

MAKE COMPOST HEAP FOR USE IN GARDEN

Start By Laying Down Bed of Fresh Stable Manure

Organic Rubbish, Decayed Vegetables, Dead Vines, Weeds and Other Trunk May Be Used—Size Plot Necessarily Varies.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Garden waste, decayed vegetables, dead vines, weeds, and the organic rubbish that collects about the place during a busy summer may be cleaned up and put to work again through the agency of a compost heap. Start the heap by laying down a bed of stable manure which has not been burned or heated. The size of the plot will vary with the amount of refuse to be used; for ordinary uses, if the bed is made 3 feet long by 6 feet wide and 3 feet deep it will serve the purpose. Over the manure spread a two-foot layer of refuse and cover it with another layer of manure. This last layer need be only a foot in thickness. Re-



Don't Leave Manure in Piles Exposed to Weather Conditions Favorable to Loss By Washing—Use It to Make a Compost Heap.

peat the layers until all the waste has been disposed of and then cover the whole with a layer of earth.

If it is desired to add to the heap from time to time the top layer may be opened and the new material emptied into the hole thus made. This is convenient for the suburban home where there is no animal to consume the kitchen waste. In the spring the heap is well mixed with a fork and the compost is ready to be spread on the garden plot. The heating manure will effectively destroy any weed seed present and will also break down the structure of most of the materials that have been thrown upon the pile. The process may be continued indefinitely by simply adding enough manure to insure heating. Compost is especially valuable for use in hotbeds and coldframes.

CLEANING UP INSECT PESTS

Many of Hibernating Species May Be Destroyed in Winter By Cleaning Up Obscure Corners.

Much can be done now to reduce the possibility of insect plagues next summer if a little effort is directed toward the destruction of insect shelter areas. Around the grounds and gardens, under eaves, beside ditches, and in fence corners are bunches of insect-sheltering weeds or grass. By the time cold weather approaches many kinds of insects in the adult or immature stages have taken full advantage of these nooks and hidden away there for the winter. The bureau of entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, says that if these spots are cleaned up and the refuse cut and burned, many of these hibernating insects will be destroyed and the damage from such pests during the coming season will be materially lessened.

PROVIDE BATH FOR POULTRY

Chickens Cleanse Themselves by Wallowing in Soil and Dust Box Should Be Accessible.

Chickens never wash, as many other birds do, but cleanse themselves by wallowing in soil. Where board or cement floors are used in the chicken house, some means for dusting should be provided during the winter months, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. For a flock of 50 to 60 fowls a dust box 3 by 5 feet or 4 by 4 feet will generally be found large enough, and should be placed where it can be reached by sunlight during as much of the day as possible.

Fine, light, dry dust is the best kind with which to fill the box, but sandy loam is good. Road dust is recommended by many, but it is apt to be filthy. Coal or wood ashes may be mixed with the soil if desired.

FARM FOR CENSUS PURPOSES

Is All Land Which is Farmed by One Person, Either by His Own Labor or With Assistance.

According to the 1920 census there are 6,440,908 farms in the United States. A "farm" for census purposes is all the land which is directly farmed by one person, either by his own labor alone or with the assistance of members of the household or hired employees. When a landowner has one or more tenants, renters, croppers or managers, the land operated by each is considered a "farm."

ASK FOR BIDS ON STATE ROADS IN DuPAGE COUNTY

First Section of Cannon Ball Trail to be Built from Naperville to Aurora, 6 Miles

That the first work to be done on the Cannon Ball trail will start this year is assured by a recent order of Governor Small asking for bids on approximately 145 miles of state-aid hard roads. Included in this latest order is about six miles of road between Aurora and Naperville, the first link of the Cannon Ball which will be the old Plank road north of Downers and which will connect with the cement road east of Fullersburg.

In the same order is a provision for 13.01 miles of hard road on route number 5. This is Lake street and the entire stretch will be built in this county.

This letting is in accordance with the Governor's determination to push his road building program with all possible speed. His successful fight for equitable prices in road construction makes this possible. He has succeeded in reducing the average cost per mile from \$40,000 to approximately \$27,500 and it is expected that the successful bidders on all of the paving work outlined now will be well under the \$30,000 per mile figure set by the Governor as a limit above which he declared the State would not pay.

This year up to July 28, a total of 179.66 miles of pavement has been completed. The pavement is being constructed at the rate of about 18 miles per week.

Up to July 30 contracts have been awarded for 175.4 miles of concrete pavement and 260.5 miles of grading. The contract cost of the pavement is \$3,852,540.89 and the cost of the cement is \$1,228,555.43, making a total for the pavement, including cement, \$5,081,074.32, or an average cost per mile complete of \$29,000. Recent contracts awarded have ranged around \$28,000 per mile.

The contract price for the 260.5 miles of grading, including cement for culverts etc., totals \$1,166,961.17. Contracts have also been let for 63 separate bridges at a cost, including cement, of \$830,242.26.

Tulips Quickly Change Color.
Tulips are more responsive to dyes than carnations or callas, a Chicago florist found by experimenting. When dyes of various colors were dissolved in vases and the flowers placed therein, the colors progressed up into the blooms of the tulips in about thirty minutes.

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COUNTY SECRETARY MOVING FROM KANSAS TO WORK HERE

Mr. Caster Thinks Opportunity For Work With DuPage Boys is "Splendid One."

Mr. Chas. A. Caster, County Secretary of DuPage County, left Saturday for Topeka, Kansas, to pack his household goods for removal. Mr. Caster and son, W. O., will make a short visit in North Missouri and return to the county to take up the work for the coming year. They expect to make their home either in Wheaton or Glen Ellyn if they can find a place to live.

After a hurried visit over the county Mr. Caster thinks there is a splendid opportunity for work here with the older boys and young men and hopes to cooperate especially with the high schools in work for the boys of high school age.

He recently spent two weeks at the Y. M. C. A. summer school at Lake Geneva, Wis., where he had an opportunity to confer with a number of the International Secretaries who are giving their whole attention to the work with older boys, as well as with about forty county secretaries from ten different states. Mr. Caster feels that he has gained a great deal of help for his work the coming year.

The Summer School at Lake Geneva is part of the Y. M. C. A. College at Chicago, of which Mr. W. A. Rogers is chairman of the Board of Directors. It is the purpose of the Summer School to bring the benefits of all experiment work and latest developments of association work to the men on the field. Some of the prominent speakers at the platform hour were Dr. Ozora Davis, Arthur Rugh, of China, O. O. Stanchfield from the county work department of the Y. M. C. A. in India, Mr. P. A. Barnheart, boys' work secretary from Korea, and a number of others.

Origin of Wall Paper.
Wall paper originated in China, but in China it was not known as wall paper. It remained for the western world to take the idea or huge wall painting, mounted upon rollers, which were mounted ceiling-high, but never affixed to the walls, and from such temporary decorations evolve the wall coverings of today.

TO RE - VISIT OLD BATTLEFIELDS AS GUESTS OF FRANCE

Liner George Washington Sailed on Wednesday—Other Legion News Personals

With the banner of the national commander of the American Legion fluttering at her masthead above the flags of all nations, the liner George Washington sailed from Hoboken on Wednesday bearing a party of 250 members of the Legion who will re-visit the old battle scenes of France as guests of the French government. The party will land at Cherbourg and will spend three weeks in France, returning to the United States about September 15. The pilgrimage is headed by John G. Emery, national commander of the Legion and among the delegates representing every state department of the veterans' organization are Henry D. Lindsley, of Texas, and Franklin D'Olier, of Philadelphia, past national commanders.

The state federation of labor in Oklahoma has invited the American Legion to send representatives to its next convention. Courtland M. Faquay, national executive committee man from Oklahoma, will represent the Legion. "The organizations are working to advance the same fundamental principles and the cementing of the friendship will add strength to both," said Edgar Fenton, head of the state labor organization.

After reviewing a parade in Cleveland, O., recently in which the United States flag was carried, John G. Emery, national commander of the American Legion, made a statement in which he scored "the two-per-cent Americans" who fail to remove their hats when the colors are passing.

The citizens of Evansville, Ind have built a home and presented it to the mother of James B. Gresham, one of the first three Americans to die in the world war. Gresham was killed Nov. 3, 1917 during the raid of a German patrol. The hero's body was brought to the United States recently and the reburial took place last week under the auspices of the Evansville post of the American Legion.

General Baron Jacques of Belgium.

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