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WIDESPREAD WAR ON NATIVE FARM WEEDS

Survey Set on Foot by Department of Agriculture.

New Varieties Constantly Arriving in Foreign Seed and Through Other Sources—Entire Farms Abandoned to Pests.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The United States Department of Agriculture has set on foot what is intended to be the most comprehensive weed survey ever undertaken. Up to date comparatively little is known of American farm weeds. They are classified in botanics and herbariums, but there are no definite data in regard to their spread; the prevalence of any particular weed in any locality; the amount of annual damage; new weeds, increase of old species; or local methods of eradication.

To supply the need for such data the section of weed investigations has sent a questionnaire to all the more than 2,000 county agents of the department. This questionnaire asks the names of five worst weeds in each county, in order of their importance; the methods, if any, used by farmers to combat these weeds; and what weed problems are especially serious in any particular county.

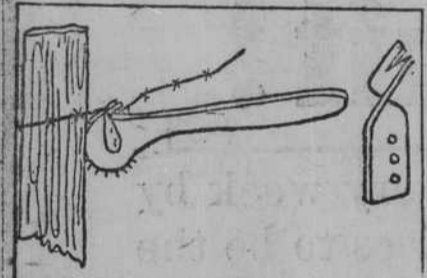
Comparatively few native American weeds have given farmers serious trouble, but new varieties are constantly arriving in foreign seed and through other sources. Some of these have become such pests that entire farms have been abandoned to them. A canvass of 200 representative eastern farmers showed that an average of 22 days a year is spent at the busiest season in trying to get rid of weeds. Investigations by the bureau of plant industry over a number of years are taken to indicate that cultivation after the seedbed is prepared has no other use than to destroy weeds. If this theory proves correct, it will add more heavily still to the annual expense chargeable to weeds.

It is the purpose of the department to use the projected survey as a basis of operation in directing a widespread war on the weeds now here, or the importation of any new ones, and to seek any local eradication methods which may be worth general dissemination.

STRETCHER IS QUITE HANDY

Particularly Convenient in Repairing Wire Fences and Is Easy to Put Together.

For a common wire stretcher which is especially handy in repairing fence take a piece of hardwood cut as shown in the drawing. Then drive small nails into the edge at the large



Stretcher for Repairs.

end, and cut off the heads, filing them to a point. This keeps the stretcher from slipping on the post while in use. Then make a hook from a heavy piece of strap-iron as shown in the drawing and bolt to the stick with small bolts.

PRODUCTION OF GOATS' MILK

Result of Experiments Conducted at Government Experimental Farm at Beltsville.

Milk-goat experiments in grading up from native and grade Toggenburg and Saanen does with purebred Swiss bucks, begun in 1911, were continued last year by the United States Department of Agriculture, at the government farm at Beltsville, Md. The herd comprises 26 does and 8 kids of one-half, three-fourths, seven-eighths, and fifteen-sixteenths blood. The average daily milk yield per doe in 1919 was 3.92 pounds, an increase of 2.42 pounds over the yield of the ten selected native does which formed the foundation stock of the herd. The highest milk yield for an individual doe in one day is 8.6 pounds. For 1919 the flock showed an average of 3.7 per cent butterfat.

WORMS OF DIFFERENT KINDS

Fowls Affected Are Likely to Be Extremely Thin in Cases of Long Standing.

Some chickens have worms of various kinds. The intestines should be slit to find this out. Chickens having worms are likely to be unduly thin, and this loss of weight is extreme in



Miss Marya Wilczkova of Poznan (Posen), who was one of the eight women recently elected members of the Polish diet at Warsaw. Miss Wilczkova is representative of an educational group. She is a peasant woman and was sent to the diet to work for better schools in the part of Poland that was formerly German. Note the beads, dress and hairdress, all of which are typical of the peasant communities.

HARNESS CHILE'S WATERFALL

Company of Capitalists Get Franchise From Government to Develop Power Resources.

Santiago, Chile.—Vast natural water-power resources in the central provinces of Chile are to be put to use to generate electricity for Santiago, Valparaiso and neighboring cities and towns.

A company, capitalized at \$3,250,000, has been formed for the purpose and work already has been started on a hydro-electric plant on the Colorado river, near Santiago, where it is expected 18,000 horsepower can be developed. The project is backed largely by Chilean capital.

Basis for the promotion of the company was the need of more power by both the Valparaiso and Santiago street railways and by mining and industrial enterprises. Until recently no waterpower concessions in Chile were granted for more than 35 years, but the latest concessions are said to be perpetual.

GERMANS TAKE YANKS' TRADE

Steel Tool Manufacturers Drive American Make Out of Holland, Says Consul General.

Rotterdam.—German manufacturers of steel tools have practically driven American tools out of the market in Holland, according to statistics compiled by the American consul general. Previous to the recent industrial renaissance in Germany, nearly 30 per cent of this trade was in the hands of Americans.

The change is largely due, according to Consul General Anderson, to the favorable money exchange conditions prevailing so long as the mark is low and the dollar high.

GIRL OF 15 KILLS FATHER

Wields Knife Fatally Defending Mother During Family Fight Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Elizabeth Mabel Lance, 15 years old, stabbed her father to death defending her mother, police say, during a quarrel between her parents.

The father, Edgar M. Lance, 37, died almost instantly. A formal charge of murder has been lodged against the girl, and the mother is held as a witness.

According to the girl, her father was choking her mother. She tried to get him to stop, but he told her to "go away."

"Mother was screaming, and I was frightened and I ran downstairs, got a knife and came back to the room," the girl said, according to the police. "I threatened father with the knife to save my mother, and he let her go and ran at me, and I held the knife up and stabbed him."

DENIES MERCY TO WOMEN

Washington Judge Calls Penitentiary Only Cure for Razor Wielding.

Washington.—Justice Ashley M. Gould of the District of Columbia supreme court, a student of the psychology of crime and criminals, in refusing to place on probation two women razor wielders recently, remarked:

"This kind of an offense—committed with a razor, gun or a blackjack, is what has made Washington the most notorious city in the world for murder. There are too many acts of this sort which culminate in murder and penitentiary sentence is the only cure I know for such a condition."

The women received a sentence of 18 months each.

STATE NEWS

Forsyth Superior court is in session this week.

The Winston tobacco market closes today.

The North Carolina Master Printers Association will meet in Asheville July 18-19.

One hundred and fifty cases of smallpox since January 1st, is reported in Winston-Salem.

Gus Dimakos, aged 50 years, died at Rocky Mount last week. Drank wood alcohol in whiskey.

Walter Petree has been appointed temporary postmaster at Danbury to succeed R. R. King, resigned.

Four candidates, Mayor Wilson, Capt. W. E. Yount, J. Frank Flowers and James O. Walker, are in the race for mayor of Charlotte.

The Woman's Missionary Union Convention met for its 31st annual session in the First Baptist church at Rocky Mount Tuesday.

Rev. John J. Douglass, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Wadesboro, will deliver the literary address at the Mitchell College, Statesville, commencement May 16th.

Talmadge Billings was sentenced to the electric chair at Wilkes court last week for the murder of William Chatham in that county. An appeal was taken.

One woman was instantly killed and three others seriously injured near Asheville the past week when a logging car broke loose and ran down the mountain, crashing into their home.

Contract has been let for the erection of the Southgate Memorial building at Trinity College. The building, which will be fireproof throughout and cost \$200,000, is to be completed by September 1st.

Three stores and three residences were destroyed by fire at Stony Point last week. Loss about \$50,000 with but little insurance. This was the second disastrous fire the little town has suffered within two weeks.

The annual convention of the United States Good Roads Association will be held in Greensboro April 18 to 23. A good roads show will be held during the convention and it is expected that an enormous crowd will attend.

Iredell county officers recently destroyed two unique blockading outfits in the northern part of that county. One was a well equipped outfit operated in a three-room cave in the side of a hill with carefully concealed pipes to convey water to and from the plant. The other had a dispensary attached, which consisted of a barrel buried in the ground, with a pump and nose attachment, with which to fill and empty it. Operators of both plants were arrested by the officers.

WILL BLAST GERMAN EAGLE

Japanese to Blow Up Emblem Carved on Hillside of Tsingtao Harbor.

Tsingtao, China.—Japanese authorities announce that the huge German eagle carved on the granite side of one of the hills flanking the harbor of Tsingtao, across which has been superimposed the insignia of imperial Japan, will be blasted from the hillside and removed to Tokyo, where it will be placed in a museum.

When the Japanese seized Tsingtao in the first year of the war with Germany they inscribed the date of their victory across the eagle—"November 7, third year of Taisho" (1914).

John Robinson's Circus Exhibited Here in 1858

It might interest our young readers, and perhaps some of the older ones, to know that Yadkinville had been visited by John Robinson's Circus. But it is a fact.

Robinson's Circus was here and exhibited on a lot near where the Baptist church now stands in August, 1858. The writer is unable to secure the exact day of August the circus was here, but old records at the Shore Hotel show that H. W. Ruggles, agent for Robinson's Circus and Menagerie, was here June 18, 1858, and the circus, at that time traveling by wagons, came the following August.

That was along time ago, 63 years, three years before the Civil war. The show has passed into hands of the fourth John Robinson since that time.

In connection with the above it might be of interest to our readers to state the fact that John Robinson, 3rd, was married in Statesville, some thirty-odd years ago. He was married to an actress while his father's circus was exhibiting in that town.

Sol. Sparks Arrested

Sheriff Moxley and Deputy Marshal Ogburn and Deputy Collector Shugart arrested Sol Sparks at his home near the Wilkes County line Saturday night and he was placed in jail here.

He is charged, with his brother, of being connected with a gang of auto thieves in handling stolen cars. Sheriff Moxley has recently found and traced through their hands about eleven cars.

Sale of Land

By virtue of the power contained in a Deed of Trust executed by James Huff and wife, Lizzie Huff, to me as trustee, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Yadkin county, in Book 21, page 263, and default having been made in payment of the note secured by said Deed of Trust, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at W. P. Jones' store in Jonesville, on the 25th day of April, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described lands:

Beginning at a stone in Will Swain and J. J. Caudle's corner, running south 84 degrees east 5 chains 85 links to a pine; thence south 2 degrees west 2 chains to a stone; thence 2 degrees south 4 chains 50 links to a stone; thence south 16 degrees east 2 chains 51 links to a stone; thence east 2 degrees south 11 chains 50 links to a stone on bank of branch, thence south with branch as it meanders 4 chains and 85 links to a stone on east side of branch; thence east 2 degrees south 13 chains and 82 links to a stone in John Swain's line; thence south 10 degrees east 4 chains and 93 links to a stone in said John Swain's corner; thence west 12 chains 13 links to a stone; thence south 4 chains 50 links to a stone on east side of branch; thence west 2 degrees north 26 chains and 55 links to a stone in Will Swain's corner; thence south with said Will Swain's line 17 1/2 chains to the beginning of said land containing 40 acres more or less.

This the 23rd day of March, 1921.
J. F. HAYDREN,
Trustee

The News of the Day and Farming

By Abe Martin

In the ole dark days o' o'er an' wheat cradlin' most farmers got their news o' the outside world from travelin' watch-smiths an' hucksters.

O' course, such farmers as lived within ten miles of a county seat sometimes took a weekly paper in exchange fer punkins an' stove wood.

But when a farmer finally did catch up with a weekly paper th' news wuz too stale t' do him any good.

Instead o' givin' him somethin' t' think o' it give him somethin' he ought t' have thought about.

A farmer used t' plow without knowin' whether th' government at Washin'ton still lived or not.

He used t' chop wood, an' milk, an' plant corn, never dreamin' ther wuz a circus in town, or that the Peoples Bank had closed its doors after an honorable career o' eight years.

His wife didn't know what they wuz wearin' in town.

She didn't know her neighbors only three miles away had Sundayed at Seymour.

His daughter didn't know ther wuz a grand ball an' oyster supper in the K. o' P. hall week before last, much less that a girl friend o' hers had eloped with a dashin' lightnin' rod agent.

They didn't know nothin' since th' last huckster.

But it's all different t' day.

Daily papers and telephones keep the farmer an' his folks abreast o' the times.

The farmers wife knows what eggs are worth long before sun up.

She knows when skirts fluctuate in length and price.

She knows whether to lace or lop and when her favorite soap takes a drop.

The farmer knew who wuz to be chairman of the Hardin' inaugural ceremonies ten minutes after he wuz selected.

He don't know yet who and what he is and why he wuz picked out, but he knows his name.

At night in the farmer's home, instead of t'ill in th' o'clock about the buckwheat crop or a bee tree, the family discuss the complicated condition o' Russian affairs, some world famous bare-legged dancer, cabinet possibilities, Wilson's plans for the future, what Hardin' 'll do with Hiram Johnson, and what they'll buy with all ther money after the farmers get fully organized.

Mrs. Isaac Shore Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Isaac Shore celebrated her 51st birthday Sunday at her home at Ho-el Shore by inviting her many relatives and friends to spend the day with her.

A large number of relatives and friends gathered to spend the day with Mrs. Shore and to partake of the sumptuous dinner served. All of the children and grandchildren living in this part of the county were present on the day a pleasant one to Mrs. Shore.

A long table was erected in the shade which was loaded down with good things to eat, and plenty was laid.

We wish Mrs. Shore many a happy birthday.

County Commencement To be Held April 16

The county commencement for Yadkin county will be held in Yadkinville on Saturday, April 16th, and a gay time is being planned by those in charge of the program, which is not yet complete.

The main feature of the day, after the parade, etc., will be an address at 11 o'clock by Dr. J. H. Cook, of the State College for Women, at Greensboro. There will be many other interesting features by the several grades up to the seventh, and a long string of prizes will be given away to those winning the prizes.

Further announcement of the program will be announced later in this paper.

Gorrell Tate, Soldier, Buried Last Sunday

The body of Gorrell Tate, aged 23, killed in France during the war, was brought to this county and interred in the church graveyard at Enon Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

This young soldier was killed in the great battle of September 29th, 1918, when the 30th Division broke the Hindenberg line. He was struck by Paris of a shell, we understand, and blown into many pieces. The body was then buried in France and exhumed last October and started on its way to the United States, arriving at Winston Saturday. He was the son of Robert Tate, who now lives at Winston.

The body was in a nice casket draped with a large United States flag and a smaller flag now flies over his grave. A large crowd was present at the funeral to pay respect to this soldier who lost his life on the field of battle in defense of his country.

The funeral was conducted by Elder O. J. Denny of the Primitive Baptist church.

Yadkinville, Route 3.

The farmers have been busy breaking land for corn. There is not so much interest being taken in tobacco as last year. The truth of the matter is some of us farmers put out more tobacco last year than we could properly attend to, and the result was an interior grade and a low price.

I notice that our officers capture a blockading outfit about every week or so, but it seems to be a pretty hard matter to get the blockaders in court, and if they get in court it is a still harder matter to convict them. Now there is something wrong with our court machinery here in Yadkin county. If I should ever go into this liquor business and get indicted and brought to court for trial you may guess what class of men I would want in that jury box.

Now I want to say a few words to the land owners of Yadkin county. Let's take a little stroll along the streams that flow through our farms just as often as we can and see how things are.

To put down this illegal liquor traffic here in this county every good citizen as well as our officers should know his duty and do it regardless of what bad men may think, say or do.