

BLAME HUSBAND IF MEALS UNINVITING

WOMAN ORATOR'S NOTION

Tells Her Sisters How to Make Themselves Believe That Sort of Thing; What She Hands Out

"When meals are uninviting and homes are generally unattractive, the husband, not the wife, is usually the one to blame," Mrs. Anna J. Peterson, noted home service expert, told members of the Springfield Woman's club recently.

"Men who have learned the value of machinery, tools and power in their daily work seldom think of providing their wives with home-making equipment," she declared. "You can't make a balanced meal with just a frying pan, or an attractive home with only a broom, and more than you can make an automobile with nothing but a monkey wrench.

Greatest Industries

"Cooking and home-making are the greatest industries on earth and being a housewife is the world's greatest occupation. Yet, most women are laborers while the American working man, with the industrial equipment he has at his command, hold the family's 'white collar' job."

"No man who uses a micrometer in his work should expect his wife to cook a good meal without measuring utensils, and no man who operates an electric drill or lathe, or commands a steam shovel has a right to deny his wife a vacuum cleaner or modern gas range."

Get Men to Aid

Referring to a "better homes" campaign being fostered throughout the state by the Illinois Federation of Women's clubs, with which the Springfield women are affiliated, Mrs. Peterson declared: "Talk to the men, if you want to improve living conditions in Illinois homes. One cooking demonstration before a man's organization will do more good than a dozen before a women's club. The men are the providers and, upon what they provide for the use of housewives, depends to a great extent the comfort and enjoyment of home life."

The Springfield meeting was one of many home betterment talks and demonstrations included in the "better homes" campaign being carried on in practically every community in Illinois by over 750 women's clubs affiliated with the state federation, of which Mrs. Walter W. Seymour of Chicago, is president. Thirty-three other states are conducting similar campaigns under the auspices of the General Federation of Women's clubs, the national organization.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING IS EQUALIZING PRICES

More Than Makes Up for Difference Caused by Increase in Cost

National advertising of food products has equalized the prices of food twenty years ago and today, according to the Woman's Home Companion, which is conducting a series of food experiments under the direction of its experts.

In proof of this statement, a series of recipes are being published every month showing that an excellent dinner for four persons can be prepared in the home for one dollar.

"The answer," says the magazine, "is in the products and ingredients used in modern cooking compared with those used years ago when there was no standard for food materials. In the recipes prepared by our experts, no less than ten nationally advertised products are used. These constitute ten safeguards for the success of the meal. Experimentation is no more. National advertising makes possible such ideas as this dollar dinner because it gives a specific guarantee of quality and eliminates waste. National advertising has more than made up for the difference in prices twenty years ago and now."

CANADIAN FIRE LOSSES DECLINING; RISE HERE

Fire losses in Canada are steadily decreasing while fire losses in Illinois and the United States are mounting higher and higher each year was the declaration of State Fire Marshal S. L. Legreid before the chamber of commerce and the Illinois Fire Prevention association at Moline a few days ago.

Mr. Legreid said in part: "The loss of life and property by fire in Illinois and throughout the country continues to be staggering in its total. During the ten-year period from 1916, the fire waste of the United States increased in round numbers from \$259,000,000 to \$565,000,000. This is an average fire loss per day of more than \$1,500,000, or more than \$1,000 for every minute of the calendar year.

"While Canada has been showing a commendable decrease in losses by fire, and to relate, Illinois and the United States during the same period has steadily increased the destruction of property by fire. In the great province of Ontario, Canada, the fire losses reached their highest peak in 1925, when approximately \$19,000,000 in property was destroyed by fire. In 1924, this fire waste was lessened to \$16,000,000; in 1925, to \$14,000,000; and in 1926 to \$12,000,000.

FARMER OVERLOADED BY HEAVY IMPORTS

FLOODING THE MARKETS

U. S. Has Bought Abroad Billion Dollars Worth of Goods Which Could Have Been Produced Here

The deflation of the farmer started in 1921 and since that time it has been the assertion of all so-called farm experts that the troubles of the tiller of the soil have been due to his surplus. The experts have asserted that he ought to cut production in order to increase the price, yet it is a well known fact that the less the individual farmer raises the less money he is going to get for his crop. The farmer has ignored this advice to cut production and in doing this according to some writers who have studied the subject he has shown sound judgment.

Due to Imports

William Johnson, in an interesting article in Farm Life declares that a great deal of the overloading of our farm markets is due to importations. Mr. Thompson quotes Secretary of Commerce Hoover in the assertion that each year we are importing from foreign countries a billion dollars worth of products which we might as well be raising for ourselves. And it may be said in passing that a billion dollars added to the farm receipts each year would be decidedly important to be farmed.

Continuing, Mr. Thompson says:

"Let's open our minds to the full meaning of this situation. What it signifies is that in just the last few years, 2,000,000 American farm folks have been thrown out of their homes, forced off the land into the towns and cities, to make a market here in this country for peanut oil and low grade eggs from China, for coconut oil from the Philippines, cattle hides from Argentina, cheese from Italy and Switzerland, wool from Australia, silk from Japan, and flax, fruit, vegetables, rice, nuts and many other products from up and down the wide earth.

Lowers Prices

"It isn't only that we have imported

\$1,000,000,000 worth of such things which have taken the place of products from our own farms. But the competition of these imports in our home markets has lowered the price there of such things, and has forced us to export heavily to foreign markets, which has cheapened our entire farm output.

"Doubtless the total loss thus inflicted on American farmers, would have kept the families on the land that have been squeezed off, besides adding to the prosperity of those who have survived this competition.

RESERVE OFFICERS AIDING YOUNG MEN

Provide Free Scholarship at Northwestern University; Other Helps

Illinois Reserve Officers have given very practical evidence of their interest in helping young men to obtain the benefit of Reserve Officer Training Corps courses in colleges and universities. The North Shore Chapter of the Reserve Officers association located at Evanston, has raised money to provide a free scholarship at Northwestern university. This action followed a suggestion made by President Walter Dill Scott of Northwestern for means to increase enrollment in R. O. T. C. at that school. President Scott explained that approximately half of the young men attending Northwestern work their way through school. The needs of many students prevented taking military training. Consequently a free scholarship would help some deserving young man to devote time to military training.

It has been stated that awarding the scholarship probably will be made at one of the Citizens Military Training Camps during the coming summer training period. The opportunity for young men to secure a free scholarship at Northwestern will very likely induce ambitious young men to attend Citizens Military Training camps this summer in order to qualify for the free scholarship.

In view of the increasing interest now being displayed all over Illinois in R. O. T. C. training, this action of Illinois Reserve Officers is very timely. It is stated that Illinois Reserve Officers are the first in the country to provide a free scholarship.

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