

Seed Improvement Will Be Helped

The North Carolina Crop Improvement association will aid groups of farmers in a community who may wish to establish one standard variety of each important crop grown in that community. "Four groups have adopted the production of certified seed as a definite community project," says Gordon K. Middleton seed specialist at State college. "Two of these the Woodleaf community in Rowan county, and the Red Oak community in Nash county, have been developing their program for two or three years. Benson and Candor in Johnston and Montgomery counties, began their work this season. This is being done in connection with the local schools. County agents in several counties are also developing county-wide programs. Examples of this are seen in the cotton work in Union and the lespedeza development in Stanly and the production of certified Irish potato seed in Ashe, Avery and Watauga counties.

Any community wishing to start the growing of one variety this next season should see that every grower gets enough registered or certified seed to plant a small area and then produce enough seed for his entire farm the second year; or, one or two growers can get enough seed for the whole lot and multiply them for the entire community. This latter is probably the best plan, says Mr. Middleton, as it does away with some of the danger of mixing varieties.

Of the 29,000 bushels of cotton seed inspected this fall, 13,000 were grown by the four local community associations mentioned.

Gardner Will Try To Prove Theory

(R. R. Clark in Greensboro News.) Governor Gardner isn't going to quit with spreads of home grown food. He will undertake to show that it can be really and truly grown at home. A tract of land will be secured in Pitt county of 100 acres or less, on a hard surface road and easy of access, on which will be demonstrated the adaptability of the soil of that section to the growing of food and feed crops. The state prison will furnish a sufficient number of honor grade prisoners for the cultivation, and the governor will probably give the experiment his personal supervision. It is assumed that cost records will be kept and the demonstration will be made complete. Pitt county was selected, the governor says, because it has been the largest cash income producing county in the state, its total cash crops in 1928 amounting to eleven million dollars. And it may be said also that it is from Pitt that the loudest cries of distress are heard now—leading citizens asserting that many of the people in that county will go hungry before the winter is over. They have no food and no credit and are unable to obtain work.

The governor will endeavor to show Pitt citizenry and others interested, next season, that there is no cause for the people to get that way. To make sure that foodstuff can be grown, he will undertake to demonstrate that it is practicable. This will be the only demonstration of its kind in the state. It is placed where the need for the lesson is supposed to be greatest.

BOYS, DON'T GO OFF AND GET SWELLED HEAD

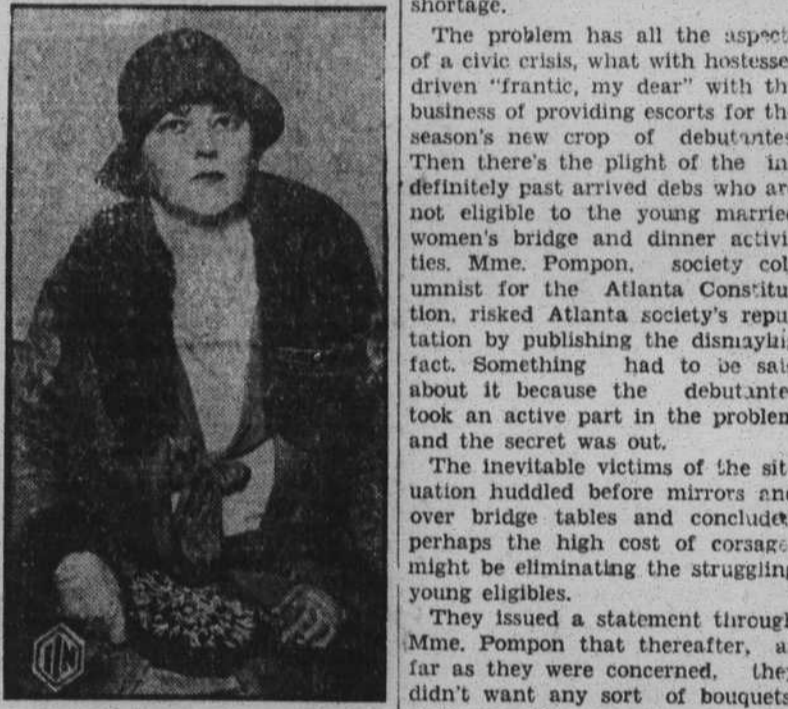
Fountain Inn Tribune. Next to the destruction of a bright youngster by vice, the saddest and most depressing sight in the world of business is that of a clean and ambitious young fellow ruined by swell-head. I've seen it happen again and again. Our boys go away to make a place for themselves in the outside world and begin to climb almost at once. They are humble and modest. They have good manners; they feel and show a great respect for older and more successful men. They have the charm peculiar to boys raised in the country. These qualities appeal to their employers and they are promoted and given more pay. We hear about their success and delight in it. We expect them to mount high. And then they come home for Christmas. We watch them and say nothing, but our hearts are heavy with shame and disgust. The poor young fools have the swell-head. A little success has spoiled them. Their charm is gone. They are opinionated, loud, assertive, boastful. If only they could realize how they humiliate us! We had hoped so much for them. And now we know they have reached their limit. A man has shot his load when his head swells. The qualities that won promotion for him are gone. If he had remained humble and regarded each upward step as the trifling thing it is, he might have reached the top. But a little success swells a little head, and his strutting tells us we expected too much. He is a fourth-rater after all, doomed to feel proud of a fourth-rate success.

Triple Slayer Arrested



Walter Crabtree, posing with a State trooper at the Keyser, W. Va., jail, after killing three men and wounding two women and a girl at Romney, W. Va., December 18. (International Newsreel)

Atlanta Society Worries About Shortage Of Eligible Men There



Bertha Cleavenger, was awarded \$450,000 in her breach of promise suit against John H. Castle, the millionaire real estate operator. The jury's award is considered the largest in the legal history of the country. The highest previous verdict was \$225,000. This was later cut down to \$125,000. Mrs. Cleavenger declared: "I was certainly satisfied with the verdict." (International Newsreel)

EVOLVE SERUMS FOR PNEUMONIA

New York.—With the reduction of the tuberculosis death rate by 50 per cent in the past 25 years, pneumonia stands out today as the chief death-dealing agent among infectious diseases. Throughout the U. S. registration area today it is generally true that the toll taken by pneumonia is second only to that of heart disease among all causes of death, according to R. H. Hutchison, widely known biochemist. In New York state the number of deaths among each 100,000 persons caused annually by pneumonia is still near 110, while that attributed to tuberculosis is now below 75. However, a definite hope that science will soon make marked progress in the conquest of this last great problem among infectious diseases is seen by Mr. Hutchison, writing in The American Druggist. It is based on the success of the two serums evolved and tested within the past ten years by Dr. Frank M. Runton and by Dr. Felton of Harvard Medical school. If treatment is made within the first 24 or 48 hours of the disease with either of these serums, the chance for survival is more than 50 per cent better than it was in years ago, he says. The peculiar nature of pneumonia little understood by the layman, precludes, however, any hope that a single serum will solve the problem. Science has found that the germs of the disease are often present in the mouth of a normal individual as a harmless part of the bacterial flora, and the accepted theory is that in a period of lowered resistance they penetrate the membranes of the mouth and throat and thence find their way through the blood stream to the lungs. But the problem of treatment is complicated because the pneumococci are of 11 distinct kinds. Type 1 is responsible for 33 per cent of pneumonia cases; Type 2 for 31 per cent; Type 3 for 12 per cent. The remaining 24 per cent of cases are attributed to eight different types of germs designated as Group 4. The two most effective serums so far evolved have succeeded in re-

ducing the death rate from the Type 1 pneumococci by more than 50 per cent when injection is early in the course of the disease, and have also proved effective to a degree against Type 2. No effective serum for Type 3 and Group 4 cases has so far been found, but the proved success of the Felton and Runton serums is basis for a hope of early solution of the problem. The necessity for early treatment is stressed by the American Druggist writer. The initial chill the pain in the side or in the chest, the rapid rise of temperature, the cough, often with blood-stained sputum, are signs anyone can recognize easily. The value of the present specific treatment lies largely in its early application.

A Christmas Story—Corset Gifts

Asheville.—The Skyland branch of the Buncombe county chapter of the American Red Cross is in good shape now.

As there was much need among the poor of the Skyland community for warm clothing, Miss Rose Chapman, chairman of the branch, conceived the idea of asking the Asheville merchants to donate outmoded and unsalable clothing to be remodeled by chapter members into garments for the needy of the Skyland community.

The new manager of one of Asheville's oldest general merchandise stores responded with enthusiasm to the suggestion and told the ladies to call with a truck the next day.

Promptly the charitably inclined Skyland members called and were rewarded with a large and heavy packing case which had been nailed up.

The chairman was so elated at the success of the campaign for clothing for the poor that she called a meeting of the members of the organization to open the box, consider the contents and discuss distribution to the worthy poor. The members gathered. The box was opened. A member reached in and drew out a corset with a bustle. Dumbfounded, another member withdrew another article which proved to be another corset of the vintage of 1886. The packing case was found to contain exactly 150 corsets of bygone styles and one suit of boys clothing. Skyland members are wondering if the worthy poor should be put into corsets.

Pell Up Tree If His Ancestors Were Not

Greensboro News. "I can't accept the doctrine that my ancestors lived up a tree," writes Judge George P. Pell, a pure work of supererogation, we think, since nobody seems to have assailed Judge Pell's ancestry.

But if his forbears were luckier, we have his own word that their posterity was not so fortunate. The corporation commissioner leaves quite a deal for the imagination. He desires a statement from the evolutionists as to when and at what stage of evolution does the anthropoid ape's successor acquire a soul? Barring the fact that 1930 is a campaign year and that Judge Pell is a candidate to succeed himself, the writing is utterly irrelevant and untimely.

But the judge and his trees' are in order. In March, 1928, there was issued the epochal questionnaire to the Forty Immortals, among whom was Judge Pell. "You ask if I am in favor of Governor Smith as a Democratic candidate for president," Judge Pell wrote. "I admire Governor Smith's fine executive ability, horse sense and the fact that he is a thorough human being without any snobbishness or keep off the grass" signs about him, but his wetness so vitally affects the expediency of his nomination that I am honestly up a tree."

Looking back over that awful year we recall that the Smith issue made a morkey of many of those same Forty Immortals. There was, for instance, the editor who wrote reams on Mr. Smith's unfitness, and then spoke pages in his favor. There was Mr. Hompton, for another instance, quite ready to hop on the bandwagon, but crossed signals stopped him. There was Mr. Bailey, who is credited with two speeches, both superb utterances, one for Smith, one against him. And finally, there was The Senator, high priest of regularity, breathing threatenings and slaughter against the Smithites, and loving them fit to kill now.

But Judge Pell, who protests, for the House of Pell, that it has no arboreal ancestors, is on record as honestly up a tree. And it is possible that he may have to take to tall timbers again. Mrs. Eva Rugky has been appointed chief of police in Salem, O., to succeed her husband, who died recently.

Apparently they had joined in the exodus. But the men refused the corsage ban. Bouquets were much in evidence at an important dinner dance several evenings later. Some debutantes, irked because a sister or dear friend was without escort that night, said they just "new the men had got together and decided to give flowers and those that didn't want to stayed away.

Loyal to Hunted Mate Seeks to Set Up Alibi



Alternating between a stolid face and tears, Viola Brennenman, alias Dane, alias Church, alias Reed, who lived with Fred Burke, alleged bandit and cold-blooded killer, wanted for the murder of a St. Joseph, Mich., policeman, is held in St. Joseph, Mich. She is seeking to set up an alibi for her "man" in connection with the St. Valentine's Day massacre of Moran gangsters in Chicago. (International Newsreel)

New Lures Draw To Merchants Windows

Wall Street Journal.

It has long been the custom of some great corporations and merchants to include in their windows, displays of some object of interest apart from their wares, that will attract attention indirectly to the articles for sale. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. once had an electric light bulb with no visible power connections, flashing on and off in a tumbler, to call attention to the advertising in the windows of their building on West Street. Western Union had an elaborate model of a ship at sea to illustrate the latest device for testing the ocean depths, and the Wannamaker store had one of the first all-metal Ford airplanes on view. An enterprising store on lower Broadway is now calling attention to its window full of stationery novelties through a stock exchange ticker in operation, with the result that there is usually a fair sized crowd gathered when the market is in session.

Rockefeller Heir Will Be Married

Philadelphia.—A romance that began several years ago at a Maine summer resort report has resulted in the engagement of Miss Mary T. Clark, of this city, and Nelson A. Rockefeller, second son of John D. Rockefeller, jr. In announcing the engagement yesterday Miss Clark's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hamilton Clark, said the wedding would not take place until "some time after next June," after young Rockefeller has graduated from Dartmouth college. They plan a honey moon abroad.

Miss Clark is 23 and Rockefeller 21. Their romance began at North-Haven, where both families spend their summers, and an association which started through the interest of both in outdoor sports blossomed into an engagement.

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