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CANYON, Aug. 2.—Ninety-one Texas college boys and girls will receive aid of the United States government in attending school at the West Texas State Teachers College during the 1934-35 session, according to instructions received by the college this week.

No student whose family can possibly finance his education will be given aid under the F. E. R. A. No more than \$20 per month can go to one student and the average for the 91 students must be not more than \$15 per month.

The instructions further state that only young men and women of character and ability to do excellent college work can be considered and no more than 50 per cent of those to be helped can be chosen from the ranks of students who were in college anywhere in January 1934.

It is the purpose of the Federal Government to help able and deserving students who have entered college or who have completed high school and have not yet had a chance to begin their college work.

"So far as the West Texas State Teachers College is concerned," said Dr. Hill, "every young man and woman who receives this aid will be chosen from among the many deserving needy students who have done work of a 'B' grade or have maintained an average of 85 per cent during their last 2 years in high school or while in college. They will be young people of fine character and high ambitions. We shall consider it our purpose to help the Federal Government build citizenship and provide leadership through education."

"Professor C. A. Murray, head of the mathematics department of the college, will receive applications from young people who can attend college only through this aid and are otherwise qualified for this aid. Those interested should make application at once as the West Texas State Teachers College quota of 91 students will soon be filled."

Ohio 4-H Clubs Busy
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Ohio 4-H clubs, being organized for the 1934 season, will have to do good work to better their record of last season. A summary of 1933 accomplishments tells of the size of the job faced by 48,000 club members and their 4,500 leaders. Ohio ranked fourth last year in total number of 4-H members enrolled by states, and according to the latest records of the United States Department of Agriculture, first in the number of members who finished the job they had set for themselves to do. Eighty per cent of the membership reported having completed their projects. Club members undertook 59,344 projects and completed 41,982 of them. National reports state that Ohio topped the list by 5,000 in number of members who had completed their work. Total membership in the United States is 970,000.

Short Furrows
The world crop of tobacco is about 4,000,000,000 pounds a year.

Unusually early crops are aiding a strong agricultural situation in California.

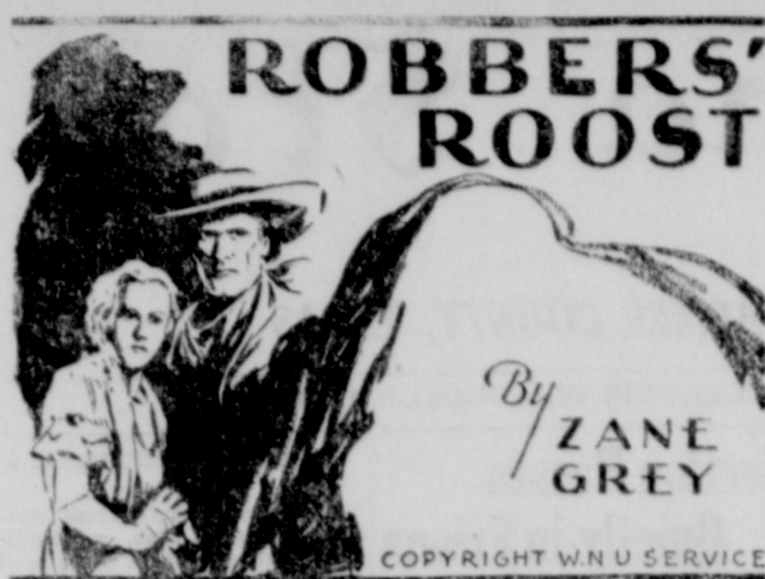
For the first time in three years without planters of Peru expect to make a profit this season.

Nearly 63,000 acres of farm land owned by Indians of the Kiowa reservation in Oklahoma, have been proposed to a soil conservation program.

Mississippi ranks as the twelfth state in the nation in cheese production, manufacturing more than 5,000,000 pounds last year.

Cotton growers of the South realized about \$386,770,000 for the 1933 crop, including lint and seed.

The number of horses on farms continued to decline in the last year, although at a less rapid rate than in recent years, the Department of Agriculture reports.



CHAPTER II

From the very first deal Hays was lucky. Morley stayed about even. Brad Lincoln lost more than he won. The giant Montana was a close, wary gambler, playing only when he had good cards. Stud was undoubtedly a player who required the stimulation and zest of opposition. But he could not wait for luck to change. He had to be in every hand. Moreover, he was not adept enough with the cards to deal himself a good hand when his turn came. He grew so sullen that Wall left off watching and returned to the fireside.

But presently he had cause to attend more keenly than ever to this card game. The drift of conversation wore toward an inevitable fight. These men were vicious characters. Wall knew that life out here was raw. There was no law except that of the six-shooter.

While he bent a more penetrating gaze upon Stud, to whom his attention gravitated, Wall saw him perform a trick with the cards that was pretty clever, and could not have been discerned except from Wall's position.

Nevertheless, Hays' fortune most certainly had picked on Stud. He bet this hand to the limit of his cash, and then, such was his confidence, he borrowed from Morley. Still he could not force Hays to call. He fell from elation to consternation, then to doubt, from doubt to dismay, and from this to a gathering impotent rage, all of which proved how poor a gambler he was. When at last he rasped out:

"Wal, I call! Here's mine." He slammed down an ace full. Hays had drawn three cards.

"Stud, I hate to show you this hand," drawled Hays.

"Yes, you do! Lay it down. I called you."

Whereupon Hays gently spread out four ten spots, and then with greedy hands raked in the stakes.

Stud stared with burning eyes. "Three-card draw! . . . You come in with a pair of tens?"

"Nope. I held up one ten an' the ace," replied Hays, nonchalantly. "I had a hunch, Stud."

"You'd steal coppers off a dead man's eyes."

"Haw! Haw!" bawled the victorious gambler. But he was the only one of the six players who seemed to see anything funny in the situation. That dawned upon him. "Stud, I was takin' that crack of yours humorous."

"Was you?" snapped Stud.

"Shore I was," returned Hays, with congealing voice.

"Wal, I didn't mean it humorous," Stud retorted.

"Ahh. Come to look at you I see you ain't feelin' gay. Suppose you say just what you did mean."

"I meant what I said."

"Shore, I'm not so awful thick. But apply that crack to this here card game an' my playin'."

"Hays, you palmed them three ten-spots," declared Stud hotly.

Then there was quick action and the rasp of scraping chairs, and the tumbling over of a box seat. Stud and Hays were left alone at the table.

Stud's lean, dark, little hands lifted quivering from the table.

"Don't draw!" yelled Wall. "The man doesn't live who can sit at a table and beat me to a gun."

"H—!—you say," panted Stud. But that ringing taunt had cut the force of his purpose.

"You've got a gun in each inside vest pocket," said Wall, contemptuously.

The gambler let his hands relax and slide off the table.

Stud shuffled to his feet, malignant and beaten for the moment.

"Hays, you an' me are even," he said, gruffly. "But I'll meet your new pard some other time and then there'll be a show-down."

"Shore, Stud. No hard feelin's on my side," drawled Hays.

The little gambler stalked to the bar, drank and left the saloon.

Hank Hays turned round.

"Jim, that feller did have two guns inside his vest. I never saw them, till you gave it away. He—would have killed me."

"I think he would, Hays," returned Wall. "You were sitting bad for action."

"Right you are, Jim, and I'm much obliged to you. I'd like to know some-thing."

"What's that?"

"Did you bluff him?"

"Hardly. I had him figured. It was a pretty good bet he wouldn't try to draw. But if he had made a move—"

"Ahh. He'd been all day with him. . . . This gambler Stud has a name out here for bein' swift on the draw. He's killed—"

"Bah!" cut in Wall, good-naturedly. "Men who can handle guns don't pack them that way."

Presently they rode Red good night and went outside.

"Where you sleepin'?" asked Hays.

"Left my pack in the stall out back with my horse. What do we do to-morrow?"

"I was thinkin' of that. We'll shake the dust of Green River. I reckon to-morrow we'd better stock up on every-thing an' hit the trail for the Horns."

"Suits me," replied Wall.

Jim: "Me, too. And I'd like some cake," replied Jim, dropping his head.

"Cake! Wal, listen to our new hand J— can you bake cake?"

"Sure. We got flour an' sugar an' milk. Did you fetch some eggs?"

"Haw! Haw! . . . That reminds me, though. We'll get eggs over at Star ranch. None of you ever seen such a ranch. Why, fellers, Herrick's bought every darn' hoss, burro, sow, steer, chicken in the whole country."

"So you said before," returned Lincoln. "I'm sure curious to see this Englisher. Must have more money than brains."

"He hasn't got any sense. But Lordy, the money he's spent!"

Jim sat down to rest and listen.

"Queer deal—a rich Englishman hikin' men like us to run his outfit," pondered Lincoln, in a puzzled tone. "I don't understand it."

"Wal, who does? I can't, that's shore. But it's a fact, an' we're goin' to be so rich pronto that we'll just about kill each other."

"More truth than fun in that, Hank, old boy, an' don't you forget it," rejoined Lincoln. "How do you aim to get rich?"

"Shore, I've no idee. That'll all come. I've got the step on Heese-man an' his pards."

"He'll be aimin' at precisely the same deal as you."

"Shore. We'll have to kill Heese-man an' Progar, sooner or later. I'd like it sooner."

"I don't like the deal," concluded Lincoln, forcibly.

Presently they sat to their meal, and ate almost in silence. Darkness settled down. One by one they sought their beds, and Wall was the last.

Dawn found them up and doing. Wall fetched in some of the horses; Lincoln the others. By sunrise they were on the trail, which about mid-afternoon led down through high gravel banks to a wide stream bed, dry except in the middle of the sandy waste.

"This here's the Muddy," announced Hays for Jim's benefit. "Bad enough when the water's up. But nothin' to the Dirty Devil. Nothin' at all."

"What's the Dirty Devil?" asked Jim.

"It's a river an' it's well named, you can gamble on that. We'll cross it tomorrow some time."

Next camp was on higher ground above the Muddy. Here Hays and Lincoln renewed their argument about the Herrick ranch deal. It proved what Wall had divined—this Brad Lincoln was shrewd, cold, doubtful and aggressive. Hays was not distinguished for any cleverness. He was merely an unscrupulous robber. These men were going to clash. That was inevitable, Jim calculated.

Early the next day Jim Wall had reason to be curious about the Dirty Devil river, for the descent into the depths of desert to reach it was a most remarkable one. The trail, now only a few aim old hoof tracks, wound tortuously down and down into deep canyons.

The tracks Hays was following faded and he got lost in a labyrinthine maze of deep washes impossible to climb, and seemingly impossible to escape from.

Lincoln got off his horse and went down the canyon, evidently searching for a place to climb up to the rim above. He returned in an assertive manner and, mounting, called for the others to follow.

"I hear the river as I'm makin' for it," said Lincoln.

Jim had heard a faint, low murmur, which had puzzled him, and which he had not recognized. They all followed Lincoln. Eventually he led them into a narrow, high-walled canyon where ran the Dirty Devil. The water was muddy, but as it was shallow the riders forded it without more mishap than a wetting.

Still they were lost. There was nothing to do, however, but work up a side canyon. Hays led them to a camp-site that never could have been expected there.

"Fellers, I'll bet you somethin'," he said, before dismounting. "There's a roost down in that country where never in Gawd's world could anybody find us."

and night. He felt an overpowering sense of the immensity of this region of mountain, gorge, plain and butte.

While Jim Wall meditated there in the gathering darkness he was visited by an inexplicable reluctance to go on with this adventure.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

PENALTIES ON TAXES

Southern Agriculturist: The system of adding heavy penalties on those who are unable to pay their taxes, and increasing these penalties and adding fees and extra costs as the delay is extended is an outrage.

It would be difficult to find a pawnbroker who is as unethical and grasping in his treatment of those who borrow from him as our government in its dealing with the taxpayers. It is all right for the government to require a reasonable rate of interest. It may be justifiable for the government as a last resort to take over the property for the taxes. But what is the justification for adding penalties and fees that go into the pockets of office holders when the government holds a mortgage on the property?

Certainly the government should

be as fair with the taxpayer from whom it takes much and gives little as private business is in dealing with its creditors. If any corporation were as unjust and unethical and outrageous in dealing with its customers as the government it would be driven out of the community.

Fully 350 bombs, shells and grenades are still being abandoned and picked up by street cleaners every month in Paris.

Parents of ten children in Italy are exempted from payment of taxes, while bachelors between the ages of twenty-five and sixty are heavily taxed.

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## Many Happy Returns

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### **This Spring marks the birthday of the first American Newspaper**



JOHN CAMPBELL, colonial postmaster of Boston, certainly set a good example in the liberal use of the mails.

Campbell corresponded regularly with the Colonial Governors of New England, keeping them posted on Boston news. So regular and voluminous was this correspondence that Campbell's letters finally emerged in the form of a printed pamphlet called "The Boston News Letter." And this was the first regularly and continuously published newspaper in America, appearing weekly from the last week in April, 1704, to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The newspaper carried advertisements . . . from its very first issue! And this advertising, telling the reader where to obtain the goods that he sought for his home or his farm or his business, lifted the mere friendly chronicle of village affairs into the realm of a service to the community. The news-letters, plus advertising, became a helpful, informative, and educational institution.

Today, as in 1704, and all the years between, the advertisements are your guide-posts to honest, dependable merchandise at a fair price.

# THE PATH ACROSS THE HILLS

Friona School Auditorium  
Friday, August 17, 8:30 p. m.

The Young Women's Circle of the Methodist Church presents this stirring three-act comedy drama. Admission 25c and 15c. No one family more than \$1.00.

## International Sunday School Lesson

By DR. J. E. NUNN

FOR AUGUST 5, 1934  
General Topic: Elisha Helps The Needy.  
Scripture Lesson: 2 Kings 4:1-7, 12-44.

1. Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear Jehovah; and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen.

2. Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thy handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil.

3. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

4. And thou shalt go in, and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought the vessels to her, and she poured out.

6. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

7. Then she came, and told the man of God. And he said, Go; sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

42. And there came a man from Baalshalish, and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43. And his servant said, What should I set this before a hundred men? But he said, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith Jehovah, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of Jehovah. Golden Text:—Inasmuch as ye did it into one of these my brethren, even those least, ye did it unto me.—Matt. 25:40

Time:—Elisha is ordained a prophet B. C. 909. E. C. 912 Elisha and the healing of Naaman, B. C. 897. Place:—Elisha's ministry centered in Samaria, but extended widely over Israel. Parallel Passage:—The events of our lesson are recorded only in 2 Kings.

### Introduction

We have already seen in Lesson IV, 1 Kings 19:19-21, how Elisha, the farmer lad, was made a prophet by Elijah, who threw his mantle over the lad's shoulders, and thenceforth Elisha became his follower and servant. When the great prophet was carried to heaven in a whirlwind of fire, Elisha took up his mantle, and from that hour was heir to his power and his influence. But Elisha's disciple and successor was a very different type of man. He was neither so fierce nor so impulsive. He seems gentler and kinder. He impresses us as far more tolerant of human shortcomings, always eager to help and reluctant to denounce people. Instead of dwelling solitary, apart from human kind, he was companionable and loved to be where his fellowmen lived and toiled. Thus the two great prophets complemented one another in marvellous fashion.—Prof. George Dahl, Ph. D.

### Elisha a Man of the City

Elijah had been a man of the wilderness, dwelling far from the shodens of men. The free air of the desert had been his vital element, the wild broom of the wadis his shade; the awful wilderness of Sinai his chosen retreat in the supreme hour of despondency. Elisha was a man of the city, fond of its streets and crowds. Samaria became his residence for many years. From this center a wide apostolate was carried on, for well nigh fifty years, in every direction. Like Samuel, he seems to have made "trekites" over the whole country, rousing and instructing the people at large. A citizen among citizens, he moved about amidst the people leaning on the staff; his dress was that of ordinary life, nor do we hear of his wearing even the sheepskin mantle of Elijah, which he had inherited. Elisha is noted for the number of his miracles. The wonders recorded of him are a testimony to his gentle and loving nature. He heals the waters of Jericho by casting salt into them from a new cruse, doubtless with invocation of God. He replaces even so slight a loss as that of an axe-head which has fallen through the thickets of the Jordan into the river. While Elijah predicted famine, he foretells plenty.—Cunningham, Geol.

### Sons of the Prophets, v. 1

"Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets." "Sons of the prophets" is a term that does not mean children of the prophets, but members of the prophetic order. The so-called "schools of the prophets" were not theological seminaries, but were associations of those who already possessed prophetic powers and exercised prophetic functions. Samuel was the great "master" of "sons of the prophets." Elijah was another,

followed by Elisha. This poor woman went naturally to Elisha for help, as he was the chief of the prophets. "And the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen." The poor widow, in order to obtain the bare necessities of life for herself and her children, had been obliged to go farther and farther into debt. The two boys, while she had them, could earn money for her, and they were the only support of the little family.

"What Hast Thou in the House?" "And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? The prophet himself was doubtless poor, and questioned what he could do to relieve poverty. "Tell me; what hast thou in the house?" "A miracle always begins with something. Here it was a condition of poverty." "And she said, Thy handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil." We are reminded of the widow of Zarephath, who shared with Elijah her "handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the cruse" (1 Kings 17:22), and found it increased to last through the rest of the famine. "God can and will do wonderful things with but a small store to work upon, but man must make his contribution to the result."

Rev. Archibald Alexander. "Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few." The number of our vessels is the measure of our faith. Remember the outline of William Carey's pioneer missionary sermon: Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God. Use Begets Increase. The moment the woman begins to pour, the oil begins to be multiplied. If she had let it stand it would have remained a single pottle. So long as you leave your little gift lying idle God keeps his hands off; when your activity commences, so also does his miracle-working. You write down your cipher and then, but not till then, does he place his finger before it. The buried treasure has no part in his benediction. He does not like to work alone. He will never increase our humble supply of usefulness until we boldly take our stand in the midst of the empty vessels—until we go where men need us and open our eyes to their need.

"There Is Not a Vessel More." v. 6 "And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more." How she wished then, that she had borrowed more vessels, or that there had been more to borrow! We do not expect enough of God. He bids us to prove him, if he will not open to us the windows of heaven, and pour us out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Mal. 3:10). "And the oil stayed." "You see how exactly the oil matches the capacity and number of the vessels provided. There is not too little, there is not too much. There was nothing over, and there was no lack. God was ready to give, but not to waste his gifts."—Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould. Recall the law of the manna in the wilderness, whereby each man could gather as much as he needed for the day, and twofold as much for the Sabbath, but if in his greed he gathered too much, the excess spoiled on his hands. God provided just enough for one's necessities, no more and no less.

### Expressed Gratitude for Blessings Received

"Then she came and told the man of God" v. 7. She came with a heart full of thankfulness. She was not one to leave her gratitude unexpressed. How often, when our prayers are answered, we straightway forget them! We should have in our minds a long list of answered prayers, of blessings bestowed, reaching back through the years, and we should often recall them to our Father. The forgetfulness of past mercies leads to distrust for the future. Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord has done. Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly. And you will be singing as the days go by.

### Better Than Expected

"Mister, let you spare me two bits for a meal?" "Ah! I've got it a half dollar." "Fine, now I can get in a crap game."—Kansas City Star.

### Persia Discarding Horses

Automobiles are replacing pack animals and horse-drawn vehicles in Persia, where there are now 10,000 miles of motor roads.

### All Alike

She—Let's go to the cinema. He—Which one? "Doesn't matter, one's as dark as another."

### Agricultural Notes

Foresters find that evergreen seedling trees do best in Ohio when they are three years old at planting time and once before have been transplanted. Five courses were given in Kentucky recently to teach instructors in state agricultural institutions how to grade tobacco according to standards of the Department of Agriculture.

## WEATHER UPHEAVAL INFLUENCES HEALTH

The relations between the weather and health, which attracted the attention of Hippocrates, have been the subject of study in France, in recent years, writes the Paris correspondent of the Journal of the American Medical Association. A society was founded recently at Nice, on the initiative of Dr. Maurice Faure, to develop these researches.

In a recent communication to the Academy of Medicine, Mouriquand and Charpentier described the symptoms that the wind from the south blows at Lyons. When this wind blows, all the babies in the Children's clinic at the Faculte de Medicine become restless and cry a great deal. Some show an increase of temperature; others manifest symptoms similar to those of cholera sicca. The explanation is that the winds from the south cause a reduction of the humidity. The extreme dryness of the air is inclined to induce a loss of water, or dehydration.

In adults these phenomena produce only slight discomforts, but they affect gravely the easily disturbed nutrition of infants, in which the variations of water balance play a considerable part.

## MUSIC IS NOT ONLY FOR SENSES—MIND

The lay music-lover, if he be sensitive, has this advantage over the average instructed listener: he is not likely to be deflected by non-essentials, writes Lawrence Gilman, a leading New York critic. There is no intervening barrier of remembered precedent and rule between him and the composer's thought and expression. Let the musician be generous and grant to his lay brother the special privilege of intuitive comprehension and an innocent ecstasy of which the professional in his turn, perhaps, has never dreamt.

On the other hand, the professional hearer gets from music something that the layman can never get: the pure delight in craftsmanship, in organization, in the processes of the musical mind manipulating the subtlest of all esthetic media. For music is not only for the senses, but for the mind and the spirit—a thing to exercise and test the intellectual muscles and to vitalize the will. Listening to it is essentially a creative act.

## Alfalfa Seeding Will Exceed 1933

Retired Land in Illinois Is to Be Used for Starting New Meadows.

By J. C. Macdonald, Crops Extension Specialist, University of Illinois, WND Service.

A new all-time record for alfalfa growing is expected to be set in Illinois this year in spite of the fact that the 1933 crop of 337,000 acres was a record in itself. At least part of the 1,806,200 acres of Illinois land that will be retired from commercial grain production under the various adjustment programs will be utilized as an ideal place for starting an alfalfa meadow while at the same time obtaining some income from the land in the form of benefit rental payments.

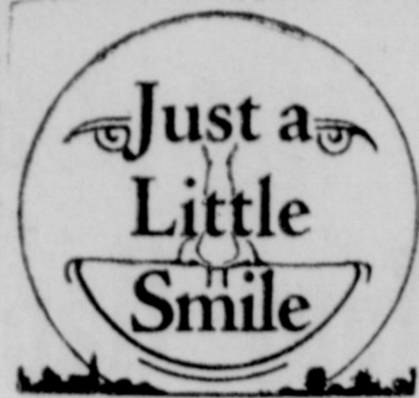
Alfalfa may be seeded with or without a nurse crop. Use of contracted land for alfalfa and other crops is explained in a circular, "How Use Contracted Acres," which the college has just issued for distribution to interested farmers.

Record plantings of alfalfa are only one indication of the extent to which Illinois farmers are carrying out the college's long-time teaching for the growing of more legumes on Illinois farms. This has been advocated for years not only as a means of adjusting production to demand but also of reducing production costs, of conserving land resources as a continuing source of wealth and of controlling insects and diseases.

As most of one growing season is needed to establish a good alfalfa field, there is no better place to start than on the contracted acres. However, alfalfa should be seeded only where the soil is known to be sweet enough to produce the crop and where soil tests indicate that there is sufficient

## Potatoes Under Straw

Growing potatoes under straw is not practiced as much now as it formerly was. By this method of growing, the straw or some similar material is scattered over the ground, usually directly after planting, to the depth of five or six inches. Such a covering prevents evaporation and keeps the weeds from growing. The practice is more desirable on very light than on very heavy soils. On soils which are affected by drought, straw can be used to great advantage not only to increase the crop but to improve the soil by increasing the source of humus. The potatoes come up through the straw and, of course, no cultivation is needed. At harvest time the straw is raked off and usually the potatoes have formed on or near the surface of the ground.—Indiana Farmer's Guide.



## Just a Little Smile

HIGH COST OF COURTING

Angela shook her head with finality. "No, Tom, I can never be yours. Sorry," she told her young swain.

He took the blow quite calmly. "All right," he replied. "What about all my presents?"

"I'll return them, of course," she said coldly.

"Yes, I know you will," he exclaimed, with some warmth; "but who's going to return all those cigars I gave your father and the pennies I gave your beasty little brother?"—Answers Magazine.

## Convinced Too Late

"But you and father married against the wish of your parents," said the young woman.

"Quite true," replied her mother; "and your father has never ceased to talk of his father-in-law and mother-in-law as people of remarkably superior judgment."

## Identified

"Do you remember the time when your father drove a donkey-cart?"

The parliamentary candidate fixed his eyes and gazed thoughtfully at the interrupter. Then he replied: "As a matter of fact I had quite forgotten the cart. But I am thankful to see the donkey is still alive."

## Agreed With Him

"I think," said the comedian, "that some of the humor which I have introduced is strictly up to date."

"Yes," replied the friend who has a gentle method of saying unkind things, "there is no doubt of that. There is a great popular craze for the antique at present."

## Words and Music

"Hey," bawled the traffic cop. "Where are you heading for in such a rush?"

"Georgia."

"Here's two tickets."

## VEGETARIANS

Cucumber—Is he strong?

Potato—I should say so. Almost as strong as an onion.

## Saying It With Vinegar

Wife—I've got you this bottle of hair tonic, darling.

Husband—But my hair is all right.

Wife—I know, but I want you to give it to your typist at the office; her hair is coming out rather badly.

## Mental Industry

"It's wrong to say I don't work, mister," said Plodding Pete.

"What work do you do?"

"Brain work. I have to think up a terrible lot of excuses for not accepting 'in' jobs."

## Climatic Conversation

"The weather is always a convenient topic of conversation."

"I don't think so. You are so often compelled to think twice in order to select polite phraseology."

## Easily Lost

"What a lot of friends we lose through their borrowing money from us."

"Yes, it's touch and go with most of them."

## Nothing Unusual

"I think this scenery is just heavenly."

"Um, I don't know. Take away the mountains and the lake and it's just like anywhere else."

## For Convenience Sake

"Do you know that the number on the back of your car is not the same as the number on the front?"

"Yes; I really had that back number put on to save bother. It's the number of my lawyer's car."

## A Strong Prescription

"Use this for you to do," said the doctor to the man with frayed nerves, "is to stop thinking about yourself—to busy yourself in your work."

"Gosh," returned the patient, "and me a concrete mixer."

## Busy Potato Flea Is Easily Halted

Sprays and Dusts Are Best Suited for Control of Bothersome Pest.

The potato flea beetle is a tiny, plump, shiny black insect about as long as the diameter of the lead in a pencil and slightly narrower in width. The presence of flea beetles may be easily detected by the peculiar perforated appearance of the injured foliage. In cases of serious damage to leaves by this pest, says a writer in the Wisconsin Agriculturist, the leaves look as if they had been riddled by shot. The beetle boxes like a flea which gives it its name. During the warm days of June and July is the time to watch for this pest and use the sprays and dusts best suited for its control.

Flea beetles feed on a large variety of plants, but are most troublesome on cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, egg plants, radishes, and cabbage, and are believed to be responsible for the spread of certain diseases. In July or August a second brood may lay havoc with potatoes, tomatoes, and egg plants.

Fortunately flea beetles dislike leaf surfaces covered with any foreign material, such as sprays or dusts; and if treatments are made before serious injury occurs and if the leaf surfaces are thoroughly coated, the insects are easily held in check. Since the adults appear suddenly and work fast, it is important to keep a close watch on the field or garden to detect the first signs of invasion.

Calcium arsenate in Bordeaux mixture is regarded as the safest and most effective spray, while tobacco dust with lime or a calcium arsenate and monohydrated copper sulfate dust with lime are recommended among the dust preparations.

Many of the most serious cabbage diseases can be controlled by hot water treatment of cabbage seed. Many seedmen now treat most or all of their seed.

## Test Proves Old Style Corn Ears Out of Date

The model ear of corn of a few years ago is as much out of date as the motor car of the same period, and production methods are undergoing changes which increase the efficiency of the corn farmer as much as improved methods have benefited mechanical industries.

These facts are disclosed in a survey of the records of the ten-acre corn yield tests conducted in Nebraska during the past ten years. What is true of corn production is equally true of other branches of agriculture. P. H. Stewart, extension agronomist at the University of Nebraska, says:

The corn ear now most in demand or seed, Stewart points out, is no longer the longest ear. The emphasis is placed on smooth, hard starch, medium size ears. Ten years of experimentation in ten-acre tests have proved that corn from seed of this type shows in the best production records.

The result of the experimentation has been an increase in production and a decrease in the cost per bushel. Farmers have been able to reduce greatly the number of hours per acre of labor required to grow corn.

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aware he has plenty of faults, but these two do not happen to be among them.

That report was coming rather close home to me, since I have always regarded that particular candidate as my good friend and therefore cast my vote for him. Anyway be that true or untrue, I have lots of good company and there must be a whole host of the two named classes of people in our community since the candidate received almost two votes to his opponent's one in his home precinct where he is best known.

I am immensely pleased with the fact that our citizens have finally awakened to the fact that our local fire boys are of inestimable worth to our little city, and that our city water system, while as good as can be under its present capacity, should have another well as a part of its equipment.

The city fathers held a long consultation one day last week with some people who handle well and water works supplies and it appears that as a result there will be something doing in the very near future looking toward the securing of this much needed new well.

Now if our people will just lend their support and influence to the city fathers in their efforts to make this plan a reality, we may soon be provided with an adequate supply of water to combat any ordinary fire, at least any that is at all likely to break out within the city limits.

And believe me, that stadium that is now under process of construction on the school's new athletic field, is going to be worthy of much praise and commendable consideration. Superintendent George A. Heath is supervising its construction.

Some of my readers have been condemning me for my lack of ambition in not having my say in the last two issues of the Star. It was not my fault entirely for I did hand in what I thought were some worthwhile thoughts or ideas, but the printer did not seem to think so and so left them out.

Going back to the habit of drinking—someone has said that it is not the regular drinking that hurts a man, but the drinks he takes between drinks.

## Seed Heat Sterilized

Experiments carried on last year have proven the feasibility of sterilizing seed by a hot-water treatment which kills many of the disease germs of the plant yet leaves the seed unaffected so far as germination is concerned. The tests were carried on with cabbage seed with water at a temperature of 125 degrees used. The seed was held submerged in the water for 25 minutes and found to be freed, as a result, of many of the more common ills of the cabbage.

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