

# Of Interest to Women

## NEW WORRIES FOR FARMERS

For Canadian farmers, taxpayers and industries there are many important developments on the food front, the Financial Post reports. What's ahead for bacon and eggs producers in 1949. The United Kingdom is planning drastic cuts in purchases from Canada next year. That's bad news. Only hope is that the contracts will be allowed to taper off, not ended sharply.

Here were other developments: Western Grain men are asking an investigation into the losses incurred by western farmers following sales of Canadian wheat at less than world prices.

ECA rules on U.S. flour and wheat sales are hampering Canadian flour exports.

Salary of the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons is \$10,000 a year, plus his Member's indemnity. Some foreigners find it hard to understand why the public here supports a leader to oppose the government in power.



Hello Homemakers! There are more single gloves around our house than pairs of gloves. Of course four women each losing one glove every so often demonstrates extravagance. However, we are making novel Bazaar and Christmas gifts with these, and it's like money in a piggy bank. Here are the ideas: (1) Cut a two inch band from a wide cuff to make one arm band for milady's blouse. Line it with red satin and put elastic through to make it look like the one they sell in the USA for \$5.95

(2) Lapel novelties may be fashioned from leather gloves into miniature dolls, animals, and rugby balls or other favourite sporting goods. Stuff with cotton batting or use pinking shears for the double flat ones.

- (3) Pin Cushions.
- (4) Bean bags.
- (5) Christmas tree trimmings.
- (6) Belt buckles.
- (7) Corners for desk pads and calendars.

For those who haven't any odd gloves to make into novel gifts, perhaps there are odd pieces of fabrics that can be made into modern accessories. At a recent fashion show we saw a smart belt pieced together with velveteen and serge in 3-inch rectangles and white sequins sewn on domino patterns.

Using the back of a summer pullover, a dicker can be made for a winter suit. For warmth, use two thicknesses of material and quilt it.

Hoods are still popular and can be made from short wool skirts or from upholstery and material. Stitch an interlining close or use a top stitching after the cap has been sewn and turned right side out since the edge of the hood may curl back.

To make slippers from an old felt hat is not difficult. Cut the hat up the back to the crown, steam, press felt and scrub with a brush dipped in soap suds. Then use a pattern for best results or buy insoles that can be sewn.

From top to toe there are ideas for using out-dated materials in modern yet practical gifts.

### COOKING HINTS TO SAVE ELECTRICITY

1. Use canned cream soups for sauces often. Never let them boil... only heat enough to eat.

2. Blend flour into meat juices, then add hot water to make the best brown gravy quickly.

3. A layer cake may be baked in 35 minutes at 375 degrees, while the same batter in a square tin requires 55 minutes at 350 degrees.

4. Bake a meat loaf mixture in muffin tins for even servings and it cooks quickly this way.

5. Scalloped potatoes made with a hot cream sauce require only half the baking time.

Shred cabbage, turnips and beets on a slicer and using a small amount of water, cook the vegetables in fifteen or twenty minutes depending upon the amount.

7. Pastry turnovers are more quickly baked than heavy fruit pies and baked on a jelly roll pan require 20 minutes at 400 degrees.

8. Use a pint measure to fill your tea kettle and heat only the required amount of water for tea. (There are commercial powders available at your electrical dealers which should be used to remove lime from your kettle.)

9. To hard cook eggs, wash them and put in the potato kettle for exactly ten minutes. This saves turning on an extra electric element.

10. The pressure cooker may be used to cook a number of different foods in the same pan. Make full use of the quick cooking utensil. Watch the clock to prevent over-cooking.

### REQUESTED RECIPES

#### Welsh Rarebit

2 tbsps. butter, 1 tbsp. cornstarch, 1 cup rich milk or cream, ¼ tsp. salt, few grains of pepper, dash of paprika, 2 cups mild Cheddar cheese (grated), 1 egg (slightly beaten).

Melt butter in top of double boiler. Add cornstarch and mix until smooth. Add milk gradually. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Add salt, pepper and paprika. Add cheese and stir until melted. Add some of the hot mixture to the beaten egg and return to mixture in the double boiler. Cook for two minutes, serve at once on toast or crackers. Garnish with olives or parsley. Yield: 6 servings.

#### Hot Slaw

½ cabbage (shredded), 2 egg yolks (slightly beaten), ¼ cup cold water, 1 tsp. butter, ¼ cup hot vinegar, ½ tsp. salt. Mix egg yolks, cold water, butter, vinegar and salt. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until thickened. Add cabbage. Reheat.

#### Potato Pancakes

3 medium sized raw potatoes 1 tsp. flour, 1 tsp. cream, 1 egg, 1 tsp. salt. Grate potatoes, add other ingredients. Stir well. Cook by spoonfuls in heavy frying pan in hot fat.

### BREEDING STOCK FOR U.S.

During the year ended June 30, 1948, about 42.5 thousand purebred domestic animals were imported duty free into the United States for breeding purposes, exceeding the 1947 figures by more than six thousand. Of this number 34.4 thousand were cattle, predominantly Holstein-Friesians, 4.3 thousand were sheep, more than half of them Suffolk; 2.8 thousand were swine, mostly Yorkshire; and 260 were breeding horses.

The National Research Council, founded in 1916 to conduct research on problems of national scientific interest, had a staff of 2300—half of them scientists—in November, 1947.



## In A Country Lane

By Lillian Collier Gray

The omission of part of a sentence in last week's column made it sound as if we were saying that we are leaving the farm because Halton county farmers cannot get started for themselves. Which is rather amusing, for we aren't leaving the farm, we've just come to it, and we also think Halton county farmers can get started for themselves and retired, too, when the time comes. What I did say was that many young men are leaving the farm because they cannot get started for themselves. That is, of course in the less prosperous counties of Ontario. I am told Halton young men leave the farm too. That may be one reason, and doubtless there are others, such as long hours, lower wages than in the city, fewer recreational facilities and various reasons.

We are fortunate to have no worse problem than power interruptions, as yet. They can do funny things too. On Friday I was using the vacuum cleaner upstairs when the cut came. I shut it off and went back to the kitchen to do some work that didn't require electricity. After a time I was startled by the most mysterious noise, a sort of humming, buzzing sound. Where was it? It seemed to be all around me. It wasn't the frig, or the radio, or the pressure pump. I even looked out the window to see if it was a stray cow or horse or pig or cat serenading us. Finally I thought of the roof. Had some satanic, modern weapon like a flying saucer landed on our roof, or was the attic haunted or on fire? I flew up stairs, prickles going up and down my spine. And there was the culprit! The vacuum cleaner humming merrily away. I hadn't shut it off after all. And that reminds me of a true story I heard. My vacuum isn't a Hoover and this concerns a Hoover. A lady who owned one called up a dealer and complained, "Please, Mister, my Hoover won't hoove." Well, if mine had been a Hoover it was hooving. But that is nothing to complain about, is it?

## Knowing Weeds Helps Eradication

Soon winter will be here and all vegetable growth will be checked. The interesting question arises as to what becomes of the various weeds at that time. What provision is made for their survival and renewal in the following year? If this is known, says G. A. Elliott, Associate Chief, Plant Product Division Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, suitable methods may be taken to attack and exterminate them.

Weeds are commonly classified as annuals, biennials and perennials, with winter annuals as a convenient, though not very scientific further distinction. An annual weed may be a winter annual when it starts in the fall and is fortunate in its location or in the season; or it may be regularly a winter annual a little further south.

An annual is a weed that germinates in the spring or early summer, grows and reproduces before winter, dying naturally when caught by autumn frosts. Its progeny, the seed, is safely tucked away within seed coats capable of withstanding winter's adversities. The importance of the seed is attested by its abundance, as compared with other weeds. If the seed can be induced to germinate before winter, or if it can be started early enough in the spring, either frost or the preparation for spring sown crops will destroy it while young.

Biennial weeds usually start growth early enough in the summer to provide themselves with a stout tap root, and a strong rosette of leaves lying on the ground to carry them through the winter and furnish reserve food for the flower stem which is quickly pushed up in the second year. A broad sheared cultivator is the best implement for eradicating them.

Perennial weeds, while reproducing by seed, maintain themselves year by year by their strong root systems, which may be creeping like those of Canada and perennial sow thistles, or short and fleshy as with docks and dandelion. No simple operation in fall or spring will suffice to exterminate the average perennial. Summer fallowing and cultivation are usually quite effective. Enough should be known of the special life history of each weed to guide in the proper methods of eradicating them.

## BURLINGTON

Word has been received here that "Mac" MacGregor shot a 400 lb. black bear on the hunting party's way into camp at South River. The party is composed of Joe Brown, Wm. Cline, C. E. MacGregor, Albert Hall, George Gont, Garnet Powell and James Tait.

The Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety program carried on by the Burlington Yacht Club during the past summer culminated on Saturday afternoon last in an interesting ceremony held in Canadian Legion Memorial Hall, when the Red Cross swimming awards were presented to some 25 boys and girls who had qualified in the tests for junior, intermediate and senior certificates.

Lake Ontario's level dropped five inches during the month of October. It is now a foot lower than it was at this time last year. The present level of 246.39 feet above sea level is comparatively high water but the outlook is good for an absence of flood conditions at the local beach and other lake resorts next summer.

Arrangements have been completed between the Hamilton Fire Department and the town to assist in fighting fires here if requested. Negotiations were commenced last January for the Hamilton department to come to the assistance of the local fire department should an emergency occur and final steps were taken by the Fire and jail committee of the Hamilton council last Wednesday night to complete the agreement. — Gazette.

The total tonnage of vessels under construction in the world amounts to 4,021,889 tons gross, of which 56 per cent is being built in Britain. The United States is turning out 162,072 tons, while Canadian shipyards have vessels totalling 125,847 tons presently under construction.

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