

Poison Plants May Be Killing N. C. Livestock

Poisonous plants may have been responsible for some of the recent cattle losses in North Carolina, pasture and livestock specialists at State College revealed this week.

On at least one eastern Carolina farm where several cattle had been lost, Sam Dobson, extension pastures specialist, found wild cherry bushes that "had been grazed as high as the animals could reach." Wild cherry is known to be poisonous, says Dobson, especially the wilted leaves. While there was no positive evidence that these animals died from poisoning, the circumstances pointed to that conclusion.

"Animals with certain deficiencies develop a depraved or abnormal appetite," says J. Clark Osborne, veterinarian with the Experiment Station. Such animals may chew on objects and eat plants which they normally would refuse."

Of the thousands of plants found

in the State, only about 50 or 60 are considered poisonous to livestock. About ten of these are responsible for most of the losses. They are: white snakeroot, lambkill kalmia, mountain laurel, black (wild) cherry, common chokecherry, spotted water-hemlock, Carolina jessamine, yellow buckeye, crow poison and pink deathcamas.

These plants are listed and described in Experiment Station Bulletin No. 342, "Stock Poisoning Plants in North Carolina." The specialists urge all livestock farmers to secure a copy of this bulletin from their county agent. If there is any question, farmers should send specimens of suspicious plants to the Botany Department, North Carolina State College, Raleigh, for correct identification.

Any plants identified as poisonous should be removed from the pastures, fence rows, and all places within reach of grazing animals.

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About Your Home

By FRANCES BELL

Something can be done about the summer heat other than moving to the mountains or the seashore, outstanding decorators state.

It seems that color plays a large part in achieving a cool, summery effect. Greens, toned with yellow, light pastels and white are good. On the darker side, wine is first choice.

Neatness and absence of clutter are very important. Store all unnecessary bric-a-bracs, rugs and heavy drapes. Keep excess papers and magazines cleared away.

Use the sheerest possible cottons and linens for table decor. Starch these lightly so they will be smooth and cool looking, giving an unwilted

appearance. Use light-weight dishes and frost-finished glasses. It's best not to overload the table. A single blossom in clear water will be more effective than a great mass of blooms.

Attractive summer doilies can be made easily from plain cotton inexpensive remnants. Organdies, starched voile and sheer linen can also be fashioned into beautiful doilies, napkins and cloths. For porch or garden use, try checks, plaids or large bold prints. Crocheted doilies are cool and frosty looking and are a big favorite. White and off-white are the most popular shades. When starched, they will make as attractive a table as it is possible to get. Napkins to match may be made of cotton or linen.

Cold meals are grand on a warm day and much more pleasing to eat as well as prepare. Make use of a pressure cooker when hot meals are neces-

sary. Give a cool personal appearance by choosing cool colored clothes and having an unhurried manner.

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2. Name the presiding officer of the U. S. Senate.
3. For what would a bentoscope be used?
4. Where would you be most likely to find an Inductive Telephone?
5. What is the record set by an army paratrooper for jumps in one day?

THE ANSWERS

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2. Vice-President Alben W. Barkley.
3. It is a steel sphere used by scientists to descend into the ocean.
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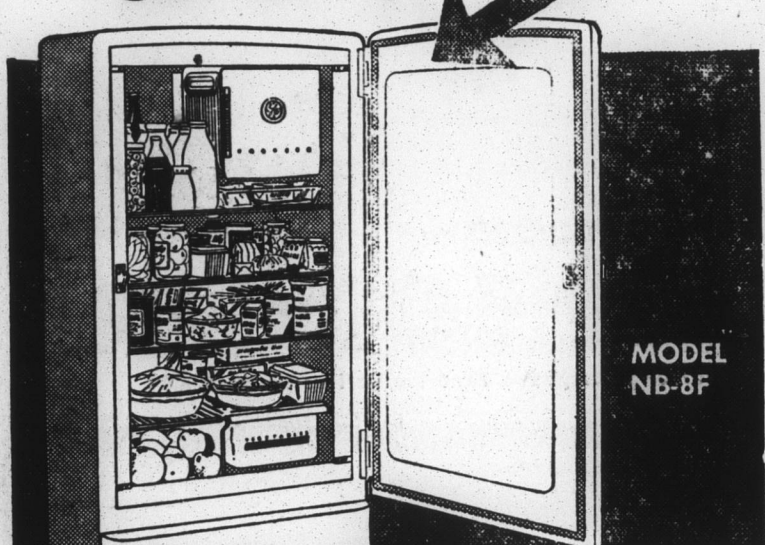
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