

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4, 1948

Rains Damage Crops

Time State Service
COVINGTON, Aug. 4.—One of the heaviest July rainfalls on record damaged crops and gardens in this area. Almost half of the wheat and oats are still in the fields and may be lost entirely unless there is a stretch of dry weather to permit harvesting. A total of 6.45 inches of rain fell here last month.

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If Radio Is Garbled Blame Spots on Sun

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Short wave radio transmission which will be fair today will be poor tomorrow and Friday due to disturbances in the ionosphere, the National Bureau of Standards warned today.

The disturbances will be caused by many sun spots, three groups of which are large enough to be seen if you look at the sun through smoked glasses or photographic negatives.

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Fix It Yourself—

Check Building Codes Before Fixing Attic

You'd Better Insulate Roof, Too; Don't Utilize All the Storage Space Either

By HUBBARD COBB, Your Handy Man
Finishing an unfinished attic into a couple of nice bedrooms is a fine way to kill the rest of the summer and at the same time be sure of having plenty of room for visiting relatives.

But before you start tossing the wallboard around, here are a few items that call for thoughtful consideration.

Many local building codes say you can't have people (even relatives) sleeping in a room where there is only one means of exit. What all this boils down to is that maybe you'll have to install an extra flight of stairs, and the least expensive way to do this is to run the stairs outside—providing the local building people at city hall say it's okay.

For our money it would be smarter to dispense with some of the expensive frills and have an adequate number of openings installed so that your relatives can breathe without benefit of an oxygen tent. This is of course, just a personal observation.

We spent the other afternoon down in the basement getting away from the heat and some old friends of the family, and while we were there we naturally got to thinking about the oil storage tank for the oil burner.

Now as you probably know, basement oil storage tanks have, or at least they should have, a protective coating of asphalt on the outside to prevent rusting.

If this coating is in bad shape, apply a fresh one. If you don't happen to like the color of asphalt paint you can apply a special paint over it for decorative effect.

Don't use an ordinary paint as this won't hold for long.

After the past winter a lot of people are considering the advantages of installing a larger size tank, maybe 550 or even a 1000-gallon job, outside and underground.

There are a couple of benefits you get from this changeover. First of all, you'll have a pretty good size fuel supply regardless of how slow deliveries might get during the bad months.

Another point is that some fuel companies give you a reduced rate when you buy oil in bulk and last but not least, getting the tank out of the basement and underground leaves you with more room in the cellar.

For what I wouldn't know, it is a good idea to have an underground tank, keep a close watch on your fuel consumption because about the only way you can spot a leak in these babies is the difference between what you put in and what you get out.

If the tank was filled when the burner was turned off, check the tank before you turn it off to see if there has been any loss of fuel.

Repair Crumbling Brick Mortar Joints

As we often mention from time to time, weather permitting, the most vulnerable part of a brick wall is the mortar joints.

When these joints begin to crumble away you will have a leaky wall on your hands and if you let things go long enough you'll have no wall at all.

Fixing up these crumbling mortar joints begins with cutting out all the loose or faulty mortar.

A cold chisel and a hammer are fine for this job. So is an old screwdriver.

After you've removed all traces of the bad mortar, take a stiff brush and clean away the dirt and particles of mortar from the joint. If there is any loose matter in the joint the new mortar won't do any better than the old did.

Now wet down the joint and pack in mortar made with one part cement and three parts sand with just enough water added to make it plastic. Force this mortar

If you have a home repair problem, write a letter to Mr. Cobb, care of The Indianapolis Times. If your question is of general interest, an answer to it will appear in a forthcoming column of The Times Home Page.

to the full depth of the joint and then use a small trowel or even a putty-knife to taper the face of the joint so that it slants down and out.

The idea here is that a joint slanted in this manner will tend to shed water rather than let it hang around looking for trouble.

If you run into any broken bricks these can be removed by cutting out the mortar. After this, take a new brick, soak it in water, butter it with mortar and slip it into place.

A good joint between bricks made of properly mixed mortar packed tight will not leak but if the mortar tends to be porous, it can be waterproofed by giving it a coat of a transparent waterproofing liquid.

New Safety Gadgets Used for Electricity

About ten minutes after electricity was invented, smart kids and some not so smart adults sat down and began figuring out ways to get hurt by the stuff.

As fast as they thought up ideas the electrical people thought up special fixtures and gadgets to frustrate these ideas. Here are a few of these special fixtures and gadgets:

The same group of persons who like to touch wet paint to find out if it's wet, like to stick their finger in empty light sockets to find out if the current is on or off.

Now there is a special socket that you can stick your finger in and you can't get a shock regardless of which way the switch is pulled.

During their childhood this same group liked to stick bent hair pins in wall outlets so they

could see the pretty sparks. Now you can get special safety wall outlets that are hair-pin proof.

Report Flying Saucers Sighted Over Saigon

PARIS, Aug. 4 (UP)—The French news agency AFP reported today that two flying saucers were sighted yesterday in Saigon, Indo-China.

The first of the strange objects made a brief appearance over the city at midday, AFP said. The second reportedly whirled and whirled through the Saigon sky for a full 15 minutes just before sunset. It eventually disappeared, heading northwest at high speed.

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