

ACROSS the DESK

Ideas from other editors

From The Fallon Eagle, Fallon, Nev.:

On Friday the citizens of Churchill county were invited to inspect their schools from the primary grades up through high school.

It is sincerely hoped that a goodly number of parents showed interest enough in their schools to pay this visit.

Certainly there is no institution so vital to the future of this country, state or nation than our schools for the students of today will be the public leaders of tomorrow. It is in the public school that our youth are molded in the ways of freedom and the learning they receive there will have most to do with their future lives.

It is for this reason that the public must be interested in their schools—to see that we have good teachers, good courses of study, conscientious administrators, proper discipline and adequate room.

The Fallon schools, like others in the state and nation, are faced with crowded conditions and too little in the way of additional funds to do anything about it. Despite this fact, students from this area always have ranked high scholastically when entering institutions of higher learning and this is definitely a mark of credit to our teachers and educators who make do with what is provided.

From the Parkersburg, Eclipse, Parkersburg, Iowa:

Those attending the third Annual Safety Institute in New York recently heard an expert testify that the most dangerous room in the house is the kitchen. This is true

because of appliances which often require a constant flame and others which are also dangerous.

Home owners were warned against the use of certain cleaning fluids, in the kitchen, the wearing of frilly things by the housewife, who works near a stove, and the placing of inflammable materials near the range. They were also cautioned to keep at least one fire extinguisher handy in the kitchen.

We have often observed that the kitchen could be a very dangerous place for careless hands. Not only is there a major danger of burning, but too often there is a danger that children might somehow lock themselves inside a refrigerator. Thus, of all the rooms in your house, the kitchen probably demands more thought and more attention from you if you would make your home as safe as possible. Most people unfortunately, think about it too late.

From The Wall Street Journal, New York City:

Within the Republican Party there are differences of opinion but in no case do these differences represent a wide cleavage on any matter of principle.

It would be most unfortunate—for the party for the incoming administration and for the country—if personal antipathies were allowed to create two Republican factions bent on warfare rather than compromise.

Such a situation is certainly suggested by the statement of Senator Taft strongly objecting to the appointment of Mr. Martin Durkin.

Lack Of Adequate Feed Stunts Heifers' Growth

Research work conducted at the Mountain Experiment Station, Waynesville, and at North Carolina State College during the past three years indicates that even well-managed pastures do not supply sufficient nutrients for normal growth by heifer calves between the ages of 6 and 12 months.

However, at from 12 to 24 months, they can make normal growth on well-managed, improved pastures during the lush growing seasons, according to W. R. Murley assistant professor, and E. K. Waugh, head of the dairy husbandry section, Department of Animal Industry at N. C. State College.

The scientists say that most dairymen consider the rearing of dairy heifers after they are 6 months old an easy task, and actually it is. But this belief has led many owners to stunt their animals by failure to provide feed and care.

"Far too often, dairy heifers are fed low quality roughage in winter and are turned on pasture and allowed to shift for themselves during the summer," according to Waugh and Murley.

The Waynesville and State College tests showed that Guernsey and Jersey heifers, when turned to pasture at 6, 8 or 10 months of age and allowed no other source of feed, made slow growth, gaining at the rate of only 53 per cent of normal.

When two pounds of grain were fed to animals of similar ages, normal growth was attained. On poorer pastures or for larger animals, the grain should be increased.

Older heifers, 12 to 20 months, made growth on improved Ladino clover-orchard grass pastures.

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Bahamas Bid Is Sign of Winter

AS SURE a portent of coming winter as V's of wild geese in the sky is the recent invitation to American yachtsmen from the Bahamas Development Board at Nassau to join the first fleet cruise of the season, scheduled to set out across the warm Gulf Stream from Miami this November.

Fleeing winter in the States, visitors arriving by yacht, steamer and air liner are the most important business of islanders who have tried and abandoned many enterprises over the centuries. Pineapples and piracy, sugar and sisal, rum-running and wrecking—all once thrived, only to decline, the National Geographic Society observes.

Spaniards, first Europeans to claim the Bahamas, took their profits in the form of slaves. They eventually exterminated the Lucayans, the natives who greeted Christopher Columbus when he landed on the Bahamas island of San Salvador in 1492 to discover a new world.

In the 17th century the British, first colonizers of the islands, winked at their use as lairs from which swashbuckling pirates preyed upon the Spanish treasure fleets bound for home with Inca riches. Two of the thousands of villainous freebooters who sailed out of Nassau under the Skull and Crossbones were Sir Henry Morgan and Edward Teach, or Blackbeard.

Conversion and hanging eventually eradicated the piracy evil, whereupon the British became planters. Few Americans realize that one thriving Bahamian trade was in pineapples, carried to Baltimore in Chesapeake Bay sailing schooners and pungies. Hawaiian competition killed it.

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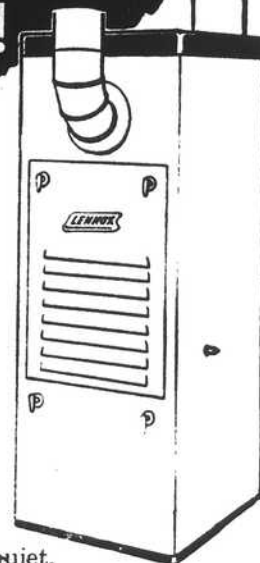
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