

Fires On Farms Total One Third Of Annual Loss

WASHINGTON (AP)—Almost one-third of the \$5,000,000 worth of property lost in fires in the United States during 1927 were lost on farms and in rural communities.

Federal estimate fixes the figures at approximately 2,500,000 and property valued at \$1,500,000,000.

"This deplorable wastage," the report says, "is even greater than these figures indicate, for the reason that food supplies are destroyed, farm families are left homeless, and the farm are curtailed and potential manufactured products of value are lost."

The principal known causes of farm fires in the order of their national importance, and the estimated annual property loss for each of these causes, are listed as follows: Lightning, \$2,645,000; defective chimneys and flues, \$20,115,000; sparks on combustion, \$12,150,000; careless use of matches, smoking, \$9,200,000; spontaneous ignition, \$7,575,000; careless use and storage of gasoline and kerosene, \$6,620,000; improper installation, operation and maintenance of heating equipment, \$2,350,000; faulty wiring for elec-

tricity and improper use of electrical appliances, \$1,215,000. Approximately 43 per cent of the total farm fire loss is ascribed to unknown causes.

GUM A COSMETIC
DANZIG (AP)—Sugar-coated chewing gum is rated as a cosmetic and subject to duty under the Polish customs law, while imports of candy-coated gum have been prohibited. Athletes have shown some interest in gum, but general lack of familiarity with its use, high prices due to heavy duty and lack of fresh supplies have hindered efforts to develop a market.

TURKEY TAKES A RIDE
CONSTANTINOPLE (AP)—Prior to the world war there were no automobiles nor farm tractors in Turkey. Now, the report of the ministry of agriculture shows, there are 3900 tractors in use, imported from America and Germany. The United States trade commissioner finds 6900 passenger cars in use, 1500 trucks and buses and 400 motorcycles.

SOUTH AFRICAN CORN
CAPE TOWN (AP)—Corn production for the season just finishing in the Union of South Africa is estimated to be about 77,000,000 bushels, the largest on record with the exception of the 1924-25 crop. The yield approximates that averaged annually by Wisconsin or Tennessee.

THE GARDEN

TOP DRESSING THE LAWN

Top dressing in early spring is one of the most efficient methods of caring for a lawn. It is an essential if bent grass is used for garden paths. Rich loam is the basis with one-third of well-rotted stable manure or compost. An ordinary wheelbarrow load to a square yard is sufficient if the lawn is in good condition. If it is badly worn or thin two barrow loads will be better. This should be rolled smooth after it is carefully and evenly spread. It is rather a burdensome job but it gives results that repay the labor. A very profitable move at this time is the application of a dressing of bone meal to the lawn. A pound to a square rod of lawn is the proportion. This gives a rather thin dressing but bone meal is the lasting of fertilizers and its effect will still be in operation the following fall. Bone meal works for six months and for this reason is one of the most valuable garden fertilizers.

An excellent stimulant to growth of the lawn in early spring is a thorough raking with a garden rake, dragging out the dead grass and stirring the soil. This raking should precede the application of fertilizer.

Do not be in a hurry to make the first cutting of the lawn. Let the grass get a healthy start before the mower is run over it.

A supply of high-grade grass seed should always be on hand to be applied at any time a thin spot in the lawn becomes apparent. It is often necessary to dig out weeds such as dandelions and plantains. The place should be seeded after the weeds are removed. The best grade seed obtainable should be bought from seedhouses of recognized standing. It is poor economy to buy cheap seed. The conditions of sun and shade as well as the character of the soil should be sent to the seedhouse with the order as grass seed mixtures are put up to suit existing conditions. Do not be afraid of putting in too much grass seed. Better too much than too little.

Overhaul Borer Machinery
CAMP PERRY, Ohio, (AP)—A force of mechanics is at work overhauling approximately 2800 units of machinery stored here following last season's campaign against the European corn borer. Five storage sheds, each 400 feet long by 56 feet wide, house 993 tractors, 692 plows, 127 light trucks, 96 heavy trucks and more than 350 stutable benders.

BUYS EXCHANGE SEAT
NEW YORK, Apr. 13 (AP)—Bernard M. Baruch Jr., son of Barney Baruch, one of the best known stock market operators years ago, who retired from active business to enter war work, under President Wilson, bought a seat on the New York stock exchange yesterday for \$350,000, from Clarence P. Wyckoff.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED of Norwich, England, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, on the thirty-first day of December, 1927, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 1,000,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$4,197,386.36
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	299,692.38
Income from other sources received during the year	147,969.65
Total income	\$4,644,448.39
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses	\$2,066,182.66
Dividends on capital stock during the year	—
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,496,150.91
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	177,276.69
Amount of all expenditures	683,393.74
Total expenditures	\$4,433,034.06
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned market value	\$ 175,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	5,914,396.05
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	—
Cash in banks and on hand	397,298.23
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1927	799,695.74
Interest and rents due and accrued and other assets	552,181.14
Total admitted assets	\$7,843,481.20
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 660,719.29
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	4,234,928.36
Due for commission and brokerage	21,460.00
All other liabilities	180,298.06
Total liabilities	\$5,197,345.71
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 82,304.60
Losses paid during the year	34,274.56
Losses incurred during the year	35,642.41
Name of Company, Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Limited.	
Name of Manager, Frank L. Hunter.	
Statutory resident attorney for service, E. E. Collins.	
J. W. Wakefield, agent, 107 East Main St., Medford, Oregon.	

A Miss and Her Mount



Here's one of the reasons for the success of the horse show held recently at Fort Myer, Va., for the benefit of Washington charity. The girl is Miss Evelyn Walker, popular society beauty and horsewoman of the capital city.

To Chop Hay Or Not Is Still A Puzzling Question in This State

Although value of hay for cattle is increased 15 to 20 per cent by chopping, it is doubtful that chopping is profitable. More experimental work must be done before one can be sure, says E. L. Potter, head of the animal husbandry department at the Oregon State college at Corvallis.

"Economy with which hay can be chopped for feeding farm animals is a problem that involves many factors," said Professor Potter. "Whether or not chopping may be profitable depends largely on the methods and the types of machinery used."

"Hay requires more attention in the curing process when it is chopped than loose hay, as it is necessary for thorough drying to prevent molding after it is stored. Losses are sometimes realized by leaving the hay exposed to the weather too long. Chopping hay requires more time to put it in storage in good condition than is necessary if it were stacked or hauled directly into the barn."

The chief added cost when hay is hauled directly from the field to the chopper is that of machinery and power. With a fairly large chopping outfit this practice may be profitable, according to Professor Potter. Labor required for chopping is about equal to the labor required to stack the hay or put it in the barn. A small tractor used for chopping will handle about 12 to 15 tons a day.

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HEALTH

SUNLIGHT VITAL TO TEETH
By U. S. Public Health Service
WASHINGTON (AP)—The toothbrush will help but will not, by itself, insure good teeth.

"Brush your teeth daily," remains a slogan, but investigations by public health service and other research workers have disclosed that sunlight, diet and attention to the general rules of hygiene are equally important.

One of the most striking facts recently brought out has been the relationship of sunlight to the soundness of the teeth and gums. Much evidence along this line was obtained in the British Isles, where large groups known to be generally subject to bad teeth were shown to have lived or worked under conditions which deprived them of normal exposure to the sun's rays. Others living under less restricted conditions in this respect were not so affected.

It may be said that fresh vegetables build strong teeth. For growing children especially, a well balanced diet of fruit, vegetables and milk is essential to their development.

For many years an old thought direct from the field.

Although no trials have been made, Professor Potter suggests that it may be profitable, by using a small chopper, to chop the hay as it is fed to the stock. In this case the hay could be run into the feed cart as it is chopped, thus saving labor of handling the second time.

Physicians and dentists, collaborating in studies of oral hygiene, have found that small pockets of pus may form at the roots of decayed or defective teeth and that their presence may lead to several serious diseases. In such cases, removal of the affected teeth may clear up annoying symptoms with great rapidity.

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Really, should you use a shortening you are unwilling to taste, any more than you would a doubtful egg? To discover what a vast difference there can be in the taste of cooking fats, place a bit of Crisco on the tip of a spoon; on another spoon, a little of any other shortening. Taste Crisco first, then the other fat. Imagine how Crisco's sweet purity will improve the flavor of your pie crust.



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