

The Herald's Weekly Page of Kentucky Farm News

Grass, Terrace Save Worn Soil

Lespedeza Survived 1930 Drought
And Developed Into Good Stand
On Waste Lands.

Following methods that rebuilt a worn field in the period of 1929 to 1935, H. C. McConnell this spring limed, phosphated and seeded another 35 acres on his 400-acre Caldwell county farm. The field was terraced last year under the supervision of the CCC.

The first field was terraced in 1929. Nearly a fourth of it had been thrown out as waste land because of gullies and surface washing. Much of the rest of it was badly sheet washed and very low in productivity.

With the assistance of County Agent J. F. Graham, terraces were laid out and made with the county road grader. Several of the gullies were so deep that they had to be filled in before they could be crossed with the crawler-type tractor.

The field was treated with three tons of limestone to the acre and seeded to a mixture of sweet clover, orchard grass, redtop and korean lespedeza. Due to the 1930 drought, little of this mixture survived, except lespedeza, which developed into a good stand.

The field has not been plowed since it was terraced, although little erosion has developed and all of it could be plowed and put to cultivated crops that would yield well. McConnell declares that it has provided more pasture than any other part of his farm.

JESSAMINE FARM SELLS FOR \$100 AN ACRE
Robert Etherington's 118-acre farm in Jessamine county, about a mile north of Keene on the Woods-pike, was sold by James P. Donnellan, real estate agent, to George Montgomery, Jr., of Nicholasville, for \$100 an acre. Possession will be given at once.

DON'T LET VEAL CALVES GET TOO HEAVY FOR MARKET
Stockyard men are urging farmers not to allow veal calves to get too heavy. In warm weather, butchers prefer calves not over 175 pounds.

LEGOO GAL HAS TWINS SECOND YEAR IN ROW

Twin colts—the second pair produced by two thoroughbreds at the Woodside stables, San Francisco, attracted attention of turf followers there.

The twins, two weeks old, are the get of Runstar out of Leggo Gal, owned by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Rosekrans. Mrs. Rosekrans is the former Alma Spreckels.

The same sire and dam produced twin colts a year ago. Veterinarians said twin colts occur about once in every 10,000 births.

'Iceberg' Is In North Carolina

Guernsey Bull Born In Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Retreat Thriving At Klondike Farm'

Yes, it is really true, for Klondike Farm is now the home of "Iceberg," the Guernsey bull who was born in Little America while Admiral Byrd was in the antarctic. Iceberg's mother, Klondike Nira, was supplied Admiral Byrd by Thurmond Chatham to supply milk for the expedition, but did not survive the rigors of the antarctic. When Admiral Byrd recently made an address in Winston-Salem, N. C. Iceberg was groomed for the event and escorted to the station to meet the Admiral.

Iceberg is flourishing and promises to be a senior herd sire some day.

25 PER CENT WOODFORD FARMERS ADOPT SOIL PLAN

Approximately 25 per cent of the farmers of Woodford County, representing 200 farms, filled out work sheets under the new Federal soil conservation program during the past week, it was announced. This represented, it was stated approximately one third of the burley tobacco base acreage.

3,000 ACRES TAKEN OVER BY U. S. IN MCREEARY

A deed has been recorded in McCreary county transferring 8,000 acres of land from Waddell and Gibson, Somerset, to the United States government. The land will become a part of the Cumberland Forest Reserve.

Kentucky's Prize Home-Cured Hams Will Be Exhibited

Cash Awards of \$1,000 to be Given the Best Ones at State Exposition

A large exhibit of old hickory-smoked country-cured hams will be one of the features of the Owendale Kentucky Exposition to be held at the Capitol Building in Frankfort on June 5th, 6th and the afternoon of the 7th.

Hams entered in this unusual display will compete for 100 prizes totaling \$1,000. The first prize will be \$100; the second, \$50; the third, \$25; the fourth, \$15; the 5th, \$10, and the next 95 hams will be awarded \$7.50 each.

Every ham in the exposition must be accompanied by the recipe, giving instructions in full for butchering, curing, smoking and care of the meat.

The College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky will have charge of this exhibit of country-cured hams. These winning hams and the accompanying recipes become the property of the Owendale Kentucky Exposition and will be auctioned to the highest bidder by Governor B. C. Chandler. Other hams exhibited will be sold and the money sent to the exhibitor if he so desires.

With these recipes in hand, the College of Agriculture, cooperating with the Shakertown Countryside Industries, will develop a standard recipe for the production of a superior Kentucky farm-cured ham.

Farmers who have hams should enter their product in this contest. Further information concerning the exposition may be obtained by writing to the Kentucky Progress Commission, Capitol Building, Frankfort.

CHILD'S PROSPECT AND FARM

(McAlester, Okla., News-Capital)
An economist at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. O. E. Baker, expresses the sincere hope that his boy, now 5, will eventually become a farmer. This is why, reasons the professor:

The farmer has better food, even in times of depression, than his city neighbors; he has better health; he can accumulate more property; he is more likely to enjoy his work than town people; finally, and most important, the farmer is more likely to rear a family and do his part to promote the general welfare of the nation.

From that viewpoint, this economist's ambition for his boy ought to set up an example for many other urban fathers.

In any event it is one bet in their children's future that parents can't afford to overlook.

And incidentally, laying aside the customary jibes directed at farm life, agriculture, in the final analysis, is the nation's fundamental business.

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MILK DRINKERS

We are raising a generation of milk drinkers, is the cheering conclusion of Prof. P. D. Converse, of the College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. In a survey recently conducted at the university, Professor Converse found that 67% of the men and 62% of the women among 600 students interviewed drank milk with all three meals. About 85% of the students drank milk for lunch, 60% for breakfast, and 50% for dinner. If all the populae drink milk like our university students, all danger of a surplus milk supply would be overcome and dairymen would have their hands full producing enough to meet the demands.—Southern Dairy Products Journal.

WILL ROGERS' STEER TO BE EXHIBITED AT DALLAS

A steer weighing more than a ton and a half will be exhibited at the \$25,000,000 Texas Centennial Exposition which opens in Dallas June 6. "Big Jim," once owned by the late Will Rogers, is said to be the biggest steer in the world. He weighs 3100 pounds, stands five feet four inches at the withers and is ten feet long from head to tail.

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SEVEN IN DIX RIVER DAIRY HERD ASSOCIATION

Seven Marion County farmers are members of the Dix River Dairy Herd Improvement Association and are having their cows tested each month for butterfat and milk production. John C. Peterson, Ballard Thompson, J. C. Ballard, Walter Ballard, A. C. Byrnside, Jarboe's Dairy and Cleaver Crawford are members.

In the month of April, John C. Peterson's herd of nine cows had the highest average production with 34.2 pounds of butterfat. The highest producing cow produced 51.5 pounds of butterfat. Ballard Thompson of near Holy Cross had the highest producing cow of any association of the twenty-four dairymen in the whole association. This cow produced 58.6 pounds of butterfat during the month of April. Other high producing cows in the various herds was Jarboe's Dairy, 33.9 pounds of butterfat; A. C. Byrnside, 29.6; J. C. Ballard, 41.0; Walter Ballard, 40.0, and Cleaver Crawford, 41.0. These men have practiced continuous testing and culling for a period of years, and expect to continue to improve their herds.—Lebanon Falcon.

STRIP CROPS HOLD SOIL WHEN WIND WHIPS FIELD

Strip cropping, one of the best and most economical methods of checking erosion by water, also is valuable in checking wind erosion in western areas.

Whether planted on contour lines or at right angles to prevailing winds, strips of sweet clover, alfalfa, sorghum, sudan grass, or sunflowers not only stop soil that starts to blow, but also break the wind as it sweeps across the field. It is small soil particles carried by a high wind that produce the scouring effect known as wind erosion, strip cropping stops drifting soil in the same way as fences and weed clumps.

Another advantage of strip cropping is that strips may be shifted from year to year. The top growth and roots are plowed under and add humus to the soil. This is one of the best preventives of "blowing." Soil with a good content of organic matter is much less likely to blow than soil cultivated year after year until most of the humus disappears.

"JIMMY AND NANCY" LAMBS

Jay Jay in Lexington Leader: Will Steele, who lives at Pisgah, has been bottle-feeding two motherless lambs. When he approaches the barn, Jimmy comes out to meet him and get his lunch. After he has all he wants and not until then—Jimmy goes to the barn and calls Nancy, brings her out to lunch. While he never forgets to summon her, he always gets his first.

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Too Many "Ifs" Are In The Way

Southern Tobacco Journal Sees Little Hope For Weed Crop Control This Year.

(Southern Tobacco Journal)

With a half-dozen ominous "ifs" in the way of profitable prices, tobacco faces the 1936-37 season with much misgiving. As this article is written, the "ifs" include such big ones that the failure of any one or a number of them to materialize may mean disaster to the grower and other branches of the industry.

If the compact law passes Congress unimpaired, and if North and South Carolina conform to the Virginia law; and if the Georgia "association" pans out; and if the federal and several state laws are held valid; and if the laws can be enforced; and if the hoped-for curtailment follows, then tobacco prices may be good, fair, not too low. In fact, even if all the ifs come to pass, tobacco prices may collapse just the same, according to some.

Never has so much uncertainty faced the tobacco grower, and the

chances are that no matter what is done between the date of this writing and the opening of the selling season, the uncertainty will continue. A swift round-up of events will explain:

When the AAA program was outlined, substitute farm law was passed providing for bonuses to be paid farmers for taking land out of "soil-depleting" crops and placing them in "soil-building" crops. In practice, this would mean continuation of about the same amount of payments to farmers who reduced cash-crop ("soil-depleting") production. There was one big difference, however. The program was entirely voluntary, and the so-called cooperating producer could not longer be penalized.

THIEVES STOLE WOOL FROM GARRARD COUNTY'S JUDGE

Juge H. Clay Kauffman, of Lancaster, who owns a stock farm two miles from town on the Lexington pike, had 22 sheep sheared Tuesday. The clip, totaling over 100 pounds, was stuffed into a large wool sack and left in the barn, but when the judge, accompanied by a helper, went to the barn on Wednesday morning to load the wool for transportation to market it had disappeared, thieves having beaten him to it, and hauled it away during the night. It was valued at \$35.

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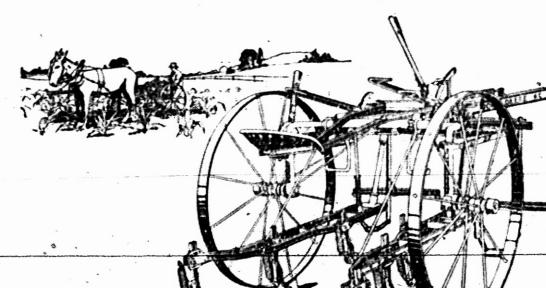
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