

To Our Friends—The Public

We want to thank you earnestly for your favors during the year that is closing and hope for a continuance during the year that is soon to be ushered in. Wishing you all a very Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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Improved by Use of Purebred Rams

Using purebred rams on the common mountain sheep of Kentucky in tests at the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station, added all the way from three-fourths of a pound to more than two and a half pounds of wool to the average of five pounds which these animals generally shear and in practically every instance improved the quality of that wool, according to a new bulletin, "Breeding Experiments with Kentucky Mountain Ewes," which has just come off the press at the experiment station of the College of Agriculture. The new publication summarizes the results of experiments that have been carried on by the station since 1915 to show how the native mountain ewes of the state could be bred up with purebred rams.

The new bulletin, which is No. 243 may be obtained by writing the Experiment Station, Lexington.

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Rams of the Rambouillet breed should be given careful consideration by Kentucky sheep men when they are considering the blood to use in building up their flocks, the new bulletin points out. This was found to be the most satisfactory breed for improving the mountain ewes. Ewes from this cross produced heavier, finer and more valuable fleeces and when bred to purebred mutton rams they produced market lambs of better quality and type than the lambs from the common mountain ewes. Southdown, Cheviot and Hampshire rams also were used in the experiment.

The grade Hampshire lambs resulting from crossing the mountain ewes and purebred Hampshire rams gained rapidly and were ready for market sooner than those from any of the other crosses. However, they lacked the quality of the Southdown and Cheviot grades.

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Killing husbands has become a popular pastime with some women. It saves a trip to Reno.

May the new year bring you unlimited prosperity. Then you will not miss the subscription prices of this paper.

PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURE IN 1923

New Year's Statement and resume of Agricultural Conditions and Prospects from Secretary of Agriculture Wallace

Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who are rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win thru.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a haul to market.

Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' cooperative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by the legislation and by administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

Some people don't know when to quit because they never start.

JUDSON

Mr. Robert Scott is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. Lee Simpson was in Lancaster Thursday.

Miss Mattie Mae Crank has been ill with a severe cold.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Naylor has been christened Gladys Louie.

Miss Maud Crank and mother and Mrs. Nannie Naylor were in Lancaster Thursday.

Mr. W. M. Humphrey and daughter, Miss Leola, were in Lancaster Wednesday.

Miss Etta Lou Naylor is visiting her brother, Mr. Clarence Naylor and Mrs. Naylor.

Stella Mae, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Poynter died Wednesday about noon. The child took ill Sunday and only lived a short while. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Poynter sympathize with them in their sad loss.

BRYANTSVILLE

Mrs. C. M. Dean was in Danville Friday.

Prof. K. M. Adams is the guest of relatives at Whitesburg.

Mr. W. K. Davis was at home from Lexington for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hogan Ballard spent Wednesday in Lexington.

Mr. Andy Croushorn was at home from Lancaster for the week-end.

Miss Elizabeth Swope is visiting Miss Christine Swope, at Lancaster.

Miss Margaret Scott, of Lancaster, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scott, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brown spent the week-end with relatives at Stanford.

Miss Margaret Croushorn is at home from Berea for her Xmas vacation.

Miss Hazel Carson is spending the holidays with her parents, at Richmond.

Miss Mary Brown is spending the holidays with her parents, near Lancaster.

Miss Elizabeth King is at home from E. K. N. S., Richmond, for the holidays.

Messrs. Z. P. Beatty and Wesley Sutton are at home from Berea for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boner, of Lebanon, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Becker, Monday.

Misses Viola and Jean Rankin are at home from M. F. C., Millersburg, for their Xmas vacation.

Mr. George Broadus, of Decatur, Ill., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Broadus.

Dr. and Mrs. B. B. Montgomery and children, of Paint Lick, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scott, Jr., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Scott, Sr., at Lancaster, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Perkins were guests of relatives at Stanford Monday for the Xmas family dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bosin, of Paint Lick, were here Monday, the guests of Mrs. Rhoda Wylie and Miss Ethel Wylie.

Mr. Lawrence Rose, of New Albany Ind., has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Jane M. Rose and other relatives.

The many friends of Mr. G. C. Rose are very much grieved to hear that he has not been so well for several days.

Mrs. H. L. Elder, of Nicholasville, is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. Hogan Ballard at "Pine Crest."

Miss Amy Dawes, of Georgetown College, is spending the Xmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. A. Dawes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hutchinson and daughters, Hazel and Dorothy, spent Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Kennedy.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday both morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. A. P. Jones.

Miss Mayme Lee Ballard returned home Wednesday after spending a week in Lexington, the guest of Miss Margaret Woolfolk.

Miss Margaret Dean, who attends school at Nicholasville, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dean.

Mr. C. M. Dean, who has been quite ill for several days is very much better and his numerous friends are delighted to see him out again.

Mrs. W. T. Woolfolk and Miss Marguerite Woolfolk, of Lexington, were week-end guests of Mrs. E. H. Ballard and Miss Mayme Ballard.

Mrs. W. H. Smith entertained Sunday with a delightful family dinner and Misses Etta and Reba Smith, of Lexington, were at home for the occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Rose and Master James Lear Rose were guests for dinner Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Lear at their home near Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Skinner were in Mercer county Sunday for the annual Xmas dinner of the Skinner family. Miss Jennie Skinner returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. E. T. Sanders, of Paris, has been the guest of Miss Bernice Montgomery. They were entertained Sunday at a delightful dinner by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark, of Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gulley and Miss Beatie Gulley moved Tuesday to their home which they recently purchased at Lancaster. Their many friends here regret very much to lose this excellent family.

Misses Katherine Miller, of Louisville, Anna Lee Eubanks, of Stanford, Opal Hendrix, of Flemingsburg and Joy Taylor, of Danville, are expected to be the week-end guests of Miss Jane Bowling.



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WALKER BROS.

Mrs. W. K. Davis was hostess Friday for the members of the W. C. T. U. Delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate were served and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hogan Ballard entertained Christmas Eve with a delightful course dinner at one o'clock at their beautiful country home, "Pine Crest." It is their regular custom to have a Xmas dinner for their relatives and the occasion is always anticipated with a great deal of pleasure by those who are fortunate enough to attend. The house was artistically decorated with holly, mistletoe, ferns and narcissus. The table was very attractive in its appointment and the Xmas colors, red and green being carried out in the decorations, also the ices, cakes and mints. In the center was a lovely poinsettia and the place cards were also done in poinsettias, while silver candlesticks with red candles were attractively placed which added greatly to the beauty of the table. A most delightful four course menu was served and certainly was enjoyed by each guest. In the late afternoon the hosts gave the guests quite a pleasant surprise, as a Xmas tree had been arranged in the upper store which was most lovely in its decorations and each guest was remembered with gifts. The hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard were also remembered with a large number of gifts. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Sparks, Master Hughes Sparks, Miss Alice Hughes, Mr. and

Mrs. H. L. Elder, of Nicholasville, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Guerrant, of Louisville, Mrs. W. T. Woolfolk and Miss Marguerite Woolfolk, of Lexington, Mrs. Eliza H. Ballard and Miss Mayme Lee Ballard.

Look out for the Go-Getta-Man!

The wise man keeps moving forward. There is no gold to be found in other people's tracks.

Telling the truth is often a real test of courage—when the other fellow is a husky scrapper.

Nineteen twenty-three is easy to write. We trust it will be quite as easy for you to conquer.

Whatever your successes of the past, they should not measure up to those of the coming year.

Electricity Fails as Fertilizer. Recent scientific tests have failed to show that electricity makes seeds sprout any faster.

How to Please. If you want to get rich from writing, write the sort of thing that is read by persons who move their lips when they read to themselves.—Don Marquis, in the New York Sun.

Looking Death in the Face. Death does not frighten me now. I think it is like taking chloroform; don't struggle against it, hold the hand of a friend, and it is not half bad with its promise of rest for me and heaven for you.—From "Words in Palm," letters written by a dying Englishwoman to her doctor.

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