GRASS ROOTS

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Thanks For A Job Well Done

In behalf of the 4-H members and their families, the 4-H club leaders, the Fair Board and the Extension Service, we want to thank everyone who helped with the 1971 Otoe County Fair

It takes a lot of workers and supporters to make the fair a success It goes without saying that many families and individuals must operate under a very difficult schedule to keep things going at home and to take care of their county fair commitments

Although it is sometimes inconvenient in individual cases to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the fair board, adherence to these rules are necessary in order to operate an activity as large and complicated as the Otoe County Fair Your cooperation has been appreciated

Congratulations on another successful fair

Work Behind the Scenes Continues

When the activity shuts down on the fairgrounds, work behind the scenes continues

The fair board has been busy cleaning the grounds and moving equipment to storage

As soon as the fair records are checked for corrections and the results summarized and tabulated, the checks are written The livestock sale checks are receiving first attention Open class premium checks will be mailed as soon as possible

4-H premium checks will be mailed by club as soon as the club leader's summary and report of completions are received at the Extension Office Club members can speed up the process by promptly turning in their completed project record books to the club leader

Harvest Tips For Best Corn Silage

For best corn silage, harvest at 35 per cent dry matter (DM), use an air-tight silo, do a good job of compaction and chop your corn plant as fine as possible

The major silage losses can be put into two classes seepage and spoilage

The higher the dry matter, the lower the seepage Anything under 30 per cent DM in an upright silo will have a seepage loss, usually about 10 per cent dry matter and consisting of ash, organic acids and some nitrogenous material. All except ash is material the animal can use

Spoilage losses will vary with the tightness of the silo, type of cover put over the pack and degree of compaction These losses will run seven to 10 per cent of the dry matter

So, start harvesting when kernels are in the early dent to late dent stage and finish harvest as soon as possible At this time, DM of the plant is about 30 to 40 per cent while the kernels will run from 50 to 65 per cent

To eliminate excessive seepage, DM in tower silos should be about 35 per cent in bunkers, 30 per cent

Another plus from harvesting at this stage, yield per acre increases until the plant reaches approximately 35 per cent DM or until the first killing frost Then it levels off for five to 10 days (depending on the extent of frost, wind and rain) and begins declining at a rapid rate That's because it's losing leaves and tassels and in the case of lodging, the entire stalk

Corn silage should be chopped at ¼ to ⅜ inch irrespective of the stage of maturity or DM content Fine chopping improves palatability and fermentation, increases the amount of dry matter stored per cubic foot (compaction) and reduces the amount of oxidated losses during storage

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"No one likes to be ignored"

Another successful fair is past Many excellent exhibits were shown Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers for their fine work There will be a good representation of Otoe County exhibits at the State Fair

Nebraska Is Nation's Leading Processor of Eggs

Nebraska breaks and processes more liquid and dried eggs than any other state A recent USDA publication shows that Nebraska processes approximately 14 per cent of the United States supply of liquid, frozen and dried egg products

Most of the dried egg products are made for specific food industry uses Whole dried eggs go into retail cake mixes and dried yolks into mixes for noodles, doughnuts, egg nog, and scrambled eggs They are also baked into cookies and pies

The first step in the processing of eggs is candling and washing with a detergent sanitizer The eggs are then broken on automatic breaking machines which can crack and remove egg contents at the rate of 7,200 eggs per hour The eggs are pasteurized and usually spray dried into huge multi stage driers

Processed eggs offer convenience in many senses The removal of water means there are storage and shipping advantages and food firms save production time The processing techniques give the consumer egg solids with the functional properties essential to successful baking

School Time Means It's Pear Season

When school doors are about to open for the new term, pears are also at their best — just in time for school lunches, and other fruit treats

Red-blushed Bartlett pears are included on the U S Department of Agriculture's September Plentiful Foods List The pear crop in the three Pacific coast states was forecasted at 539,000 tons as of July 1, and this figure is 40 per cent more than last year.

It is wise to select pears that have begun to soften Even though hard pears may ripen if they're kept at room temperature, the chances the fruit will continue to change are best if they are a little soft when purchased

The signs of immature fruit are wilted and shriveled flesh with dull-appearing and slightly weakened skin These pears will not ripen — no matter how long they are stored at room temperature

Pears, just like bananas, turn brown if they are allowed to stand after they have been cut or peeled A quick dip into a citrus fruit juice will help keep the cut surfaces creamy white until served

The Buck Ends Here

By IVAN D E BEAUMONT



A mighty proud dad and his sun-tanned son.

This is a picture of a father and son with whom we visited for a few moments while waiting on main street in Syracuse for the beginning of the Otoe county fair parade

The dad we knew right off but the son well that's a story It's Albert Armknecht and his son Dennis who had a kidney transplant (from his mother) last spring in Denver

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Your couhty fair reporter was walking through the crowd with a camera over his shoulder and a pencil and notebook in his pocket

And the reporter photographer was not particularly conspicuous except for an orange and green "railroader's" cap and shades man shades

(I should have worn my maroon and white striped overalls)

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The sun-tanned young man called my name and stopped me on the corner

Turned and saw him walking to me Like most farm boys we know he was brown skinned from the sun and flashed a smile a mile wide

Did you ever get into a situation where you know the name of a man or woman but for a split second the name escapes you?

That was me I blew it and swallowed my tongue in embarrassment

"I'm Dennis," he said, "Dennis Armknecht."

It was my turn to smile

Mrs Armknecht, I honestly didn't recognize your son. He looked so strong and healthy I couldn't ever imagine him as the boy who was so ill for so long

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Well, we had a pleasant visit Albert said his son does just about everything on the farm including fixing fence

The family still makes regular visits to Denver, but everything is going along smoothly Dennis weighs about 120 pounds now

He is a senior at Nemaha Valley school Betcha that first day of school with his classmates was a real bang up

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The Otoe county fair was just great

We spent several days and a few nights on the grounds and except for being weary we certainly enjoyed it

Somewhere in County Agent Marvin Hoffman's record books he's going to have to put it down that it didn't rain on the first day of the fair It rained a couple days earlier

And on Sunday preceding the first fair day, we attended the rodeo on what we surely thought must have been the hottest and most dusty day in the history of mankind

Deanna Sands a journalism student at the University, helped cover the fair this summer for the News Press Deanna and I didn't know if we were going to survive on Monday, but when we entered the 4-H buildings Monday morning there were so many bright eyed and eager 4-Hers and FFA boys that we puffed up some energy

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If someone this winter asks Burton Copenhaver to keep the records on a judging contest of any kind, he'll probably flip Burton was everywhere with a clipboard in his hands livestock contest, judging events plus the 4-H horse show And Burton, we at the News Press certainly appreciated your help and we sure hope you'll be around next year

There are so many people who volunteer their time to the county fair that it would be impossible to recognize them all

But for all of us who attended the fair, we say thanks again in 1971 for making the fair successful

The News Press particularly appreciated the cooperation of County Agents Hoffman and Mrs Esther Chamberlain and their staffs for assistance and for the work space

Among the most happy faces we saw were Kevin Landwehr, Palmyra, who won the FFA Holstein breed championship and Susan Trail, who won the grand championship with her crossbred steer

One of the other most happiest faces was Janis Rieken, Dunbar, whose awards were climaxed with the reserve champion heifer ribbon Jams also cried the most

She's also a little hustler. As the 4-Her in charge of photographer for the 4-H newspaper, she rounded up 4-H council members and junior leaders at picture-taking time

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The carnival seemed much larger, but the attendance down, the grandstand shows were better and the attendance the same, the second annual rodeo was popular and with a little weather help, it will be more successful next year

Other plentiful foods for September are fresh purple plums, potatoes, split peas, eggs, broiler fryers and peanuts and peanut products

Care of Wading Pools

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BARBS

Have you noticed—the days are getting shorter, except at work?

You may be king of the house, old boy, but it's the queen who takes the jack

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Mrs Gene Bryan

Mr and Mrs Ralph Rowe, Shenandoah, Iowa, were house guests of the William Edens for a week Dinner guests of the Edens at the tavern were Mr and Mrs Ralph Rowe, Clarence Rowe and Velma Zipp, Lincoln Mr and Mrs Chris Panko and Mr and Mrs Alvin Eden and Julie of Burr

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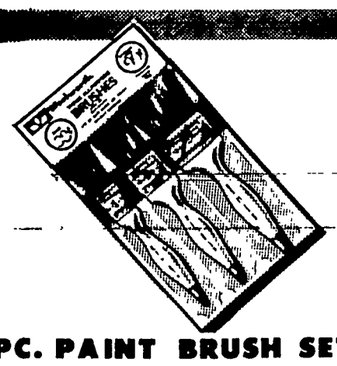


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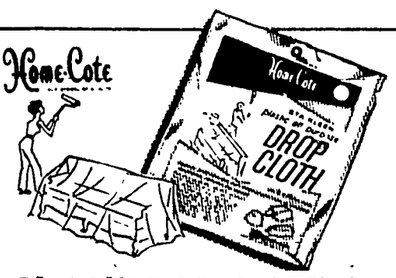


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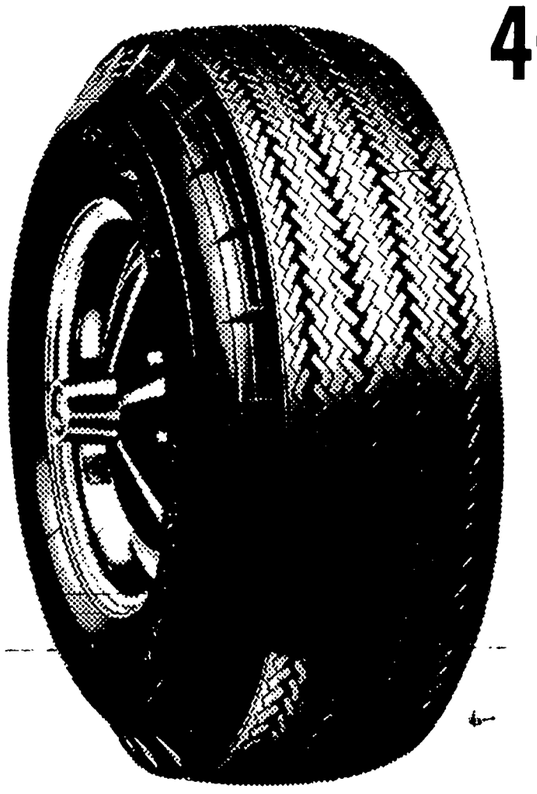
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