

## THE FARM FRONT

The Spring cleanup season is here again, and it's time for burning dried grass, leaves, trash, brush and all the other odds and ends that gather in the State of Iowa during the winter. But before you start give a thought to this—HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL MEET DEATH BECAUSE OF SUCH CLEAN-UPS?

I haven't the full statistics for Canada, or the United States either. But I did see recently that last spring in the State of Iowa alone, no less than fifteen people met death through these Spring burnings; also, that most of such victims were children under ten years old, or adults over sixty.

To get the trash burned up without undue risk of life or limb, it will pay to follow these simple rules.

ONE: Don't leave bonfires or brush fires unattended.

TWO: Burn trash or rubbish in covered wire enclosures, or in incinerators.

THREE: Start open fires ONLY in the center of large cleared areas.

FOUR: Keep your fires small by adding only small amounts of trash at a time.

FIVE: Don't start grass or rubbish fires on a windy day.

SIX: Don't start bonfires late in the day, or around mealtime, when you can't be there to watch them.

SEVEN: Never use coal oil, gasoline, or any other inflammable liquid either to start a fire or to help keep it going.

EIGHT: Always stand on the upwind side of a fire. If your clothing should happen to catch fire, DON'T START TO RUN. Instead, roll on the ground and keep your head upwind. A blanket, sack or coat may be used to smother flames.

And now, something of interest—I hope—to those of you who raise chickens. Last year, out in the middle west, demonstration flock owners were divided into two groups; those that crowded chicks by allowing less than half a square foot per chick up to eight weeks old, and those who allowed that much or more.

The crowded group averaged 15 per cent mortality; the uncrowded group lost only 6 per cent. Cost of production in the first group was 39½ cents a pound; in the second it was only 31 cents. Cost was unnecessary; the facts speak for themselves.

If your chicks show a tendency to pile up in the night, your brooder house may be to blame. W. R. Whitfield, writing in Wallace Farmer, has some worthwhile comments and suggestions regarding this.

Improper temperature conditions cause most crowding or piling. The trouble usually shows up when chicks are from a few weeks old up to roosting time. And the dangerous time of day is about sundown, or when chicks no longer can see to get.

If all your brooder house windows are in the south wall, you are more likely to have crowding trouble. The old-fashioned string of south windows make that side of the house cooler and keep it lighted longer. The light encour-

## SPORTS

Look, No Hands—Tony Rocca, one of the grand-and-groan set's more versatile performers, disdains the use of commonplace headlocks and toeholds, preferring to flatten his opponent with an indefinite flying kick to the jaw. Victim of the unorthodox treatment in this match is Al Babo, who would have done better with the aid of his Forty Thieves—he lost the bout.

ages chicks to collect near the windows for late-in-the-day eating. Then the coolness causes them to pile up when darkness falls.

The trouble is worse under warm-room brooder conditions—when oil or coal brooders are used.

Crowding doesn't often happen with electric brooding, probably because lights usually are used with that kind of brooder. The brooder light seems to cut down on crowding, even when housing conditions aren't so good.

Filing windows is reported in a brooder house which has the right number of windows in the right places. In one up-to-date experimental brooder house, for instance, there is just one window in each of three walls—east, south, west. That means there is little difference in either light or temperature over the entire floor area.

So chicks don't crowd to one side to eat just before sundown. They're scattered over the house to finish their eating; so when darkness comes they can sense the hover's heat and find their way back to a warm spot for their night's sleep.

If you have piling-up trouble because your brooder house is old-fashioned, you can do a few things in a hurry. Just remove all but one window on the south side (and cover roof windows), then add one to both east and west walls. Your house will be a lot safer for brooding in any kind of weather.

If you're suspicious of this idea, try this test: Cover the extra south windows with cardboard. If you have four, five or six windows on the south, cover the middle ones and leave just those on each end in use. If that improves the situation—as it probably will—then you can go ahead with a more permanent rearrangement of windows.

Present Iowa State College recommendations call for not more than one window for each 10 linear feet of wall space in brooder houses.

At the church children's party: Oh, Vicar, will you sing your song to the children now, or shall we let them enjoy themselves for another half-hour?

On paper they looked invincible, in spite of the snaking feeling of some of their key men show a slight tendency to choke up when the chips are down and the going is tough. In fact if they should happen to get away to a good start—something they have failed to do in the past seasons—they might win the Junior League by as far as that proverbial strong country boy can throw the proverbial red apple.

Yes, as we said before, we had definitely decided on Mr. McCarty's Red Sox. And then—and then—we happened to read about some doings which kicked our carefully compounded dope every whichway, and then gone.

These doings concerned a gentleman of the name of George DiMaggio, who will be 30 years of age come November—which is plenty of age to be carrying on one's shoulders in big league circles. In addition, Mr. DiMaggio has been so troubled with achings and pains that it was uncertain that he would ever get to the barrier in this season's race. So here are just a couple of things which that poor over-aged cripple did in his first Yankee season, appearing at the Exhibition game with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"In the fifth inning he raced some 100 feet and robbed Brooklyn's Roy Campanella of a triple, and possibly of an inside-the-pie-packer's job of the most amazing catch witnessed in the Stadium since DiMaggio's job on a drive by Hank Greenberg

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## Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q: I've heard that correct form now dictates that one should light one's own cigarette from a match first...  
A: Yes, it is still the proper thing to light your companion's cigarette first...

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