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Grass Silage Can Play Big Part in Dairy Program



I know you don't put up grass silage in mid-February, but if you're looking ahead to more milk and more profits you think about it now.

And I've just run across some dandy information. The Extension Services at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., and at Mississippi State College, State College, Miss., have bulletins on making grass

and legume silage.* The Illinois bulletin is Circular 605, and the one from Mississippi is Bulletin 425.

An important angle to grass silage, as Illinois points out, is that if you have a surplus of pasture in spring you can make it into silage; use it for feed in mid-summer hot months, then refill the same silo later in the year with other silage for winter feed. Either permanent or temporary silos will hold grass silage.

If you chivered on the way to the barn this morning you'll appreciate the timeliness of a bulletin from the University of Missouri. It is Circular 523, discussing an all-weather stock tank.

An insulated concrete tank has been in use near the College for a year and not a trace of ice showed on it even though the temperature dropped to 5 below zero.

It's quite a problem on many farms to provide running water for stock in the winter time, and this insulated tank may be the answer. The tank is equipped with an automatic float valve and trickle overflow pipe, water coming from a pond.

The Missouri circular gives complete details on how to build the tank, materials necessary, etc. It's well worth sending to the Extension Service, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., and getting a copy.*



"Quality" and "efficiency" are two little words which in 1947 can mean more to dairy farmers than most any other two words you can pick out, in your old Uncle Bob's opinion. Producing quality milk is the first step in the whole program of building to still higher levels the consumption of every dairy product. Efficient operation on your farm—more milk per acre—is the way to assure yourself a good year from a dollar gain standpoint. And greater efficiency means a solid foundation for the future.

One of our men in the South says a farmer once told him, "Mister, you can't anymore tell me nothing about something you don't know nothing about anymore than you can come back from where you ain't been."

I can't sit back on Groundhog Day and tell you what kind of weather you'll get next summer. But I recall that a long dry spell in this part of the country last summer knocked milk production and cut dairy farmers' income. There are things you can do to prevent any such sharp decline in production this year.

If you look over your farm layout, I'm sure you'll be able to find a small acreage that you can use for Sudan grass. All you need plant is a half acre per cow and you'll do a swell job of taking out insurance against drought.

Pasture renovation is another important "insurance" in your program to prevent summer milk slump. A good seed mixture that includes legumes, plus soil building, through application of the right amount and the right kind of fertilizer, will do a great deal to give you more and better forage over a longer period of time.

The extension service in your state has tested and approved a grass and legume pasture mixture suitable for your farm, no matter what kind of land you have.

I suggest you get in touch with your county agent at once, have a soil test made, find out what fertilizer to use and get it on as soon as possible. Also, get your county agent's recommendation as to a pasture seed mix that will provide the best possible grazing for your cows.

*NOTE:—There is usually a 5c charge for pamphlets mailed to non-residents of a state; but possibly your own state has a free pamphlet on the same subject. Ask your county agent.



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DO WE APPRECIATE FREEDOM?

There are two answers to this question—"yes" and "no." Naturally there is an innate, inborn, and inbred love for freedom in the bosom of every rational being. This is a God-given right and no individual or set of individuals have a right to curtail this right so long as this right is not abused. It is not too much to say that every person is entitled to all the freedom that he is capable of using. This presumes that liberty is not licensed, and that when it is used as such, then restraints must be used.

One thing is hard to understand: why oppressed people will fight and gain their freedom and then fail to take advantage of blessings derived therefrom.

Because of England's arbitrary rule we gained our independence. By so doing, we are guaranteed freedom of the press, freedom of conscience, freedom of speech, etc. Here in North Carolina we have a FREE public school system; free books; free transportation, and various 'free' things. All children are not only allowed to go to these schools, but are solicited to go. But many refuse to go unless forced to do so by law. This is strange but true. If many children were forbidden by law to go to school their parents, who are now reluctant to send them, would go on the war path. They would carry the matter to the highest tribunal in the land. ("What strange creatures we mortals be.") This is illustrated in the story of a depositor who had heard his bank was about to break and demanded his money. "Yes sir," said the cashier, starting to count the money. "Why, has you got it?" asked the depositor. "Yes sir," said the cashier, "Well, if you has," said the depositor, "I don't want it."

If we didn't have free public schools a great clamor would go up. But since we have them many people do not appreciate them.

Personally, I do not agree with the whole set-up of the school

Burns Fatal To Mrs. Heck, Son

Result Of Fire Accident In Pa.; Funeral Service Is Held At Todd

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Heck, 33, and her son, John, 6, fire victims of Oxford, Pa., were held on last Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Todd with Rev. E. O. Stevens officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The fire, it was reported, started after the family had returned home from a visit at the home of relatives in Quarryville on Sunday, January 19. Mrs. Heck had gone to the kitchen to prepare supper, where she attempted to start a fire with the use of kerosene. When she lit a match an explosion of the fumes resulted, which set her clothing and that of her son afire and started a blaze in the kitchen.

Wiley Heck, husband and father of the victims, carried his wife and son to the outside of the house and tried to beat out the flames with his hands but the fire had consumed most of the clothing on their bodies, it was reported. The house and contents were completely destroyed.

Mrs. Heck and her son were rushed to the hospital where they were treated. John died on Monday afternoon and Mrs. Heck died on Wednesday morning. Mr. Heck was also treated for second degree burns, received while he tried to extinguish the flames.

Survivors of the victims besides the husband and father, Wiley Heck, are Mr. and Mrs. William Heck, Barnsley, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Julius Miller, of Todd, parents of Mrs. Heck.

Education. She completed her masters degree in December and will soon return to Puerto Rico for a few month's work before returning to the States.

Dr. King graduated from Davidson College and Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest college and took his internship in Gorgos Hospital Ancon, Panama Canal Zone. After this he took a fellowship in Pathology at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, and a three-months public health course in Chapel Hill before assuming his duties as health officer for Allegheny, Ashe, and Watauga counties.

The bride wore a beige dress with brown accessories. Wedding music consisted of Wagner's "Wedding March" and "I Love You Truly" with Mendelssohn's "Wedding Reccessional."

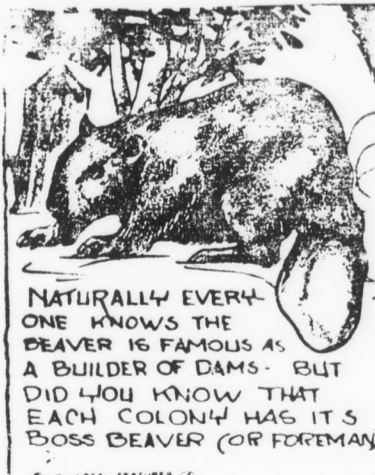
Miss Ortiz, Dr. King Wed Jan. 1

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On Wednesday morning, January 1, at 10:30 a. m., Miss Myrta Ortiz became the bride of Dr. Robert R. King, Jr., at the James I. Vance Memorial Presbyterian church, Boone, with Rev. J. K. Parker officiating. The wedding was informal with only the immediate family of the groom present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cesar M. Ortiz, of Cayey, Puerto Rico. She majored in Home Economics at the University of Puerto Rico and taught school for two years before going to work as Home Management Supervisor for the Farm Security Administration. After 3 years in this position she was sent to the University of North Carolina School of Public Health on a scholarship from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to take her master of science degree in Public Health

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