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Conservation News

By L. B. HAIRR

Several McDowell county farmers are sowing legume hay by mowing their red clover this year.

Among those who have cut and are cutting red clover for hay are: E. B. Wright, Bertie Caldwell, Joe Swann and J. F. Mills. These farmers, who are cooperators of the Catawba Soil Conservation District, harvested good tonnage of fine hay per acre the first cutting.

Red clover works well in the crop rotation, and improves the soil by adding humus and nitrogen which will greatly increase the yields of corn and small grain on the farm.

This being a close growing crop and a good cover it not only produces high yields of hay but it will help to protect the land from washing.

Wm. E. McConnaughey, project leader, of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development visited the Catawba Soil Conservation District last week.

Mr. McConnaughey visited and checked a number of wildlife field borders in McDowell county on the following farms: Mrs. Ida Sprinkle, Lewin Westmorland, Joe Swan, T. E. Price, S. R. Cross and E. J. Burgin. Mr. McConnaughey reports that the bicolor lespedeza and sericia lespedeza are growing nicely in each of these borders



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Stage Entrance:

Sonja Henie is the newest of the "They Never Learn" parade. Race-trackers report the bootles of cold cash she's been plunging on the Also Rans. . . . No matter what anyone says about the nags, they are running true to form at Belmont. Isolationist (in a field of seven) came in last. . . . Louis Calhern, star of "Magnificent Yankee," recently won an award for "best performance." Next day he was rejected as narrator for the "Cavalcade of America" program. . . . The Marquess of Queensbury's jittersbugging is the talk among mid-towners. He's expert at it. . . . How Tempus Fugit Dept.: Victor Borge's new contract stars him above Benny Goodman. The billing is tricky, to wit: "The Victor Borge Show Starring Benny Goodman." . . . Sugar Chile Robinson, the baby boogy-woogy wonder, now gets \$5,000 a perf.

The Magic Lanterns: Jennifer Jones and Charles Boyer are sky-larking in "Cluny Brown." This is a jaunty spoof of the crumbs among the upper crust. The guffaws will pop vest buttons (and strain girdle seams) as Cholly and Jenny whistle capers. . . . "The Glass Alibi" enters bullet first with a murder meller whiz aimed by Paul Kelly. . . . "Badman's Territory" is a right purty prairie saga, several grades above the usual sagebrush shenaniganing. . . . "The Phantom Thief" turns out a passable felon fable—its tempo won't break any speed laws. . . . "Perilous Holiday" comes through with a pulse-hopper where-in Pat O'Brien makes a hobby of collecting tangles. . . . "Texas Panhandler" is a cowboy ho-hum on the range opus. . . . "Behind the Mask" should put its producers on Easy Street—selling apples. . . . "Tokio Rose" by any other name would also smell.

Silhouettes in the Times Square Mary Livingstone and Portland Hoffa at the Embassy ringside with a couple of radio comedians. . . . Ingrid Bergman giving the new Riviera (across the G. Washington Bridge) added class. . . . George Jean Nathan, the actor-killer, and gorgeous Jessie Tai-Sing (of the China Doll) causing cub-rumors at the Stork. . . . Gloria Vanderbilt Stokowski disguising her glammer with slax, kerchief and smoked specs on Vth Ave. . . . Fannie Hurst, the novelist, carrying her one-lb. Yorkshire terrier into the Little Vienna. The pooch is gray and blonde streaked, which is the newest hair style.

Broadway Side-Show: Ann Richards is a Hollywood actress. . . . When she saw Cornelia Otis Skinner in "The Searching Wind" on Broadway (a little over a year ago) she sent the first fan letter of her life. . . . It was a glowing missive, in which she reported how she enjoyed the performance, how she couldn't visualize anyone else in the role, etc. . . . The film version of the hit will be seen soon. . . . The Skinner role is played by Ann Richards!

Sallies in Our Alley: The husband of a famed movie star was dining at the Mocambo with a beautiful blonde, and a ringsider observed: "That can't be his wife, can it?" . . . "It's all right," explained Met star Ezio Pinza, "it's her understudy." . . . Last night in Sardi's someone recalled the time Woolcott, the critic, audibly burped at a flop show. . . . "Hmmm," ribbed Brown, "thinking out loud!"

Manhattan Murals: The disillusioned drabness of daytime Swing Street (52nd). . . . The candy store which delivers packages in horse-drawn kerridge. Mid-town cops dread seeing it—claim it congests traffic. . . . The one-legged war vet doing an expert rumba at the Havana-Madrid. . . . The manager for Saks Fifth Avenue shoe dept.—whose name is Mr. Foote. . . . The realty office on East 17th with the notice, "No Apts Available," written in ten languages including Chinese. . . . On the marquee of a Tremont Avenue (Bronx) movie theater: "A Guy Could Change." . . . "My Reputation."

Ethel Barrymore met Lionel on her way out of Sardi's one night in their hey-day. "I just saw John at the bar," she said, "and he's behaving very strangely." "What's so strange about seeing John with a drink?" asked Lionel. "Nothing," sighed Ethel. "But I saw him without one!"

Maurice Barrymore (Johns talented paw) was asked the best way to become a famous actor. "What is the first thing one must learn?" queried John. "How to speak?" "No," was the reply. "How to starve."

The Showfolks: Bea Lillie once played chemin-de-fer at a Paris casino when she suddenly hiccupped. The croupier thought she called out "banquo!" and paid her 150,000 francs!

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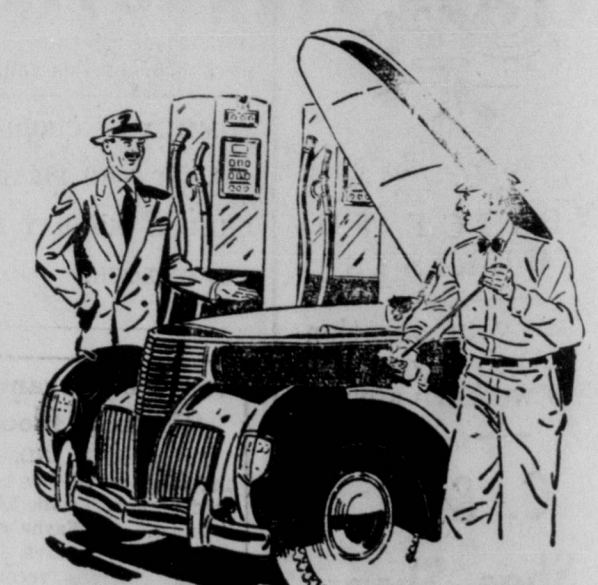
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