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Drouth Damage To Leaf Held Slight

Pastures, Young Clover, Other Hay Crops Have Suffered Most, Expert Says.

Damage by the drouth to early tobacco and corn has been slight, but clover and grasses sown with small grain and pastures have suffered heavily, growers and observers at the Kentucky Experiment Station reported Saturday. Stockmen in many instances are finding it necessary to feed grain, and many small streams, springs and ponds are

dry, necessitating hauling of stock water from larger streams. E. J. Kinney, farm crop expert of the College of Agriculture Lexington, said the most serious damage has been done to pastures and young clover. "Pastures, however, will revive in a short time after a rain," he declared. "Tobacco set recently is having a hard time, but a good rain within the next few days would help wonderfully," he said. "Tobacco acreage may be cut to some extent, but reasonable rains in the future would insure a good crop."

Farmers Real Enemy

Throughout the age-old discussion of the farmer's problems, blame for the trouble of agriculture has seldom been put in the right place, says Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of Johns Hopkins University. The villain really to blame for most of the recurring difficulties of the farmers is not Wall Street or the railroads the packers or the Board of Trade, Dr. Bowman says.

The villain's real name is Drought. The drought in the high plains of western Kansas and eastern Colorado, which began in 1892 and lasted until 1896, was the cause of a great economic depression which resulted in political unrest and upheavals. But only a few years of rain changed the picture and brought prosperity back. In 1900 the U. S. Geological Survey could see no agricultural future for the high plains of Texas, but a few years of normal rainfall started a new movement of settlers into what proved a fertile land, giving enough water.

Every agrarian rising in the world's history is possibly traceable to drought. In Australia seven years of drought killed 40 million sheep, and reduced wheat production by two thirds. But when the rains came at last, wheat crops multiplied six-fold and cattle and horses doubled in three years.

Farming is, in a real sense, a business of gambling on the weather. In that sense, the farmer is a more daring speculator than the plunger in Wall Street. Give him plenty of rain and he wins great profits, withhold the rain and he loses even his farm if he has not protected it with a "margin" of reserve capital. There is no political way, however, of guaranteeing rain.

CHAMBER COMMERCE TO MARKET BEANS

Fifty Graves county farmers planted a quarter-acre each of lima beans, to be marketed by the Mayfield Chamber of Commerce. It is believed that they will sell readily as they are not grown extensively in that section. If the project is successful, other vegetables will be grown next year.

Producer Seeks Perennial Wheat

Inventor Of Thornless Rose Now Working On New Wheat Species, He Announces.

Turning from the thornless rose, Dr. N. E. Hansen, South Dakota's horticultural wizard, is now resuming work on a perennial wheat, he announces.

After announcing successful experiments with the first rose without a thorn, Dr. Hansen made a trip to Russia and eastern Siberia in 1934 as a member of a party of Soviet natural scientists and has brought back the seed of a Russian grass which he says can be crossed with wheat to produce the long sought perennial wheat.

He has made six other trips to Russia and Siberia in the past 25 years in hopes of finding stock to make more hardy grain, fruit and flowers in the North Temperate Zone, and he also announces the introduction of 12 hardy apricot seedlings imported from Manchuria and eastern Siberia which he believes will grow in this part of the Middle West because of similar climatic conditions.

With reference to the perennial wheat, Dr. Hansen announces that similar experiments with plants furnished by his laboratory are being conducted at the University of Minnesota, by the United States Department of Agriculture and Russian natural scientists. At S. Dakota State College the plant wizard has 41 plants raised from the Russian grass seed during the past year. These will be crossed with wheat varieties this year. The resulting hybrid will again be crossed with wheat the following year, he states, and he expects the final result will be a good, hardy wheat of the perennial habit.

For the first time since he announced the result of his experiments with the thornless rose, two years ago, Dr. Hansen is offering sprouts of this unusual new variety for sale.

BEREA COLLEGE COWS ARE RATED HIGH

The herd of registered Holsteins owned by Berea College at Berea, Ky., recently completed its year's work in the herd test, making a very good showing, according to the report of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America at Madison, Wisconsin.

This herd of forty-three cows tested on three milkings a day (Class B) averaged 371.7 pounds fat and 11,211 pounds of milk for the year. High cows for the year were Berea Prospect Johanna with a record of 507.2 pounds fat and 13,811 pounds milk.

120 SHEEP SLAUGHTERED BY DOGS IN HARRISON

Baker Brothers, farmers near Renaker, Harrison county, report the loss by dogs of eighty sheep on their farm Sunday night, and A. B. Bowen of the same neighborhood lost 40 sheep Monday night.

A vigilance committee was organized by residents of the neighborhood and two dogs entering pastures were killed.

At a meeting of the Harrison Fiscal Court, sheep claims totaling \$1,014.50 were filed.

DOGS KILL 49 SHEEP ON ODDVILLE ROAD FARMS

On Friday and Monday nights dogs raided flocks of sheep on the farms of Earl, Walter and Lark Kendall and the C. LeBus Estate on the Oddville Pike, near Cynthiana, killing 35 ewes and lambs out of a flock of 48 for Earl Kendall. Walter Kendall lost four, Lark Kendall lost two and the LeBus Estate lost eight.

Several dogs were killed following the last attack, they being found running cattle in that vicinity.

BULL IN A TREE

A full-grown bull owned by a Pennsylvania farmer was among the many odd things swept away by the Susquehanna flood last spring. The animal was rescued from a crotch near the top of a tree but succumbed to his injuries.

Mushrooms Always Delicacy

The high esteem in which mushrooms are held as an article of diet dates back to ancient times. Practically always they were considered a delicacy, an extravagance, "a food fit for the gods," and not a dish for the average table.

Largest Population

There are only two states besides New York state with a population equal to that of New York city. They are Illinois and Pennsylvania.

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KY. HEN LAYS EGGS ON TREE EVERY DAY

Mr. and Mrs. John Walter Switzer of the old Lair pike, have the first tree laying hen on record. That is the hen is the first to go up on a tree, sit on a limb as though it were a nest and calmly lay an egg. The hen not only did that once—she does it every day.

The biddy is a White Leghorn and she has chosen a small tree in the yard, with a limb about nine feet from the ground for her nest. Every day she flies up to the limb and lays her egg. As there is nothing but space for the egg to drop in the hen is naturally alarmed, when upon investigation she finds no fruit of her labor and sets up a great commotion. The other chickens have learned that the egg breaks when it hits the ground and now they all make a break for the tree at the first cackle of the White Leghorn.

It's great fun and food for the fowls but the Switzers lose an egg a day.

CLEAN SPRINGS IN THE LIGHT OF MOON

The dry weather has turned attention of those who have them to spring and charts are being made to increase the flow of water.

Herbert Terry has a spring on his farm, and in discussing its possibilities with an old timer was told to clean it in the light of the moon and the flow would be increased. Cleaned in the dark of the moon the water flow is supposed to decrease.

Mr. Terry thought this idea a little far fetched and made it a point to check up on his information and found it more than a legend. He has not tested it thoroughly but is convinced there is some reason to it.

GUINEA, PARTRIDGE AND HEN ALL LAYING IN SAME NEST

Believe it or not: Homer Tracy, who resides near Scottsville, has come in with this story: On his place three guineas, one white Plymouth Rock hen and a partridge are all laying in the same nest. This can be proven by a trip to his farm.

There seems to be no confusion among the fowls and a very satisfactory schedule has been arranged for the laying periods so that each occupies the nest for a sufficient time without being disturbed by any of the other birds.—Allen County News.

STRIPPING

A picture of a University of Kentucky beauty in a bathing suit stripping blue grass has appeared and there's nothing unusual about it except the stripper had been stripped before she started stripping.—Cynthiana Democrat.

Farm Labor Scarce

The question of tilling the farms is growing serious because there is so little help available and so many who no matter what the condition of the worker refuse to do farm work. So many who could do farm work are on the relief. They say the relief is so much easier than farm work that so long as there is WP, there will be no farming. If they are put off work-relief they answer that the government will feed them anyway.

Farmers say that in an astonishing number of cases it is just no use to offer these people work. They laugh at you! It may seem cruel to say it, but it is an age-old observation that in matters of charity the hard way is usually the kind way in the long run. It has been too easy for people out of work to get a living, they have got too much, the invitation to fraud is too obvious, nor can the political implications be ignored.

The man offered work should have to go to work or starve.—Kentuckian-Citizen Paris.

Origin of Word

The word "pneumonia," like other words of Greek derivation, retains the initial "p" from the Greek root word.

FARM BRINGS \$18,500

A 250-acre improved farm, located in Woodford county, 4½ miles from Versailles on the Mortonsville pike, the property of Dr. William Carson Black, of Lexington, was purchased by Carl P. King, also of Lexington, for \$18,500 at a public auction this week. Mr. King stated that he made the purchase for investment purposes.

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NOTICE To Land Owners

The attention of land owners and those in control of lands bordering on public highways is most respectfully called to the provisions of the following law passed by the General Assembly of Kentucky, and now in effect.

"AN ACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH."

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1. "That it shall be the duty of every owner, controller, and manager of lands bordering and abutting on the public highways of this Commonwealth for the distance which their said land so abuts and borders, when so ordered by the Fiscal Court of his county, to cut, clear away, remove and carry from alongside the public highways all bushes, weeds, shrubs, and overhanging limbs of trees, and all other such obstruction along such highways and to keep all hedge fence along such highways so trimmed and cut back, that same, at no time, will be more than five feet high.

2. "The brush, bushes, weeds, overhanging limbs of trees, and all other obstructions along the highways of the several counties of this Commonwealth are to be removed therefrom between the 1st day of July and the 20th day of August of every year and it shall be the duty of the Road Engineer of the several counties of the Commonwealth to publish in some county paper in the county in which they act for at least two consecutive weeks before the first day of July each year, and to give notice by handbills, posted in not less than ten conspicuous places in each voting precinct of their counties outside of the incorporated towns, the requirements of this act and the duties incumbent on such persons as own, control and manage lands bordering and abutting on the public highways.

3. "Every person who violates the provisions of this act by failure to perform the duties herein required shall on conviction be fined in a sum not less than twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars. And the county road engineer shall on conviction be fined in the sum of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for his failure to publish the notices herein required.

4. "The costs of publication of the notices herein required are to be paid by the Fiscal Court of the county in which the notices were published and posted.

"All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed."