — to garments from the start. Talon's unique closure is self-adjusting. Simply zip "Slide-Fit" to the right length. Tab lock flat and stay put, in defiance of small fry's atomic activities.

Application of "Slide-Fit" is easy to manipulate. Stitch the track of fastener to strap of overalls, with the lead-in at the lower end. Sew slider onto top of coveralls or overalls. To adjust to desired length, raise tab of each closure and thread slider along track until you have the right length. Finally, press the tab flat to lock the sliders in place. (ANS)

EVERY LITTLE GIRL likes to be a dainty doll. She learns her first fashion lesson, the importance of neatness, from mother. Blouses that continually slip out of the skirt top irk any fastidious Miss, big or little. Mother can solve this problem with a unique closure which anchors the blouse to the skirt, and permits little sister to pursue the energetic interests of the lollipop set and still remain a small-fry fashion-plate.

Talon's new "Slide-Fit" closure is adjustable, so that it can grow with your little girl. Stitch the track of fastener to strap of overalls, with the lead-in at the lower end. Sew slider onto top of coveralls or overalls. To adjust to fit, raise the tab of the closure and thread the slider onto the lead-in. Then let the slider travel along the track on the blouse. Lock the slider in place by pressing the tab flat. (ANS)



FABRIC EXCITEMENT, caused by research and development ending in something NEW in the fabric world, continues to inspire designers in the fashion industry. Hot off the griddle is an elegant broadcloth made with rayon. This delicious new fabric is luxurious, drapable and a perfect trans-season as well as all-season fabric. American Rayon Institute shows it off to advantage in a Larry Aldrich dress, (left) slim, long torso with satin bow accent. Elfreda uses this new rayon fabric for a shapey dress with a stiffened Cognac ribbon running through the neckline to a great bow. Both dresses are designed for important, informal little evenings.

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