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York Seed Fair and Bacon Show March 14 In Newmarket

The York Seed Fair and Bacon Show is being held for the second year at the town hall, Newmarket, March 14. Last year the Seed Fair had a record entry for exhibits and the attendance was doubled that of any previous year. Judges of the Bacon Show last year rated bacon as the highest.

The Seed show is sponsored by the York County Crop Improvement Association and the Bacon show by the York Hog Producers' Association. Township committees are now selecting hogs for processing into Wiltshire sides for the inter-township competition. Township prizes are given for the best hogs. Each township committee selects three hogs for slaughter a week in advance of the fair. They are processed and cured and brought from the packing plant back to Newmarket as Wiltshire sides for competition.

A large seed fair is anticipated again this year. Many crops having been a disappointment last year, it is expected that there will be a keen demand for seed and the directors urge every farmer with seed for sale to enter exhibits of what he has. Exhibitors reported a number of enquiries for seed following the fair. The ten bushel lots of registered or certified oats and barley will be sold by auction at the fair. The seed fair offers a good opportunity for anyone wanting seed to contact seed growers.

'GROW FLAX' PAINT TRADE URGES CANADA FARMERS

The paint industry intends to tell the Canadian farmer that "there's a future in flax."

C. C. Pettit, general manager, speaking at the annual meeting of the Canadian Paint Varnish and Lacquer Association, said that there is at present sufficient flax to meet all requirements of the industry in the first six months of 1950.

"What is of considerable concern to us, however, is the fact that the 1949 crop was so small. If the succeeding years were to follow that pattern it might mean that we would have to look elsewhere for our flax and linseed oil. In the long run this could be a serious problem to the industry."

"The wisest policy seems to be to put forward every effort to ensure sufficient flax production in Canada to meet our requirements. That we are planning to do."

"The farmer was displeased by the action of the government last year in withdrawing the floor price on flax and discouraging production on the bases that there would be a considerable price decline and that, therefore, the farmer would lose on the crop."

"The contrary proved to be true and the price of flax held up very well. It seems likely, therefore, that the farmer can be persuaded to reverse his decision this year and grow more flax. Also, with the loss of Canada's overseas markets he will undoubtedly be considering crops for which he can find a domestic market."

Canada's 1949 flax crop was 2,500,000 bushels, approximately 15,000,000 bushels less than the 1948 crop which provided a surplus.



THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
Hydro Home Economist

Hello Homemakers! To iron or not to iron? The answer to this question is determined by either personal taste for neatness or the amount of time and strength the homemaker has to devote to ironing. Starched clothing and wearing apparel are usually finished carefully while everyday things such as towels are done more casually. Table linens and other fine household linens are almost universally ironed but bed linens may be ironed or the folded sheet pressed on top. Turkish towels, diapers and flanellette sheets are generally believed to be more absorbent or warm if not ironed.

We believe certain articles are damaged by regular ironing—elastized portions of garments, fabrics waterproofed with waxes, rubber or other coatings which melt easily. Some of the synthetics are ruined by high temperatures. Then, too, pile-fabrics, such as corduroys and chenilles mat under pressure. Be careful how you iron delicate fabrics such as veiling, laces and loosely woven materials decorated with beads or accessories—a firm pressing cloth is advised on these fabrics. All bias-cut garments should be ironed on the grain of the fabric rather than from neck to hem, or sagging may result. Never pull sheer organdies or the more fragile rayons against the weight of the iron because the result will be fraying at the seams.

Read the labels to be sure that specially treated fabrics should be ironed. Mercerized, Sanforized and Permanently stiffened garments can be ironed. However, Glazed Chintz and Moisture-proof garments are not always recommended for ironing.

The finish depends upon both taste and fabric requirements. A dull finish is obtained by ironing on its wrong side; dark coloured cottons and linens, rayons, satins, crepes and embroidered pieces. A glossy finish is achieved by ironing on the right side; white and light coloured linens, cottons and washable glazed chintz. Damask cloths may be ironed on both sides for a professional look.

The best results of ironing are guaranteed by even dampness, the safe temperature, the motion without drag, and the light pressure of the iron. Points to remember are:

- Use warm water to sprinkle clothes as it saturates fibres more evenly. Fold garments carefully, with hems and other double thickness parts turned inside and roll up tightly, using kneading pressure as you roll. Cover rolled items with heavy towel and let stand at least an hour, if you can, but keep them in a cool place to prevent mildew.
- The temperature of the iron is most important. It should be controlled, as too little slows up the process and of course too much damages the fabric and produces shine or scorch.
- Lost motion causes fatigue, especially in hand ironing. Homemakers should not tolerate a wobbly board, a wobbly iron handle or a surface that is not padded well. Iron with the grain of the fabric, since ironing in opposition to that natural direction produces the same effect as rubbing fur the wrong way even though it may not be noticed for the first 2 or 3 ironings.
- Through force of habit many women "bear down" on the handle of lightweight irons, exerting needless pressure and consequently expending needless energy. The even handling of the iron as it is placed on and lifted off the fabric is most important.

Other points should be considered important: a clean, well-fitted ironing board cover, a chlorine bleach in case of scorch, a bowl of water and a sponge for redamping dried spots, clean wrapping paper on the floor, a drying rack and a few clothes hangers.

TAKE A TIP

- To iron a man's shirt or a blouse: (a) Iron cuffs first; inner surface, then outer surface. (b) Iron body of sleeve, cuff opening side first. (c) Repeat on other sleeve. (d) Iron yoke. Slip one shoulder over end of board. Iron from centre to back of shoulder. Reverse and iron other side. (e) Iron body of shirt beginning with button-side of front and continue to back and other front. (f) Iron collar, under surface, then upper surface, working inward from edges.
- On ruffled items, do ruffles first, then body of curtain or blouse.
- Iron the extra interior parts first. Inset pockets, attached shoulder pads, facings and so forth.
- Always iron fabrics until they are dry.
- In general, iron parts that dangle from the board first.
- Always take that extra second to arrange the garment on the board so that you get the maximum ironing surface and save iron in the wrinkles.
- On wide articles such as a tablecloth, fold lengthwise and iron one side. Then fold double and iron one side. Then fold double

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In keeping the tractors well serviced, the important items are mufflers, gasoline lines, carburetors and the ignition system. Trouble rarely comes suddenly and there are usually warnings of defects which can be detected in advance.

If the tractor needs repairing, under no circumstances should this be done in any building where fire could do extensive damage. Distance is the greatest protection and the cheapest. A minimum distance should be 80 feet from any main building. Flaming gasoline spreads rapidly.

Combustible material in and around a tractor can be a serious fire hazard. Chaff can accumulate on the engine, pile up on the muffler or get sufficiently in contact with heated parts to cause a flash fire to start.

And say the experts, tractors being driven around farm buildings should be handled with the same care and good judgment given to

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