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COOPER ADVISES MORE NON-PERISHABLE CROPS

Thomas P. Cooper, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of the Kentucky Experiment Station, in an address as honor guest at the Lexington Rotary Club's Farmers' Day luncheon held March 18, discussed the food situation and the important part the farmer will take in winning the war.

Dean Cooper told of a conference he had recently attended at Washington to consider ways and means by which food production may be greatly increased. At this conference he said information developed showing that the food situation is more serious than is generally recognized. The people of Poland and Serbia are starving. It is estimated that since the war at least three and a half millions of Poles have starved. Greece is facing starvation. Great Britain, France and Italy are living from hand to mouth, both with respect to the civil population and the army.

There is an urgent demand for more food for our Allies. The normal consumption of wheat in this country, Dean Cooper said, is forty millions of bushels a month. The present prospect is that this must be reduced to 15 millions if we are to furnish the supplies for our own troops and our Allies, that the situation demands. He declared that the farmers responded readily last year by increasing the crop acreage to the amount of twenty millions of acres. "We increased our pork exports about 60 per cent, and the movement now on foot to increase the pork supply promises to produce good results. We increased our beef exports last year 175 per cent, and at the same time made a slight increase in the beef cattle supply."

Dean Cooper urged the importance of the largest possible acreage in food and feed crops this year. He urged that farmers take a chance on the necessary labor and declared that it is the duty of the business community to co-operate with farmers to procure the necessary labor supply. The way must be found, he said, to use every available man, to prevent any idlers or loafers on the streets in the towns and cities. On account of the transportation system, it is highly important that the greatest possible amount of non-perishable crops be produced.

APPROPRIATION GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

The reapportionment bill giving a substantial increase in incomes to the University has been passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. This bill reapportions the 40-cent tax, giving to the General Fund 15 cents, the School Fund 18 cents, the Sinking Fund 1 cent, the State Road Fund 3 cents, the University 13 cents, and each of the State Normal Schools 5 cents. This change will make it possible for educational institutions to plan in a definite way for the future.

It is estimated that the University will get about \$200,000 increase annually. In return for this annual tax the University is to give up its special appropriations and the Normal Schools are to do the same. With this step forward in the history of these institutions, they can look forward with real confidence to future growth.

UNIVERSITY TO CLOSE ON ITS REGULAR DATE

Dr. Frank L. McVey, President of the University of Kentucky in a letter to the heads of departments of the University stated that the University will continue until customary closing time in June instead of closing May 1 as was reported probably several weeks ago in State newspapers. Any statement on the subject of an early closing unless authorized by President McVey is not to be considered by University instructors or students.

UNIVERSITY ADOPTS SIMPLIFIED WORDS

The Senate of the University of Kentucky has authorized the use of simplified spelling in all University publications in the following 300 words:

A—Abridgment, accouter, accurst, acknowledgment, address, adz, affix, altho, anapest, anomia, anesthesia, anesthetic, antipyrin, antitoxin, apothem, apprise, arbor, archeology, ardoor, armor, artizan, assize, ax.

B—Bans, bark, behavior, blest, blusht, brazen, brazier, bun, bur.

C—Caliber, caliper, candor, carest, catalog, catechize, center, chart, check, checker, chimera, civilize, clamor, clangor, clapt, claspt, clipt, clue, coeval, color, commixt, comprest, comprise, confest, controller, coquet, criticize, cropt, crost, crusht, cue, curst, cutlas, cyclopedia.

D—Dolor, domicil, draft, dram, drest, dript, droopt, dropt, dulness, dactyl, dasht, decalog, defense, demagog, demeanor, deposit, deprest, develop, dieresis, dike, dript, discust, dispatch, distil, distrest.

E—Eccumenical, edite, egis, enamel, encyclopeda, endeavor, envelop, eolian, eun, epaulet, eponym, era, esophagus, esthetic, esthetics, estivate, ether, etiology, exorcize, exprest.

F—Fagot, fantasm, fantasy, fantom, favor, favorite, fervor, fiber, fixt, flavor, fulfil, fulness.

G—Gage, gazel, gelatin, gild, gipsy, gloze, glycerin, good-by, gram, gript, H—Harbor, harken, heapt, hematin, hiecup, hock, homeopathy, homonym, honor, humor, husht, hypotenuse.

I—Idolize, imprest, instil.

J—Jail, judgment.

K—Kist.

L—Labor, lacrimal, lapt, lasht, leapt, legalize, license, licorice, liter, lodgment, lookt, lopt, luster.

M—Mama, maneuver, materialize, meager, medieval, meter, mist, miler, mixt, mold, milder, molding, moldy, moit, mullen.

N—Naturalize, neighbor, nipt, niter. O—Ocher, odor, offense, omelet, opprest, orthopedic.

P—Paleography, paleolithic, paleontology, palaeozoic, paraffin, parlor, partizan, past, patronize, pedagog, pedobaptist, phenix, phenomenon, pigmy, plow, polyp, possess, practise, v. and n., prefix, prenomem, prest, pretense, preterit, pretermit, primeval, protest, program, progol, propit, par.

Q—Quartet, questor, quintet.

R—Rancor, rapt, raze, recognize, reconnoiter, rigor, rime, ript, rumor.

S—Saber, saltpeter, savior, savor, scepter, septet, sepulcher, sextet, silvan, simitar, sipt, silt, skiftal, skipt, slipt, smolder, snapt, somber, specter, splendor, steadfast, seft, stop, strept, stript, subpena, succor, suft, sulfate, sulfur, sunac, supprest, surprize, synonym.

T—Tabor, tapt, teazel, tenor, theater, tho, thoro, thoro fare, thoroly, thru, thruout, tipt, topt, tost, transgrest, traopt, tript, tumor.

W—Valor, vapor, vest, vigor, vizor.

W—Wagon, washt, whipt, whisky, wilft, winkt, wisht, wo, woful, woolen, wrapt.

UNIVERSITY IS AMONG FIRST TO RESPOND

The University of Kentucky was one of the first to respond to the Food Administration when the question was wired to all educational institutions in America, attended by young women, asking for data on the amount of war emergency cooking and sewing being done.

Special instruction explains the food situation of the world; need for food control and general means of exercising it; scientific basis of the Administration's methods and finally a thorough laboratory course going into dietetics and home economics.

When the girls leave school they will be prepared to go home as instructors and crusaders in the field of intelligent and consistent food conservation. Through the summer they can preach and practice conservation as those can do who really know the value and need of conservation.

STROLLERS GIVE 1918 PLAY ON APRIL 5

The Strollers, dramatic organization of the University of Kentucky, are entering the last week of rehearsals for the production of "Mice and Men" at the Lexington opera house, Friday night, April 5.

The leading parts will be taken by Miss Anne Molloy and Gus Gay of Lexington.

Lee McClain of Bardstown is directing the rehearsals as stage manager and putting finishing touches on the performers.

The Strollers have presented plays annually for seven years. The organization bought a liberty bond of the first issue and plans to invest in the same patriotic way any funds accruing from the 1918 play.

Miss Eliza Spurrier of Louisville, president of Strollers this year, is the first woman to hold that office.

The following is the cast of characters of the play:

Mark Embury, bachelor Philosopher.....Gus Gay, Lexington
Peggy, his ward.....
.....Ann Molloy, Lexington
Captain Level, his scapegrace (?) nephew.....Milton Revel, Louisville
Mr. Goodlake, Embury's factitious neighbor.....Grover Creech, Lexington
Joanna, Goodlake's wife.....
.....Eliza Spurrier, Louisville
Mrs. Deborah, Embury's housekeeper.....Edna Burkle, Lancaster
Sir Harry Trimblestone.....
.....Fred Augsburg, Lexington
Kit Barniger.....C. E. Planck, Lexington
The beadle.....Robert Rabble, Louisville
The matron.....Ruth Cassidy, Versailles
Peter, Embury's man.....
.....Frederick Jackson, Versailles
Molly.....Dorothy Walker, Pineville

UNIVERSITY JOINS THE FARM LABOR MOVEMENT

In accordance with the expressed desire of President Wilson that all men more than 16 years old would volunteer to assist in solving the farm service question, a movement has been set on foot in Lexington to get office men, professional men and high school boys to work in the country this spring and summer.

The movement has been started by the Get-In-and-Get-Out Club members of which will work with Chairman H. W. Hines of the Council of National Defense of Louisville, John R. Humphrey, Bureau of Markets, Extension Division College of Agriculture and W. D. Nichols of the Department of Farm Management, College of Agriculture. In Fayette county the Kentucky Experiment Station and College of Agriculture, with the members of the club, will exert every effort to organize a regiment of men who will aid in the farm work of the county by working before or after their regular office hours.

Farmers will be asked what their labor needs are and cards will be sent to all men whose addresses can be obtained asking them to volunteer temporarily as farm laborers.

FEATURES ADDED TO SUMMER SESSION WORK

Work has been provided in virtually all colleges and departments of the University for the forthcoming summer session. Courses in Agriculture and Vocational Education, Home Economics, Red Cross, Food Conservation, Experimental Psychology, and Education, including Mental Tests and Measurements, Administration and Supervision, Principles and History of Education, Educational Psychology, English Composition, English and American Literature, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, History and Economy, Ancient and Modern Languages will be offered with many attractive features added to the regular work in the Summer School, such as popular lectures, educational round tables, Shakespearean plays and community singing. The bulletin of the summer session may be obtained by addressing the registrar of the University.

ENGINEERING SENIORS INSPECT BIG PLANTS

Twenty-four seniors in the engineering colleges of the University of Kentucky left March 31 for Chicago and vicinity where they spend a week inspecting power and manufacturing plants. This is the annual trip taken by this senior class.

The last night of their stay in Chicago the seniors will be given a banquet by the University of Kentucky Alumni Club, at which President Frank L. McVey will be guest of honor. The students will be in charge of Prof. F. Paul Anderson, dean of the college of mechanical and electrical engineering, and Prof. W. E. Freeman.

In previous years the trip has been taken only by members of the senior class of the colleges of mechanical and electrical engineering, but students in all the engineering departments will go this year.

The students who went on this trip are: William K. Adkins, Paul M. Andres, John A. Brittain, John W. Cooper, Robert M. Davis, Elbert Dearborn, Lee R. Ellis, Karl W. Goosman, Hall M. Henry, George L. Jackson, Henry J. Kolbe, John D. Maddox, Charles E. McCormick, William D. McDougle, Harry L. Milward, Constantine Nicholoff, Harold Parks, T. Ellis Peak, Buford B. Russell, E. B. Fleming, J. J. Flocken, Emile B. Cavallo, Horace B. Clark and Sherley Hudson.

UNIVERSITY GIRLS IN RED CROSS UNIT

A Red Cross Unit, the purpose of which is to make garments and otherwise conduct a systematic war work campaign, has been organized by the girls of the University of Kentucky. Meetings will be held every afternoon until the close of the University year. The girls make sandwiches and sell them during the lunch hour every day in order to increase the funds of the organization. Several other money-getting plans have been decided on and will be worked out later.

The workers will make garments obtained already cut from the city organization of the Red Cross. A room in the department of home economics has been fitted up for the workers.

GOVERNMENT CALLS ON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Owing to vacancies in the office of the Quartermaster General, War Department, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced to the authorities of the University of Kentucky that an examination on April 2, for statistical draftsman, open to both men and women at salaries ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,600 a year. Another examination, open to both men and women for calculating machine operators at salaries from \$650 to \$840 is also announced for April 24. The Government printing office announces that women eligibles are preferred for filling vacancies there, but for filling vacancies in the Hydrographic and the Weather Bureau of office male eligibles are preferred.

McFARLAND IN FORESTRY WORK.

Professor Frank T. McFarland of the Department of Botany, University of Kentucky, has been assigned for the summer months to the division of forest pathology of the Federal Bureau of Plant Industry, for survey work on white pine blister rust. The work will include inspection of white pine plantations and nursery stock for the presence of the rusts. His district will be in Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi with headquarters in Lexington.

STUDENTS HELP TO GET BOOKS.

The Library Committee, English Club, Woman's Club and several student organizations of the University of Kentucky were interested and active in procuring books for the soldiers and sailors at home and abroad, in the campaign for contributions to camp libraries conducted March 18-23, under the auspices of the American Library Association.

UNIVERSITY CORN TESTS SHOW GERMINATION

Professor Harrison Garman, head of the Department of Entomology and Botany, Kentucky Experiment Station, University of Kentucky, has issued the following statement in regard to seed corn in this State:

"In view of the great interest in seed corn it may be worth while to call attention to facts concerning tests made in the Department of Entomology and Botany of the Kentucky Experiment Station during the last two months. The tests number 464 and have been made from samples sent to the station from different sections of Kentucky by farmers and seedsmen. They can thus be assumed to represent the condition of seed corn for the State. The average germination of these 464 samples is 51 per cent.

"Twenty-six per cent. of the samples give germination percentages of from 90 to 100. Some give no germination at all. Fayette county corn, of which 64 samples were tested, gives an average of 48 per cent. germination, while Woodford, with 33 samples, and Madison, with 18, each give 62 per cent. as an average.

"The samples are not always labeled as to the year the corn was grown, but enough were received marked '1916 crop' to show that corn grown in 1916 germinates better on an average than that harvested in the fall of 1917. But that the condition of the 1917 corn as to germination depended more on the way it was harvested and cured than on its quality at harvest time is shown by the fact that when selected for seed and stored carefully samples often germinate 100 per cent. or very close to this percentage.

"The tests indicate that there is enough good seed corn in the State to enable farmers to sow their accustomed acreages, or a little more, if only it can be kept out of the hands of profiteers."

WOMEN ARE WANTED TO HELP TEACH COOKING

The University of Kentucky has been advised that the United States Department of Agriculture is asking for one or more women to assist in laboratory cookery studies, at salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year. Examinations under the Civil Service Commission for these positions are open only to women. The duties of the appointees will be to assemble and standardize methods of preparing food and to assist in experimental cookery in the office of home economics of the State Relations Service. This examination will be held April 2.

An applicant for this position must not have reached her forty-fifth birthday, must have had two years' training in home economics, two years' experience in practical housekeeping and at least six months' experience in teaching home economics. She must submit to the examiner on April 3, the day of the Examination, her photograph. No tints or proofs will be accepted.

JUNIOR ENGINEERS GO ON INSPECTION TOUR

The Junior Class of Engineers, University of Kentucky, left March 26 for an inspection trip to Cincinnati, Dayton and Hamilton.

Those who took the trip are: F. Paul Anderson, Jr., R. S. Arnold, J. H. Bailey, C. N. Batsel, L. H. Bauer, W. S. Baugh, T. M. Bell, W. R. David, R. K. Diamond, D. R. Dudley, J. M. Eyl, G. Frankel, A. D. Hall, C. F. Johnson, A. I. Kohn, J. J. Leman, E. A. Lillard, J. H. Marking, D. F. de Mey, H. M. Milton, J. S. Mirsach, J. E. McClellan, R. S. Park, H. G. Proctor, N. T. Puckett, J. F. Shouse, M. Smith, C. L. Temple, C. A. Timmer, J. S. Wallingford, and A. M. Wood.