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...From November, 1935, to June, 1936, more than 2,000 calves were killed in the previous.

These four feet in diameter...
...grow more than one foot high...
...have been found in Africa.

SOOTH COUNTY FARM AND POULTRY NEWS

By H. E. White,
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More and more interest is being shown by the farmers of this county in the sowing of grass and clover seed. This is a good indication that the farmers are interested in developing new cash crops from the farm in addition to the growing of tobacco. In my Farm News for the next few weeks I shall mention some of the best clovers and grasses for this county. If you have any trouble in getting seed or do not quite fully understand the recommendations of the purpose of the crop let me know and I will give you the best information I have on the subject.

In selecting a grass or clover we should keep in mind what we expect to do with the crop, for hay, pasturage or soil building. The first one on the list is Lespedeza or Japan clover because the seed is cheap and is very easy to get a good catch on thin soil, responds to lime but will grow well without liming. Grows on our thinnest soil but likes rich soil like other plants. Not necessary to inoculate, sow now on small grain and use about 25 pounds per acre, can be sown alone, broadcast or with mixture pasture. Can be drilled with grain drill or harrowed in. Rarely used for hay except on rich land and then cut in bloom stage. Seed can be harvested in fall, cut when nearly ripe and before frost, cure haul and trash taking care not to shatter. Should not be grazed too close in the fall if you expect to reseed. Will yield from 4-8 bushels of seed and from 1 to 5 tons of hay in some places. Probably would not be a heavy producer of hay in this county unless on our richest soil. Here is an extract from the weekly report County Agent Osborne of Alexander County. "Lespedeza is not only good pasture plant and hay crop, but also ranks high as soil improver. This fact was brought out on the Alexander County Home from last year. The lespedeza had been sown on oats in the spring of 1934 with a mixture of Red, Alsike clovers were sown along side the lespedeza in the same field. All three clovers did well until after the oats were cut. During the summer the Red and Alsike clovers died out. The lespedeza held on,

though the stand was thin it recovered the land. In 1935 the dry weather kept the lespedeza from growing over four inches high, but it covered the ground like a blanket. The land on which the other clovers had died grew up in weeds. This field was planted to Southern Beauty corn in 1936. The yield after lespedeza was 45 bushels per acre, and 30 bushels after the crop of weeds by actual weight. The 19 extra bushels were due to turning under a four inch growth of lespedeza. The soil was a gray upland sandy loam, and had always been considered poor. Lespedeza seems well adapted to most gray soils of the Piedmont, which are often unfit for red clover. It makes a good showing without lime, although lime is of a considerable benefit to it."

The roots of lespedeza with two inches of stubble contains about 30 per cent of the total organic matter and this equal to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda. Seed can be gotten easily and most seed stores in the county has a supply on hand. At the suggestion of the County Agent, W. J. Swanson & Sons, Pilot Mountain and W. E. Reid & Co., Dobson, have stocked the seed. See them for seed.

This is one clover we can advise our farmers to seed heavily this Spring on account of the seed being cheap, will grow on our thinnest soil and our results are probably more certain than any other clover. I have had experience with lespedeza all of my life and I can vouch for it as a soil builder and a pasture plant. It will stand hard grazing and it does not become a pest. Clean cultivation will kill it out.

S. J. Kirby, Specialist on Permanent Pasture of State College recommends this for a good grass mixture on thin soils. This is a successful pasture and should not be sown unless you really want a good pasture for many years. Bermuda, 6 pounds, Dallis grass, 6 pounds, Red top 8 pounds, and lespedeza 15-20 pounds. This can be sown now or the Bermuda can be seeded about May after the other has been sown. Some farmers are afraid of Bermuda but they are unnecessarily scared. If Bermuda seed is turned in the fall and seeded to small grain then in the spring seed to a heavy crop of soybeans or cowpeas your field will be practically free from Bermuda. The ordinary method used by most people will not destroy Bermuda seed. So far as I have been informed. Only W. E. Merritt & Co., Mount Airy is carrying a supply of Dallis grass and Bermuda. Dallis grass is not very plentiful on the market for the seed come from Australia and there is a big demand for the seed in this country. We should sow a good acreage of this mixture and then turn on live stock in order to keep it grazed closely.

In sowing Red clover be sure and put on at least one ton of lime. A good combination is to sow Alsike with it and you will get a stand of Alsike in many places where Red will not grow. Sow about 6 or 7 pounds of Red clover and about 4 or 5 pounds of Alsike.

Coolidge Gets Gift of Pair of Lion Cubs From Africa.

Washington, March 11.—Two lion cubs are on the way from South Africa to be added to the White House menagerie without any enthusiastic approval from Jack Wilson, the negro attendant of the Presidential pets.

The City of Johannesburg notified President Coolidge today that the cubs, promised sometime ago had been shipped to Washington, where they will join within the White House Grounds Rebecca, the Mississippi raccoon, now so high in Presidential favor that she has been taken to the temporary White House on Dupont Circle, two dogs, an owl, several rabbits, occasional cats and other pets. It is the present intention of the President to keep the cubs as long as they are small and friendly. When they outgrow these qualities, they will go to the national zoo here.

Wilson took the news of their coming with considerable misgiving. He inquired at length as to their size, habits and degree of ferociousness, but apparently was reassured by Mr. Coolidge.

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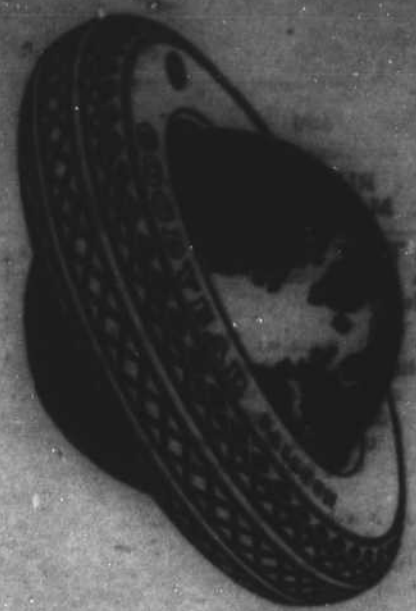
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