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"Tick" Costly, Too
"One of the Bureau of Animal Industry slogans," declares an Idaho editor, "is a 'tick-free' country. Whether it is the kind of a tick that infests cattle in warm countries and whose ravages cost up to \$40,000,000 a year, or the still more expensive 'tick' which consists of buying things for which you have not the cash in sight to pay, it is a good thing for the whole country to be free from."

According to specialists of the Bureau of Animal Industry, the passing of the tick is followed closely by the introduction of improved live stock and other sources of prosperity. Thus it appears that with the eradication of the tick tick, southern States will enjoy increasing freedom from the burdensome "tick" of time buying. Especially the dairy industry, which has been developing in the tick-free areas of the South, is recognized as a cash industry since the products of the dairy herd are produced and marketed throughout the year.

Order Lime and Fertilizers at Once
There appears to be a disposition on the part of farmers for one reason or another, to delay ordering fertilizers and lime. The Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture calls attention to the fact that, unless lime is ordered early, farmers may have much difficulty in securing their requirements both because of the fact that lime plants are short of stock and supplies and because of the strain on transportation.

Somewhat the same situation exists as to fertilizers. The regional director of railways recently called attention to the fact that fertilizer movements are greatly delayed. Ordinarily 40 per cent. of the whole fertilizer tonnage, he says, has been shipped by February 10, but this year less than 15 per cent. had moved by that date. The normal yearly movement is about 100,000 carloads and, at the date of the director's appeal, it was 50,000 cars short of what it should have been. "It is easy," he continues, "for you to see what I fear. A flood of business at the last moment can not be moved to the satisfaction of our patrons and complaints will follow."

It is apparent, therefore, that delay in ordering either fertilizers or lime may have serious results.

Plan Wholesome Lunches for Miners
In the mining countries of Pennsylvania the home-demonstration agents, under the supervision of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural colleges, have been asked by mine superintendents to help plan nutritious, simple lunches for the miners. Nearly all of the men working in the mines are foreigners, whose wives are unused to cooking American foods. The health of the men depends to a large extent on their having wholesome food, and the home-demonstration agents are teaching the women, with the aid of interpreters, what to buy and cook.

Corn Borer Quarantine Withheld
A hearing to determine what is to be done with regard to quarantine of the territory in Massachusetts and New York infested by the European corn borer was held at the offices of the Federal Horticultural Board, United States Department of Agriculture, February 26. It was previously determined that the insect may infest, in addition to corn, many herbaceous plants, including such garden or flowering plants as celery, Swiss chard, green or string beans, beet tops, turnip tops, spinach, dahlias, gladioli, and chrysanthemums. A great many truck growers and others who would be affected by the proposed quarantine against interstate shipment of such plants appeared at the hearing.

The State governments of Massachusetts and New York, it was brought out at the hearing, are anxious to do everything possible to eradicate or control the pest. State authorities are now making preparations for handling the situation by State quarantine and otherwise, including the passage of additional legislation deemed necessary. The Department of Agriculture has already established a provisional quarantine with respect to this corn borer in Massachusetts. Additional Federal quarantine action will depend on the extent of co-operation if any, needed to supplement quarantine and other control operations conducted under State authority. The areas infested, both in Massachusetts and New York, are entirely within the State boundaries, and the efficient control of the pest in the States may eliminate the necessity for further Federal control of interstate traffic.

Stimulating Use of Dairy Products
The Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture announces that it is prepared to furnish local organizations complete plans for campaigns to stimulate the consumption of dairy products in cities. A campaign at Sedalia, Mo., was conducted in February through the co-operation of the chamber of commerce, the Women's Division of the Council of National Defense, the State college of agriculture and other local organizations. Last year campaigns conducted by the department to encourage the use of dairy products were held in Boston, Detroit, Des Moines, after a week's campaign the demand for milk became greater than dealers were able to meet. At another city a dealer who was marketing about 850 pounds of cottage cheese each week increased his sales to 850 pounds a day, and in other cases much skimmed milk that had been going to waste was converted into cottage cheese and found a ready market.

Reports Milk Prices in 43 States
Monthly reports are now issued by the Bureau of Markets showing wholesale and retail prices of milk in over 100 cities in 43 States. The report for February shows retail prices for standard bottle milk delivered ranging between 11 and 20 cents a quart with the most usual prices 14 and 15 cents a quart. Prices paid producers per quart f. o. b. city varied from 6.4 to 12.7 cents a quart with the bulk of the milk ranging between 7 and 8 cents a quart. The February report carries a column showing the "dealers' spread" in cents per quart on 3.5 per cent. milk delivered to retail trade. It ranges from 4.4 cents to 11.5 cents.

"Poison Belts" for Japanese Beetles

The Japanese beetle, a small insect that attacks a great variety of plants, has become established over an area of approximately 10,000 acres near Riverton, N. J. The United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture is waging a campaign of eradication, or if eradication is impossible, of such control as to hold the insect within a limited territory.

The mature beetle feeds on the leaves of orchard trees and ornamental plants as well as a number of annual plants. It shows a fondness for flowering plants, and is particularly destructive to roses. However, it is not fastidious in its tastes. It feeds voraciously on the foliage of smart weed.

In the control campaign poison belts have been established, one immediately outside the infested area and others at intervals farther back, somewhat like a defensive system of trenches in human warfare. The foliage of all vegetation in these belts is poisoned. Hand picking is resorted to, and the insects are collected by bushels.

The larva is a white grub that feeds on the roots of living plants and to some extent on decaying vegetation. The destruction of the larvae in the soil is undertaken by the use of insecticides and by plowing operations.

The great danger of the spread of the insect is in shipments of sweet corn. The beetle burrows into the sweet corn shipped out of the infested area must undergo inspection and any that is infested can not be shipped but must be canned or otherwise disposed of.

New Hemp Variety Makes Record
From a new variety of hemp known as the Chington, grown by the Office of Fiber Investigations, United States Department of Agriculture, at York Farm, near Washington, D. C., 7 ounces of seed were sent to a grower at Camp Nelson, Ky., for experimental purposes. This seed was planted in hills 4 feet apart each way on bottom land near the Kentucky River, and was adequate for sowing one-quarter of an acre. The resultant crop aggregated 620 pounds of clean hemp seed of excellent quality, a yield on the basis of 50 bushels and 15 pounds of hemp seed to the acre. This record crop is practically four times as great as the average yields which are harvested where one bushel of ordinary unselected hemp seed is planted to the acre. There are now abundant supplies available of hemp seed of improved strains such as the Chington and other varieties, and no seed from unselected stock should be planted during the coming season.

1919 to be Big Garden Year
Home gardening is starting off this year in every section of the country with the momentum gained during the two gardening seasons in which the United States was at war. This is the conclusion drawn from reports to the garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture from garden leaders in most of the States. According to these reports gardening has spread to every element of the people and has become a fixed factor in city and suburban as well as rural life. With experience gained by amateur gardeners in past seasons and with gardens assuming a permanent rather than a temporary character, this year is expected to be the greatest year ever recorded in making waste land produce food.

States Help Tuberculosis Work
Legislatures in 23 States that have convened recently are expected to appropriate nearly \$2,000,000 for eradication of tuberculosis from live stock, according to reports to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Much of this money is expected to be appropriated for indemnifying owners for cattle destroyed because of tuberculosis, and in most cases carries the understanding that part of the indemnity will be made by the Federal Government, according to a recent act of Congress. In States where it is necessary to change the laws relating to tuberculosis in order to cooperate with the Federal Government and receive Federal assistance in indemnification, necessary changes are expected to be made. Dr. J. A. Kierman, in charge of the Bureau of Animal Industry says that the great interest being shown by State legislatures is good evidence that the importance of tuberculosis eradication is realized and that Federal co-operation is appreciated.

Limited Demand for American Seed
Letters and cablegrams from the representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture who have been in Europe for two months do not indicate that there will be an early active demand in England for any of the seeds commonly exported by the United States, except meadow fescue seed. It is possible that Russia and other of the other countries might need a considerable quantity of our seeds, but by the time transportation, monetary, and other difficulties clear up, it is thought that various kinds of various kinds of seeds gradually will filter into Russia and elsewhere, thereby leaving no appreciable opening for American seed.

Compulsory Forestry Advocated
Compulsory practice of forestry on private timberlands, coupled with a liberal policy of public co-operation and assistance, was advocated by Henry S. Graves, Chief of the Forest Service, in a recent address before the New England Forestry Congress. This country is progressively destroying its forests, said Col. Graves, who also declared that the public should prohibit destructive methods of cutting that injure the community and the public at large.

Killing Cattle Ticks Early
Reports to the Bureau of Animal Industry from all States infested by the cattle fever tick tell of excellent responses to the slogan, "Dip that tick in March." Many dipping vats were in active operation early in the month, while others were being prepared for dipping work not later than March 15. By dipping in March the Federal and State tick eradicators hope to kill millions of the parasites before they can multiply.

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