











### Kent Home Doings



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Would you like to make attrac-

What are the duties of a club officer? What else can an officer do to help her club? These questions were discussed by officers of the Home Demonstration Clubs and 4-H Clubs at an Officer Training Meeting on January 10th at Caesar Rodney High School.

These are the Home Demonstration Club officers who attended. Mrs. Marie Sterling, Mrs. Jane Lafferty, Miss Helen L. Comstock, Mrs. Nowell Wharton, Mrs. Townsend Vaughn, Mrs. H. J. Bradley, Mrs. Alan Bamberger, Mrs. Pearl Stevenson, Mrs. Louis Buarque, Mrs. Dorothy Pearson, Mrs. Pearl Rollison, Mrs. M. T. Duhadaway, Mrs. William Rowlinson, Mrs. May Davis, Mrs. Irene Wolleyhan, Mrs. Nellie Troyer.

### Late Seed Corn Resists Wilt

Sweet corn growers can solve many of their problems with Bacterial Wilt right now by ordering sweet corn seed from late maturing varieties. These seeds produce plants that are more tolerant of bacterial wilt than the early maturing varieties.

During mild winters sufficient numbers of these beetles survive to cause heavy infection of corn in the spring. Although these insects are the usual carriers of wilt, infested seed can also introduce the disease into a field.

The migration of beetles from infested to non-infested areas is responsible for considerable spreading of the disease during the growing season. In areas where wilt is serious, a certain percentage of the infested plants

### Termites Costing Home Owners Many Millions Year

Termites cost the people of the United States millions of dollars each year. Their habit of feeding on wood and wood products makes them a destructive intruder in the home.

### 'Cackle Hassle' Set for January 20

Kent County poultrymen will hold a "Cackle hazel", Thursday evening January 20 starting at 8:00 p. m. in the Caesar Rodney School at Wyoming. It can't be called a hen party because it is not limited to women; nor can it be called a bull session for obvious reasons. As may be inferred, the cackling means that everyone gets in the act - and the subject to be discussed assures it - "How to reduce broiler (and brooding) costs in line with reduced market opportunities."

The discussion will take off with these cost facts of "goals" that poultrymen may expect to aim for: To produce a 3.5 lb. broiler on about 9 lbs. of feed - or to average a pound of gain on about 2.5 lbs. of feed. These figures at present costs mean that poultrymen will have to produce at cost of about 18.5c per lb. of broiler - or about 3c under present averages.

Fred Fifer, newly elected president of the Dover local of the Delaware Poultry Improvement Association invites the general public to attend this and all other meetings during the year. The group meets regularly the third Thursday of each month. Other officers elected at the last meeting include Edward Haas, vice president, and Theodore Schorsch, secretary-treasurer.

**Dark Linens**  
You'll be seeing dark linens for those smart, good looking dresses which have an expensive simplicity of detail. A good example of this is a black linen sun dress with a bolero, both with organdy insets.

**Sawdust Useful**  
Sawdust and other wood wastes are useful for mulching or soil improvement with the addition of nitrogen.

### Many Miss Out on Social Security Pay to Survivors

There are many residents of this area who are survivors of workers who died between July 1, 1940 and August 31, 1950 who are not receiving survivors insurance monthly payments because they have not yet taken advantage of the benefits rights specifically provided for them in the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act. This is the conclusion of Myron Milbouer, manager of the Wilmington District Social Security Office after a recently concluded survey.

The manager pointed out that a recent change in the law will now permit the payment of monthly benefits in many cases to qualify survivors where none were payable before. He emphasized that the deceased worker must have had at least one year and a half work under social security, and that there must now be a survivor eligible to receive such payments.

These survivors would be a child still under the age of 18, the mother of such a child, or the worker's widow if she is over 65. In some instances the parents of a deceased wage earner may be eligible if they were dependent upon him for their support.

Mr. Milbouer explained that the 1954 amendments to the social security act greatly reduce the eligibility requirement necessary to qualify for monthly social security benefits. However, the law

Such methods include the use of stone, brick or concrete foundations stone or metal supporting columns or pillars in basements, and concrete walls and flooring in basements. Non-corrosive metal shields are commonly inserted between the wood and foundation acting as a barrier over which termites won't pass.

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Usually the first indication that the house is infested with termites is the appearance of the blackish, winged termites which usually swarm out in large numbers in spring. Eliminating these doesn't solve the problem since this form is not responsible for the damage. The destructive form is the white worker which tunnels woodwork and remains concealed.

Termites require a moist environment in order to live. If the worker is exposed to the outside air it will dry out and will die in a short time.

Termites in the home usually maintain their colonies in the soil and obtain moisture from it even though the wood in which they are feeding may not be directly in contact with the ground. They often construct earthen-like tubes or tunnels over the obstructing objects in order to reach the work back and forth from the food supply to the soil.

Infestations are best prevented by proper methods of construction to prevent them from reaching wood from the soil.

Other measures of value are the removal of wood in contact with the soil about the building and adequate ventilation of unexcavated portions of basements.

### Farmers and Wives Plan Mid-Winter Picnic

Farmers and their wives in Kent County will hold a mid-winter "picnic" at a meeting on Thursday, January 20 at the Capital Grange Hall starting at 10:30 a. m. The purpose is primarily to learn more about artificial breeding of dairy cattle and the progress of the program in the county according to George Robbins, president of the Kent County Association.

David Yoder, manager of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative at Lancaster will be the featured speaker. He and Delmar Young, Extension Dairyman of the University of Delaware will show how good management and a careful breeding program contribute to increasing farm profits.

Any child, widow, or dependent parent who is not receiving social security payments and who is the survivor of a worker who died before September 1950, after having one and a half years' work under social security is urged to get in touch with the Social Security office at 813 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware, to inquire about the effect this new change in the law may have on his benefit rights.

For the convenience of local residents, a representative of the Wilmington office comes to the City Office Building, Milford, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a. m. to 12 Noon.

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limited these easier requirements to living workers, or to persons who died after August 31, 1950. Where an individual died before that date, he had to meet much more difficult requirements before benefits could be payable to his survivors.

The amendments to the social security law enacted this year, he added, have remedied this situation by now making it possible to make payments to survivors of workers who died before September, 1950, on the same basis as those who died later.

"One of the reasons eligible survivors may not be getting in touch with us," Mr. Milbouer said, "is that we have told them in the past that they were not eligible because the wage earner had not worked long enough under social security to qualify. That has now been changed and in many cases monthly payments may now be made."

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