

Good Fence Should Last 7 To 12 Years

Good wire, properly strung between strong, well-braced posts should make a farm fence last from 7 to 12 years, says H. M. Ellis, extension agricultural engineer of N. C. State College. There should be a coating of galvanizing or zinc on the wire to protect it against the elements, he says.

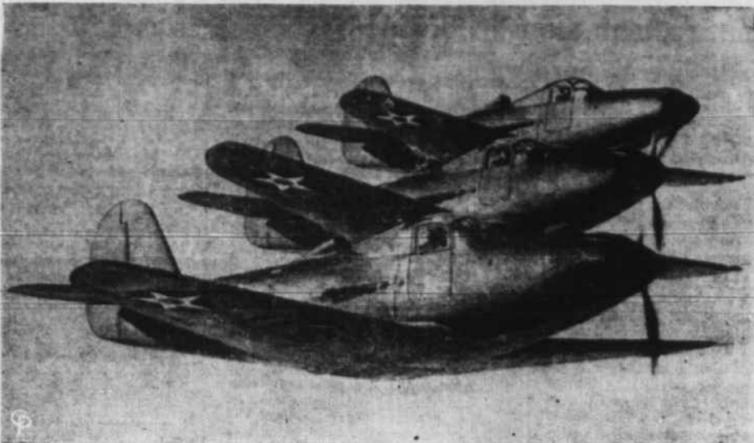
"Some copper in the wire will add still more years of service to the fence," Ellis stated. "The copper content should not run less than 2-10 of 1 per cent, which is usually spoken of as '20 point' copper. The quality of the wire is the main consideration in building fences, and it isn't good economy to buy cheap wire."

Ellis also says that for a good, long-lasting fence the quality of the posts and the workmanship in erecting the fence must be of the best. The posts must be big enough, properly spaced, well planted, and well braced. If durable wood is not available, soft timber may be treated with creosote or otherwise to make the posts last as long as the wire.

"It is wise," the specialist declared, "to build your fence on paper before you start cutting posts and buying wire. North Carolina farmers spent thousands of dollars every year maintaining fences that are not essential; fences that are of the wrong type to keep animals in or out; and fences that are not worth maintaining because of poor material or poor workmanship."

In conclusion, Ellis said, "Fencing is an important item of farm management. It protects property and

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For the first time, the new Airacobras of the army air corps go through a formation flight at Buffalo, N. Y. These are being flown by pilots from Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Mich., who took delivery of the planes at the Bell Aircraft Corp. plant. The Airacobra is a cannon-carrying single-engine fighter with engine located behind the pilot's compartment. Britain wants them badly.

4-H Members Will Carry Peanuts As 1941 Project

Of the 20 boys enrolled in the Jamesville 4-H Club, 15 will carry peanuts as their project for 1941, reports John I. Eagles, assistant farm agent of Martin County.

Defense Program Causes Shortage Of Farm Labor

Because of construction work at Holly Ridge, Craven County farmers are having increasing difficulty in locating tenants and laborers to carry on their farming operations.

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reduces losses of both crops and livestock. A good fence is also an asset in giving a neat appearance and indicating that the farm owner is progressive."

Missing at His Own Birth



Mrs. Grace Armstrong, 35, is shown in Park Falls, Wisc., hospital as nurse Mary Besaw holds her baby boy. The expectant mother was being taken to a hospital for confinement when the car went into a snow ditch. At the hospital it was discovered the child had been born but had disappeared. Search found the child in the snow drift where the car had skidded. The infant was nicknamed "Snowball."

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Leads Water Fight



The state versus nation controversy over water rights in the west is led by Gov. Ralph L. Carr of Colorado. Flanked by many western governors, he opposes the proposed Arkansas Valley Authority, patterned after the Tennessee Valley Authority, and embracing territory seven times larger—the basins of the Arkansas, White, St. Francis and Red rivers.

Industrial Activity Continues To Boom

There seems to be no let-up, or even prospect of one, in the steady expansion of industrial activity. Biggest step-ups, naturally, are in defense goods industries, but the fact that these coil upon a wide range of industries furnishing the raw materials, has considerable effect in spreading out the work of producing and moving goods. Backlogs of unfilled orders in aircraft, ship-building and the machine-tool industries, as well as in steel and textiles are increasing—which means there won't be any slackening of the pace for a long time to come. Private building contracts are at the highest level in weeks, reflecting the large volume of industrial construction as the feverish drive for additional plant capacity goes on. Housing projects are booming too.

More work, larger payrolls, juicy overtime paychecks mean gains in consumer buying power. The month of January figures to at least match the performance of December in reflecting this situation, by producing the highest national total of department store sales, for that month, in 10 years. Auto owners, fearing eventual curtailment in production of new models, are rushing to get their '41 jobs tucked safely in the garage. Auto deliveries are running nearly 20 per cent above the near-record pace of a year ago, and well beyond the previous high-water mark, set in the same weeks of 1937. And the manufacturers, feeling the same way, are turning out cars at just about the fastest rate ever. During the middle two weeks of January the output reached an all-time high for any January period, and the outlook is for continued manufacturing volume at just about the present speed.

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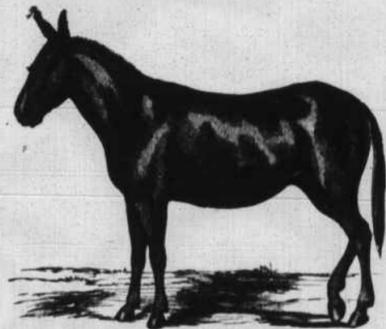
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