

Farm and Garden

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Nut Growers Meet August 6

Annual tour of the Western Nut Growers association ordinarily held in August has been cancelled this year because of wartime travel conditions, but a single field meeting will be held in Yamhill county, announced O. T. McWhorter, secretary-treasurer. Ordinarily the summer tour is a one- or two-day event through principal filbert and walnut growing regions of the state.

The field meeting at the Brooks orchard between McMinnville and Yamhill will be held August 6 at 2 o'clock when C. E. Schuster, federal nut specialist from Oregon State college, will explain the work that is being done with so-called "snake head" or "bald headed" walnut limbs on the tops of some trees fail to set or hold foliage.

The meeting has been arranged in cooperation with Rex Warren, Yamhill county agent, and is open to all interested in this trouble. McWhorter suggests that any who are having trouble with this condition and who cannot attend the meeting contact Professor Schuster before attempting any cure.

Methods of Culling Hens to Be Studied

Continued culling of non-profit hens should be a daily task of all poultrymen today, whether commercial or farm flock owners, according to Jens F. Smith, assistant county agent.

This job is far more important now than ever before due to the serious feed problem the poultrymen are now having to face. A

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A program of range rotation and sanitation is the most important factor in avoiding contamination by the common round worms and tapeworms that affect poultry. Using the same range year after year may build up a heavily contaminated range if the worms are once introduced. A few growers have succeeded in using the range over and over again because it happened to have little or no contamination introduced.

The best rule is not to use a range more often than every other year. It may be cropped in between if poultry manure is used as a fertilizer. Where treatment is necessary use of nicotine sulphate either as tablets for individual birds or mixed with the mash as a flock treatment is recommended.

Dr. Dickinson cautions against the promiscuous dosing of flocks where the existence of worms has not been found, as it may cause more damage to the birds than the worms unless they are present in harmful numbers and unless the medicine is used strictly according to directions.

Control of Fleas Now Important

Fleas may present a serious problem if there are dogs or cats in the home, says Lois A. Lutz, extension specialist in home management. They have a tendency to quit their hosts from time to time and seek shelter in rugs and upholstered furniture. These tiny insects annoy members of the family by attacking them and sucking their blood.

To control fleas, Miss Lutz continues, pay attention to both animals and the infested areas. The sleeping places of animals can be sprayed with a good household spray or treated with derris or pyrethrum powder. These powders are effective for sprinkling on the backs, necks and heads of animals to protect them from flea infestations.

If fleas are abundant in living quarters, scatter flaked naphthalene over the floor of each infested room at the rate of five pounds per room, advises Miss Lutz. Keep the room closed for 48 hours. The flaked naphthalene changes to a vapor which permeates the entire room killing the insects. Sweep clean and air well before using.

Home Canners Get Pressure Cookers
Some of the home canners who have received approval of their county farm rationing committee for a new Victory model pressure cooker should be able to obtain their cookers now or within a short time, the Oregon USDA war board reports.

Manufacturers are shipping half of the state's quota of new canners, under a revised distribution plan made necessary by de-

Removal Mildew Stains in Cloth Easy When Fresh

Mildew stains can be more easily removed when fresh, says Lois A. Lutz, extension specialist in home management. As the growth develops, it attacks the fibers and weakens them. A good washing with soap and water followed by a good sunning will usually take out fresh stains. If this isn't successful, cover the stain with lemon juice and salt and place the garment in the sun.

Old and stubborn mildew stains are difficult and sometimes impossible to remove without damaging the material. Don't risk a bleach on colored fabrics, but sodium perborate is safe for white fabrics. It is the safest bleach for all types of material. Use 4 tablespoons of perborate for each pint of soapy water, then rinse thoroughly. Javelle water, a chlorine bleach, is satisfactory for white cottons, linens and rayons. Place the stained fabric over a bowl and apply the bleach to the mildewed spot with a medicine dropper. Let the bleach remain on the fabric for only one minute. Then rinse the fabric thoroughly in clean lukewarm water. Never use Javelle water on wool or silk because it rots these fabrics.

Miss Lutz suggests that if mildew appears on shoes, they should be washed with a thick suds of mild, pure soap or saddle soap and then wiped with a damp cloth. Dry the shoes thoroughly and then rub the leather with floor wax to keep off dampness and further mildew.

Now is the time to take measures for preventing mildew around the house, says Miss Lutz. Air and light, good ventilation and sunning will help to avoid having furnishings mildew.

Sufficient heat can be supplied in a closed place by a light globe which is left burning for this purpose, says Lois A. Lutz, extension specialist in home management. An open jar of calcium chloride, left standing in a closet is insurance against mildew attack. The calcium chloride absorbs the moisture from the air and turns to a liquid. It will need replacing at intervals.

Since mildew attacks soiled fabrics more easily than clean ones, another way to avoid it is to keep things clean. Shower curtains of duck and canvas are particularly

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susceptible to mildew attack. As a precaution they should be spread out to dry every time after they have become wet. A mildew resistant treatment for canvas or duck has been developed and can be applied at home.

Soak canvas 20 minutes in enough hot soapy water to cover it. Make a solution of cadmium chloride in hot water, using three ounces cadmium chloride crystals for each gallon of water. Squeeze the shower curtain out of the soapsuds and put directly into the hot solution of cadmium chloride. Keep it hot for half an hour. Be sure the solution covers the curtain well. Dangle; wring out the curtain and hang on a rope clothesline to dry. Curtains treated this way will withstand weather and washing and still resist mildew attack.

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