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Farmers of Clay County have organized a county board of agriculture to make plans for better farming in that county.

A Newsy Trip Around The World

By Elizabeth Saunders

The preacher who refused to celebrate George Washington's Birthday because "The Father of Our Country" was a drinking man just as well step out of his pulpit and stop preaching about Jesus Christ because Christ was also a drinking man.

In Glenarm, County Antrim, Ireland, Alexander McGarvoek, informed that his brother had left him \$17,000 dropped dead from excitement.

William Stanton, 107, of Adell, Wis., has quit his job on a farm so he can go into business for himself. He wants to be his own boss and thinks tree trimming would be just about the right kind of occupation.

A newspaper in Omaha, Neb., recently received the following letter from G. H. Gregerson, of Davenport, Iowa: "About 15 years ago you had a puzzle in your paper. Up to date I haven't been able to work it, and as I have never seen your answer to it I have my doubts as to whether it may be solved."

A nine year old boy accosted William O'Brien on a street of Long Beach, N. J. with a pistol, told him to put up his hands, and demanded a nickel. O'Brien offered him a quarter for the gun. The deal was effected.

At Hiawatha, Kan. while C. M. Fraser was seeking aid to help move his stalled automobile from some railroad tracks, a freight train came along and did the job. The car, found in a ditch, was not greatly damaged by the impact.

Burglars entering the home of R. A. Nickell, of Long Beach, Cal., took \$3 from a bank and stopped long enough to eat a cherry pie.

A trust fund to yield \$25 a month for the maintenance and comfort of "Bob," a favorite saddle horse, is provided in the will of Mrs. Katherine Lombard, which has been filed for probate at Providence, R. I.

Calmly smoking a cigar, James Colazo, 28, was found by Cleveland, O., police lying beside the railroad tracks after he had been hit by a train. Both his legs and one arm were mangled.

William Flint, 0, Providence, R. I., turned on the gas and died, leaving the following note: "To the saps and boobs in Providence, I leave what I've got to you—30 cents." In an envelope were three dimes.

This preacher knows how to get the crowds to church! Rev. Guy Benner, farmer-preacher of South Hanson, Mass. on successive Sunday recently has given those attending church services fresh pork, bags of meal and candy.

After receiving a notice to resume work following 18 months of idleness John Niemi, 54, of Ashtabula, O., fell dead, a victim of shock.

In Memphis Mrs. Blanche Hamilton Karsch, one time inmate of a Manhattan orphanage, was informed, while shopping for fresh vegetables, that she had inherited \$3,500,000 from her foster mother. "Really!" observed Mrs. Karsch. "That's nice." Mrs. Karsch continued to shop, critically selected a 10c bunch of beets, a 5c head of lettuce.

When he was 15 years old John Johnson, of Amston, Conn., found the wreckage of a plane. The reward that he received was \$750. Now, at 17, he has become the youngest pilot in Connecticut. He used the money he received to pay for flying instructions.

A live snake was found in the vault of a bank at Eden, N. Y. recently. Bank officials were unable to explain how it got there.

Two original letters by Daniel Webster were presented to the legal biography collection in the Duke University law library by Judge William H. Sawyer, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of New Hampshire, when he recently visited the university at Durham.

Alonzo Roy, of Sabbattus, Me., is 82 years old, but he can still cut a figure eight. Skating on the lake is his favorite wintertime diversion.

In Colorado Springs, Col. Asa Forbes, newspaper vendor recently appeared at a bank there trundling a heavily laden wheelbarrow. He wheeled it up to the teller's cage. Then he lifted three heavy baskets to the window and started counting the contents. There were 40,000 pennies.

In Holyoke, Mass., a small orange

tree Mrs. David K. Miller set in a pot three years ago is thriving. So big and heavy were its latest crop—two oranges—she had to prop up the limbs.

A playful elephant in the head baggage car of a New York, New Haven, and Hartford railroad train pulled the cord and stopped the train at Mill River Junction, Conn. recently.

One of the immigration officials searching thru some files, happened across this. Have a chuckle.

Name Isaac Koslowsky.
From What country?—Russia.
Married or single?—Yes.
Children?—Sure.
Race?—Never.
Business?—Rotten.

Bidding was called off in a bridge game at the home of N. T. Hasentue in Geneva, Ohio, when all four players were so excited over receiving perfect hands that they threw their cards down on the table. Two other guests at the party witnessed the shuffling and cutting of the cards before the deal.

In Dublin, Ga., a little girl named Gladys has a pet rooster named Johnny. He follows her to school, in fact everywhere she goes the rooster is sure to go. And the rooster can do several tricks.

A California eagle with wingspread of 81 inches has been shot down by Fred Leike at his ranch near Vallejo, Cal. Leike said the bird had been making away with many of his lambs.

At Robins Gap, near Lenoir, N. C. Roy Hunter lost control of his car and fell 900 feet down a mountain, overturning at last 25 times. Hunter sustained serious injuries, but not fatal.

In Birmingham, England, Alfred Blythwaite lives alone, does his own cooking washing, darning. Said he: "I'm 87 year old. I'm healthy, I'm happy, I've got money in the bank, and I've never kissed a woman. That's why." The only time a woman ever sets foot in his house is when his sister comes to see him once a year.

"Dear Lord, I hope he gets electrocuted," was the prayer his wife offered for him every night, Albert E. Schaefer, of Hartford, Conn., testified in his divorce suit. He also said that when his mother died his wife wore a red tie to the funeral saying it was no "funeral for her; it's a celebration."

Farm and Home Week will be held at State College this year during the week of August 29 to September 3. The State Farmers' Convention and the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet during that week.

NOVEL WRAPS

By CHEERIE NICHOLAS



A pleasing venture in fashion's activities is the creating of novel little capes and scarfs of colorful sheer velvet. These cunning fantasies are all that fancy dare picture both as to color and unique design. The winsome cape sketched at the top is made of transparent velvet with self-fabric ties roses completely bordering it. Another new and voguish type of wrap done in high-key colors of turquoise, coral and green or in any of the delectable pastels is the circular scarf with long pointed ends which are thrown gracefully around the shoulder. They are very lovely worn with prints, or triple sheer or satin gowns.

LIGHT GROWING CORN BEST FOR POOR LAND

By F. H. Jeter
RALEIGH, MAR. 14—Small-stalked, light growing varieties of corn are best adapted to poor land conditions and will yield more grain per acre on such land than the single eared, large stalked, rank growing, late maturing varieties.

G. M. Garren, cereal agronomist for the North Carolina Experiment Station, has conducted a duplicate test with certain corn varieties at the Mountain Branch Station near Swannanoa for the past three years. In one place, the varieties were all planted on a rich bottom soil and at another place they were planted on a poor, thin upland soil. As in all tests of this kind, the same cultivation, fertilization, distance of planting and other factors were used in both tests. The idea was to see which corn made the best of conditions under the two different environments.

As a result of this work, Mr. Garren found that the rank growing corn represented by a variety known as Big Corn, very popular in the western section of the State, made 43.1 bushels on the fertile land. When it was grown on the poor land, however, it produced only 2.1 bushels an acre. The small light growing corn, represented by a variety known as Hickory King, also well known in Western Carolina, produced 33.9 bushels per acre on the rich land but on the poor land its yield was 14 bushels an acre. Three other varieties representing gradations in type between these two extremes produced varying yields.

The Hickory King, a light growing corn, produced best on the poor land, and the Big Corn, a rank growing type, produced best on the fertile land.

Since North Carolina growers plant thousands of acres of poor land to corn each year, it might be wise for them to keep this fact in mind, says Mr. Garren, and prepare to use the light growing types on such land this season.

A cooperative order for 5,000 pounds of lespedeza was delivered to Gaston County growers last week. The crop will be grown largely for soil improvement.

MAY HAVE OUTBREAK OF DOWNY MILDEW

By F. H. Jeter
RALEIGH, MAR. 14—Tobacco growers who recall the severe outbreak of downy mildew or blue mold in their tobacco plant beds last spring would be wise in keeping a sharp outlook for the trouble again this year.
Dr. S. G. Lehman, plant disease

specialist for the North Carolina Experiment Station, reports a bed in Robeson County affected and because of the prevalence of the trouble last season, he looks for another epidemic this season. This disease spreads rapidly when weather conditions are favorable and its early appearance this year as compared with last season gives cause for some worry.

Downy mildew was found in the Robeson County plant bed on February 22. Last year the first trouble was reported during the third week in April. This shows the disease is appearing some two months earlier than last year and means that growers should begin to inspect their beds regularly now, says Dr. Lehman.

The mild weather prevailing thru most of the late winter and the abundant occurrence of the disease in so many plant beds in 1931 means that there may be a large quantity of over-wintering diseased material from which the disease may get a new start this season. The forward development of the trouble in Georgia and the early re-appearance in this State also indicates the opportunities for an early start.

Dr. Lehman advises good ventilation and thorough drainage for the

plant beds so that the surface of the bed may be kept dry. Where the disease appears, he suggests that the affected plants be destroyed and the others sprayed with Bordeaux mixture. Some insecticide may be used with the Bordeaux to keep down the flea beetles and other insects.

Definite instructions about how to spray the beds and control the disease will be given to any one who will write to Dr. Lehman for the information.

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Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Panic stricken Chinese pouring through the barricades into the international settlement of Shanghai, seeking refuge from the Japanese attacks. 2—Gov. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania (left) and Senator Borah of Idaho holding a conference in Washington, perhaps about a third party movement. 3—Senor Don Juan Francisco de Cardenas y Rodriguez de Rivas, new ambassador from Spain to the United States.