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DIRECTED SNOWFALLS

The work of the scientists continues to amaze those of us who are not familiar with all of the experiments they conduct in accordance with theoretical principles established.

Recently, the newspapers told of a three-mile cloud which was changed into snow at a 14,000 foot level. A small plane, flying over the cloud, dispensed six pounds of dry ice pellets over the cloud, and "within two minutes" observers noted that "streamers of snow began to pour out of the base of the cloud." The phenomenon could be seen fifty miles away.

Practical applications of the project include the possibility that snow can be produced in regions where there is a lack of precipitation or where it is desired to have the snow rather than let it pile up in urban areas. A heavy snowfall has long been recognized as advantageous for farmers, in connection with spring irrigation, and it has importance in connection with water power programs.

The day may not be far before man will attempt to steer clouds from undesirable areas, but the beginning has been made. In time, if the advantages are believed to be worth the effort, it may be possible to make clouds to be snow wherever man wants a snowfall.

MIGHT SAVE FARMERS' CROPS

From Michigan State College comes the news of a machine designed to assist farmers in the fight against frost which annually costs them millions of dollars. Early and late crops, as well as fruit, suffer disaster and anything that will help growers avoid the danger of loss will be more than welcome.

The "frost fighter," according to V. R. Gardner, director of agricultural experiments, sends out infra-red heat rays, generated by an oil-burning heater, and will keep plants eight degrees warmer than outside temperatures. The machine, it is said, costs \$100 to build and operates for seventy-five cents an hour.

If the machine works satisfactorily it will prove a boon to fruit and vegetable growers who, very often, see their prospects, as well as the plants and trees, blighted by an unexpected and killing frost.

WHY NOT TEXAS

The United Nations, after having a hard time to locate a site within two counties on the New York-Connecticut border, has decided to broaden its search to cover the entire United States. This action, of course, nullifies the location of the two counties whose residents voiced many objections to clearing out an area for the international organization.

The newspaper reports tell us that the United States government objected to the plan to reopen the question of locating the general headquarters. There may be excellent reasons for this opposition but we cannot imagine what they are. Certainly, in this expansive country there are places where the United Nations can locate an area, containing the square miles necessary to house its work and workers.

Some weeks ago we suggested that the United Nations is an organization big enough to mark out for itself an area almost anywhere, following the example of the government of the United States which, in the early days of the republic, abandoned Philadelphia and New York as capitals and set up its own district for the purpose of establishing its governmental machinery.

The United Nations can easily find, within the borders of this country, an area where it will be welcomed. What the site lacks, in the way of buildings and facilities, can be constructed and adequate facilities for traveling will automatically be provided. In fact, a site within Texas might not be bad either for the U. N. or the people of this state.

WHAT ARE THEY?

It is interesting to note that Republican Congressmen, meeting in Washington to consider a legislative program for the Party in January, suggest that "the powers belonging under the Constitution to the States (be) returned to them."

Now, if somebody will come along and give an authoritative list of the powers "belonging" to the States, we will all know what to expect. There has been considerable talk about States' rights, by members of both parties in recent decades, but little or nothing has been done to re-instate and respect these powers.



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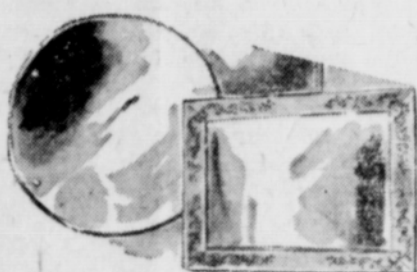
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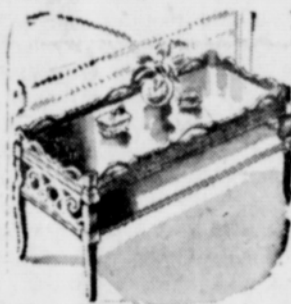
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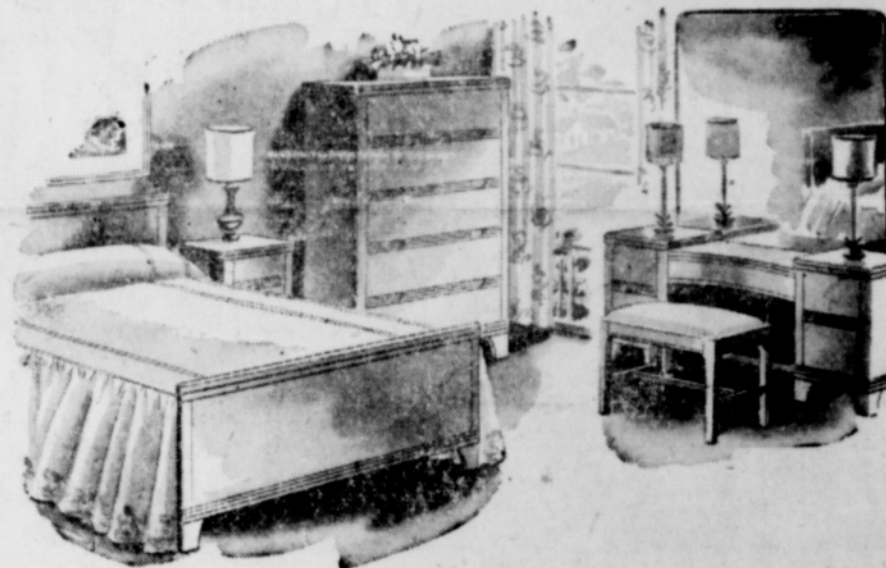
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Mrs. Mattie Hand, Clyde, is in Pittsburgh visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Beene and family.

Mrs. Ellis Lewis returned to Clyde Wednesday from a ten-day visit at Port Lavaca.

County Agriculture Agent's Column

By A. R. Grote, Jr.

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COTTON INSURANCE OFFERED FARMERS

Federal crop insurance on the 1947 cotton crop is now being offered for sale to every cotton farmer in Texas, State Director B. F. Vance of the Production and Marketing Administration has announced. Insurance contracts will be signed in county ACA offices.

Under the 1947 insurance plan, farmers are being offered a wider choice on the amount of insurance they can buy. Coverage may be made for as low as 40 per cent of the average yield and as high as 75 per cent, Vance says.

All risk insurance, which protects the crop against any unavoidable hazards, goes into effect when cotton is planted and continues until it is ginned. The amount of insurance increases as the crop goes, because more costs have been incurred and the crop is worth more to farmers, Vance explains.

Demand for agricultural products promises to continue at high levels and no farmer can afford a crop failure when protection can be bought cheap. Crop insurance will help bridge the financial gap if losses occur, the PMA official states.

DID YOU KNOW?

Studies conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that pure 2-4-2 does not harm milk cows.

The sweet potato acreage goal for Texas next year has been set at 65,000 acres.

Farmers in the U. S. spent about 4.3 billion dollars for the operation and maintenance of power and machinery in 1945.

Farmers in 1947 are expected to receive higher prices for eggs than they are getting this year.

Turkey meat consumption is becoming less seasonal, as a larger proportion of birds are being consumed in the off season - February to August.

USDA predicts that during the next five years, 160,000 farms per year will become available for sale or rent.

Wild game and fur-bearing animals are considered the property of the state and can be regarded as possessed only when taken in accordance with all regulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Webb and daughter, Shirley Anne, of Marfa, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Canada and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Webb. Mrs. W. R. Cook accompanied them to Marfa to visit her son, Reese Cook.

Mrs. T. W. Burness of Magnum, Okla., has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. C. L. Tyson in Clyde. Mrs. J. L. Humphreys of Dublin was also a guest in the Tyson home.

D. H. Cox of Clyde, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Bud Wooten and family in Dallas and will go to Columbus, Miss., to visit relatives. Mrs. Cox is visiting her mother in Breckenridge.

Mrs. T. J. Thompson of Clyde is in Big Spring for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Haymes.

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Outlook for farmers for the coming year is not quite as bright as it has been this year. The crystal ball 'up in Washington, D. C., where the annual agricultural outlook conference was held recently, revealed that you won't enjoy as high a demand for your farm products in 1947 as you did this year, and prices that you will receive will average below what you got in 1946.

However, this doesn't mean that 1947 will be a bad year; you are still likely to get more money for your products than you did in 1945, which was almost a record year as far as high prices are concerned.

And why this decreased demand for farm products. It's because folks have been waiting for several years to buy manufactured goods and those goods are due to be produced in greater amounts next year. If they are produced, consumers are going to buy them with much of the money that has been going for farm products.

On almost all counts, things don't look quite as good as they were this year. You're going to pay more property tax, and production expenses are going to be higher. Marketing and transportation will still be a problem, with a serious shortage of freight cars in sight.

Generally, the Outlook conferences bring home the information that next year is going to be tougher, but certainly not a bad year. From a farm income standpoint, things are looking twice as good as they did for the per-

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County H. D. Agent's Column

By Loretta Allen

PLAN FOR CONVENIENCE IN ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Adequate wiring with plenty of electrical outlets makes rooms more comfortable, convenient, and adaptable to furniture arrangements, according to Loretta Allen. She offers several suggestions for those planning to build or remodel their homes.

In the living room, place duplex outlets so that no point at the floor line is more than six feet from an outlet. In each smaller space that is three feet or more in length, place an additional outlet. This makes it possible to place furniture where desired.

In the bedrooms, include triplex outlets near each bed and lamps, clocks, heating pads, radio or electric blankets. Also remember the convenience of lighting in the closets.

Place lights at the head and foot of each stairway. A night light in the upper hall will insure safety to children, invalids and guests. Duplex outlets near a hall table or chest allow for lamps of a vacuum cleaner when cleaning.

Kitchen needs include plenty of outlets at counter height to take care of all present and probable future needs. Lights are necessary over the sink and food preparation counters.

FUR, FELT, AND LEATHER MAKE-OVERS

Have you explored the attic lately for make-over materials? Many an attic holds castaway garments that still have good leather, fur or felt that is useful for made-over articles. These articles will make good Christmas gifts, and will make your Christmas money go farther.

Often a slightly worn or faded piece of leather can be restored to service by a good cleaning and a little leather renewer - or, in the case of suede, a good stiff brush and suede dressing. But if the article is of no use as it is, rip it apart and use the leather for a belt, slipper soles or some other needed item that will save buying new garments. You can cut hard leather with a razor blade, and soft leather with strong shears.

Old fur can be cleaned, dyed, and glazed at home, and may be the making of a new pair of warm winter scuffs or mittens. Sew with close overhand stitches using a fine needle so you'll make only small holes in the material. Always cut through the pelts from the skin side, using a razor blade, since shears will cut the fur.

Use felt from discarded hats for house slippers, hand bags, or mittens for a school child. Felt may be stretched slightly, shrunk or molded with steam and a hot iron, and sew with cloth. Grease spots can be taken out of felt with a dry cleaning solvent.

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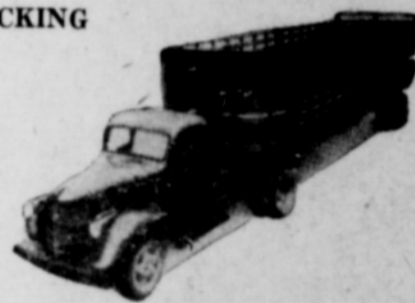
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