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Is It Likely To Precipitate Another Ugly Tobacco War In Kentucky?

A substantial farmer showed us an alarming note he got last Saturday in his mail box. It was not a letter but a loose sheet delivered, no doubt, to the box to prevent a possible clue to identify the writer. The note was well composed and advanced sound argument against increasing acreage in tobacco. While the note seemed to assume the farmer was going to increase his acreage a naive suggestion was made that it would be impossible. It said: "We believe some very wicked boys are planning to scrape your tobacco bed." "We know there is a good healthy organization in every tobacco county to see that justice is done us who are going to abide by the last year's acreage schedule."

"The farmer wanted to know of us what he should do. We told him that in the first place, without a black hand threat, we would not increase our acreage; that it would be the point of wisdom for all farmers to be guided by last year's allowance, if they hoped for a good price. But our friend said that he had never had any notion of increasing his acreage but now was afraid to start a bed for a crop."

It is our opinion if the note writer or organization, if there is one, will not molest him if he does not attempt to step up his acreage. We can vividly remember the period of barn burning fifty years ago when tobacco was made too cheap by over-production. We can remember that siege of lawlessness about 25 years ago when tobacco beds were watched at night to prevent their destruction and the dire warnings sent to growers.

In that reign of terror many wives, sons and daughters, strange to say, were the terrorists. They did not want to raise tobacco for the little returns.

We suggested to our friend that he turn the note over to the postal authorities as it was unlawfully placed in his box without postage, or turn it over to the county officers. To our surprise, he tore the note up as he said it had already made him too uncomfortable. He again pledged us not to mention his name but to "council those who would do such things to avoid troubling those who were not going to increase their crops."

It is too bad that men will not be unselfish. It is too bad that there are those who would in the matter raising tobacco this year increase their acreage and force the price down on every grower. It is too bad they cannot see themselves as pirates, for the act is piratical. One stands by and obeys the conventions of a good neighbor while the other thrusts his hand in the bag.

We would like to see the time come when this state would have some Kentuckian write a textbook on agricultural co-operation and require it taught in the schools. If the farmer ever gets out of his present plight it will have to come through educating the boys on the farm to the idea that co-operation is one of the most wonderful, most magical and most humane plans of life. The word is involved in every true Christian character to the very limit of life itself.

We have talked to a great many farmers since the Supreme Court annulled the Federal A.A.A. legislation. Everyone lamented, without criticism of the court, the adverse decision. However, they said they were going to live up to the terms of the dead law. It is not likely those who propose to expand their acreage will brag about it.

We imagine those who go in for increased acreage have gone into a curious process of reasoning to justify their action. To oppose them one cannot, of right, go further than to point out how it will injury every grower if production is increased. They should consider that any act of violence would be equally as grave as the wrong they seek to correct.

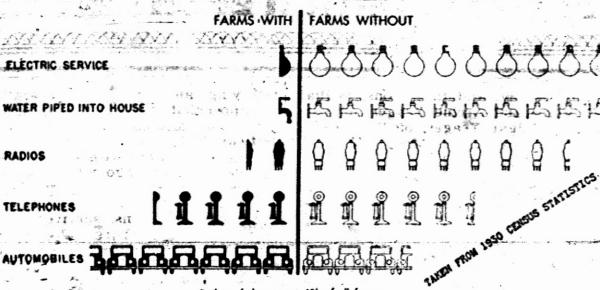
The Herald hopes that the ones to increase acreage are few, and those who would be prompted to molest them are few. Deliver us from another tobacco war.

Place a Network of Wires Over Mercer County And See Business Pick Up

Accompanying chart, prepared for us by the Rural Electrification Administration, illustrates the proportion of farms in Mercer county, that have electricity, and its corollary, running water, compared to the number of farms that have other modern necessities and conveniences, such as telephones, automobiles and radios.

At the beginning of 1935 about one American farm in nine had electric service. New line construction had tapered off to almost nothing,

FARM MODERNIZATION IN MERCER COUNTY



and the outlook for any further advance was not particularly promising. Congress and the President decided to do something about the situation and a portion of the work relief funds was set aside for rural electrification. The Rural Electrification Administration—REA—was created to administer the program.

REA operates directly by lending money to build distribution lines in rural areas not now served. It makes no grants of any kind, but any organization may borrow, provided the project which it sponsors meets the legal, engineering and economic tests applied by REA. Most important, the project must pay its own way.

About two years ago men were in Mercer county listing prospective consumers of electricity were the Norris power sent into Mercer. We understand they met with a great deal of encouragement. But like any matter off in the future many were unwilling to sign as they felt there might be something to stop the proposition and they would have another chance from another source.

We can vision the big activity that would take place in the county in the networking of it with electric wires. The radios, pumps and water systems, electric lights, etc. It is now time for those who want electric power on their farms to hold meeting at the court house and appoint a committee to take the matter up.

The Bundle of Sticks Lesson Of Abraham's Time Good Today

There is much you see in a day to both please and annoy. Things not just right from an orderly standpoint will annoy one according to ability to appreciate the neat and beautiful. Calling on a family for the first time the other day we discovered the secret of the financial success of that family, though they did not know we were reading them. It is what you would term today a large family of brothers and sisters. There are seven in the family. They are strict church people, respect their bodies and show it with a neat appearance, meet strangers graciously and make them at once at ease. But these are not the things, though they no doubt contribute largely to it, that make them successful—no well ordered life could go without such adornments. The success of this family lies in the great deference they show each other. Reference one makes about the other seems to carry admiration and respect. One must conclude that their parental background was solid.

We have been very intimate with another family of the three brothers and two sisters who worked together as one firm and they made a successful combination. Their combined resources amounted to a sum substantial enough to assure success with good co-operation of each. We have in mind other combinations of brothers and sisters who made a success by co-operation with each other.

But back to this family of seven we called on. Two of the brothers invited us out on the farm to see a very clever piece of work they were doing. They are going in to raise cattle and hogs. The provisions they are making for the shade protection and pure water for the animals showed to us a concern they have for dumb animals more than merely convenience in handling. There is a concern that cattle and hogs each shall have clean water to drink. No chance is left for an animal to drink the waste water. These and other matters we saw made us conclude that these farmers, with their ideals and ethics, are worthy of emulation by those who would succeed.

And we have seen the antipode of this beautiful family life where brothers and sisters went to court to settle difficulties which should never have existed. We see them today in want as a result.

DUCKS DAMAGE CROPS. NEED PERMIT TO KILL

Killing more than 200 wild ducks last November recently cost three Californians more than \$600, according to reports sent to the United States Biological Survey.

The duck killers pleaded guilty in Federal Court at Sacramento, but claimed that the ducks were damaging the rice field where the killing took place. The court fined the owner of land \$300 and costs and one other defendant \$150. The third offender, a former violator, was fined \$150 and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail.

Migratory birds doing damage may be killed only under permit.

Alcatraz, Uncle Sam's Escape Proof Prison

(Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror)

Alcatraz is considered the world's first escape-proof prison, according to Andrew K. Boone, writer. The federal government does not expect to reform the prisoners there are incarcerated on the island. They are sent there for three main reasons: To make sure they would never again bother society, to save them from the hands of their gang enemies, and to make it impossible for them to teach less-hardened criminals the tricks of the trade.

In describing the island the writer points out some of the reasons why a prisoner is insane who tries to escape from Alcatraz. In the first place, the island is situated where a man must be a powerful swimmer to buff the tides and currents. In case a prisoner does effect an escape 200 police cars can be summoned to the Bay shore by the means of radio.

No craft of any description is allowed within 200 yards of the rocky shores. Nor can prisoners receive direct mail—it is copied by a guard. No visitor is allowed unless he has a pass signed by the Attorney General of the United States. When a prisoner does have a guest he is not allowed in the same room but must talk through perforated paper to his friend. The paper holes are not large enough for the passage of any object. All visitors are searched by electrical detectors.

Triple doors that open one at a time are in the prison. In the dining-room a guard behind bullet-proof glass can flood the room instantly with gas. Hand-picked guards are the only ones hired on the island.

Uncle Sam really feels he has an escape-proof prison.

303 POUNDS OF FAT FROM COWS ON TEST

The six dairy herd improvement associations in Kentucky made an average production of 303 pounds of butterfat per cow last year, according to the annual report for the associations, summarized at the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky. Ninety-eight herds containing 2,801 cows were tested.

Five hundred and fifty cows in the Shelby-Boone-Carroll association averaged 335 pounds of butterfat, with the Oldham-Jefferson association next, with 331 pounds from 617 cows. Other associations reported as follows: Purchase, 304 pounds; Blue Grass, 295; Dix River, 275; and Warren-Simpson-Logan, 251.

The following herds averaged more than 400 pounds: Hugh Gingles, Kirksey, Walnut Hall Farm, Donnell; M. D. Harrison, Farmington; P. B. Gaines, Carrollton; A. Mosser & Son, Anchorage. Forty-nine herds averaged 300 pounds or more. Only five herds went under 200 pounds.

The testing, resulted in rigorous culling, a total of 507 cows being sold for beef during the year.

Every association reported a substantial profit above feed cost. The best record was by the Shelby-Boone-Carroll farmers, who made \$101.67 per cow over the cost of feed. The average for all associations was \$79 per cow over the cost of feed.

The average dairy cow in Kentucky produces approximately 158 pounds of butterfat in a year, according to the report. Members of dairy herd improvement associations nearly doubled this production.

ESTIMATE 37,100,000 MOTORCARS BY 1960

An increase of about 43 per cent in motor vehicles is expected by 1960 in the United States, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

A recent survey by institute committees developed expectations that the 22,400,000 passenger vehicles registered in 1935 would increase about 39 per cent in number to 31,100,000. It was estimated that the 3,600,000 motorbuses would increase in number to 6,000,000. Total registration for 1960 was estimated at 37,100,000 as compared with 26,000,000 for 1935.

It is estimated that the number of persons per car 5.7 in 1935, will become 4.7 in 1960. Fuel consumption per car is seen as increasing from the average of 690 gallons per vehicle per year in 1935 to a peak of 730 gallons in 1940, and then declining to 370 gallons in 1960.

While it is believed that the number of miles traveled by each car per year will continue to increase, it was predicted that there would be a decided trend toward cheaper and lighter vehicles consuming less fuel. There were some indications of an increase in the use of Diesel fuels for heavy vehicles.

Royalty-Keightley Acquires New Line

Announcement is made elsewhere in The Herald today of the appointment of Royalty-Keightley Lumber Co., Cogar avenue, as dealers for General Electric refrigerators for this territory.

The firm has equipped a display room adjoining its Cogar avenue office and has several different models of the new line of electric refrigerators on exhibition.

Hand The Herald \$1.50.

Hale and Hearty at 90



WORTHVILLE, Ky. . . . All the discussion about "the most severe winter we ever had," rather amuses Dr. N. G. Perry (above), who has just celebrated his 90th birthday. Dr. Perry has an overcoat which he bought some forty years ago but has worn the garment less than a half-dozen times. Dr. Perry attributes his good health to regular habits, plenty of fresh air and exercise.

LOCAL MAN FINDS SLAVE IN AFRICA

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ing someone who knew those whom she had known in Harrodsburg where she was born and reared. She explored the missionary to bring her back and her grief was profound when she was told he could not do so. The missionary said her pleadings were so pitiful that he would have brought her, or made an effort to do so, if he had had the money.

He said the native Liberians with whom he labored loved the hymn, "Guide Me, Oh, Thou Great Jehovah," and he sang it as they did in Liberia with Mrs. Moore playing the hymn on the piano and singing with him.

Mrs. Moore recalled that many years back an abolitionist agitator had come to Harrodsburg and had interested some of the large slave owners in establishing a colony of ex-slaves in Liberia. Those in sympathy with his efforts gave freedom to some of their slaves who desired to go. Col. William Thompson freed eight, among them Lavenia, then a young woman in the prime of life, whom the agitator induced to leave under promise that he would make her an empress in the Negro country. But instead she was deprived of liberty and power and made to work harder than she had ever done as a slave in Harrodsburg. She had never been able to communicate with her people after reaching Liberia.

The missionary was the only person she had ever seen who knew them. Apparently she had outlived the other slaves that had left here with her. Ann Eliza Tomlinson married a Mr. Worthington and was the mother of the one-time socialite, Mrs. Henry Clews, of New York. After Mr. Worthington's death she married Mr. Bower and lived at Keokuk, Iowa. Sarah Emily Taylor married the late Col. B. Frank Moore and her children now living are Miss Irene Moore, Mr. W. Jack Moore, Washington, D. C. and Mr. Harlan Moore, of New York City. Bettie Thompson—not a daughter of Col. William Thompson, but of another family—married a Mr. Taylor and moved to Winchester to live, passing on a comparatively few years ago at an advanced age.

TERRACE FARMS FOR ACRE COST OF \$1.67

Last year, 40 Christian county farmers terraced a total of 1,200 acres of land as a means of controlling soil erosion, at an average cost of \$1.67 per acre, according to reports of Keith Venable, assistant county agent. A crawler type tractor with a Diesel motor and a specially designed terrace grader, owned and operated by the Christian County Soil Improvement Association, was used for the terracing work. The terraces constructed are 20 feet or more in width and not less than 18 inches high. Christian county farmers have found terraces of this type are easily maintained, provide a maximum of protection during a period of cultivation, and interfere but little with tillage operations.

In addition to terracing their lands subject to erosion, the farmers of the soil improvement association have adopted the practices of using lime and fertilizer where needed on terraced acres to increase soil fertility. They also seeded winter cover crops to decrease leaching and have adopted cropping systems designed to increase soil fertility as well as prevent erosion. All terraced lands planted to intertilled crops will be cultivated with rows running parallel to terrace lines to aid in conserving moisture and fertile top soil. Drainage outlet channels for removing water collected by terraces during heavy rains have been protected by sod and permanent check dams to eliminate the possibility of the formation of gullies in these outlets.

It is estimated that not less than 1,500 acres of land will be terraced in Christian county during 1936.

Why the Cat Stretches

When a cat wakes up, it stretches, bends, twists. The intelligent animal thus stimulates its circulation, improves the tone of its muscles and benefits its respiratory and digestive apparatus.

Economy is favored by the cheap politician during a campaign and after a defeat.

MISS DUNN, MISS SHEEHAN GIVE MUSIC RECITAL

(Danville Messenger)

Misses Ann Sheehan, Danville, and Mary Lee Dunn, Cove Springs, gave a beautiful evening concert at the home of Miss Sheehan for the second in a series of "Neighborhood Musicals" sponsored by their teacher, Mrs. Dena Shelby Diehl.

A talk on Ethelbert Nevin, a great American lyrical composer, was given by Miss Sheehan, who opened the evening of music. This was followed by her rendition of "The Rosary," an advanced arrangement for the piano. Much feeling and expression were characteristics of Miss Sheehan's playing.

Miss Dunn completed the Nevin group with a myth concerning Narcissus who fell in love with his own shadow, reflected on the mirror surface of a pool. She followed this by Nevin's charming Narcissus and with fine shadings told the story in tone rather than words, which was Nevin's conception of the legend.

Miss Sheehan gave a fine interpretation of "Londonderry Air," an old Irish tune followed by Miss Dunn's brilliant rendition of "Majesty of the Deep." Miss Sheehan showed her sweet touch in "Love's Dream." This fascinating melody includes many light and dainty florid passages.

Miss Dunn gave a comprehensive sketch of Beethoven, the supreme man who has been likened to Moses and the prophets. She closed the concert with her beautiful rendition of the difficult "Polish Dance" by Sharenta.

Their clear, clean technique skill and accuracy in playing together with artistic interpretation, give promise for both to become real artists. Mrs. Diehl presented each of these young ladies with a cararra marble statuette of Schubert, whose works they are now studying. There will be more of these "Neighborhood Musicals" and all who attend will be delighted to see the progress of these students. The students invite their own friends, relatives and neighbors.

FREEZES A BLESSING

(Springfield Sun)

We have been berating the weather, fuming because of the severe freezes, and the attending losses, the added expense incurred in extra heating, plus the inconvenience to which many were placed, because of freezing water pipes, frozen over water supplies in the country and the added feeding expenses, but many of us have not stopped to consider the benefits that may have been received.

The heavy freezes, and prolonged sub-zero weather, though all that may have said about them, adversely, were blessings in disguise. Millions of insects have been destroyed and the ground frozen to such a depth much deeper breaking will be possible this season, which will enable the farmers to turn up additional subsoil and mix it with the top soil, forming a richer mixture and deeper seed bed, thereby conserving moisture and, at the same time, increasing production, the pleasure to be derived from better soil conditions for cultivation being an added benefit that should do much to appease the feelings of those who now abhor the idea of sub-zero weather.

Love of the Beautiful

The love of the beautiful calls man to fresh exertions and awakens him to a more noble life; and the glory of it is, that as painters imitate, and poets sing, and architects rear up the gorgeous trophies of their skill—as everything becomes beautiful and orderly, and magnificent—the activity of the mind rises to still greater and to better objects.

PIONEER PARK NOTES

(H. C. Wood, Curator)

Tho prone upon the ground it lies. All shorn of any power, And nether again will seek the skies We murmur—"What-a-tower!"

Mr. Black, of Barbourville, Ky., a former governor of the state, visited the Park last Friday. He and his wife and daughter are at Graham Springs.

The Curator has been given an old invitation issued to Mr. Ben Wickersham, Harrodsburg, Dec. 21, 1853.

"The pleasure of your company is solicited at a Masonic Dinner, to be given by Warren Lodge, No. 53, at the Court House in this place, Dec. 27th, 1853.

Signed, G. D. Runyan, Capt. A. Burford, J. L. Smalley, M. B. P. Williams, John A. Thompson, Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley, of Kansas City, Mo., were visitors at the Park last week. Mr. Pugsley is in a bank with Col. J. H. Rout, who is a descendant of Daniel Boone, and the Pugsleys are neighbors of Dudley Bowman, a former Mercer county boy.

Last Sunday gave the largest number of visitors to the Park since the beginning of the new year, some of them being from Portland, Oregon. If the weather continues favorable the daily attendance will increase largely from now on thru-out the season.

A school from near Cynthiana, visited the Park on Tuesday. The Harrison County school had some 45 pupils.

Mrs. T. W. Pennington, of Stanford, visited the Park Tuesday. Mrs. Pennington is a sister of Mrs. Rodman Keenon, now of Lexington, who formerly lived here. They are aunts of Mr. Frank Adams, of the Herald-Democrat office.

West High colored school, of Harrodsburg under the care of their teacher, Cecilia Jackson, visited the Park on Tuesday. There were about 24 pupils in attendance, and paid close attention to what was told them.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Keeling welcomed a little daughter to their home on March 10, 1936. She has received the name of Joanna.

RECORD MAPLE SYRUP HARVEST FOR QUEBEC

A record-breaking maple syrup crop is expected in the Province of Quebec this year as reports indicate ideal weather conditions have started the sap flowing in many districts. Reports show the industry should be in full swing by the end of the week. Last year the value of the maple sugar crop was \$5,522,420, according to the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa an increase of almost \$500,000 over the previous year.

OPERA HOUSE

Tonight—Friday

Ann Sothen in "You May Be Next." Spectacular, uncovering crime in U. S.

Fox News.

The Whole County's Talking—?

New Wallpapers

Smart Modern Designs

If you are planning to modernize your home, you must surely will want to see our beautiful new patterns and designs in wall paper and wall coverings. . . . Wall treatment is highly important, if you wish to enjoy the full value of your investment, in pleasing appearance and comfort. . . . Come in, inspect our sample books and paper. Let us show you new and harmonizing color combinations in finest wall-papers at very moderate prices.

Let us help you with your spring cleaning by assisting you select your wall paper and paint. Nothing makes a room cleaner than pretty wall paper and paint.

The Big Store



PAINTS