

Insignia Retires

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Air Force Lt. Col. John K. Coughlan is retiring this spring, and his flying insignia will be retired too. Coughlan flew gas-inflated lighter-than-air ships before they were dropped from the Air Force inventory, and his airship pilot's wings are being donated to the Air Force Museum here.

Iced Damaged Trees Need Special Care

Still wondering what to do with those trees and shrubs damaged by ice and snow? If so, here are a few tips from forestry specialists at N. C. State College that might prove helpful:

The first suggestion concerns pines that are leaning or bent, but not broken, cracked or root-sprung. Trees with less than 50-degree lean will straighten after the growing seasons begins. Trees with more than a 50-degree lean should be pruned, leaving about one-fourth to one-fifth of the total tree length in green top.

Pines, hardwoods and shrubs that are root-sprung can be straightened and held by wire passed through a hose or similar protection for the tree. In some cases dirt may have to be removed from under the sprung roots.

The remaining portion of broken or cracked limbs would be pruned back to the next limb or trunk of the tree. The pruned area should be cut flush, then cleaned, dressed and painted with a water-asphalt emulsion tree paint.

Pruned limbs under four inches in diameter will not need dressing, just painting. Limbs over four inches, and all limbs that have stripped down the trunk, should be dressed or cut to form a "V" at the bottom and top and painted.

When pruning the larger limbs, an undercut should be made to prevent stripping down the trunk.

Soil Conservation News

By JOHN SMITH

The ice storm of last week dealt the farmers of Cherokee County about the hardest blow that they have had lately. All of you who have had timber damaged by the ice should start cutting the damaged trees immediately. Those with the tops broken out more than a third of the way from the top, should be cut. Others that are bent over and do not straighten up within a few days should be cut. Of course, those which are up-rooted will have to be cut immediately. It would be a good idea to get a forester, either commercial or state to look over your timber before cutting it. A forester may help you to save money in any thinning operation you may have to undertake.

I suppose greater damage was done to the poultry industry here than was done to the woodlands, as bad as that was. I have heard of several poultry men who lost several hundred broilers just about ready to market. The cattle have not been hurt too badly, provided they have been fed, but any cattle which have been in all this weather without being fed have suffered.

The damage which has been done to the timber in Cherokee County is bad enough, especially in some sections. There has been a great amount of damage to several woodlots close to Culberson, and other places. But we can be thankful that our forest didn't suffer as much damage as those in some parts of Georgia. Coming from Atlanta last Saturday morning I drove for twenty-five miles from the other side of Jasper, Ga. to about ten miles this side of Jasper without seeing a single undamaged pine tree. Most of the trees were broken, topped, stripped of limbs, and badly bent. If the ice extended in as great a distance from east to west as far north to south, the farmers of that area have lost millions of dollars worth of good timber.

It is impossible to imagine the destruction of the timber unless you see it for yourself. To give you some idea of how great the damage is, I was reminded of the islands in the south Pacific and the way they looked after they had been bombarded with artillery for weeks during the second world war.

Let me urge you, Mr. Timber Owner, start salvaging your timber now. This spring will be too late.

What's In Name?

LANCASTER, Ohio (AP) — The speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, James A. Lantz, says jokes about his law firm here — Dagger and Lantz — have made him name-conscious. He reports hearing of these Ohio firms: Lease and Lease, and Ma-Lady. Lantz also tells of recently meeting Walter Sippey of Zanesville, Ohio, and his wife, Mrs. Sippey.

Nearly Had It

DES MOINES (AP) — Mrs. Robert Kurtz bought a hat at a rummage sale for 25 cents, then went to call on a friend who was in the hospital.

"I don't like those fur things on it," Mrs. Kurtz told the friend, and started yanking at the little

fur pieces. Just then another woman burst into the room, exclaiming: "That's my hat. I left it at the sale by mistake. I just paid \$35 for it."

The Jivaro Indians in Ecuador shrink a human head to the size of an orange as a token to their victories in battle.

Up In Air

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Capt. Alvin A. Aronovsky, an electronic warfare officer at Lockbourne Air Force Base here, has spent the equivalent of almost 44 full

days in an airborne capsule. Aronovsky has logged 1,000 hours in the electronic counter-measures capsule of a six-jet B47 bomber, and is the first electronic warfare officer to record more than 1,000 hours. The record to foil the enemy's electronic weapons.

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