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HOW TO HELP THE CORN CROP.

By Henry G. Bell, Agronomist, Middle West Soil Improvement Committee of the National Fertilizer Association, Chicago.

There is Danger of Immature Corn. There will be a great deal of immature, unshorn corn next fall if present conditions do not change materially.

Late rains delayed the planting two or three weeks. On June 1st, much corn is still being planted. What was planted before the rainy weather set in is just showing above the ground. Few farmers have done their first cultivating at this date (June 3rd).

Killing frosts may usually be expected between Sept. 15th and Oct. 1st, which would catch the corn before it is ripe.

Plantfood That Will Help. Now, a great deal can be done to hasten the corn to maturity. Suitable, available plantfood will undoubtedly hasten ripening.

Top dressing the crop with 200 to 400 lbs. per acre of fertilizer analyzing from 1 to 2 per cent ammonia, 8 to 12 per cent available phosphoric acid and 2 to 4 per cent potash, will do the work. This top dressing is best applied sometime before the corn reaches 12 to 18 inches in height. It can be distributed through the fertilizer spreader of a grain drill.

How to Apply the Plantfood. When using the grain drill for this purpose, if the shoes or the disks are taken off, fertilizer can be applied to the corn without disturbing the plant.

One of the simplest and most effective ways to apply the fertilizer is to put it on through the regular fertilizer distributor. This implement is carried in stock by large implement manufacturers and can be obtained at a comparatively small price. It is especially built for the distribution of fertilizer, and can be regulated so that an small quantity as 200 lbs. can be evenly distributed.

The fertilizer should be applied just before a cultivation. If the ground is cultivated to a depth of 2 to 3 inches by cultivation, the plantfood will be brought into immediate reach of the feeding roots.

Something must be done if much of the corn is to be well matured by fall. Top dressing is good practice.

Manure hastens stalk growth; phosphoric acid and potash push forward the maturing of the crop, and the nitrate of the soil.

THE TRUE BOOSTER.

If you like the old town best Tell 'em so. If you'd have her lead the rest Help her grow. When there's anything to do Let the fellows count on you. You'll feel bully when it's through. Don't you know? If you want to make a hit Get a name. If the other fellow's it Who's to blame? Spend your money in the town Where you pull the shekles down. Give the man who kicks a frown. That's the game! If you're used to giving knocks Change your style. Throw bouquets instead of rocks For awhile. Let the other fellow roast. Shun him as you would a ghost. Meet his hammer with a boast And a smile. When a stranger from afar Comes along Tell him who and what we are. Make it strong. Needs't flatter; never blurt. Tell the truth, for that's enough. Join the boosters—they're the stuff! We belong. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

CITY MANAGER PLAN NOW GROWING IN FAVOR

Sumter, S. C., Delighted With Success. Other Towns Favor It.

Every large corporation employs an expert in its various departments. If a banker needs an expert on credits, it spares no expense in employing such a man, no matter where he may live; if a cotton mill needs a superintendent, it employs the best; if a newspaper needs an editor, if a railroad needs an engineer or if a factory needs a manager, it gets the best man possible without asking where he resides.

Sumter, S. C., a city of 10,000 people, employed an expert to manage its city affairs, look after the parks, finances, streets, sewers, police department, fire department and all other municipal businesses. Sumter did not ask this city manager where he lived; he was not elected by the voters and hence the office was taken out of municipal politics. The mayor and councilmen employed the best man they could find and turned over the affairs of the town to him and expected results just as the manager of a factory must get results. The outcome was far more satisfactory than even the most sanguine had hoped for. Expenses and leaks were reduced and efficiency promoted.

Now Whittier, Cal., and Hickory, N. C., are preparing to vote on the question of adopting the city manager plan. Morganton, N. C., adopted it soon after the success of the Sumter plan became known. In El Reno, Okla., there is an amendment on foot which would discard the commission plan of government and substitute a council of nine members with a city manager. The city manager plan is also favored in Douglas, Ariz.

These are small communities, it is true, but it shows the trend of sentiment in the direction of introducing experts into municipal government.

YEAR BOOK SHOWS GREAT DAMAGE CAUSED BY FLIES

Government Publication Arouses Public to Destroy Breeding Places.

Flies of every species and the annoyances they cause man and beast as well as their capacities for spreading disease are described in detail in the year book of the department of agriculture.

Horseflies, gadflies and earlies, the botfly, the hornfly, the housefly and the stable fly have been made the subject of careful study by the department of agriculture experts and are certain to be more feared by citizens when the damage which they are capable of causing is better understood and appreciated by the public.

To the group of insects known as horseflies, gadflies and earlies is attributed the transmission of certain blood diseases of live stock. Among the most important of these is the deadly disease known as anthrax.

Botflies burrow into the flesh of horses and cattle, while the hornfly, one of the most injurious insects in the country, also confines its attack principally to live stock. The losses sustained are entirely due to the torment and irritation produced by the bites of the fly and by extraction of blood.

The stable fly, a close relative of the housefly, is distinguished from the latter by its prominent piercing mouth parts. All animals, including man, are attacked by this insect.

The best way to prevent the stable fly, the government authorities point out, is to destroy the breeding places of the insects. Refuse should not be allowed to collect in stables, while structures in which horses and cows are housed should be screened the same as dwellings, it is stated.

Vacant Lot Gardening in Toronto. Toronto has joined the ranks of the cities in which there is an active vacant lot gardening movement.

Over thirty parcels of vacant land in the business section of the city have been loaned to the Playgrounds association and prepared for gardening by the Flowermen's association of York township. The start of the new venture was celebrated by a dinner to the plowmen on the evening of that day. Seeds and implements have been promised so that the children will have everything necessary for successful gardening.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR JUNE 22

BLINDING EFFECT OF SIN.

LESSON TEXT—Amos 5:1-8. GOLDEN TEXT—"Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live." Amos 5:14.

Amos was the third of the minor prophets and prophesied concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, about 790 B. C. His name means "burden" and his prophecy reveals a sore one. Though outwardly prosperous, and victorious upon the battlefield, indeed Israel's "golden age," yet this prophet reveals that it was an age of lead as well, for he shows that associated with political and material prosperity was a gross moral corruption; even as was the case in the declining days of the Roman Empire and as was the state of France just preceding the days of the French Revolution. This is certainly a lesson for our day. Blessed as we have been so abundantly, we need to pause and examine the framework of our political and moral life.

God's Proclamation.

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion" (verse 1). What an indictment, and of how many can this be said in this present day. The state of Israel spoken of by Amos has come down through the ages. We must not, of course, suppose that all were in that state, but rather the majority. Anyone at all interested or familiar with present-day church life knows how few are concerned with the fundamental work of the church, viz., seeking to save the lost. Not only our indifference to those of heathenism but of our neighbors and companions. How much are we concerned with the groans and the cry of intemperance except perhaps to shed a few crocodile tears and straightway forget? But God by the mouth of the prophet proclaims "Woe." We are not called to "ease" but to work, not alone to enjoy but to suffer. Tim. 2:12. If we are to escape the woe we must bestir ourselves and not be at ease. This of course refers to the war being waged against evil and not to any matter of our personal salvation, Phil. 4:6, 7 R. V. 1 Pet. 5:7. This is the case of indifference to God's honor and the peril of men out of Christ.

The prophet then points to the nations that bordered about (verse 2) and warns them that like as they had come and gone, risen to eminence and power and sunken to obscurity and decay, so also will Israel unless it bestir itself. America is strong and proud but is just as weak as those that have gone before. We could not stand half-slave and half-free, no more can we stand half-intoxicated and half-sober. We may seek to put off the evil day (verse 3) but whatsoever we sow that shall we also reap, Gal. 6:7. Israel relied upon the fortified mountains round about, only to find later such support to be a broken reed, for the day of reckoning came (9:10). Sinners scoff at warning, hell is a myth, judgment and death a long way off, 2 Pet. 3:4. Governments put off the proper course of action for political reasons and the people perish. Witness intemperance in America, opium (due to England's perfidy) in China, and slavery in Africa. Can God be a righteous God and overlook these things? "Where there is no vision (knowledge of the need and the resources at our command) the people perish," e. g., throw off restraint R. V., Prov. 29:18. Lacking a vision, nations, families and individuals alike perish. Rather than to face the issue (verse 4) we give ourselves to ease and to the enjoyments of the sensual nature. "Because sentence against the evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" Eccl. 8:11; and so to the chant of music (verse 5) they drink bowls of wine (verse 6) and anoint themselves with choice ointments but are not concerned about the affliction of Joseph, G. S., the chosen ones of God.

Display of Wealth.

Here we have a terrific indictment. These people abounded in "superfluities" (margin) suggesting something of the lavish display of wealth we are constantly beholding, each seeking to outvie the other, whereas God is calling the Christian to a life of simplicity as the price of power. The intemperate way some professed Christians load up with diamonds, the straining to attract attention by means of dress, as well as other forms of display, demands that we pause and ask what will be the outcome, let alone the effect upon the Kingdom. See I Peter 3:3, 4; I Tim. 2:9, 10; Luke 6:24, 25; Matt. 16:24.

"Therefore" (verse 7). "Back of every effect is an adequate cause." Back of the fall of Babylon was a corrupt court, back of the fall of Rome an enervated, morally emancipated people; back of the fall of Jerusalem a disobedient race who trespassed once too often.

In bringing this lesson before our younger scholars we can tell the story of Israel's outward prosperity and call attention to the fact that like the tall oak, if its heart is rotten, it will fall and decay. Emphasize various other kinds of intemperance, in speech, games, wealth, tobacco, etc.

Church Notes

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Worship with preaching both morning and evening. Bible school at noon. Miss Florence Lacey leads in discussing the endeavor topic, "Missionary Tours." The prayer meeting on Wednesday evening will be conducted by the pastor; subject, "God's Universal Reign." Quarterly business meeting July 2.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Children's Day will be observed on Sunday, June 22, at the Baptist Church at 10:45 a. m., the regular church hour. All friends and children are invited to witness our Children's Day exercises.

Four Great Questions.

The pastor begins a series of four great questions for the next four Sunday evenings. "What is God?" is the first and the others are, "What is Man?" "What is Life?" and "What is Death?"

These will be brief, pointed and practical addresses on the four fundamentals of life. These services begin at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

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G. PAHL, Pastor.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 8:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m., and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. German preaching service every second Sunday of the month at 8 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 11:00 a. m. Epworth League, at 8:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies. First Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday Services.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

E. A. Lemoine, Rector. Week days: Altar Guild the first Tuesday of each month. Woman's Auxiliary, the second Tuesday of each month. Woman's Guild, first and third Wednesday. Choir practice Friday at 8 p. m. Sunday.

Sunday School.....9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer.....11:00 a. m. St. Andrew's Junior Club.....5:00 p. m. St. Andrew's Club.....6:00 p. m. Erensongs.....7:00 p. m. Choral Eucharist, the second Sunday in each month.

Plenty of Grandfathers.

Little Helen's father had been looking up his genealogical tree, and frequently spends his leisure evenings poring over papers from the various historical societies relative to the matter. One day while Helen was playing with her little friends, a childish dispute arose as to which was the best looking. Helen, almost in tears, blurted out: "Well, Alice may be the prettiest, and Dorothy has the nicest dressed, but I have sheets of grandfathers at home."

Courage Most Needed.

The greater part of the courage that is needed in the world is not of an heroic kind. Courage may be displayed in every day life as well as in historic fields of action. There needs, for example, the common courage to be honest, the courage to resist temptation, the courage to speak the truth, the courage to be what we really are, and not to pretend to be what we are not, the courage to live honestly within our means.—Smiles.

The Reason.

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