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**SWEET POTATO INFORMATION**

(By Guy A. Cardwell).  
"More than half of life is to know the times in which we live."  
In view of the outlook for sweet potatoes, and basing recommendations upon past season's experiences, Southern farmers are advised to proceed cautiously this year, if they intend to increase acreage in this crop. According to the government outlook, there is evidence that the supply of sweet potatoes in 1927 will be more than needed to supply the demand at satisfactory prices. The chief reason for this forecast is that sweet potatoes will be substituted for cotton in many sections of the South. The tendency, therefore, will be to produce for consumption. Consequently the advice to plant conservatively is addressed principally to those farmers who expect to plant for the speculative market. The farmer who plants sweet potatoes year in and year out for home consumption and who sometimes has a small surplus to market need not

more sweet potatoes than can be consumed locally. If this condition actually results, farmers will experience some difficulty in selling surplus sweet potatoes at satisfactory prices.  
However, sweet potatoes in the South have not been grown in the past largely as a market crop, but for home worry.  
Following is a statement issued several weeks ago by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, giving seasonal information about the 1926 crop sweet potato production and shipments.  
**Sweet Potato Production and Shipments**  
The amount of sweet potatoes to date is only about 6 per cent heavier than last season to the same time, though the 1926 crop was 34 per cent greater than that of 1925. The Southern States from North Carolina westward to Oklahoma and south to the Gulf, produced about one-third more sweet potatoes than the year before, but shipments have been running one-fifth lighter than during the 1925-26 season, thus evidencing either a greater local consumption or more seriously

losses from waste, shrinkage and rot. This section includes the leading producing States, Georgia with a crop of 9,500,000 bushels, Texas with 8,500,000 bushels, North Carolina with 7,500,000 bushels, and others with crops almost as heavy. Combined production in the southern group was 54,650,000 bushels, a total increase of 16,500,000 bushels, or 33,000 carloads, over the preceding year. This section ships a very small portion of its crop to city markets, but in recent seasons has been increasing its carload output, until last year nearly half the shipments originated in southern States, 9,500 cars out of a total of 20,800. It is doubtful whether the South's share of the carlot movement will be so great this season, in view of the lagging shipments to date.

Far greater activity is noticed in the northeastern group—Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey. Shipments from this section have already exceeded 10,000 cars, or twice as many as credited to the South. From a combined crop 38 per cent greater than that of 1925, these States show a 28 per cent heavier carlot movement to date. Since the production amounted to nearly 11,000,000 bushels, or 22,000 carloads, it is evident that the northeastern region has already shipped about half its crop, and one or two thousand more cars can be expected. Though Virginia's season is nearly finished, that State has reached the high total of 6,400 cars, compared with 4,750 last season. Maryland also has exceeded already its output of last year, and New Jersey is nearly up to its 1925-26 final record. Between the middle of January 1926 and the end of the season, the greater part of the sweet potato supply came from four States—Delaware, North Carolina, Tennessee and Louisiana. But Louisiana is falling far behind last season's movement to date, and North Carolina is not up to the total attained a year ago. Tennessee had a heavy crop, but local reports indicate much loss from rot in storage houses, and throughout the South there seems to be great shrinkage.

A small group of sweet potato States in the Central West had a crop equivalent to 11,500 cars. Last season, this group shipped 670 cars from a production of 8,300. Movement this season is about normal, and amounted to 490 cars by January 22nd. California is the only important sweet potato State in the far West, and recently has shipped to market about one

carload from every thousand bushels grown. California's output last season was 1,650 cars, and so far this season 875 cars. During recent weeks a number of carloads of Arkansas sweet potatoes were sent to Los Angeles, in response to a demand for mid-western stock. About 410 cars were shipped from 20 States the third week of January, compared with 340 cars in the same seven days last year. Tennessee and North Carolina account for most of the excess. Tennessee led all other States in shipments last week, exceeding even Delaware.

Wholesale market prices this season are from one-third to one-half less than a year ago. Though the average farm price was estimated at 96c per bushel, as against \$1.36 in 1925, the total farm value shows a proportionately smaller decrease because of the heavy crop. Total value of the farm was figured at slightly over \$80,000,000 compared with \$85,000,000 the year before. Average value of production per acre was \$96.50.

The terminal market situation last week was rather unsettled, but there seemed to be an increasing feeling of confidence, and price advances were more numerous than declines. Best yellow varieties from Delaware and Maryland closed at 85c-\$1.35 per bushel, with New Jersey stock ranging up to \$1.75 in New York and as high as \$2.00 in Chicago and \$2.40 in Minneapolis. Southern Nancy Halls, mostly sun-dried, ruled \$1.10-\$1.75 in the Middle West. Texas markets reported bushel crates and baskets of Texas and Louisiana Porto Riccas at \$1.60-\$1.85, while Georgia Porto Riccas brought \$1.65 per hamper—or \$2.00 sacked per 100 pounds in Atlanta. North Carolina barreled stock ranged \$2.00-\$3.00 on the Washington market.

Andrew Colson of Nuneaton, Eng., insisted that his 29-year-old daughter was too young to marry, but a magistrate overruled him and performed the ceremony.

**MEN ARE SEEN THROUGH WALL WITH TELEVISION'S AID**

"Looking in" will be as common as listening in to radio programs, according to the prediction of research workers who have been spending much time of late in experimenting and developing this recent marvel, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. At a demonstration in London, J. L. Baird, a Scottish inventor who introduced television in England more than a year ago, showed what progress had been made when he permitted persons in a darkened room to see others in an unlighted room through walls. At this test, use was made of the infra-red rays which are invisible to the human eye. In the earlier experiments with television, the subject had to sit under powerful lights which proved harmful.

**MOTHERS NEED GOOD HEALTH**

Strict insistence for Children but Are Themselves Headless of Hygienic Habit

Mothers who are so carefully guarding the health habits of their transgressors when it comes to obedience of the health rules for themselves.

The mother of the family to a large extent creates the atmosphere of the home, just as the executive creates the atmosphere of any organization. Therefore, it falls upon her to remain always good natured, poised, without tension, and with an ever ready sense of humor, for all these qualities are reflected in the life of the family. Mother's irritation creates a reaction in the children. A nervous tension brings out the same in return, and general confusion results.

It is generally conceded that many nervous conditions are directly traceable to a general rundown physical condition. An abscessed tooth, untouched, may be the source of constant fatigue, poor eyesight may be wearing down nerves, hurried and improper meals may be causing indigestion, a simple lack of rest may be undermining an otherwise happy disposition.

Too often self-sacrifice on the part of the mother is in reality a selfish indulgence. The household becomes restless, the atmosphere all "askew". Mother complains of a headache, demanding sympathy for the arduous tasks which have brought her to this state, when, after all, a little more care and self-control applied to her own health habits would keep her in fir condition always. An investment in neglected health on the part of the mother often leads to a complete bankruptcy of family happiness.

**DEAD CITY DISCOVERED BY RUSSIAN EXPLORER**

Moscow, Russia.—Monkeys, gorillas and mandrills outnumber the human inhabitants of Tibet, Colonel Peter Kozloff Russia's famous explorer, who discovered the dead city of Kharakota in a recent expedition, asserted here today.

When the expedition first arrived in Tibet, he said, tribesmen professed great friendship for its members, but after the Russians settled in their tents, the Tibetans made a surprise attack on them in the middle of the night with 450 armed horsemen.

**Surprise Attack**

Kozloff's sentinel gave warning to the sleeping explorers, just in time and the Russians opened fire on the attackers, killing several. After a gun battle lasting an hour, the Tibetans fled to the hills, but not before they captured most of the expedition's rifles and ammunition.

"We traveled for weeks without seeing a single human being," the explorer said. He had trained a large hideout, but extremely intelligent ape, which was made a member of the expedition.

Col. Kozloff asserted that Tibet is covered with enormous yaks weighing 3,000 pounds whose skulls are so thick it is impossible to pierce them with ordinary bullets. Thousands of other animals roam the country and do not show the slightest fear when approached.

**Sacred Island**

Colonel Kozloff discovered in Kookonor Lake a mysterious sacred island, the only inhabitants of which are three Buddhist monks, whose wild appearance, large frames, hairy bodies and enormous shaggy heads gave them the appearance of stone age men. They never before saw a civilized man and fled at the sight of Kozloff and his associates.

In the Kharakota region Colonel Kozloff found enormous stone figures of women called by the natives "Evil-Eyed Females" whose glance, they said was sufficient to bring misfortune on all who approached them. Colonel Kozloff took one of these to Moscow to the immense relief of the Tibetans, who declared it would rid the country of much evil.

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**SENATE OFFERS \$1,000 REWARD**

ADOPTS BLEASE'S PROPOSAL FOR CAPTURE OF WOMAN'S NEGRO ASSAILANT

Washington, Feb. 19.—Aroused over the assault of a white woman by a negro on the capitol grounds last night, Congress today linked arms with enforcement and offered a reward for the assailant's capture. This action was unprecedented, it being the first time the nation's legislative body ever approved application of federal funds to local-law enforcement work.

The senate adopted Senator Blease's (democrat) of South Carolina, proposal for a \$1,000 reward, while the house was moved to serious consideration of a program for curbing the crime wave in the nation's capital by Representative Edward's (democrat) of Georgia, proposal for a \$5,000 reward.

Inspired by congress' action Washington police redoubled their efforts to apprehend the culprit and offered their own reward of \$500.

Mrs. Adisy Wehling, 32, mother of a nine-year-old son, the victim of the assault, remained in a serious condition at Casualty hospital. Her head was crushed by blows from a club wielded by her assailant, and physicians planned a blood transfusion to save her life.

She was assaulted, according to her own story, while passing a clump of bushes on the capitol grounds late last night on her way home from work.

**HONOR ROLL FOR GOOD HOPE SCHOOL**

For month ending Feb. 25, 1927:  
Third Grade—Genevieve Hardee, Clyde Suggs.  
Fourth Grade—Alton Stevens and Sam Carroll.  
Sixth Grade—Fayette Gore, Rozella Lee, Mary Carroll, Allen Holmes and G. W. Hardee.  
Seventh Grade—Ethel Lee, Ethel Hardee and Marie Goodyear.  
R. A. Bass, Jr., Principal.

Picking up a hand of 13 trumps in a bridge game, B. J. Royce gave them the once-over and fell from his chair dead.

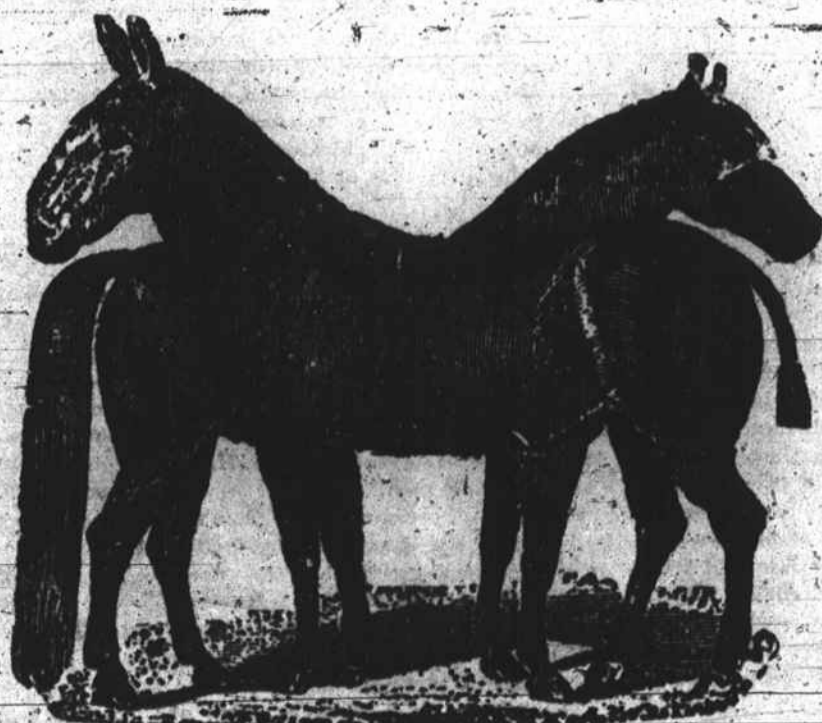
Walter Gibson, now 93, has been employed as a laborer by the town council of Abroath, Ireland, for 80 years.

At the London zoo is a tiger that was raised on milk and is as tame as a house cat.

A good garden has in its those vegetables that are best for us, and not merely those that we like best.

Frank Farmer says: "I certainly am glad I sent to Clemson College for that Extension Bulletin 83 on Irish Potato Culture; it's full of good tips."

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