NOW AND THEN

MARCH MEDITATION

BY ALICE MATHEWS

The knapsack of old winter keeps
A halcyon-scene, if one but peeps
Deep in its snow bound sanctity
Why e'en a violet they may see.
For growth of springtime's loveliness
Is hidden in old Nature's breast:
And for a dreamer's satisfaction
There's a perpetual attraction
Found in clear vision to persuade
Ambition on to a high grade.
A bluebird's call methinks a-kin
To the sweet 'round we enter in,
And Spring its self, with gaudy rings,
Sits on the old Oak tree and sings:
A robin like a rosy flame
A little scarlet shawl doth claim
To wrap around him as he goes
In search mayhap a full blown rose.
March Meditation doth invite
Eternal beauty to delight.
The stems of hemlock, pine and oak
Enter the scene to glad invoke
Our interest in the laboring heart
Of Nature, doing well her part
To stimulate, and nothing loath,
The trees, the flowers with spring-time-growth.
Here comes a breeze so sweet, so mild.
March-meditation is beguilded
By summer perfumes thrown afar
That waft their fragrance where we are,
And marshal thoughts in bright array
As lanterns in a March-high-way,
That shine like fireflies fair to see,
Offspring of folded mystery.
A heart-rejoicing-invitation
Is given by March-meditation.

"He sendeth his snow like wool." How beautiful it was last Monday as it fell, covering everything with its fleecy whiteness. The trees, though bowed with the weight of it, were glad of its coming, and the grateful earth drank of its moisture as it seeped through the ground filling springs and wells that were so empty before. Men can do many things but only God can make the snow.

Out in Umatilla County, Oregon, Peter Weibert, farming between 6,000 and 7,000 acres, most of it in wheat, is using threshed wheat for fuel. He says wheat at $16 a ton makes a cheaper fuel than coal at $20 laid down at his ranch. The wheat makes a hot, even fire, particularly good for banking over night, Weidert declares. He says he learned the value of wheat as fuel years ago, when he used it to bank fires in his old steam thresher. Besides saving him money, Weibert insists he is doing wheat growers a good turn by reducing the surplus.

As our town grows noise increases.
"I wandered to the village, Tom.
Where you and I were boys.
I couldn't rest a minute, Tom,
The planes made such a noise;
And all the dear old souls I met
Asked, "Have you seen our airport yet."

"A catalog issued by a school for the nobility at Saint Cyr, France, 200 years ago, was discovered recently. It shows how far we have come in the matter of personal cleanliness and sanitation since that time. Pupils at this school, this old catalog states, were entitled o one suit of underwear, one pair of stockings and two handkerchiefs a month. One towel had to last a week without laundering. One foot bath monthly and three complete baths yearly, one each in May, June and July, were prescribed."

We have been trying all this week to get on the outside of a long chapter on relatively. It is rather confusing after all this years of studying about Newton and the apple to find that attraction of graviltation is a fallacy; that parallel lines will meet if sufficiently extended. We found this poem and it fits our bewilderment:

The Startling Astronomers

New study of the stars reveals that
the galactic universe may be hundreds of quadrillions of miles smaller than it was thought to be, and the distant stars housands of light years nearer.

The universe is littler than it looks
When viewed from this terrestrial sphere, or ball.
Much overrated in the science books,
It is a rather small one, after all.

Since intervening space absorbs the light,
The stars that send us but a feeble twink
And seem so safely distant in the night
May be a whole lot nearer than we think.

It certainly is terrible to find
Earth's elbow room restricted thus; but then
Let's make the best of it and never mind.
Perhaps the Profs. are merely wrong again.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN

EXTENSION SERVICE COOPERATES WITH RED CROSS

The Extension Service has been requested by the National Organization to cooperate with its local Red Cross Chapters in the giving of suggestions or guidance in the cultivation of gardens and in the use of the resulting crops in the family diet.

Some 500,000 seed collections, totaling fifty car loads, have been prepared for distribution by the Red Cross Chapters. Each seed collection is supposed to carry sufficient garden seed to supply vegetables for a family of five (5) persons from spring until September.

Market Lambs Early

Farmers should market their lambs as soon as possible in order to save pasture later. Usually lambs will net more when young than when they are six or more months of age. It is market early to avoid the harmful effects of internal parasites. The flocks should be treated frequently for the control of internal parasites. The cheapest treatment is the Copper Sulphate or Bluestone solution. The addition of Nicotene Sulphate will aid in the control of tape worms. The commercial capsules are easier to administer but are more expensive.

It would seem advisable to feed corn, oats, bran, or mixture to lambs in a creep in order to hasten their growth and condition of flesh, so that they will be in marketable condition at an early age. Any lambs not sold as "baby lambs" should be docked and the ram lambs castrated.

Produce Healthy Pigs

The sanitation plan used by successful hog growers and now commonly known as the McLean County system, after the Illinois County, where the plan was first proved, is the most effective means of producing thrifty, healthy pigs. The idea is to have the pigs born in clean quarters on clean land so that they may be kept free from round worms during their early months. The sows as farrowing time approaches have their udders scrubbed clean with soap and water, then moved to a clean house. Do not neglect protein and mineral matter in the diet of any hog, especially growing pigs.

For further detail inquire of the County Agent.

Spraying Time At Hand

Peach growers will have applied the dormant spray to control leaf curl. The next ten days to two weeks the dormant spray for apples should be applied. Notice will be mailed to growers giving details.

Can The Surplus

Farmers with surplus farm products which cannot be marketed at a profit can be canned as a means of lessening living costs. Lambs, calves, beef, fish, chickens can be canned and stored for later use, thus saving on the feed bill since they can be canned whenever they are ready instead of being carried along from week to week hoping for a market outlet. Likewise, many of the garden vegetables can be canned and stored for year round use. The garden season is fast approaching. Any body that has a garden would do well to arrange for tilling it intensively as a means of lowering the cost of living. The "live at home" idea is sound at any time and becomes a necessity in most cases in times of depression. All drought relief plans are gaed primarily on helping the distressed to help themselves by producing food for the family and feed for the livestock as main consideration. Surplus milk would better be used at home for the family butter supply, for cottage cheese and for feeding to poultry and pigs. Those doing home mixing of poultry mashes can substitute skim milk for one-half of the meat and bone meal commonly used in the mash. In fact, those in position to do the work can reduce the cost of producing farm products very materially by study and forethought.

Early Tomato Plants Best

Experience reveals that the early tomato plant set in the field by May 25th far excells both price and yield of the late set plant. To insure these early plants—sow seed before April 1st. in the muslin covered bed. The muslin covered bed is extremely popular with those who have used it. It is being adopted very rapidly.

Landlords May Borrow For Their Tenants From Seed Loan Fund

Such landlords as do not care to, or are not in position to sign the waiver which gives the Government first chance to collect loans from the proceeds of crops, may borrow from the Seed Loan Office if necessary. Landlords arrange with their tenants for the distribution use and repayment of the loan from the 1931 crops. The Landlord with a number of tenants, by meeting requirements, may borrow up to a total of two thousand dollars for the use of all of his tenants in any one county.

In Kent thus far, the landlords or crop mortgage owners have waived in some cases and in some cases have not signed the required waiver. It is the latter group who may see fit to borrow from the Seed Loan Fund and thus enable their tenants to carry on in a nearly normal manner. Just what the tenant or the landlord will do to get in crops where the tenant can not get the waiver to enable him to borrow from this fund, and the landlord refuses to borrow and at the same time neither has credit or capital to use in preparing for the crop and in planting, tilling and harvesting remains to be seen. It would appear that neither will have much to share at the end of the year.

Fertilizers increase quality and quantity or yields and reduce the cost plication of commercial fertilizers all per unit of crop. Conversation with numerous farmers reveal the intention on the part of may to attempt "economy" by omitting or reducing the application of commercial fertilizers to their crops. Circumstances may dictate this practice in a good many cases. However for those who can do otherwise, attention is called to the economics of this practice.

It must be admitted that due to our system of farming, many of our farms are deficient in organic matter and in plant food: they lack moisture holding capacity: they are deficient in available plant food: their physical condition is such that chemical compounds that if released would furnish plant food can not be released. Such soils cannot make the most complete use of fertilizers—yet that fact makes the ap the more imperative. Certainly if the land does not release plant food in amounts to produce profitable yields, the only way to get such yields is to supply the necessary plant food in the form of commercial fertilizer. Any field in such physical condition that it will respond to fertilizer should receive an application that will justify the labor, the seed, the time, and attention or care to be expended on that field.

"Reduce the acreage but increase the rate of application of fertilizer," seems sound advice. Certainly the market and industrial situation indicate the folly of maintaining the present volume of production. Reducing the cost per unit by increasing the qualfty and the per acre yield offers our only chance of making a profit from most of our crops. Certainly this plan is less risky than the attempt to produce profitable yields without supplying the lacking element—plant food—yet piling up labor, seed, tillage, and harvesting costs.

Complete fertilizers are indicated in most cases. Each crop deserves special thought to the amount and the formula of the fertilizer to be used. Those who want a "rule of the thumb" guide for their fertilier practices, will not usually go far wrong if they follow this rule, "the phosphoric acid should be three times that of the nitrogen, and the percentage of potash twice that of the nitrogen."

It is deplorable if conditions do not permit of suitable applications of fertilizer. On the other hand no one would advocate heavy applcations on extensive areas—especially not until the moisture content of the subsoil is restored and until market prospects for cash crops are improved. Food crops and feed crops however justify the application of sizable and suitable applicaions of fertilizer. In the case of tomatoes, any profit that maybe expected from their production can come only from greater yields per acre from a greatly reduced acreage.

BETTERTON

The community was again shocked on Monday when it was learned that Mrs. Maud Warram had passed away after an illness of only a few minutes. She was the widow of Mr. Thomas Warram who was found dead last January. Her funeral was held from her late home on Friday afternoon.

A special series of revival services are being held this week at the Methodist Church, in charge of Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins.

The Middletown District Women's Foreign Missionary Society was entertained by the Betteron Auxiliary on Friday last. Rev. J. Harry Wright, of Chestertown, was the speaker of the day. He used stereoptican pictures of the foreign field with his lecture.

Mrs. Arthur Brice entertained the Epworth League at her home for their monthly business and social meeting last Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. V. Turner is spending the week with her son, William, in Philadelphia.

Dr. S. S. Hepbron was the speaker at the Epworth League service at the Methodist Church on Sunday evening and gave a most helpful talk on "Lent."

CONSULTING THE ORACLE

Gentleman (at police station): Could I see the man who was arrested for robbing our house last night?"

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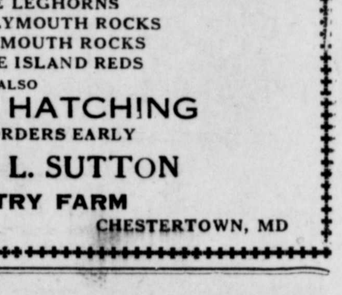
"Dance Fools, Dance," which will show at the New Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26, is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest talking picture starring Joan Crawford.

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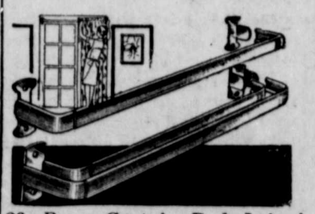
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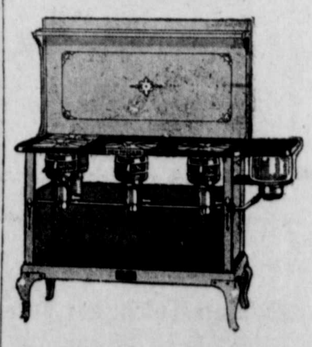
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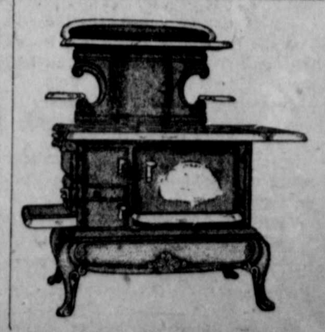


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