

## Tree-Growing on Retired 3-A Land

Terms Provide Farmers May Plant for Windbreaks, Woodlot, Forest.

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Growing trees on land contracted to the government through the AAA wheat and corn-hog adjustment programs will prove more advantageous to farmers in many sections than crops planted on the same ground.

On a large majority of farms, where corn-hog and wheat contracts are signed, the less productive land will be removed from cultivation. Under the terms of the contract, such land may be planted to trees for woodlot, windbreak or forest purposes. This is a decided advantage to some farmers. It gives them an opportunity to establish the long-needed protection without reducing the area of the farm that is available for cultivation.

In many cases this less productive land will grow trees to better advantage than it will grow farm crops, even under more normal conditions. In the future such tree plantings will yield valuable timber crops, or they will aid in the control of erosion, or both.

Christmas trees, ornamentals and nursery stock are not permitted under the contract, but if wet, bottom land is removed from cultivation, trees which will mature in 12 to 15 years can be planted. Where taxes and carrying charges are not too high, these trees will often return a larger income at the end of the rotation than the landowner would have received from average crops of corn and wheat on the same areas. Thus, farmers may obtain reasonable returns in this manner from the contracted acres in addition to the government benefit payments.

## All Legume Seed Will Be Scarce, Price High

Indications are that legume seed of all kinds for planting next spring will be scarce and higher in price.

The regulations of the agricultural adjustment administration require that all land contracted to be removed from the cultivation of crops under adjustment cannot be planted to competing cash crops. About the only thing these acres may be used for is soil-improving or erosion-preventing crops. Food and feed crops for home use may be grown, but feed crops used for fattening hogs for sale may not be planted. In other words, the contracted acreage cannot be used in whole or in part for the production, directly or indirectly, for sale of any nationally produced and distributed agricultural product during the time of the contract.

"Therefore," says Enos C. Bialer, extension agronomist at North Carolina State college, "growers had best look to saving a good supply of all kinds of legume seed. Where velvet beans are grown, farmers would do well to save enough seed for their own requirements."

In April, when the days are warm, spread the beans out in the sun on a sheet. After two days of exposure, most of the seed will have popped out of the pods. A few light blows with a stick will finish the job.

Growers who have saved velvet bean seed at home have found them as good or superior to bought seed.

## Snow as Soil Thief

"Snowdrift erosion" is the latest soil thief discovered by the Department of Agriculture. Occurring principally in the Northwest the erosion is reported to have lowered wheat yields in that section. For a wheat crop, says government experts, it is the common practice to furrow the land and in the fall and crop it the next spring. The trouble comes because the snowdrifts form on leeward slopes in winter and at the spring melting carry away the loose, recently plowed soil. The phenomenon is worst on northern slopes because the drifts are deepest there and the soil is not frozen when snow on top melts away.—Montreal Herald.

## Agricultural Briefs

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Hungary's 1933 grain harvest exceeded all expectations.

A farm census will be taken in the United States next November.

Six British Friesians have produced upwards of 60 tons of milk in their lifetime.

Good legume hay should make up 10 to 15 per cent of the winter rations of brood sows.

Home butchering of hogs in Texas increased about 50 per cent in the last two years.

A forty-seven-year-old apple tree at Central, S. C., yielded a crop of 50 bushels in 1933.

The New York state college of agriculture now has more agricultural students than any other institution in the country.

England levies an import duty of 50 cents a bushel on all apples received from the United States. Canadian fruit enters England tax-free.

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## ONE SKETCH OF FACE OF JESUS

Apostle Peter Believed to Have Made It.

No portrait of Jesus was painted during his lifetime. No sculptor molded his face or figure. Among the countless thousands of likenesses that form what has become a continuous tradition, there is one and only one that is even attributed to an eyewitness. It is the slight sketch by St. Peter and is preserved in the cathedral at Rome that bears his name.

The story is that the apostle was at the house of Pudens (of whom St. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Pudens greeteth thee") and was asked what Jesus was like. On a handkerchief provided by one of the women he traced an outline that still can be seen.

It is thus remarkable that successive generations should have developed a kind of artistic orthodoxy, according to which the face of Jesus is today beyond all other faces by

## Shakespeare Room

Devotees of Shakespeare are fighting to save the famous "painted room" in Cornmarket, Oxford, England, where the Bard stayed. The place has been acquired by a catering firm, but steps have been taken to preserve the frontage. The Oxford Preservation Trust has asked that it be permitted to rent the place and use it as an information center for tourists. It is believed that the painted room was Shakespeare's sleeping place. The building is considered a valuable relic of ancient architecture.



are possible, nor, looking upon the visage, are we conscious of presumption in his words: "I am the light of the world."

During the heyday of prosperity, there were many who asked if Jesus was always so sad in his demeanor as this. The answer is that nowhere in the records is it stated or even implied that he laughed or smiled. From the first to the last, he was what is known to students of Isaiah the prophet as the suffering servant, "a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief." Knowing the world as he did, how was it possible for him to have been otherwise? Over the city of Jerusalem, over the tomb of Lazarus he wept.

That multitudes of portraits of Jesus reveal a mood of weakness in the artist—some sickly sentimentality, some unwholesome brooding, as in Byzantine art, over the tragedy in human life—is very true. There is no evidence that, on ordinary occasions, his gravity—what may be called his sense of responsibility—restrained the happiness of those around him.—P. W. Wilson (noted British writer on Biblical subjects) in Review of Reviews and World's Work.

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## Common Sense Applied to Hot-Weather Garb

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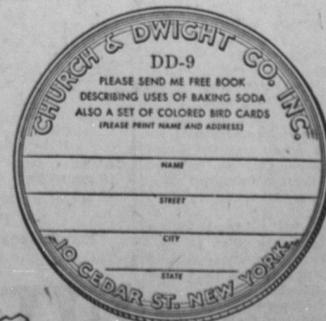
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Pedro would not pass them, as they constitute a major fruit pest in their native land. The bats were then killed and turned over to the Los Angeles museum for stuffing and preservation. The fruit bat is common in the Philippines and the Far East and is said to be a voracious consumer of fruit and fruit blossoms.—Los Angeles Times.

## Whose Fault?



## If a Child Won't Play with Others?

Parents who understand children know where to place the blame when a youngster mopes, keeps to himself, or is "ugly" toward others. Sluggishness ruins any disposition, and that's what is usually wrong. But it's just as wrong to dose that child with sickening cathartics. Until 15—or older—a child's bowels need but little aid—a very mild form of help. Stronger things often upset the stomach or weaken the bowel muscles. For the happy solution of this problem see what to do, in the next column:

There are happy, healthy boys and girls who have never known the bitter taste and violent action of castor oil—or similar cathartics. The only "medicine" they ever get—or ever need—to help the bowels is plain California Syrup of Figs. The senna in this fruity syrup has the natural laxative action that assists Nature as it should. Next day, the child feels and acts himself, and has a normal appetite. But use the real California Syrup of Figs, with the word "California" on the label and on the bottle.

## And Boiled Over

Larry—How did the story you cooked up to tell your wife pan out? Vern—It ended in a family stew.

## Johnny's Idea

Teacher—Johnny, what are the seasons? Johnny—Football and baseball.

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