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Agriculture and Husbandry

Chili Peppers

All along the highways and byways of the United States, in the space of a few years, emblazoned colored signs on eating houses have increasingly displayed the word "Chili Beans," known also as "Chili." Migrating from Mexico to California, and thence all over the country, "chili" in a short while has become a popular, inexpensive dish. Not difficult to concoct, it is made from beans and beef, but flavored with the skilled application of chili pepper. In the addition of the pepper, and a little beef, a common dish of ordinary beans changes its name to chili, or in the Mexican vernacular, chili con carne.

In the United States, chili peppers are distinctly a product of Southern California. In fact, in the small county of Orange 90 per cent of the country's chili peppers are grown (United States Department of Agriculture figures). In 1928 an acreage in Orange County of 4800 produced 19,831 tons of peppers valued at $996,400, while other southern counties produced as follows: Ventura with 600 acres, produced 1954 tons valued at $92,852; San Diego with 500 acres, produced 2000 tons valued at $90,000; and Los Angeles, with 167 acres, produced 1670 tons of peppers valued at $33,400. As in the case of avocados (News Review, Oct. 28-Nov. 3), peppers seem to thrive best near the coast, as is evinced by the fact that all the best pepper producing counties are in the coastal regions. Fogs do peppers no harm and the ocean breezes sweeping about them seem especially advantageous. In the inland counties, though pepper plants will grow, the fruit is mostly unsatisfactory, according to experts.

The basis of all chili products, chili peppers, are of two varieties, the Mexican and the California. In appearance, both types are different, the Mexican being short with a cupped end, the California long and thin. The California is in greatest demand although the Mexican variety is widely grown because it is hardy and thrifty. Both types are "hot."

Costs of production in the early history of pepper raising were prohibitively high. But in the course of the pepper industry's rise to prominence, many an aid, invention has come into being, changing the methods of pepper raising and treating, reducing costs. In the planting, a remarkable machine has been invented which not only sets the plants in the earth but pours out water on each at the same time. New drying processes have also helped reduce costs to a point where the industry becomes profitable. It is mostly in the dried product that the consuming public recognizes the chili, used in flavoring food. In the early days of the pepper industry, the old Mexican manner of drying was used exclusively. The peppers were strung on long ropes and hung out in the sun to dry. But as the industry progressed, pepper men found this method too costly. Now the peppers are dried by complex drying machinery, in especially constructed sheds. An intense heating process hastens the drying.

Even newer than this complex drying machinery, growers are carefully considering a still more modern method known as dehydrating. While the present system takes the better part of a week to dry the peppers, the new system requires but one day. The new equipment for drying would cost the growers an extra $5000, but in the saving of time, growers believe the new machinery would ultimately pay for itself.

Insect pests, bane of many an agriculturalist's life, also include in their itinerary the pepper districts. Worst and most pernicious insect enemies of peppers are the wire worm and the weevil. An ingenious method of combating these pests is employed by the Japanese. These growers believe they get ahead of the pests by treating the seeds with kerosene before planting. Weevil control has long been a problem. Spraying has checked them in the past but this procedure necessitates washing the peppers before they can be canned or dried, adds expense. The weevil, in its attack on the pepper plants burrows into the stem and causes the plant to fall to the ground.

When the grower has planted his peppers, watched them grow, picked them, dried or preserved them, prepared them for the market, he finds that almost invariably there are always ready buyers to pay a standard price of approximately 15 cents on the Mexican varieties, and 16 on the Californias. And to the public the chili peppers go as chili sauce, part of chili con carne, and as chili pepper (powdered form) to flavor many a domestic concoction.

ORANGE COUNTY PEPPER DRYING HOUSES

Many chimneys make possible an even color, the right degree of dryness.

King for a Day

Not usually high among the financially remunerative truck crops, the lowly cauliflower last week was figuratively king for a day. Los Angeles County, where many a truck gardener plows his few acres, is slated by State truck crop specialist Carl M. Schiller to produce 1,170,000 crates. It is predicted that Orange County will produce 157,500 crates; San Diego, 15,000; Santa Barbara, 280,000, and Ventura, 7500. With the northern counties producing favorably, the State's cauliflower output will run about 3800 cars.

Apples for England

Famous for its oranges, Southern California has given comparatively little publicity to its home-grown apples. Hence to an outside public California apples are little known, for the rule is that the best apples are grown in northern, cold regions. In the district of Yucaipa Valley, however, for many a year farmers have grown apples successfully, gradually increased their output, markets, profits.

In Yucaipa Valley last week many an apple grower was happy, because the Jevne Company had purchased 80,000 boxes of Yucaipa Valley apples for export to Great Britain. The wholesale concern contracted for 60 per cent of the apples raised in Oak Glen, Yucaipa and Calimesa. And in preparation for the long trip to England, the fruit was last week being chilled.

With the advent of Southern California apples on foreign markets, the State thus added another point to its total versatility. Moreover, in Great Britain, where apples are imported from all over the world, Southern California apples will fight for recognition among the best grades of apples known, from Canada, New Zealand, other parts of the United States.

Six Day School

Citrus and walnut growers in the vicinity of Tustin, Orange County, are attending school this week. Under the auspices of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California, agricultural men in Orange will listen to noted authorities on scientific citrus and walnut growing methods; will hear discussions on soil improvement by cover-cropping, production methods, pest control, law enforcement problems, other phases of the citrus and walnut industries. The school term lasts one week, Nov. 18-23.

Citrus Boon

In the life of a Southern California citrus grower, the worst bugbear of the winter season is Jack Frost. Coming quietly and often catching the grower unwarily, frost nips the ripe fruit, spoils it for commercial use. Therefore, the citrus grower, to be successful has many defenses against the cold evil which yearly threatens his livelihood.

Most modern of all devices, the radio, last week was put into operation to fight the frost menace. With headquarters in Pomona, the citrus frost forecast service, headed by Federal Meterologist Floyd Young, began last week to broadcast nightly forecasts over Los Angeles' radio KHJ, beginning at 7:55 p. m.

Young and his assistants spent last week examining and correcting hundreds of thermometers used by growers in the field, a service hitherto not prevalent.

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In the Imperial Valley for many a year growers have been trying to establish some sort of frost forecasting service. Lately from Pomona came Meterologist E. S. Ellison to the Valley, establishing two temperature stations with local volunteer observers to take the temperatures and keep the charts. Each afternoon the Imperial reports are wired to the San Francisco weather forecast bureau, which, along with other reports from various districts, broadcasts nightly at 7 p. m. over station KXO, San Francisco. The bureau also wires back a direct forecast to El Centro, headquarters of the Imperial Valley forecasting bureau.

Imperial Fair

When Imperial County's first midwinter exposition is formally opened in February, it will have behind it a strenuous three-month building program, a four-year period of careful planning. Construction was begun last week on the new site adoining the City of Imperial, a site including eighty acres.

Important to agricultural, advertising interests will be the erection of an administration building on the fair grounds where valley farm products will be placed on exhibition not only during the annual event, but during the entire year. The management plans to use large tents for most of the displays this year, erecting permanent buildings later. During the past week, erection of a six-foot tight-wire fence around the entire enclosure was begun; bids were considered for a grand stand to accommodate 3000 people.

Poultry Defense

On the vaudeville stage, hackneyed jokes about colored gentleman stealing chickens usually bring a laugh. Example: The gag about the colored man who said "I'm goin' to have chicken for dinner, even if I gotta buy it."

To San Diego poultry and turkey raisers, however, jokes on chicken stealing are not so funny. For lately many a fowl representing many a hard-earned dollar has disappeared at the hands of thieves from San Diego chicken and turkey yards. From a Powtay chicken coop last fortnight were stolen 800 Rhode Island Reds, valued at $1200. From an Otay turkey farm 160 turkeys were absconded. With these and other thefts in mind, the poultrymen's department of the County Farm Bureau met last week to plan a defense against thievery.

Suggestions: The use of modern burglar alarms; lighting systems arranged so that the whole poultry plant can be flooded with light at a moment's notice; sleeping in or near the poultry plant; maintenance of watchdogs.

One poultryman, fiercest fighter of all San Diego poultrymen against chicken thieves, maintains a three-line defense of his poultry yard, said to be equal to the defense of the most modern banks against burglars. He has, in addition to a modern burglar alarm, two shotguns by his bedside loaded with buckshot, a plentiful supply of ammunition, a floodlight system, two bloodhounds, and a savage bulldog.

Cotton Aid

Not long since, the Federal Farm Board at Washington included among its beneficiaries the cotton industry. All over the county cotton growers, in the throes of poor marketing conditions were promised almost immediate relief from Federal funds.

Thus to Kern County cotton growers lately came news that farm board loans on their tremendous crop of 1929-30 were now available through the California Cotton Growers Association headquarters at Delano. This was the report announced early in the week by L. W. Taylor, farm advisor.

Along with the loan to the Kern growers, the Federal Farm Board made the following statement: "The board believes that the present prevailing prices for cotton are too low; that the present unsatisfactory price level is due chiefly to the open fall weather which in many states has led to exceptionally rapid marketing by the producers. This has resulted in the production of more cotton than the markets can absorb, and in turn has led to lack of confidence in cotton values."

Loans to Kern growers will run at the rate of approximately 16 cents per pound, less deductions to cover freight to concentration points.

6 Out of 21

From a list of California's 21 major crops, when Federal-State Crop Forecaster E. E. Kaufman surveyed each one individually for the 1929 season, he found only six which had surpassed in production their own records for the season of 1928. Of the crops which had bettered their totals the following were included: 1) Corn, 2,576,000 bushels this year; 2,400,000 last year. 2) Cotton, 232,000 bales this year; 172,000 last year. 3) Lima beans, 2,300,000 bushels this year; 2,211,000 last year. 4) Other beans, 2,560,000 bushels for this year; 2,211,000 last year. 5) Figs, 14,500 tons dried this year; 8,366 dried last year. 6) Walnuts, 41,000 tons this year; 25,000 tons last year.

The State report showed that the olive crop of 21,500 tons was almost exactly the same as last year's total, as was the sugar beet crop with about 600,000 tons.

Nature, cutting heavily into the yields of apples, pears, oranges, lemons, almonds, grapes, wheat, oats, barley, rice, grain sorghum, potatoes and sweet potatoes, reduced their total production considerably.

Largest among the individual production drops were apples, with but half a crop, oranges with but a 65 per cent yield; and almonds with a crop of only one third normal.

Milo Maize

With such fertile soil and suitable climatic conditions for growing almost anything, Southern California agriculturists often try raising new forms of produce. Thus typically, the Kern County Farm Bureau has become interested in forming a department to sell a new improved strain of milo maize planting seed. Milo maize has been lately successfully grown in Kern County. It is assertedly especially excellent for combine harvesting.

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LEST WE FORGET

THANKSGIVING IN CHATTANOOGA

(Ed.—The following was written to the Chicago Journal in 1863 by Benjamin F. Taylor from the battlefield of Mission Ridge).

"The day after the battle was Thanksgiving, and we had services in Chattanooga—sad, solemn, grand. The church-bells hung dumb in their towers, indeed, and you shall know why in its time, but for all that, there were chimes so grand that men uncovered their heads as they heard them. At twelve o'clock the great guns at Fort Wood began to toll. Civilians said, "Can they be at it again?"—and soldiers said, "The guns are not shotted, and the sound is too regular for work." I hastened out to the Fort, and the guns chimed on. A dim impression I had received before brightening as I stood upon the parapet and looked over the scene. What it was like flashed upon me in a moment: the valley was a grand cathedral, Fort Wood the pulpit of the mighty minister, and far down the descending aisle in front rose Orchard Knob the altar. The dead were lying there, far out to the eastern wall, and God's chandelier hung high in the dome. They were the accents of praise I was hearing; thirty-four syllables of thanksgiving the guns were saying: "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever!" And the hills took up the anthem and struck sublimely in; from the Ridge it came back, "give thanks unto the Lord," and Waldron's height uttered it, "for His mercy endureth," and Lookout Valley sang aloud, "forever, forever," and the mountains cried, "Amen!"

AR TURTLES T ARLINGTON ND CARSON

ee Lomita Men Uninjured Crash at Corner Last aturday

ree men escaped injury last rday evening when the sedan hich they were riding, was k by another car at the inction of Arlington avenue and on street.

L. Gasser, driver, with R. C. ey and N. P. Herr, all of lta, were in the car that overed. They were traveling south rlington avenue.

e other car was driven by R. obinette of 1015 Acacia street, had C. S. Leslie as his passer, and was going east on Carstreet.

sser's car was damaged to the t of $125, while the other only damage was a flat tire.

DDIES HURT CAR CRASH

Driven by Mrs. Neff Collision with Mrs. mith's Auto

eral children received a severe ng up and some bruises last y noon when the car in which were riding with Mrs. W. J. crashed into the rear of a driven by Mrs. H. S. Smith. s asserted that Mrs. Neff was ving Mrs. Smith's car when Smith suddenly came to a lete stop without giving a as to her intentions. The was the crash, in which the of the Neff car was dam-

bara Kipp received bruises the head, Barbara Neff reed chest bruises and Dora and Miller received minor bruises. injured children were treated physician immediately.

TLE NEPHEW OF TORRANCE COUPLE BURIED

eral services for Jessie Lloyd ims, six years old, who died Thursday of diphtheria at a Angeles hospital, were held nta Ana Friday morning.

or to her death, the child her home with her aunt and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Lloyd 2 220th street.

ok for Your Next Paper On Friday Morning

ll departments of the Tore Herald and Lomita News be closed Thanksgiving Day, the next issues of these pa will be delivered early Fri morning as usual.

dvertising and news copy the Friday morning issues be accepted up until 5 p. m. nesday.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES TO BE HELD THUR.

Union Services at Baptist Church at 10 A. M. Communion at Episcopal

Union Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning at the Baptist church, beginning promptly at ten and lasting for one hour.

Reverend G. G. Elder of the First Christian church will deliver the sermon, and take as his subject "In Everything Give Thanks."

A choir of 20 voices will render the anthem, "Give Unto the Lord," with Mr. R. V. Roelofs as the leader.

Episcopal Church

Special Thanksgiving services with Holy Communion will be held Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock at Christ Episcopal church.

Choir rehearsal will be at 8:00 p. m., Wednesday instead of Thursday on account of Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM AIM OF GARDENA

People Say Only Way To Avoid High Rates Charged

GARDENA.—Petitions have been in circulation for the past week, for the formation of a county water district in the Gardena Valley. Three separate petitions are being circulated, one in the county territory west of Vermont, one in the Los Angeles city strip and one in the county territory east of the city strip.

"The petitions," said B. R. Simms, chairman of the campaign committee, "are the result of several months' effort on the part of the joint committee representing practically every civic organization in the valley. The committee has considered the water situation from every angle and has decided that the only solution to the high water rates and inadequate distribution system is a publicly owned and controlled system.

"We are having no difficulty in securing names to the petitions and the required 10 per cent of voters voting at the last election for governor, will soon have signed the petitions."

REDONDO MAN HURT IN CRASH WITH SAILORS

J. F. Scanlon, 120 N. Elena street, Redondo, suffered painful head cuts when the car in which he was riding collided with a car occupied by two sailors at the intersection of Hawthorne boulevard and Beyrle street Monday morning.

The accident occurred about 7 o'clock when Scanlon was enroute to work.

GLIDERS MEET TO BE HELD IN TORRANCE

Manpower Aircraft To Compete in Unique Event in Palos Verdes Hills

Sponsored by the Western Aircraft Show and managed by E. C. Rowell, 1348 Carson street, Torrance, the first gliders' meet to be held in this city will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1, on the slope of the Palos Verdes hills just south of Hollywood Riviera.

Gliders which have just been on exhibition at the Western Aircraft show, will be used in this competition, which is open to all persons interested.

In a letter to Mr. Rowell, the Aeronautical Journal, the pioneer trade journal of the aviation industry, puts at his disposal a number of valuable trophies which have been donated by parties interested in promoting gliding activities, which will be awarded to the winners in the various contests.

Competition will be in four classes, and points will be awarded on two counts under each, as follows:

1. Sailplane: (a) duration of flight; (b) distance from starting point.
2. Secondary: (a) duration; (b) distance.
3. Schooling: (a) distance; (b) best handling.
4. Miscellaneous: (a) youngest pilot; (b) spot landings.

In addition to the trophies offered, Clifford F. Reid, Inc., on whose property the meet will take place, has offered a suitable first prize for the winner in the soaring event.

Cash donations from the city of Redondo, the Redondo Chamber of Commerce, have already been received toward the promotion of this affair, which has attracted the attention of aircraft enthusiasts all over the southwest.

Arrangements with one of the large broadcasting stations have been made to set up equipment and loud speakers at the field so that the crowd may be kept informed of the progress of the performers.

Gliding is the oldest form of flight, experimented with long before the first successful motored airplane was invented. Lilienthal, in Germany, Chanute at Chicago and the Wright brothers flew gliders before the latter had made their first motored flight.

The Wrights held the American official record of a little over ten minutes for duration, a record which had not been surpassed up to March of this year.

However, ten minutes is by no means the world's record for sustained glider flight, for Hesselbach flew for hours over Cape Cod in his experiments of last summer. Records of fourteen hours for duration, 2500 feet for altitude above the starting point and of forty-five miles for distance have been established in Germany which has made the greatest development in motorless flight equipment since the treaty of Versailles placed upon it restrictions against motored flying.

More and more in this country, has the inclination of the air-minded experimenter turned to the glider, until gliding contests are becoming frequent events, and are attended with surprising success.

Redondo Blvd. Is Smooth Now

For the stranger to Torrance who once remarked about Redondo boulevard, "I'll bet they don't drive milk wagons down this street, because the milk would all be butter before they get down it," an invitation is extended to drive down the street now.

Crews have been busy for some days doing away with the bumps, and the street is in better condition now than for the past few years.