

The Herald's Weekly Page of Kentucky Farm News

Stock Barn Is Air-Conditioned

Texas Show Cattle Producer Sees That His Fine Stock Is Kept Comfortable.

Keeping cattle cool is one of the problems which breeders who exhibit on the show circuit must solve.

Out on the plains of Texas, William J. Flanagan and Sons, near Merkin, have succeeded in making comfortable their Hereford candidates for show honors. A barn screened on all four sides so that a breeze from any direction can circulate through it has been provided with airplane type fans, slats to carry away stagnant air and a loft to absorb the heat of the sun. A newly-constructed feeding barn with high ceilings and screened box stalls houses the young calves. A water scenter is a recent acquisition to eliminate an excess of minerals.

Sudan grass grown in rows provides the herd succulent pasture in mid-summer, from which the cows come to the barns at nursing time.

Work starts at 4:30 a.m. and closes at sundown. This year the herd started show circuit at Great Falls, Mont., in July and will be on the road continuously until December, starting a month later for the later winter and spring shows.

All members of the show herd are sired by one of their herd bulls, Publlican Domino and his son, Publlican Dominio 10th, and have been produced on the ranch. Several have won first and championship prizes here before will come back this year to compete in older classes. A 3-inch rain last week has revived all crops in this section.—Kansas City Star.

Revenue produced by the sale of power generated at the Tennessee Valley Authority's Wilson Dam more than doubled during the last fiscal year.

MARL BENEFIT PROVEN

Sam T. Peake, of Loretta, spread three tons of marl per acre on an old lespediza field and, according to reports, the crop on the marled portion of the field was more than twice the height of that on the unmarled portion. Numerous demonstrations and tests of this nature over the State have shown that marl or limestone will increase the growth of lespediza from 50% to 100%—Lexan Interprise.

Corn Needs Man Much As Man Needs Corn

Students of genetics in the United States Department of Agriculture call maize, or Indian corn, "the most completely domesticated grain, quite incapable of maintaining itself without man." None of the Old World cereals such as wheat, barley, or rice has reached this high degree of dependence on human care, says J. H. Hempton of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

"How, when, and where corn was domesticated are three questions often asked but never answered," he says. "Though there is corn of primitive people, there is no such thing as primitive corn. The oldest ears known are as highly developed botanically and as completely divorced from wild plants as the best of our commercial varieties.

The most ancient corn known is that of the pre-Incas of Peru. Well preserved ears in the graves of these in the same region today. A thousand or more generations have made no changes. Charred corn from the Mound Builders of the Ohio Valley resemble corn grown by Indians in the Middle West."

The nearest relative to Indian corn known to botanists is the grass generally known by its Aztec name of teosinte. But if corn developed from teosinte, Mr. Kenyon says, the manner of development can only be surmised. It is believed, however, that the advance of genetic knowledge may unravel the mystery of maize.

Wheat Supply To Be Lower

Smallest World Production Since 1927 Is Predicted By Washington.

New official indications of rising prices because of the drought this week coincided with expansion by federal agencies of the officially designated emergency area in two states and announcement of additional relief projects for the sun-baked areas.

The smallest world wheat supply since 1927 was predicted by the monthly summary of the department of agriculture. It estimated the 1936-37 wheat supply would "be at least" 230,000,000 bushels under that of the previous year.

A forecast of rising world wheat prices was coupled with the report, while grain and corn continued their recent spectacular advances on the markets.

The special drought committee of the department of agriculture added 34 more counties in Nebraska and Missouri to its list. This brought the national emergency county total to 726 in 18 different states.

The works progress administration reported it now had 37,000 destitute farmers on payrolls and announced Kentucky had become the tenth state to receive emergency aid. WPA said "water conservation and other useful projects" were underway or planned with the cooperation of the resettlement administration.

Bruce Ethus, WPA field man, and George H. Goodman, state WPA administrator, were asked to work out the Kentucky relief program.

North central and eastern sections of Kentucky were said to have suffered great crop losses with small areas bordering Illinois and Tennessee also hard hit.

FARM RESERVOIRS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN NICHOLAS

The Works Progress Administration has made an emergency appropriation of \$75,000 to Kentucky for the purpose of building farm reservoirs. The work in Nicholas county will be in charge of Mr. Bryson, who is located at the CCC camp. Mr. Bryson will have charge of constructing the reservoirs in six counties in this area.

Work on the first reservoir in the county will be started on the farm of R. M. Smith on the Headquarters road. County Agent R. J. Matson said "twelve farmers have offered land for the building of the dams and reservoirs."

The reservoirs will cover approximately one acre of ground with five feet of water. They will be for the general use of the community. Approximately twenty men will be employed on each project.

COINCIDENCE

George Goodloe was sitting in his yard when he called to a boy who works on his Barnes Mill Pike farm. Mr. Goodloe saw that a rain was in the offing.

"Go down and get that ladder down there and bring it up here," he told the boy. "We'll clean out this gutter and take advantage of the water that is going to fall."

Just then there was a flash of lightning, and two claps of thunder. The boy left, came back in a minute.

"You'll have to get another ladder, Mr. Goodloe," the boy said. "Lightning just struck that ladder you wanted."—Richmond Register.

SCRAP-BOOK TELLS OF DROUGHT IN 1854

The following is recorded about the summer of 1854 in a scrap book of the late Mathew James Boyle, grandfather of Henry Edelen, of Bardstown:

"Remarkable summer, 1854. From June 10 to October 1, no rain but four light showers. At latter date considerable rain but not enough to set springs to flowing."—Bardstown Standard.

Co. Fair Renaissance

(Editorial, Lexington Herald)

No one could attend the Mercer county fair at Harrodsburg this week without being impressed with the prospect that presents itself for the revival of interest in the county fairs and their restoration to the place they once occupied in the life of the people and in the calendar of the year.

The saddle horse show rings at Harrodsburg attracted widespread attention and drew crowds, not only for the night horse shows but for the afternoon rings.

There can be no doubt that this forecasts a better attendance and interest for the other county fairs and for the Kentucky State Fair, which has been reorganized.

As an agricultural state and as the leading breeding state for saddle horses and blooded stock of all kinds, Kentucky should rank at the top of all states in county fairs and in the state fair. Lexington should always be regretful that the old Blue Grass fair was discontinued. The prospect of its revival or of a saddle horse show either conducted separately or in connection with the annual 4-H Club fair, always creates a response in interest and support.

Another interesting feature in Harrodsburg was the foxhound show, a real event and one of the best ever held under such auspices. Harrodsburg is to be congratulated on the success of the Mercer county fair this year and enterprising Kentuckians should sit up and take notice.

The Mercer county fair was the kind of a county fair that Kentucky counties ought to have, emphasizing those things which not only claim interest and attention but which are such a vital factor in all the state can do and can be. The fairs will continue now over the Kentucky circuit and there is a reason to believe that the high standard Harrodsburg has set will be continued.

Famous Americans URGED RED CLOVER

Just who brought the first red clover to the New World is still a question, but records in the United States Department of Agriculture report that many men famous in colonial history urged its growth.

As early as 1633, Lord Baltimore asked his settlers to bring good stores of clover seed, but there is no record that they did. William Penn in 1685 tells of success in growing English grass (red clover) and that Robert Turner, a wealthy merchant planter, sowed "great and small clover."

Benjamin Franklin, about 1750, wrote that he had "seeded 30 acres to red clover in Philadelphia on the 23rd of August." Nearly 25 years later his "Poor Richard's Almanac" told of "An experienced method of sowing clover on barley."

George Washington in 1786 wrote that seed of red clover was obtainable "on easy terms" in Virginia. It was in these years—the reconstruction period after the Revolution—that extensive cultivation of clover began.

L. H. Jones' Herd Making Record

Mercer Man's "Golden Gem Sadie" Tops 23 Jersey Cows in Butterfat And Milk Production.

The herd of pure bred Jerseys owned by L. H. Jones of "Locust Jersey Farm," Louisville road, which is the only herd in Mercer county doing Dairy Herd Improvement Association testing work, has made a nice production record for the first quarter of the year which started April 1, 1936.

For the first quarter, the herd of 23 cows has an average production per cow of 552 pounds milk and 118.0 pounds butterfat. This is a very creditable record, compared with the average production per cow in Kentucky which is only 152 pounds butterfat per year. The high cow for the first quarter is "Golden Gem Sadie" 10,434.25, who in 118 days has made 3,733 pounds milk and 179.5 pounds butterfat.

Aside from being a herd of high producers Mr. Jones' herd is Government accredited T. B. and Bang disease herd.

HOG SELF-FEEDER

A self-feeder which reduces the work of feeding hogs to third that of hand-feeding has been designed by Brady Sellards of the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, in addition to saving labor, self-feeders are said to result in more rapid gains and to require less feed.

The feeder is known as the swinging door type. It is so constructed that it protects the feed from wind, weather and chickens and prevents waste by the hogs. Swinging doors discourage the pigs from throwing the feed out with their heads.

The feeder is built on runners, so it can be moved about to distribute the manure over the field. Plans may be had from county agents or by writing to the college.

STORMS DESTROY 22 BARNs IN WOODFORD IN 2 WEEKS

(Woodford Sun)

Dr. S. O. Sublett's cattle barn at his farm on the McCoun's Ferry pike, burned with its contents when it was struck by lightning during a storm about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. A pure-bred dairy calf perished. Other animals in the barn were gotten out. A 75-ton concrete slab silo was ruined.

Dr. Sublett estimates his loss at approximately \$10,000, with \$4,000 insurance on the barn and \$500 on feed.

Contents of the barn, all of which burned, included 30 tons of alfalfa hay, 60 tons of baled straw, 300 bushels of grain and a 12-h. p. engine and feed grinder.

Lightning struck metal hay loader attached to the barn.

The destruction of the five barns Saturday morning and the one Tuesday afternoon brought the total number of barns destroyed by the elements in this county within a period of a little over two weeks to 22 wind blowing down 17 and lightning burning five.

GOBBLER A "MOTHER" UNIQUE TRADING CODE

The announcement that corn has gone to \$1.00 a bushel again, because of the curtailment in the crop by the drought reminds us of a farmer in the community where we grew up who refused to accept any more for corn than 75 cents a bushel. Regardless of how high corn sometimes went, he would never ask any more than 75 cents, for he said: "That's all that corn is worth any time, and I don't feel it is right to sell it for more than it is worth." A very fundamental code of bargaining morals. Middlesboro News

3-HEADED CALF

A. O. Mann, of Greeley, Colo., has the stuffed body of a calf with three heads and two tails. The animal was born on his ranch and lived less than one day.

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Broadway & Chiles Streets Phone 61

Public Sale

The heirs of the late W. E. Lacefield have appointed us Agents to sell his real estate and personal property on premises on

Sat. Morning, August 8, 1936
At 9 O'clock

Real Estate—Located on Danville highway No. 35—just out of city limits—5 acres of land and 7-room house, front and rear porches, poultry and meat house, garage, barn, carpenter's shop, plenty of water and electricity is available—in a few hundred yards and at small cost. Rural mail route and buses pass every few hours connecting with all points of interest, location is one of the best in county and ideal for a Gas Station.

Personal—Complete furnishings of the home consisting of beds, chairs, tables, dressers, stands, stoves, rugs, dishes, lots of garden tools and a COMPLETE set of carpenters tools.

1 FINE MILK COW

TERMS—on Real Estate—Liberal.

TERMS—on Personal Property—CASH.

Possession at once.

John I. Van Arsdale Realty Co. Agents
Auctioneers and Clerks.

Executor's Sale

In order to settle the estate of the late Isaac I. McCray, we will on the premises, on College street near the City Limits, in Harrodsburg, Ky.

ON

Saturday, August 15th, 1936

At 10:30 A. M.

sell at

PUBLIC AUCTION

the farm of about 32 acres.

Farm located near Graded School, on Main Highway, mostly in grass, improved with substantial residence, good barn and outbuildings.

TERMS: 10% on day of sale, 40% on Jan. 1, 1937, at which time deed is to be made; remainder due in one, two and three years, interest at 5%, lien retained, failure to pay note or interest to make all due, purchaser to carry fire and tornado insurance to extent of \$2300.00 for protection of unpaid purchase money.

Possession Jan. 1, 1937, seeding privilege of corn land this Fall. Seller to pay 1936 taxes, purchaser to pay 1937.

At the same time and place will sell for cash:

1 iron digger, 1 iron drill, 3 rolls used fencing about 60 rods, 4 rods new wire fencing, 2000 tobacco sticks and other articles.

Farmers Trust Co.

Executor of the will of Isaac I. McCray.

John I. Van Arsdale, Auctioneer

Public Sale

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1936

TEN A. M.

of

Real Estate and Eight Rooms of House Hold Goods.

On account of my health, I am forced to sell my residence on the corner of Chiles and Poplar streets. Lot frontage on Poplar 69 feet, running north 84 feet on Chiles street. Residence consists of 10 rooms, 4 halls, bath, lights, water. Building brick, in good condition, adjoining residence brick office of two rooms. Located in one block of shopping district. One of the best located rooming houses in the city. Large front porch, plenty of shade, fine cistern, garage.

TERMS: Assume mortgage of \$2,600, balance cash with deed. 1936 taxes will be paid by present owner. Possession at once. Insurance pro-rata. Eight rooms of good furniture, consisting of beds, rockers, chairs, tables, hall tree, sideboards, dressers, wash stands, porch set, rugs, linolium, carpets, Home Comfort range, heaters, feather beds, living room suite, in fact, every thing you can think of in a large rooming house.

TERMS of Personal Property Cash.

Sale starts promptly at 10 a. m. Real estate will be sold promptly at 11 o'clock. If you want a good investment for your money don't overlook this one. A sure sale at your price.

MRS. ZUNA BOTTOM

W. P. Hatchett, Auctioneer.