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Farm Machinery Ordering in Effect September 17

Ordering has again hit the farm farmer. Effective Thursday, September 17, all farm machinery will be ordered through the county machinery ordering committee.

The order covers all machinery and equipment in hands of farmers which may be released through the county machinery ordering committee.

The committee is composed of a county chairman and two representative farmers selected by the USDA War Board. In Floyd County the committee is composed of J. G. Lockney, Texas, W. G. Alter, Floydada, Texas, and F. M. Dougherty, Douglas, Texas, and Herman King, Texas.

Following list of machinery which can be bought only by purchasing certificates will illustrate wide coverage of the order: combines, corn pickers, disc plows, feed grinders, fertilizer spreaders, manure spreaders, rollers, milking machines, balers, potato diggers, and shovels.

Exempted are: one and two wheel equipment not in above list and small tools such as hoes, rakes, forks, and shovels.

Restrictions are made on sale of used machinery and repair parts. Instructions and the forms are expected to be within the next few days. Farmers should inquire at the AAA office.

Katy Coker Dies at Lubbock

Katy Coker Harris, wife of Harris, Floydada, passed away Tuesday morning, September 22, 1942, in a Lubbock hospital after an illness of seven weeks. The body was brought to Floydada by Harmon Funeral Home Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were held at 5 p. m. at the First Baptist Church, Floydada, Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. A. Shaw, of Snyder, former pastor, assisted by Rev. L. A. Shaw, pastor.

The funeral services were carried to Mart, former home of the deceased, where a short funeral service was held Wednesday morning. Burial was made in the cemetery.

Harris was born December 15, 1885, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Coker, of Mart, Texas. She was married to Grady Harris, of Floydada, May 20, 1939. Mrs. Harris was a sister of Mrs. A. J. Harris.

Survivors were Jim Young, Cecil Baxter, Johnie Carl Smith, and Felt.

Vocational Agricultural Teachers Meet at Crosbyton

MANUEL W. AYERS IS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF CROSBYTON DISTRICT

The teachers of Vocational Agriculture in the Crosbyton district met in the local Agriculture Department Wednesday evening to make plans for this year's program of work. Teachers in the Crosbyton district this year include: C. B. Bentley, Jayton; Edward White, Patton Springs; Mr. Taylor, McAdoo; Prentice Allen, Spur; Manuel W. Ayers, Crosbyton; Mr. Chance, Ralls, and Mr. Bramlett, Lorenzo. Prentice Allen of Spur was unable to attend due to illness. Visiting teachers present were Coleman Cowan, Idalou and H. G. Barber of Floydada.

O. T. Ryan, Area Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, and W. A. King, district supervisor of the Federal War Production Training program, both with offices in Lubbock, were the main speakers at the meeting.

Manuel W. Ayers, local V. A. teacher, was elected chairman of the Crosbyton District.—The Crosbyton Review.

Farmers and Stockmen Should be On Guard

College Station.—A threat to the livestock industry this fall is ergot poisoning which already has brought losses to Panhandle ranchers.

Ergot is a fungus disease which often affects the heads of many native grasses, rye, and other small grains during wet seasons. Dr. H. Schmidt of the Experiment Station Division of Veterinary Science explains that the fungus not only causes abortion but also may cause sloughing of the hoofs, horns, ears, and tail.

Dr. Schmidt, together with other veterinary authorities and pathologists from Texas and Oklahoma, recently made a range inspection trip in the Panhandle. They found that Canada wild rye, Virginia wild rye, and Western wheat grass in the vicinity of Canadian are heavily infested with the fungus disease (ergot). The fungus was also found as far south as Gray County.

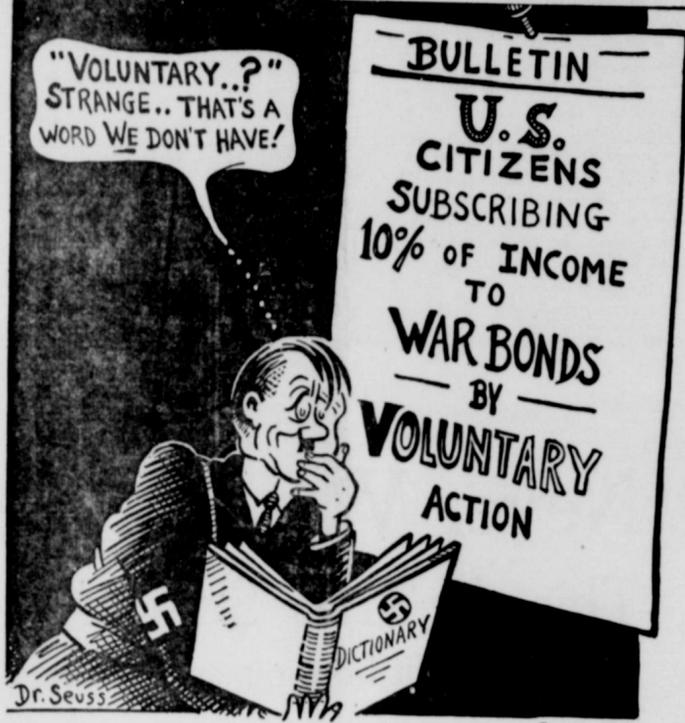
Upon the invitation of County Agricultural Agent John O. Stovall of Hemphill County, approximately 50 ranchers who had suffered livestock losses met with the state and Federal officials.

Since there is no effective antidote for ergot poisoning, the disease must be prevented by stopping consumption of infested grasses. George W. Barnes, animal husbandman for the A. and M. College Extension Service, recommends these general precautions:

Cut for hay before the plants head out meadows likely to become infected. Or cut the infected heads and remove them from pastures and meadows. Avoid feeding hay which contains infected heads. Provide livestock with an abundance of clean forage during the fall and winter when the heads are softened by moisture and other forage is covered with snow. If necessary, remove stock from infested ranges.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Pitts, of Amarillo, visited Sunday night and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hollums and Mrs. Sarah K. Duncan.

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Old License of Car Drivers Expire on November 1

Austin, Texas.—This is for the special benefit and relief of all those Texans who have been worried these months about when to renew their drivers' licenses.

Come November 1, all original licenses will expire. The operator who hasn't obtained a renewal by then will be without a license. State Police Director Homer Garrison warned recently.

Automatic renewals are granted where the application is made on time, Drivers License Chief J. B. Draper explained. But once an original license has expired, the driver must take an examination in order to obtain a new license. Anyone who drives without a valid license is liable to arrest and fine.

Application forms are available from State Police district headquarters, by mail from the headquarters in Austin, and at most county court houses, either from sheriffs or tax collectors.

Renewed licenses are good for two years, and cost 50 cents.

VISITING IN TAMPA FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howard left Sunday for Tampa, Florida, where they will visit several days with their son, Harvey L. Howard, who has been transferred recently to Florida.

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Floydada receives 6.51 Rain Friday Evening and Night

Sod-soaking rains drenched the south plains and in Floyd County Friday evening and night had its heaviest downpour in the memory of oldtimers. According to the official rain gauge at the R. E. A. office Friday night's rain amounted to 6.51 inches. An all-time record for Floydada.

No large crop damage has been reported by the farmers in Floydada's trade territory. With one week of sunshine most farmers can resume their planting of wheat and preparing their land for planting.

HEAVY RAINS DAMAGE CEMETERY

Considerable damage was reported done to the Floydada Cemetery Friday night by 6.51 inches of rain fall. Many of the graves will have to be filled in, and it will take additional funds to pay the labor to haul the necessary dirt to properly care for all the graves.

The Cemetery Association would appreciate any amount you can pay towards getting the job done. Pay your donation to F. C. Harmon, secretary, at Harmon Funeral Home.

Care for Electrical Appliances is very Necessary

College Station.—A large percentage of the service calls made by repairmen who work on electrical equipment can be traced to trouble in cords and their connections.

"Cut down on service calls by handling cords and appliances carefully," is the advice of Mrs. Bernice Claytor, specialist in home management for the A. and M. College Extension Service. "In storing or using appliance cord it is best to kink or bend it sharply," she says. This causes the fine wires inside to break, making the cord useless. A cord should never be jerked from an outlet or appliance by the cord itself.

"Grasp the plug firmly when you are connecting or disconnecting the cord," the specialist suggests.

It is not advisable to overload any outlet with several extension cords, because the appliance may be damaged as a result.

Taking good care of electrical appliances is in line with the Victory Demonstrator's pledge signed by thousands of rural homemakers in Texas, for it will make them last longer and give better service.

Miss Nelda Fagan left Monday for Canyon, where she will enroll in West Texas State Teachers College for the term.

Last Rites Held for Mrs. E. T. Hanks Last Wednesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. E. T. Hanks were held at 3 o'clock last Wednesday afternoon at the First Methodist Church, with Rev. R. T. Breedlove, pastor, officiating.

Deceased was born August 12, 1873, in Indiana. She moved to Arkansas with her parents when a small child. She was married to E. T. Hanks, at Russellville, Arkansas, May 17, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Hanks have lived in Floyd County the past thirty years.

Besides the husband, two children survive. They are: Mrs. J. M. Daniel, Floydada; Aubrey Hanks, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The latter was unable to be present for the funeral. Twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren survive.

Pallbearers were Weldon Gibbs, N. W. Williams, E. E. Henson, S. W. Ross, W. E. Grimes and O. M. Watson.

Burial was made in Floydada Cemetery with Harmon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Rural School Teachers Names Are Announced

Announcement that Floyd county rural schools are open and operating following a slow start with some of the schools that were late opening because of teacher shortage and resignations.

The first named teacher in each district is principal of the school: Irick, Lockney, Alice Wilson, Lu Ouida Visson.

Muncy, Lockney, Mrs. John Hoffman, Floy Bell.

Fairview, Floydada, Henry Price, Mrs. Henry Price.

Starkey, Floydada, Mrs. H. G. Barker, Mrs. J. W. Clonts.

Aiken, Lockney, Thos. L. Collins, Mrs. Jesse Cox.

South Plains, Mose Damron, Mrs. Mose Damron, Miss Elena Simmons, Mrs. O. T. Hewitt.

Sandhill, Floydada, Miss Marjorie Kirk, Mrs. Jesse Gordon, Miss Irene Volkman.

Harmony, Floydada, Miss Hazel Wilson.

Lakewood, Floydada, Tom Porter, Miss Frances Jo Terrell, Mrs. Cella Ross.

Center, Floydada, Miss Frances Mitchell.

Lone Star, Lockney, Miss Lillie Wingo, Miss Marguerite Harrison.

Cedar Hill, Lockney, Miss Helena H. Green, Mrs. Sarah S. Shallow.

McCoy, Floydada, Oran Weeks, Miss Violet E. Pittman.

Dougherty, J. M. Williams, Mary Nell Mangum, Mrs. Sam Green.

Baker, Floydada, Mrs. Pearl Fagan, Miss Muriel Fagan.

Providence, Lockney, C. C. Biggs, Mrs. C. C. Biggs.

Blanco, Floydada, Mrs. W. S. Osborn.

Allmon, Petersburg, Mrs. R. L. Rutherford.

Liberty, Lockney, Robert C. Fisher, Mrs. Robert C. Fisher.

Prairie Chapel, Lockney, Mrs. Juanita Drake.

Campbell, Floydada, Mrs. C. H. McNeill.

Edgin, Quitaque, Mrs. Ethel Damron.

Sterley, Mrs. Paul B. Murff.

Merle Wood, son of Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Wood, pastor of the local Nazarene Church, left last Tuesday for Pasadena, California, where he will enter a Nazarene college for the fall term.

New Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Lexington to be Launched

Following the Navy Department's announcement Sunday of a whirlwind two-week "Lexington Volunteers" recruiting drive to mark the launching next Saturday of the new aircraft carrier U. S. S. Lexington, Lieut. L. H. Ridout, Jr., officer in charge of the North Texas district, tossed the challenge to all men, young and old, who have been debating "when to join."

"As Secretary Knox has said, now is the time to enlist, now when you are given the opportunity to do something about the sinking of the great carrier, Lexington," Lieutenant Ridout emphasized.

"Texas has not been found lacking thus far in manpower for American naval forces in this war, and I am confident that our state will not let down its Navy during this inspiring campaign before us," he continued.

"Every man recruited in North Texas between now and October 3 will become automatically a 'Lexington Volunteer', something that should fill hearts with pride," he reminded. "As mementoes which these latest volunteers may cherish forever, we will issue to each new recruit special certificates signifying reasons for enlistment."

"In the words of Secretary Knox," he concluded, "the outstanding performance and devotion to duty displayed by the men of the old Lexington furnish a shining example of how true Americans should respond in these perilous times when our free institutions are threatened."

GET POULTRY HOUSES READY FOR WINTER

College Station.—A large part of the chickens hatched last spring will come into production during September. The eggs these young layers produce during the fall and winter will count heavily in maintaining Texas' quota of the 1942 food goals. Accordingly, says H. H. Weatherby, assistant poultryman of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, the hens should be provided with the most favorable surroundings in order to assure as nearly maximum output as is possible.

To provide comfortable housing and safeguard the health of the poultry, Weatherby suggests that poultrymen do the following things during September:

Clean and disinfect laying houses before pullets are moved in.

Repair roofs, walls, windows, ventilators and floors before cold weather.

Check all lighting equipment.

Lay in a supply of good litter.

Provide at least one foot of feeding space for each five hens.

If pullets haven't been vaccinated for pox, do it now.

Provide plenty of ventilation in the house until cold weather.

Cull old hens and pullets closely. September is a good time to start fall chicks.

It takes plenty of good, clean feed to make eggs. Weatherby points out. A hen laying 110 to 120 eggs requires 69.3 pounds of feed and uses 7.06 pounds to make a dozen of eggs. A hen laying 260 to 270 eggs needs 84 pounds of feed and uses 3.73 pounds to make a dozen.

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Georgetown Retaining Name Despite Progress

It may be that in time Georgetown, D. C., will be forgotten as a once separate part of Washington. And the time may also even come when the little stone house in the 3000 block of M street will not be called the headquarters of George Washington. But it is most likely that the territory which lies to the west of the lower part of Rock creek will always be referred to by its old familiar name of Georgetown.

The selection of the present site of Washington was not particularly helpful to Georgetown, writes John Clagett Proctor in the Washington Star. Nor did the coming of the railroad operate in favor of the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, once a principal source of revenue for the old town. For these and other reasons Georgetown lost its grip. But it began to stage a comeback about 30 years ago, and today many of its old mansions which had once passed unnoticed are regarded highly and now seem to be much sought after by prominent persons in quest of the old homes.

Among these might be cited the purchase some years ago of the Robinson house, on R street just west of Wisconsin avenue, by Alexander C. Kirk of the diplomatic corps, who not only bought this old house and the ground surrounding it but must have spent a large sum in modernizing it and adding to it to such an extent that it now has no semblance of the old home built by Col. William Robinson about 1830, the year he went to Georgetown from his ancestral home, Bunker Hill, in Westmoreland county, Virginia.

Jap Landing at Gona Near New Guinea Based Allies

Gona village, latest landing spot for Japanese forces on New Guinea, lies on Gona or Holnicote bay, on the north shore of the huge island. This village is about 130 miles southeast of Salamaua, also on the north coast, seized by the Japanese several months ago. It is 20 miles northwest of the north coast settlement at Buna, established in peacetimes as an approach to the Yodda goldfields. The latest landing is at the nearest north coast point to Port Moresby, last important United Nations foothold on New Guinea. It lies 100 air-line miles northeast from the Port, directly across the narrow, southeastern end of New Guinea.

Having in April sampled the obstacles to troop movement across New Guinea's highlands in the Markham valley near Salamaua, the Japanese may now be set to make a new and more direct try at a land approach to Port Moresby. The first 50 miles straight inland, to Kokoda, will present no severe natural obstacles. This region is level and provided with a fairly direct road. Supplies could be sent in small boats on the Kumusi river, entered at the northwest corner of Gona bay, for a few miles of the distance of this Kokoda leg of the crossing.

German Objective

Alexandria, the German objective in the north African drive, is a thoroughly modern city of nearly 800,000 inhabitants. It is Egypt's principal port, on the Mediterranean coast at the west edge of the Nile delta. The city is today playing a major and prosperous role in the war, as it did in the First World War, when an army of half a million, whose upkeep cost \$200,000 a day, was supplied largely from Egypt's granaries.

In addition to being marked by vast supplies passing in and out of the port, Alexandria is the popular leave area for the British navy in the eastern Mediterranean, as well as for land troops stationed near by. The cosmopolitan throng of Alexandria, too complex for analysis, is today colored by the uniforms of all United Nations, and the costumes of hundreds of refugees from invaded European countries.

Overlooks 'Atlantic Narrows'

The coast of Maranhao state, which Brazilian forces are reported to be combing for a possible Axis submarine base, occupies a central position along the slanting northern shores of Brazil, east of the mouth of the Amazon, says a National Geographic society bulletin.

Although far outside the Caribbean danger zone for United Nations shipping, it overlooks the approaches to the "Atlantic narrows," between the eastern hump of Brazil and the western hump of Africa. Through these narrows passes war-time shipping not only between the east coasts of the United States and South America, but also bound for Middle East fronts around South Africa. On the other hand, any shelter offered by this strategically situated coast is offset by various navigation difficulties which it also presents.

A Foul Trick

Every night before climbing into bed, Private Darwin Cummings of Camp Bareley, Texas, plants a kiss on the photograph of his girl friend, which he keeps next to his bed. One night recently Cummings came into his tent after lights were out. He followed his usual habit and then got into bed and went to sleep. When Cummings awoke the next morning, he flew into a rage. And no wonder. Someone had replaced his girl's picture with that of Adolf

Wartime Capital Jammed With Girls

Housing of Fair Sex Is a Serious Problem.

WASHINGTON.—Girls are people, all right, but landlords in congested Washington prefer men.

Inasmuch as 150,000 government girls are already employed in the wartime capital, outnumbering the "eligible" men by maybe two to one, the situation would be serious enough even if the total were not constantly growing.

The civil service commission, the defense housing registry and the Travelers' Aid society, after devoting a lot of thought to the question, have concluded that landlords do not like girl tenants because:

1. They are generally more trouble than men, require more "looking after."

2. They do their laundry in the bathroom, clogging drains, and causing queues to form at the bathroom door. They also swipe the landlord's current for their electric irons.

3. They often bicker with each other and the landlord over use of the living room for entertaining their boy friends.

Girls in a boomtown present other difficulties. They tend, for one thing, to gang up and "stick together in the strange city," thus creating congestion, and producing "a grave problem to the organizations attempting to meet their housing needs," according to the civil service commission.

As for "stories of girls sleeping on benches in railroad and bus terminals and of girls riding streetcars all night because they were unable to find a place to sleep," the commission said, "if such incidents have occurred, they may be attributed to the failure of these girls to go to the proper agency for advice and assistance."

Soldier-Sailor Is Back In Navy at Age of 63

PEKIN, ILL.—Thomas W. Gardner, who has spent more than 20 of his 69 years in Uncle Sam's fighting forces, is going back into the navy with a big grin on his face.

Last July a routine letter notified Gardner, and all other men who have had extensive navy experience, that he might be subject to recall. From that day on he lived in hope that he could wear a sailor's uniform again.

Gardner, who retired in 1929 with the rank of chief boatwain's mate, was ordered on May 1 to report to Chicago for a physical examination. He got there the same day. He was accepted and was ordered to report to the Great Lakes Naval Training station.

In the World War, Gardner helped chase submarines along the Atlantic coast. He'd relish that assignment again, but expects he'll be on duty in some training station in this war.

In the Spanish-American war Gardner enlisted in the army but didn't see any fighting. Then he re-enlisted for a three-year hitch in Montana and Wyoming. After that he became a navy man, enlisting in 1902 and serving 27 years.

Australia Wheat Surplus Eyed as Fuel for Autos

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—A representative of the Melbourne Herald, after making a test run in an automobile with a gas producer powered by wheat instead of charcoal, thinks economic use is possible of Australia's wheat surplus of 6,000,000 bushels, equivalent to 18,000,000 gallons of gasoline.

The inventor, M. J. Martin, a chemical engineer, has driven a car several months on grain mixed with charcoal gas in a gas producer. A bushel of wheat is equal to three gallons of gasoline in mileage and costs five shillings.

Pardon Almost Breaks Up Missourian's Home

KANSAS CITY.—Fred O. Reeves walked into a barrage of questions from his wife. The postman brought a letter from Governor Donnell granting Fred Reeves a pardon.

The former auto salesman, who'd never been in prison, took the letter to police.

They found the pardon was intended for another Fred Reeves.

Free Legal Advice Given Soldiers at Camp Stewart

CAMP STEWART, GA.—When a soldier needs a lawyer—he's got one. A soldiers' legal aid clinic, composed of 15 lawyer-privates, is functioning at Camp Stewart to aid fellow-soldiers. Private Murray I. Greenbaum is chairman of the group, which considers legal questions solely during off-duty hours and charges no fees for its advice.

He Swallows a Worm To Help War Effort

KOKOMO, IND.—Jefferson school is buzzing with the story of a boy who gulped to help in the war.

War savings stamps were on sale and he hadn't any money.

Three other boys dared him to swallow a fishing worm. He said he would if they'd give him a quarter. He got a stamp.

Storing Ground Cereals is Necessary

College Station.—Ground cereals have found favor in the menus of many persons, but as its keeping properties present difficulties it is not readily obtainable at retail. According to M. R. Bentley, agricultural engineer for the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, bugs seem to prefer it when it is placed on grocers' shelves along side white flour. Too, ground whole grain in time becomes rancid or stale, especially at warm temperature.

In tests on the cold storage of ground and whole grain wheat, including some weevily specimens, conducted at College Station this year, no weevils developed in either the whole or ground grains at zero or 35 degrees. But they did appear in the whole grain wheat at 80. On the other hand none was found in any sample of

ground grain six months after grinding.

Both types of wheat were stored in such containers as fruit jars, and paper and cellophane bags, some of which were not weevil proof and were in contact with the weevily wheat. After six months, all samples were stored at house temperature, and a month later weevils appeared in the ground wheat in the paper or cellophane sacks, but not that in the glass jars. This seemed to indicate that grinding may destroy weevil eggs on the grain, Bentley says.

Samples of the ground wheat were cooked and tested for flavor at the end of the cold storage period. While there was no considerable rancidity in any sample, those stored at 35 and 80 degrees were somewhat lacking in natural flavor. Bentley says that in zero temperature storage ground grain will retain a good flavor for many months.

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Rationing of Gasoline Affects Tourist Trade

Touring in the gasoline-rationed East this summer will have to be limited to the distance which motorists can travel with the gasoline obtained with their "A" ration cards, the Office of Price Administration has warned. This applies to automobile owners who live outside the 17 eastern states where rationing has been put into effect, as well as to those who reside inside the rationed area.

In order to save as much of the East's limited petroleum supply as possible for essential use, the card rationing plan must drastically restrict the travel of the pleasure, or non-essential, driver, OPA officials pointed out.

Tourists from outside the 17 rationed states will be subject to the same regulations when they enter the rationed area. Signs along the highways at all entry points will direct visitors to apply at the nearest rationing board for a ration card. Service station attendants will be able to give information regarding the location of these boards. The board will be authorized to issue such visitor an "A" ration card promptly, except in the case of those entering the area on business. Such exceptions will be eligible for cards that will provide for their needs. But the vacationist, as well as all other pleasure drivers, will be able to obtain no more rations than do the same class of drivers in the rationed area.

Fruit to Be Frozen Must Be Fully Ripe

Harvest practice in picking fruit for freezing is different from picking fruit for fresh market sale, the department of agriculture points out. For market sale many fruits are picked unripe to allow for ripening as they roll to market.

For finest flavor, fruit for freezing must be fully mature. It must be handled rapidly and promptly. A short storage period may be allowable, and this will vary with the kind of fruit, but it will be considerably shorter than for the same fruit harvested for the fresh market. Weather conditions—dampness or dryness—will largely determine the permissible storage period for the full ripe fruit intended for freezing.

In the case of berries a further modification of harvest practice is important. Pickers should thoroughly clear the bushes of ripe berries at every picking. Full ripe fruit left on the plant may quickly become moldy, especially in damp weather, and so contaminate an entire lot at the next picking.

How Do You Say It?

Do you say "Aunt Nellie," "Awnt Nellie," or "Ant Nellie"? It doesn't matter particularly, according to Prof. Joseph F. O'Brien of Pennsylvania State college, so long as your pronunciation is acceptable to educated people in the section where you live.

"Too many teachers have become nearsighted in the matter of pronunciation," Professor O'Brien said. "If two or three pronunciations are permissible for a particular word, children should be allowed to use whichever is most natural to them."

"Where dictionaries give a choice, there is often a very close margin in their selection of the one which comes first," Professor O'Brien declared. "It is foolish to insist that children in the Middle West use a broad 'a' in such words as 'bath,' 'can't,' 'laugh,' and 'dance' when such usage is common only in New England and among certain portions of the population of New York city."

Undue stress on pronunciation may lead to ridiculous results, he added. Using "nate-yure" for "nature" and "fort-yune" for "fortune," for example, is clumsy and is seldom heard outside a classroom.

Albino Natives in Africa

White Negroes and Negresses (albinos) are not uncommon in Africa. Sometimes the albinism is complete, sometimes pie-bald. The skin is, however, pinkish and not white. In former days, before European control, an albino male was executed at the conclusion of peace terms, following warfare. This was at Onitsha in Nigeria, and there is no evidence to show that the practice was common. There is a record that the Bokongo tribe required an albino or some hair from one before they could form a new branch of a secret society. Some writers refer to albinos as being regarded as reincarnations of deceased chiefs. Literature contains references to the matrimonial difficulties of albino males, who are held in disfavor by women. There is an instance of the usual tribal marks, which are incisions in the skin, being denied to an albino.

'Ceiling' Calculator

By throwing a patch of light on a cloud at night it is possible to calculate the height of the "ceiling" over airports, according to the Better Vision Institute. Recently a device has been developed in the United States for use during daylight. A rotating sector disc is placed before a light beam, thereby forming a flashing patch of light on the cloud surface. This patch is invisible to the human eye, but it can be picked up by an "electric eye." This daylight method, it is reported, gives accurate results up to 9,000 feet.

Texas Has Made Progress in Dairy Improvement

Fort Worth.—That Texas has definitely made progress in dairy herd improvement over a five year period and that the improvement is being consistently and continuously carried on is the opinion expressed by D. T. Simons, secretary of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club and Southwestern field representative for the American Jersey Cattle Club.

In substantiation of this opinion, Simons points to the fact that registrations, transfers and the number of new breeders have established that Texas leads all other states in Jersey interest. Factors contributing to the interests are: a better market, increased revenues through quality improvement, and realization that only through the milking of better cows could the demand for Food for Freedom be met. Of first importance in the long range campaign for improvement has and will continue to be, the use of better sires.

Definite programs to this end have been in progress within the state over a five year period. These were initiated by the Boys Baby Bull Club movement inaugurated some three years ago, by the Texas Dairy Products Association. Under this program, dairy products manufacturers, county agents, vocational teachers, agricultural institutions, Jersey breeders and carefully selected boys have cooperated to the end that milking of dairy cattle shall be more profitable to Texas farmers. That the program was carefully and well thought through is evidenced by the fact that production requirements on Jersey bull calves placed through the program three years ago, were the same as the new selective registration requirements of the American Jersey Cattle

Club. A total of 225 calves were placed in a like number of communities in 65 counties. Many of these calves are now in service and a check of their daughters show that the aims of the plan are being achieved.

The second step toward improvement was the lining up and cooperation of Texas Jersey breeders with the highly publicized Victory Bull Program of the American Jersey Cattle Club which has resulted in the placing of 1,000 selected registered Jersey bulls on the dairy farms of the nation. The bulls were the contribution of the Jersey Breeders of the Nation to the American Jersey Cattle Club who in turn awarded them to the 1,000 American dairymen selected from 25,000 applicants. Sixty-seven of the bulls were awarded Texans, selected from 2,507 applicants, largest number of applicants to be received from any state.

Distributing of the 67 bulls awarded in Texas was fairly uni-

form as to sections and was accomplished by a series of distribution days held in each district. These were sponsored by merchants, banks and business men in each of the towns where farmers and dairymen were guests of the sponsors.

A feature of the National Program was the awarding of the Victory son of Elsie, the highly publicized Jersey cow, of National fame. The contest was based on and the award made to the applicant receiving the greatest number of endorsements from dairy and business men. The famous son was awarded to a Mississippi farm youth who received a total of 18,208 endorsements. So great was interest in the latter contest, that nine other highly endorsed youths were given a free trip to the Waterloo Dairy Cattle Congress in Iowa, where they were each awarded a Star Jersey Bull. Of the latter contestants, five were from the Southwest, two being from Texas.

The willingness and desire of the remaining 2,508 Texas Dairymen who through their applications for better bulls expressed a desire to improve their herd will be cared for in so far as possible, by a follow-up campaign of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club. The campaign contemplates the sale of production bred bulls to the original applicants to secure good bulls and pay for them from milk production. Though the plan was announced a few days ago, fifteen

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