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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

The formation of co-operative growers' associations, the improved credit facilities made available by the government, and the attitude of large banks are all encouraging producers to hold crops for a longer period after harvesting and thus encouraging more orderly marketing.

The propagation of white foxes in northwestern Alaska is being tried out for the first time. During the past month two permits have been issued for the capture of 50 pairs of these important fur bearers. One fox farm is being established on Shishmaref Island, the other at Teller.

A small appropriation will be made available July 1 for investigating the control of the alfalfa seed chalcids in the Yuma Valley of Arizona and California, where this insect has been a serious pest for several years. As the Yuma Valley is one of the most important seed growing regions for Peruvian alfalfa seed, this investigation is looked upon as one of the chief activities of the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture this coming season.

Altho 128 pigs were farrowed on his farm during the year, William Grush, of Richardson County, Nebr., had to buy hogs to butcher for his family meat supply in 1922, because of severe infection of his herd with necrobacillosis and other diseases. When the county agricultural agent asked early in 1923 for volunteers who would be willing to demonstrate raising hogs under new improved methods of sanitation, Mr. Grush was one of the first to sign up. With the same equipment that he had the year before and not over three days' extra work, Mr. Grush was able to bring all of the pigs in the demonstration to market and without infection.

The southern pine beetle outbreak developed into an epidemic of unusual proportions in the vicinity of Covington, Va., during 1923. Investigations made in April showed that at least 25 per cent. of the pine stands have been destroyed. Only the finer and better older stands have been attacked, while in no case was the beetle found in any pines under 30 years of age. Paper and pulp companies drawing their supplies from this region will be seriously affected during the next few years thru a shortage in material resulting from the work of this beetle. Considerable effort is being made in salvaging the killed timber, altho the greater portion of it will deteriorate too rapidly to be utilized.

Agrigraphs

Uncle Ab says that sleep is sweetest to those who work the hardest.

Dairy improvement associations are likely to improve the bank account, too.

There's one thing certain about alfalfa—you can't grow it without proper drainage.

How do you feel in a stiff collar that doesn't fit? The horse feels just the same.

It is hard on the pasture and hard on the cows not to give the dairy herd any other feed.

Some folks are said not to know beans when the bags open; anybody can know oats, especially the best kinds for New York farmers, by reading E 80, a new bulletin issued by the state college at Ithaca.

"Abandon" means to give up wholly or to desert. It is used in connection with agriculture in the expression, "an abandoned farm," of which there are many in some of the older, thin-soiled regions of New England. New York has few abandoned farms, tho many abandoned farm houses. Ordinarily, abandoned farm land should be made to grow trees.

Homespun Yarn

Letting the electric light bulbs have a share in the spring cleaning is a really brilliant suggestion.

Carefully wiping off the neck of the preserve jar before putting on the rubber, may prevent spoiling of the contents.

It is as true now as when Socrates said it that one should "beware of such food as persuades a man, tho he be not hungry, to eat."

Aunt Ada's axioms: Telling the children how to spend their money after they've saved it isn't the best way to encourage saving.

Try cutting hot steamed brown bread or steamed pudding with a clean string; it avoids the usual soginess on the surface of the slices.

With some labor saving devices in the kitchen the housewife on a farm will look forward with less dread to the harvest season. By the way, have you a copy of "Saving Strength"? It's a free bulletin from the state college at Ithaca. Ask for it.

DRAINAGE IS FIRST ALFALFA ESSENTIAL

It is Not so Particular as to Soil, But Likes a Fair Amount of Organic Matter.

If you haven't good drainage or cannot get it, do not try to grow alfalfa.

The state college of agriculture at Ithaca makes this statement in pointing out that good drainage is the most important single need for this important New York crop.

Alfalfa is not so particular as to soil, for it grows and thrives on such ones as Vergennes clay and such light or coarse grained ones as Coloma sand or Chenango gravel. "While a fair natural supply of organic matter in the soil is desirable, yet with thoro inoculation and a little manure to help at the start, alfalfa does well on very sandy soils when other requirements are met," the statement continues.

"Alfalfa like sweet clover, requires lime in the soil. In fact, it fails to thrive without a liberal application of limestone unless the soil is naturally well supplied with it. Alfalfa requires much more lime than does red clover.

"The most important single soil need of this crop is thoro good natural drainage. Few soils are too dry for it—many are too wet. It may grow some but it cannot thrive in wet soils. Soils like the Volusia and Canfield, common southern New York upland types, and others which possess poor natural drainage are not well adapted to alfalfa production.

"Soils with good natural drainage like the Chenango, Wooster and Ontario are excellent for alfalfa.

"Hardy seed, like Grimm, thoro inoculation, abundance of lime, either native or applied, and thoro natural drainage are essential for real success with alfalfa, but the most important of all is drainage. Without thoro drainage, failure is certain. Red clover and alsike, or alsike alone, on the wetter soils will be more productive than alfalfa."

ALLEGANY COW DROPS FROM PREMIER PLACE

Oneida County Grade Holstein Tops State Butterfat Production List For March.

Number 24, the Allegany county eight-year-old Holstein-Friesian, who has been running off with first place in butterfat production among the dairy improvement associations of the state for the last few months, dropped to third place in March, the summary of the reports made at the college of agriculture at Ithaca shows.

First place went to Grade 1, a grade Holstein five years old, owned by William Caskabar of Boonville. She produced 103.6 pounds of butterfat from 3,047.3 pounds of milk. She was the only cow among the high five for the month which passed the 100-pound-mark in butterfat.

The Laurel Stock Farm of Goshen in Orange county, whose cows have frequently been among the high five, took second place with Lady Baroness, a Holstein-Friesian who produced 94.3 pounds of butterfat from 2,591 pounds of milk. Next came Number 24, owned by J. H. Harbeck & Sons of Black Creek, with 90.2 pounds of butterfat and 2,579 pounds of milk.

The Laurel Stock Farm carried off fourth place with Number 46, another Holstein-Friesian, which made 84.4 pounds of fat and 2,483 pounds of milk.

Wheeler Brothers of Belvale won fifth place with Evelyn, a grade Holstein. She produced 83.7 pounds of butterfat from 1,860 pounds of milk.

HOE HANDLE HOMILIES BY BOB ADAMS

STRIPED BUGS
When off to jail the convict goes, They dress him up in striped clothes.

Not all the stripes are worn in prison, Potato bug seems proud of him.

Mother Nature showed a sense of humor when she dressed in stripes those two enemies of man, the cucumber beetle and the potato bug. Home gardeners must deal with both. For potato bugs use the good old paris green dose, a teaspoonful to a gallon of water.

It is best to mix the poison first in a small quantity of water making a paste. The same dose does for cabbage worms but use a gallon of soapuds to a teaspoonful of poison instead of plain water.

For cucumber beetles a powder consisting of one part of lead arsenate thoro mixed with fifteen parts of lime is usually effective.

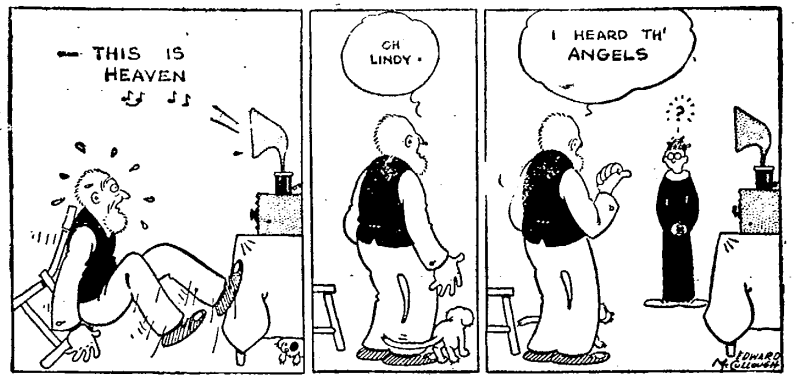
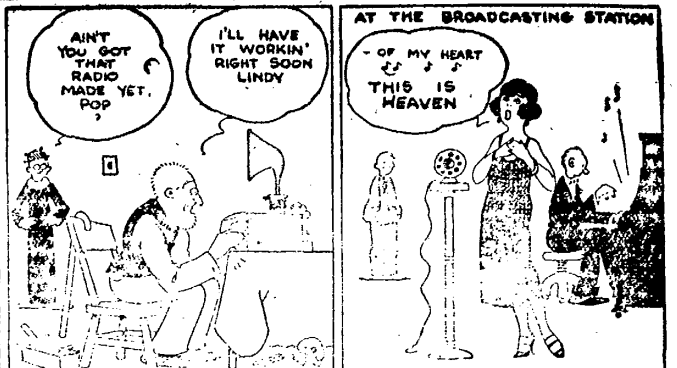
SULFUR BAD ON SOIL FOR ALFALFA, CLOVER

One ton of sulfur produces enough acidity to destroy from 6,500 to 7,000 pounds of ordinary ground limestone. For that reason the state college of agriculture at Ithaca says it is not advisable to apply sulfur to control potato scab if the land is used also for growing clover and alfalfa which cannot endure soil acidity.

FOLKS IN OUR TOWN

For Long Distance, Pop's Radio Beats Them All

By Edward McCullough
AUTOCASTER



Taxing Something You Can't See

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