

4 STEEL FACTS in one minute

School Training of Steel Workers
About half of the employees hired by the steel industry in 1936-37 had high school or college training, as against only one-fourth in 1929.

Steel for Household Goods Hit Peak in 1937
More steel went into household refrigerators, ranges and washing machines during 1937 than ever before, reflecting record purchases of household goods.

Tin Plate Once a Secret Product
The secret of producing tin plate was so closely guarded by the Bohemians in 1620 that the Duke of Saxony sent a spy to find out how it was made.

When Blast Furnaces Were Feminine
Old-time blast furnaces were often named after the wives or children of the iron makers. There were once nine furnaces in this country named Grace; five named Fanny, and four each called Emma, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Lucy.

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Farm Questions Answered

Q.—How much grain should I feed my dairy animals each day?

A.—This depends upon the individual animal and the amount of milk normally produced. For Jersey cows the grain feed is about six-tenths of a pound for each pound of milk above ten pounds. Guernseys take about .55 of a pound of grain for each pound of milk above 12, and Ayrshires and Holsteins should receive about .45 of a pound of grain for each pound of milk above 14. If each cow, however is studied as an individual it is easy to determine the exact amount of grain for most profitable production.

Q.—What is the best way to inoculate soils for legumes?

A.—Soils may be inoculated with a pure culture secured from the local seed dealer or with other soils that are already inoculated. Where a field has already been inoculated by growing some legume this soil may be used with from 20 to 50 bushels broadcast or drilled in on the acre. This soil should be disked in immediately. If pure culture is used, this should be prepared as directed on the container and the seed planted as soon as possible after treating.

Q.—Is it profitable to carry old hens over as breeders in the poultry flock?

A.—Many successful breeders keep on an average from 30 to 60 per cent of the old hens from year to year. Select old hens usually are superior to medium pullets, and from a breeding standpoint are very desirable to have in the flock. Under no conditions should hens with short, shallow and narrow bodies be kept in the flock as such birds have poor laying capacity. It is best, however, not to keep old hens more than 3 years at the most and many farm flock owners follow the practice of not keeping them for more than two laying years.

There are 250 islands in the Fiji group.

Cold Weather Fails To Check Bug Pests

"Don't let cold weather lull you into a false sense of security against household insects," warns J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist at State College.

Before modern heating came into general use, he said, houses would get cold in winter to check the damage of clothes moths, carpet beetles, cockroaches, silverfish, and other such pests.

But now many homes are so well heated in winter, and are so well constructed that insects keep up their activities the year round. Hence, clothes in storage must be protected in winter as well as in summer.

Housewives can reduce insect damage to clothes by brushing, sunning, and airing them frequently during the winter. It is also a good plan to clean all cracks and corners of closets and storage rooms.

Wool sweaters and other garments that are even slightly soiled are particularly appetizing to moths (clothes that are going to be left hanging up very long at a time should be cleaned and packed in moth-proof containers. Naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene flakes give added protection to clothes in storage.

Cleanliness is a good protection not only against clothes moths and carpet beetles, Rowell continued, but also against kitchen insects.

The small, grayish, scale-covered insects known as silverfish thrive in damp, warm basements, but often do much damage in other parts of the house, feeding upon paper, bookbindings, starchy or sweet food, and sometimes on fabrics, especially rayon. They can be controlled with a poison bait made of oatmeal, white arsenic, sugar, salt, and enough water to moisten.

Work of AAA Program Shown at State Fair

An exhibit showing how the agricultural conservation program helps North Carolina farmers, business men, and consumers — prepared under the direction of H. A. Patten, acting AAA executive officer at State College — is being displayed at the State Fair this week.

Part of the exhibit shows how farmers carry out soil-building practices to meet the requirement of the program. These practices include planting legumes and winter cover crops, turning under legumes to add fertility to the soil, terracing fields to check erosion, and applying lime and phosphate to the land.

By participating in the program, the farmers not only improve their land, balance their farming practices, and increase their income, but they also assure city consumers an adequate future supply of food and raw products for manufacturing. This phase of the program is also stressed in the exhibit.

Another phase shows how the increased purchasing power of farm people means greater sales by merchants, and in turn increased factory production. This boosts business and provides work for city dwellers. And as their purchasing power increases, they are able to buy more of the farmers' products.

The effects of the program tend to run in a circle, with the benefits of one group being passed on to others until they come back to the original group. Patten pointed out.

Also on display are pictures that are used in mapping the State from the air and checking growers' compliance with the program. Farmers looking at the pictures can see how clearly details of the landscape stand out and make accurate acreage measurements possible.

EDIBLE WILD PLANTS

North Carolina boasts of many edible wild plants, according to Dr. M. F. Buell, of the State College Botany Department. Among them are poke weed, spring cress, lamb's quarters, purslane, dandelion, and sea kale.

NEWS AROUND NORTH PIEDMONT AVENUE

Lois Beattie

Miss Irene Gladden had as her guest Sunday night Miss Margie Gladden of Walker street.

Miss Pearl Dixon had as her guest for several days Miss Pauline Sisk of Shelby.

Mrs. J. J. Patterson and children Gladys and James, spent Sunday in Shelby.

Miss Clea Valentine spent Sunday afternoon in Gastonia.

Mr. Charley Bridges and children, Mary and Alice and Richard, and Miss Ethel Falls spent Sunday afternoon in Gastonia.

Mrs. John Gladden and Mrs. Ernest Huffstetter spent Sunday in Asheville.

Mr. J. J. Patterson spent Saturday in Clinton, N. C.

Mrs. Jake Early had as her guests Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Black, and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Dixon, all of Grover.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Prince and children spent Sunday in Charlotte with relatives.

Mrs. Ben Long has as her guest her niece, Little Miss Patsy McKnight of Charlotte.

Mrs. Clyde Hullender and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Boyce Humphries of Lattimore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Campbell had as their guests Sunday the latter's mother, Mrs. E. R. Pennington and Mrs. Campbell's step-brother, Mr. Marvin Pennington and wife, all of Gastonia.

Mrs. J. D. Hullender is very sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry London of Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and daughter, Patricia Ann of the Bonnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Long spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howell of the Dixon community.

Mrs. W. T. Nixon spent the past week end in Charlotte with relatives Miss Margie Green returned home with her to spend a few days.

Friends of Mr. A. A. Jolly are glad to know that he is at home again after an operation in the Greenville hospital.

Mr. Morris Richardson returned to his home in Lithonia, Ga., after a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Richardson.

Friends of Mrs. Tom Crawford

are glad to know that she is able to be up after several weeks of sickness.

(Mr. Joe Walker spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. B. F. Walker, who

is very sick at his home in Bessemer City.

Mrs. J. B. Webb is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. John Dagert of Charlotte.



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