

EDISON IN RESEARCH FOR RUBBER IN PLANTS

Says Goldenrod One of Best of Sources Which He Has Discovered

Thomas A. Edison, called the man with the fifteen million dollar brain because of his inventive genius, has turned his attention to farm relief.

The octogenarian electrical wizard, in an interview given Farm and Fireside, seeks by one move to aid the farmer by putting his crops to new uses, and to sow new crops on the American farm to promote war or make certain the peace. Goldenrod seeds which he thinks may produce rubber in large quantities are the basis of Edison's new plans to aid the American farmer and to help the United States in case of war.

At his home in Mt. Myers, Fla., Edison, who was at the time entertaining Henry Ford, told Farm and Fireside that 32 experiments are being made there daily in efforts to find use of farm crops hitherto undreamed of.

"We overproduce food and prices are too low to give farmers a profit," he said, "and so extension of non-food uses for farm products is sound, practical and an important idea. I am at present experimenting with plants to obtain rubber for war purposes. I have collected up to date nearly 1,600 wild plants. The seeds of 1,400 wild plants are being sown in my garden of nine acres. So far more than 80 of our wild plants have been found to

contain rubber. At least 12 will grow on the southern cotton lands without injury by frost. Goldenrod, plain goldenrod that grows wild is one of the best sources of rubber I have found."

Thinking Out Loud

"I'm going to vote for Hoover," said Mrs. Gabby. "These new vacuum cleaners of his are wonderful!"

A seventy-year old beggar, found to be worth \$25,000 refused a free bath. Evidently he felt he had done enough cleaning up!

Prince McBride of Manchester wins the fur-lined bathtub for endurance piano playing, having pounded the keys for sixty-five consecutive hours. The real heroes are those that listened.

A remedy for insomnia has been sent to America by a Berlin scientist. It will never be needed in Philadelphia.

Since the invention of the radio Rosie calls 'em static-stics.

Add similes: About as lonesome as a transatlantic flyer on his official welcome tour.

A survey shows that in Detroit the liquo industry ranks second. The auto industry is first. Perhaps some of the moonshine finds a ready market as a substitute for gasoline!

A. B. See, famous elevato manufacturer and anti-feminist, has written a book calling on men to revolt against the dominance of woman. The man should rule the home, he says, and the vote should be taken away from women. Try and get it!

A. B. See also holds that education should be confined mainly to a thorough study of the alphabet. Evidently he wants to perpetuate his name in the schools!

A couple married fifty years were given a great many gifts and a big party by their friends. They certainly deserved it!

An improvement in Mexican-American relations is due to Moorow.

Harry Hershfield tells of a Scotchman who went crazy trying to shoot off a cannon a little at a time.

POTATO ACREAGE IN STATE IS REDUCED

Smaller plantings of potatoes than were indicated by armers spring planting intentions have been advised by the United States Department of Agriculture in commenting on the backward season throughout much of the country.

Other suggestions made by the department in view of recent developments were to go slow in reducing hard wheat acreage in favor of durum wheat, on account of better market prospects in the hard variety.

Barbers and Prayer

The wise young modern chooses, says an observer of life, writing in the Woman's Home Companion, his barber with prayer.

Sporting Surrenders

There are many poor sportsmen who refuse to surrender anything.—The American Magazine.

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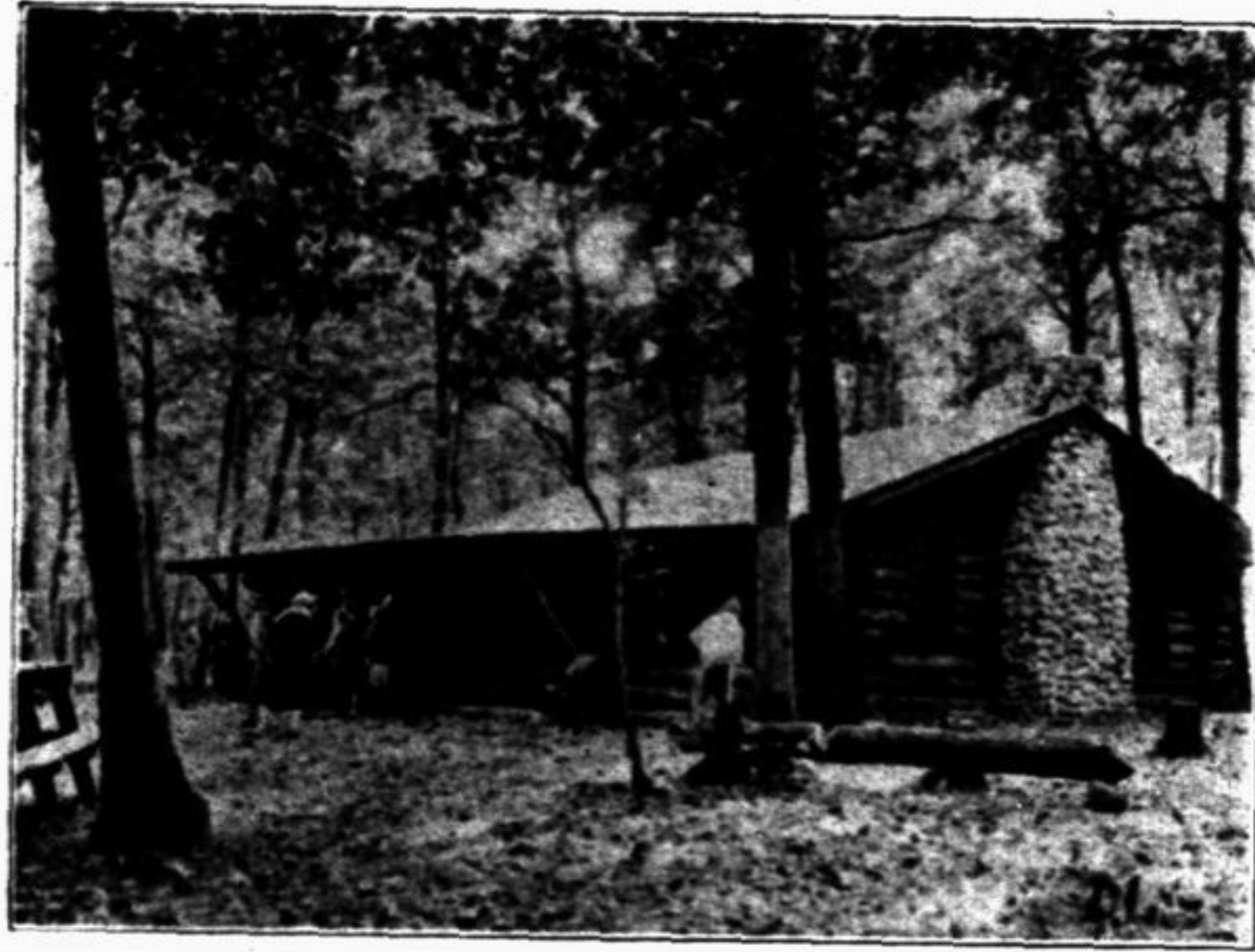


AWARDING of Eagle Badge to Wilmette Scout by Major Harbaugh. [left]

CIVIC SERVICE — Scouts plant trees, doing their share in making their village more attractive. [right]



TWO WINTER CAMPS—one in Michigan and another at the "Cabin in the Woods"—were carried on during Christmas vacation for Northshore Scouts.



THE CABIN IN THE WOODS—erected for and dedicated to the Scouts of the North Shore Area Council by the Cook County Forest Preserve Board.



WILMETTE SCOUTS at monthly rally—Santa Claus attended the rally last December.



"TO DO MY DUTY to God and My Country"—Scouts decorate soldiers' graves on Memorial Day.

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