

Of Interest to Farmers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES TO MEET FEDERATION

State and National Farm Bureau Problems to Be Discussed at Eleven Successive Meetings

Eleven district meetings at which the farm bureau executive committees of the counties are to meet the federation officers have been announced by the federation office in Ithaca for the period between August 15 and 23, and all committeemen are being urged to attend the meeting which is nearest to them geographically.

The meetings will be conducted by S. L. Strivings of Wyoming, president of the federation; Enos Lee, of Westchester, vice-president; E. Victor Underwood, secretary; E. V. Titus of Nassau, chairman of the organization committee, and Frank Smith, of Otsego, director.

The following are the places at which the meetings will be held, and the dates: Watertown and Rochester, Aug. 16; Utica and Buffalo, Aug. 17; Albany and Salamanca, Aug. 18; Plattsburgh and New York, Aug. 19; Oneonta, Aug. 22; Elmira, Aug. 23.

STATE FAIR TO HAVE FARM AND HOME DAY

Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of the Federal Department of Agriculture, to Be Speaker on Sept. 13th

Sept. 13th has been designated as Farm and Home Bureau Day at the State Fair at Syracuse this fall, and Henry C. Wallace, secretary of the federal department of agriculture, will be the speaker, according to an announcement made this week at the office of the state farm bureau federation at Ithaca.

The first Farm and Home Bureau Day at the fair was held last year and so much interest was shown that it is to be made a yearly feature. Wide publicity will be given to the coming of Secretary Wallace. Inasmuch as he is in much demand for addresses of this kind the federation says it feels it was most fortunate in being able to get him for an address.

AUGUST LIVESTOCK RATIONS SUGGESTED

The following are the August rations for dairy cows, suggested by the animal husbandry workers at the State College of Agriculture, at Ithaca, N. Y. The approximate wholesale cost is also given.

For dairy cows—800 pounds wheat bran, \$3.45; 300 pounds hominy (yellow if possible), \$4.50; 300 pounds gluten feed, \$5.40; 100 pounds oil meal or cotton seed meal, \$2.35; 1,000 pounds will cost \$15.74; 100 pounds will cost \$1.57; 2,000 pounds will cost \$3.12.

For calves, young stock and dry cows—300 pounds wheat bran, \$3.45; 500 pounds hominy or corn meal, \$7.50; 200 pounds oil meal, \$4.69; 1,000 pounds will cost \$15.65; 100 pounds will cost \$1.57; 2,000 pounds will cost \$3.12.

There has been some advance in all feeds, the greatest advance being in cottonseed and linseed oil meal, which has been reflected in the price of gluten feed and distillers dried grains. The relative prices, however, are much the same as last month.

The increase in price is seasonal and has been caused by great export demands for oil meals and by the fact that it is the end of the crushing season in the cottonseed meal industry.

All indications are that protein feeds are likely to be high this fall. Corn is king again and will hold all feeds down somewhat. There may be a reaction. Many men who store feeds for winter feeding have in their supply. In general, it seems unlikely that feeds will again be as cheap this year as they were thru July.

"In looking over the price sheets of six firms," say the college ration experts, "we have seen no quotations of a compounded dairy feed that is less than \$40 a ton. What conclusion do you draw about mixing your own?"

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ANNOUNCE A PRIZE PLAY COMPETITION

State Fair Commission Will Give \$100 For Best Drama of Country Life—Three Other Awards

Folks who have gone to the theatre to see a "rural drama" only to go away feeling they could write one better and more true-to-life, now have an incentive to see if they really can do it, since they have a chance to win a prize of from \$25 to \$100, offered by the New York State Fair Commission, in connection with its country theatre movement.

The competition is open to any resident of New York State who is not a professional playwright.

The department of rural social organization at the State College of Agriculture at Ithaca is co-operating and detailed information may be obtained by addressing that department.

Four Prizes

The first prize is \$100, the second \$50, the third \$30, and the fourth \$25. The plays may be comedies, dramas, or tragedies, and may be either long or short, but they must depict sympathetically country life conditions and must be suitable for presentation in the country theatre at the State Fair, or by churches, schools, granges, dramatic clubs and similar organizations. In other words, they must not require elaborate scenery. The competition will close Feb. 1, 1922.

There are few restrictions except that competitors must be residents of this state, and must not have written plays accepted for professional production for publication. Nor may plays which have already won prizes in some other competition be offered even though written by amateurs.

All manuscripts which are submitted become the property of the Fair Commission to be made available, if desired for use without cost to rural communities of this state. The rights outside of New York State will remain with the authors.

COOLER WEATHER GOOD FOR CROPS

Weather conditions for the week ending August 9th were generally favorable for crop growth and farm operations except in the North where practically no rain fell and drought conditions are again serious, according to the summary of weather and crop conditions sent out from the Ithaca office of the weather bureau. Cooler weather prevailed during the week and minimum temperatures as low as 44 degrees occurred over the more elevated sections of the state, generally heavy rains fell over the central and southern counties.

Crops, as a rule, are about two weeks ahead of the average. The oat and barley harvest is about completed and threshing is in progress. The yield of oats is generally reported as light. Corn continues good to excellent though the cool weather checked somewhat its unusually rapid development of the past several weeks. Late potatoes appear to be doing well except in the North. Buckwheat is in full bloom and looking fine. Pastures are generally improved except over the northern counties.

Agrigraphs

Give the scrub sire an excursion trip to the butcher's block—and don't buy a return ticket.

Uncle Ab says: "One man is a whole team when he pulls for himself and his neighbors at the same time."

A few rows of trees on the side of the prevailing winter winds will make a world of difference in the comfort of the farmstead.

Of course nature is responsible for poultry lice, but so does she also supply the material for the dust bath which will discourage 'em.

In harvesting the apple crop, it is well to remember the saying of the old farmer that he'd rather bruise his shins than to bruise his fruit.

The country newspaper is one of the ties that binds the folks of a section into a real community. Have you the country newspaper bulletin



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which the State College at Ithaca has issued? If not, ask for F. 155.

The requirements of a good farmer are at least four: The ability to make a full and comfortable living from the land; to rear a family carefully and well; to be of good service to the community; to leave the farm more productive than it was when he took it.—Liberty Hyde Bailey.

Homespun Yarn

Dry corn or can corn, but anyhow have a supply for next winter. In drying, it's better to cook the corn slightly first.

Leaving a litter of papers and food scraps isn't a good way to show your appreciation of the privilege of picnicking.

A fruit or tomato seed on the jar rubber before the glass top is put in place may mean an imperfect seal and a spoiled product.

A regular little encyclopedia on preserving food is bulletin H. 136 which the State College at Ithaca will send for the asking.

Aunt Ada's Axioms: "Sparing the rod may spoil the child, but so does sparing merited praise make the doing of good work seem less worth while.

Mother's year-around outlook is likely to be the kitchen stove and the pantry door. If she hasn't had a vacation this summer, who's to blame?

Many girls would appear better dressed if instead of consulting fashion so much they paid more attention to the colors and styles which suit them best.

When you see a room with the walls hung so full of pictures that it makes you dizzy, you wonder if the Japanese idea of having but one picture on the wall at a time isn't pretty good.

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