

Jackson County Farm Notes

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Farm Machinery Conserving Urged

Urging local farmers to conserve and repair every piece of farm machinery, Mr. Homes, chairman of the county USDA War board, warns that new machinery will be extremely hard to get in 1943.

Mr. Homes, who also has the newly-formed county rationing committee for farm machinery, pointed out that new machinery may be taken as a good indication of the situation next year. He advises Jackson county farmers not to count on obtaining new machinery, but to make every effort to keep present equipment in shape for the season. Materials have been served for military purposes, and many farm machinery factories have been converted 100 per cent to war production. Only a very small amount will be manufactured in 1943 and this limited number of machines will be allocated carefully on basis of most critical needs.

While efforts are being made to make an adequate supply of repair parts available in 1943, chances are that there will be shortages. War board members believe that the farmers who

checks his machinery this fall and orders repairs early will stand a much better chance of getting the parts he needs than the farmer who waits until next spring. Those who need another machine for next year should try to locate one this winter.

By R. G. Fowler,
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This Year's Leaves Valuable Next Year

Saving falling leaves and similar waste organic matter is a step that can be taken now to help make next year's garden more successful. Use of this organic matter will help in loosening up tight soils and result in easier cultivation and better plant growth.

Sources of organic matter for composting may be leaves from deciduous ornamentals and fruit trees. Pea vines, bean vines, cabbage leaves and other garden refuse are valuable for composting.

There are two ways in which the leaves can be saved. One is to make them into a compost heap and the other is to apply them directly to the garden soil and wet down or cultivate them in.

One method of making com-

post is to pile leaves or other organic refuse one foot deep and covering an area the desired size of the compost heap. Sprinkle over each square yard of this layer the following material: 1/4 pound of ammonia sulphate, 1/4 pound superphosphate, 1/4 pound ground lime. Add enough water to make the layer moist. Rapid decomposition depends upon the addition of the chemical fertilizer and keeping the materials moist.

On top of this first layer of compost, place a layer of manure or soil. This layer should be one or two inches deep. Successive layers of organic materials and fertilizers should be added to the compost heap until it is as large as desired. Add water at regular intervals to keep it moist, but not dripping wet. After the compost pile has been completed for two or three months it should be turned over and replenished. This mixes the compost and promotes rotting.

Compost piles made in the fall will provide rotted organic matter rich in fertilizer values to spade or plow under next spring. The compost may be broadcast over the garden area just before spading or plowing is done.

Vegetable Storage Bulletin Offered

"Vegetable Storage" is title of a new bulletin issued by the Oregon State college and available at the county agent's office. The following suggestions are summarized from the bulletin:

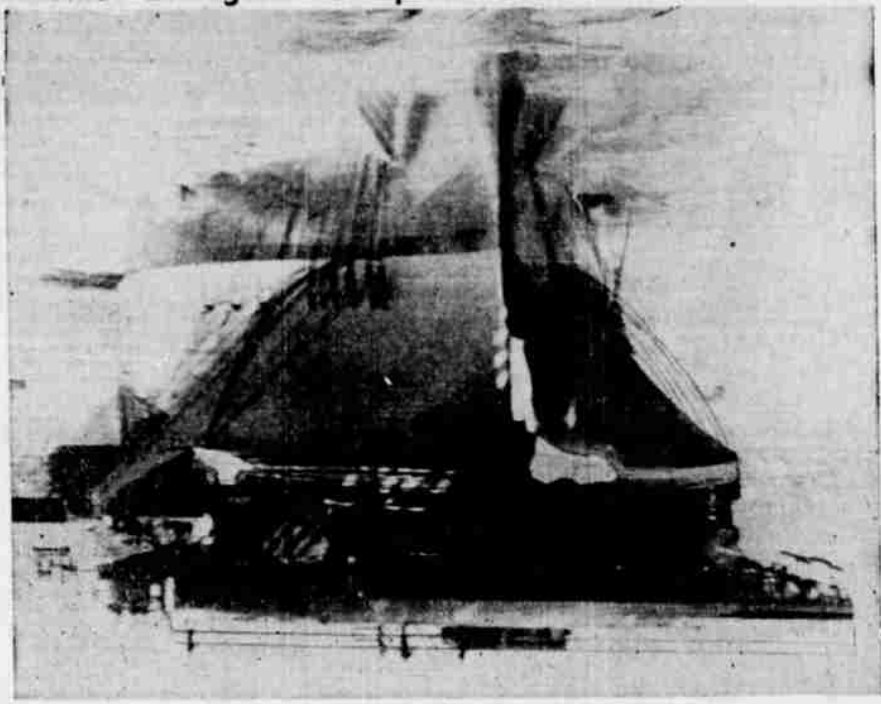
In storing onions, bulbs should be well cured in the field, topped and put in open meshed sacks or ventilated crates. A temperature of 36 degrees to 45 degrees is desirable to keep onions from early sprouting. There should be circulation of cool air where onions are stored. Certain varieties such as Bermudas do not keep well. Yellow Danvers keep well for a long time.

Potatoes should be dried off and sorted and stored for a few days at a warm temperature to allow injuries to callous. After this, the tubers should be stored in a dark place in a temperature of 34 to 38 degrees.

Considerable decay often occurs in pumpkins and squash in storage. This may be largely prevented if the fruits are fully matured in the field, carefully handled and not subjected to any freezing temperatures before being stored. Skin bruises and abrasions must be avoided if the squash are to be kept for any length of time.

Cut the squash from the vine.

Another Lexington To Replace Carrier Lost In Coral Sea



The Axis will soon have another U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington to contend with. At the Quincy, Mass., shipyard of Bethlehem Steel Co. the new plane carrier is launched after a christening speech by Rear Adm. Frederick C. Sherman, who commanded the old "Lex."



CLOSE HARMONY—Vice President Henry A. Wallace (right) embraces Mexico's Secretary of Interior, Miguel Aleman, as they met in Los Angeles at Mexican Independence Day ceremonies.

Grand Jury's Curfew Action Commended By Bible Class

In a letter received by H. K. Hanna, judge of circuit court, the Every Man's Bible Class of the First Christian church commended the grand jury on their suggestion of a proposed curfew ordinance.

Written by Allan D. Curry, president of the class, the letter stated, "It was decided by the Every Man's Bible Class of the First Christian church to send a letter of commendation for their action in recommending the curfew. We have thought for some time this should be done but realize the officers will have to have the full cooperation from the parents for success."

Curry said today that the parents should see that their children cooperate and obey the proposed ordinance and "if we all help it will be a matter that can be worked out satisfactorily."

leaving at least two inches of stem on the fruit, and leave in the field for about a week if the weather remains favorable. Do not allow them to remain out during a frost. Store in a dry room with a temperature between 50 and 60 degrees.

Carrots, beets, parsnips and turnips can be stored right in the ground where they grew. Additional protection against freezing can be had by cutting off the tops and mounding dirt up over the rows.

Beans should be threshed as soon as dry and fumigated with carbon bisulphide. Pour one tablespoon of carbon bisulphide over the beans in a half gallon jar and close tightly for 48 hours, at room temperature. Thoroughly air before using. Remember that carbon bisulphide is highly inflammable.

By C. B. Cordy,
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Arrangements have been made for the cadets to attend the Columbia, Notre Dame and Princeton games in New York

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