

THE LOW DOWN from HICKORY GROVE

The majority of folks are honest. It is not dishonesty amongst the great majority of us, it is gullibility that is our problem. We have not been brought up on enough AEsop. Otherwise we would not be took-in by everybody coming along with some new rosy idea like "security for evermore."



Jo Serra

Security clear up to the mortician, including the coffin. To just sit down and wait—all expenses paid—would sure make us a cobwebby outfit. We have laws against the gent with the 3 shells and one pea. We need a law putting a jail term on the flowery ducks in the striped pants who try to put over catchy slogans like this: "Freedom from care and everything—and never a worry or effort."

About the time we could get nicely settled, and basking under "security henceforth," and our muscles have become flabby, along would come some unruly Foreign Highwayman Nation and slap us down—and out the window would go Security, lock, stock and barrel. Most of us half-way savvy that perpetual motion is a fake, and we don't buy perpetual motion stock anymore, very often—but that don't keep us from being a sucker for something newer, if it sounds rosy and grand—and no sweat. We are demons for shell games.

Yours, with the low down,
JO SERRA.

SOIL CONSERVATION NEWS

By W. O. Lambeth

Johnnie Haskins, colored farmer of the Drewry section of Vance County is doing an excellent job of conservation farming. In fact Johnnie is doing such a good job that all the agricultural agencies working in Vance County decided to hold a demonstration on his farm to show others what could be done in the way of controlling erosion, and providing hay and pasturage at the same time.

When the demonstration was held July 1, 1943, Johnnie was busy mowing a kudzu meadow strip. Many farmers in that section said that you could not handle kudzu but Johnnie went right ahead and showed seventy-five of them that afternoon how easy it could be done.

On the way to a sericea meadow strip, Johnnie led the way by his pasture where two cows and a calf were standing belly-deep in kudzu contentedly eating the tender, young leaves and vines. Johnnie remarked that he wouldn't take anything for that temporary pasture.

The sericea meadow strip had been mowed around nine o'clock in the morning and, although the day had been partly cloudy, the hay had cured a nice green color and was almost ready to be put into the barn. This strip had been mowed the eighteenth of May, Johnnie told the farmers, and here a little over a month later he was getting another crop of excellent hay. Technicians of the Tar River Soil Conservation District then displayed a bale of sericea hay obtained from the first mowing and compared it with a bale of hay purchased on the Henderson market at \$34.00 per ton. It didn't take much sales talk to show which was the better quality hay.

Johnnie warned his neighbors that to have good sericea hay it must be cut when ten to twelve inches high and put into the barn the same day to prevent over-curing and shattering of the leaves. Johnnie next showed where he had cut stalks of sericea lespedeza last fall with the seeds mature, and placed them in a gully that had formed in the center of a meadow strip. The sericea stalks were fastened down by staking pine brush on top to keep the seed from being washed away. Young sericea plants now covered the once barren gully.

Johnnie stood on the luxuriant kudzu covered road bank, which marked the entrance to his farm, and watched his neighbors drive away with a feeling that they did not believe he had done the impossible but rather that he had done the simple things which they themselves could and would do on their own farms.

A lot of girls marry just to escape parental dictation.

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FARM QUESTION BOX

by
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What causes laying hens to lose their feathers around the head?

A. Your description indicates the beginning of the molting or resting period when hens quit work, put on fat and a new coat of feathers, and get ready for a new laying period. To check a molt, feed fattening ration to help, feed the change and get hens back to work.

Q. How can rhubarb be kept for winter use?

A. It cans easily with a little sugar, honey or molasses; or it may be processed five to ten minutes in boiling water and then quick-frozen and stored at zero.

Q. What is the best and safest way to store hay?

A. Leave windows and doors open to provide ventilation to carry off heat and moisture, and stack bales alternately on end and side with some space between bales so air can circulate around them.

Q. What spray should I use on cherry trees for the lice that get on them and make the leaves curl.

A. For those cherry aphids you should use a coal tar spray before growth starts in the spring. Nicotine helps check them, but they are a tough customer.

Q. Is there any way to keep the borers out of sweet corn?

A. Yes. Dust or spray with nicotine or rotenone several times, about four days apart, starting when corn is in the silk stage.

Q. What causes white spots on cucumbers?

A. That is a fungus disease called anthracnose. The remedy is to dust with bordeaux every week. Add lead to it to check insect damage at the same time.

Q. How can I clean up a plot of ground that is grown up to sumac and snake grass?

A. Plow and sow to a heavy seeding of buckwheat, or burn it over two or three times a season and seed to rye.

Q. Please give me a recipe for canning dandelions?

A. Dandelions are canned like any other green or nonacid vegetable, preferably in a pressure cooker; but lacking that, by a hot water bath or in the electric oven till thoroughly sterilized. I am told that an acidulated brine, one-half pound of salt and eight ounces of vinegar to one gallon of boiled water, makes a good brine for preserving such greens; better than a plain salt brine.

Q. The tips of my young pear trees get dry, but the rest of the tree is all right. What causes this?

A. The symptoms you describe indicate the presence of psylla, but if this injury progresses down the branches it is fire blight. Spray for psylla and use surgery for blight.

pound of clear blue crystals of copper sulphate in one pint of boiling water, and then add cold water to make three gallons of the solution. Use only porcelain or enamelware vessels, as copper sulphate will corrode metal. Give calves 3 to 4 fluid ounces and yearlings 6 fluid ounces. Preventive measures are very important in controlling this parasite and it is best to keep calves in a clean, well drained pasture and to change pastures.

U. S. MARINE CORPS

Twenty North Carolina women already have enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, the oldest branch of service and the last to open its ranks to the female sex.

They are:
From Winston-Salem — Elsie Mae Hartman, Lynn Willene Mathis, and Betty Lewis Reynolds; Asheville—Neoma Profit; Bladenboro — Laura Dell Lennon; Carrboro—Annie Pauline Durham; Chapel Hill—Ruth O. Lindsay; Charlotte—Etta Mae Lund and Mary Marlyn McCall Greensboro — Annie Elizabeth Horney and Jessie Lorraine Moore; Kingston—Mary Elizabeth Hewitt; Kinston—Georgia Faulkner Parker; Lawndale — Mildred Elaine Eaker; Lewisville — Katie Lee Mock; Mooresville — Martha L. Teeter; Raleigh—Martha Victoria Barrett and Nellie May Hester; Tapoco—Helen D. Colvard; and Tarboro — Editha Rawls Morris.

Horrifying

Two young ladies were walking down Fifth Avenue. Suddenly one cut loose with a piercing shriek. "Look," she cried in amazement.

"What is so terrible?" asked her friend. "They are only mid-gets."

"Thank goodness," said the other girl, greatly relieved. "I thought for a minute they were rationing men."

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But it is that thing called "management," that peculiarly American ability to think through problems no matter how tough, that is helping to see us through today.

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A Couple of colored boys were crouched in a shell hole while a barrage whanged away over their heads. "Look here, Rastus," said one, "ain't you skeert?" "Not me," boasted the other. "Ain't no shell gonna come along got my name on it."

Simple "Can you tell me what they mean by 'selling short on the Stock Exchange?'" "It means buying something you can't get, with money you haven't got, and then later selling what you never had and did not pay for at more than it cost."

"Me neither," said the first fellow. "I ain't worried about my name on no shell. What I am worried about is, maybe there's one marked 'To whom it may concern.'"

If they can get far enough away from home, most people don't care what accommodations they have to put up with.

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