

Morning View Kentucky
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Welcome to Kentucky, Mr. McCarthy,

Upon reading of the resumption of your program, my first reaction was one of pleasure -- my second, one of apprehension. While vaguely aware of WNOP's existence, I had never listened to it, and was afraid it might be elbowed out of the tree patch by some down-state station. However, testing yesterday morning indicated that I need not have worried-- it comes through with excellent clarity and strength. For what it is worth, WNOP will acquire one new morning listener.

I doubt that you people on the sending-out end of radio realize the value to us of a program such as yours -- how eminently satisfactory it is to have at hand a pleasant, interesting program upon which we can rely day after day. To many (as enclosed) whose only approach to trees and birds and sunshine is through your farm house porch, your return must be wonderfully heartening.

According to UK, tobacco-bed spring was three weeks late this year, and, because of this tardiness, the already harassed little plants will be beset by an unusually great number of destructive insects. Ordinarily the beds are burned during the customary warm spell about the middle of March, which, of course, was replaced this year by deep snow and freezing weather.

Weather permitting, tractors have been scurrying about the countryside like frantic beetles as farmers sought to make up the three weeks delay and at the same time keep pace with crowded spring schedules. There are far too few hours in a spring day, even when things are going smoothly.

Last week's violent storm, though it dumped a lot of rain on the tree patch and its winds brought down a few dead branches, did no real damage in the tree patch. I had occasion to pass through the area near Walton where it destroyed several buildings, and inspected the debris sufficiently to see that no twister was involved. No rubbish was scattered about as by a whirling air current; it was all pushed in one direction by unusually strong but directional gusts. Strangely, the Walton area has no past history of significant wind damage, but within the last several years they have been subjected to a genuine tornado and extensive damage by severe winds. Why there has been such a change, I cannot surmise.

Best wishes to you all, and welcome back

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