

Two Varieties Of Legume Called Columbia, Beaver

Names have been given officially to the two varieties of the long-lived legume called Lotus major in this area—or Lotus uliginosus to be technically correct.

In the future, the common or fuzzy type of the legume will be known as Beaver big trefoil and the smooth type as Columbia big trefoil. The name big trefoil is to be used rather than Lotus major because of the wide acceptance of that name in all other parts of the world.

Announcement of the new names was made jointly by William A. Schoenfeld, dean and director of agriculture, and Paul R. Henson, senior agronomist of the U.S. department of agriculture, who is in charge of miscellaneous legume work for the nation.

Big trefoil was originally introduced from Europe by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The first seed was received in Oregon in 1923 from the USDA by Harry A. Scothol, federal agronomist stationed at the college. First plantings were made that year at the John Jacob Astor branch experiment station at Astoria under the direction of Albert E. Engstrom, who was then branch station superintendent.

H. B. Howell became superintendent in 1934 and has supervised varietal work since that time. Seed increase development was first started in 1935 after the legume proved itself particularly well adapted to acid soils and in the high rainfall areas of the Pacific northwest. Both varieties of big trefoil—Columbia and Beaver—are readily eaten by all classes of livestock as pasture, silage and hay.

Seed of both the Columbia and Beaver varieties is being produced on a commercial scale in Clatsop, Clackamas and Lane counties. A publication outlining instructions for growing and harvesting the



THE JUDGE STEPS OUT—Judge Roy Bean steps impatiently out of his special airplane at Chicago, having completed an 8000-mile air tour of 30 states. The Judge is a 1200-pound Hereford steer that won grand championship honors and sold for \$11.50 a pound at the 1949 International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago. With the prize steer are United Air Lines pilot, Captain R. E. Parcel, R. J. McLaughlin and handler Henry Gilgillan.

crop was issued in 1948 by the OSC agricultural experiment station.

The Santa Fe railway was named for Santa Fe, New Mexico, but never ran through it. Instead, a spur line of that railroad serves Santa Fe, capital city of the state.

Pointers Given On Grass Silage By Huber Of OSC

An OSC extension specialist, M. G. Huber, has come up with a seven-point grass silage program—a program to improve silage quality.

First requirement, he says, is a good crop of hay-type forage for silage which has been growing on fertile soil. Annual crops may be practical in emergencies, but as a general rule, silage can be made more cheaply and better by using permanent seedings of grasses and legumes.

Huber's second point is to harvest at the correct growth stage. Grasses are best cut when the heads begin to show. Most legumes are best when cut in the early bloom stage. This stage provides the most protein and greatest palatability.

Point three—let the newly cut forage wilt. At the time of ensiling, moisture content needs to be no less than 60 percent nor more than 70 percent. This will mean a field drying period varying in length from a few hours or more depending upon the weather.

Cut at the correct length. Huber suggests that silage choppers be adjusted to cut silage one-half inch in length—never more than three-quarters of an inch. Keep knives sharp particularly for grasses since they are the more difficult to cut.

Point five is to use an air tight silo—wood stave silos need to be tightened so that cracks will not show. Do not tighten excessively because swelling will take place after the silo is filled.

Add a preservative. This is Huber's sixth point, and he says that once a dairyman has a silo full of spoiled silage due to not adding a preservative, he will never repeat the error. Either molasses or ground grain may be used.

Last of the seven silage suggestions is to distribute the silage evenly in the silo. Tramp the upper one-third while filling is under way. Huber suggests, and tramp the top daily for several weeks until settling has ceased.

Stable Prices Check Decline In Real Estate

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—Fairly stable farm product prices and improvement in general business conditions have checked last year's decline in farm real estate prices, the Agriculture department reports.

Values for the country as a whole in March averaged slightly above those of last November, although they still were about three percent below values of a year ago.

A department survey showed that there is a strong demand for good farms for full-time farming and smaller ones for part-time farming.

The number of farms listed for sale, however, was smaller than in 1949.

The greatest strength in prices in recent months was reported in the states from North Dakota and Minnesota southward through Texas and Louisiana.

Last year's downward trend continued, on the other hand, in the Rocky mountain and Pacific Coast regions.

For the country as a whole, land values are still more than double the prewar (1933-39) average.

The number of farm sales declined last year for the third consecutive year.

The department said real estate dealers report an increase this year in the number of inquiries to buy farms. However, the demand was said to be more selective than a year ago, with buyers more cautious and seeking farms which are more likely to pay out over the long run.

Interest in purchase of small acreages for part-time farming was said to be strong in northeastern and southeastern states.

Decreases — Idaho two percent; Washington two; Oregon three, and California two.

Guernsey Calf Weighs 142½ Pounds At Birth

DURAND, Mich., May 15.—(AP)—A Guernsey cow here is the proud mother of a calf that weighed 142 pounds at birth.

The owner, R. F. Smith, thinks that's some kind of a heavyweight record.

Dairy experts at Michigan State college said the weight was about double the average for the breed.

Foot specialists report that children outgrow their shoes every one to six months until they are fifteen.



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Oregon Filbert Crops Threatened By Pest

CORVALLIS.—(AP)—Filbert crops, once almost free of insect damage, now are threatened by a pest.

Dr. B. G. Thompson, OSC experimental station entomologist, is warning growers to look out for a leaf roller that has been nibbling at scattered filbert trees about three years. This year, he fears, it may become damaging.

At this season the pest is in a greenish larva, or worm, form with a brown head. It will be feeding on leaf surfaces, usually where two leaves rub together. An application of DDT will control the pest, Dr. Thompson says.

Lookingglass Sets Grange Work Day

Lookingglass Grange met Tuesday, May 9, with Worthy Master Floyd Wilson presiding at the meeting, during which membership application from eight persons were read.

Plans were made to hold a work day at the Grange hall Sunday, May 21, at 10 a.m., with a potluck luncheon scheduled for 1 p.m. All members were urged to be present.

The H.E.C. vice-chairman announced that the next meeting of that organization would be held at the Grange hall Thursday, May 18, beginning with a potluck luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Mrs. Helen Carter and Mrs. Eula Kirk will be hostesses.

The next meeting of the Grange will be a social gathering, including a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. This will be followed by a program to be presented by the Roseburg Kiwanis club. The public is invited to attend and there will be no admission charged.

Refreshments were served at the end of the Tuesday meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buell, Mrs. Hazel Buell, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellis. Ten officers and 22 members were present at the meeting.

CALIFORNIA LEADS

BERKELEY.—(AP)—Nearly one-third of all cash received by American farmers for fresh fruits and vegetables goes to the California farmer, reports Sydney Hoos, University of California economist.

Almost 3,500,000 tons of fresh fruits, nuts, and vegetables are produced in the state yearly, he notes. About 12 percent of California's total crop land, and about 20 percent of its irrigated land, is used for this purpose.

Biltmore House, George Vanderbilt estate at Asheville, N. C., contains 110 bedroom suites. It requires five hours to visit all the rooms in the house.

Poultry Breeders Date Another Meeting May 20

By MRS. E. A. MARKHAM

The Douglas County Poultry Breeders association will hold its monthly meeting at the Knights of Pythias hall on Rose street Saturday, May 20, at 1 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Paul Bernier, geneticist at Oregon State college.

The last regular meeting was addressed by Prof. Wilbur Cooney, formerly of Roseburg, now chief instructor in poultry husbandry at Oregon State college. Prof. Cooney discussed feeding growing chicks and also open air houses.

His talk on rearing layers was interesting and timely. He pointed out that feeding pullets to retard the laying period had not met with too great success in their experiments at OSC. At best, egg production could not be delayed more than two or three weeks.

The time at which pullets reach sexual maturity was controlled much more by breeding and inheritance than by feeding methods. He did, however, stress good clean range for pullets, and allowing them to develop good body growth before being housed in the fall. His talk was illustrated with charts and diagrams.

Prof. Cooney recommends wire houses as a solution to high-cost housing for poultry. He reports that experiments with wire, or open-air houses should prove even more satisfactory in Douglas county because of the milder winter climate.

Another place where open-air houses pay well is in keeping old hens until they have finished their productive year, while turning over the regular housing to the pullets.

Another good turn-out is hoped for Saturday, Dr. Bernier has appeared here before, and proved an interesting speaker. The meeting is open to everybody even remotely interested in poultry, and is not confined to poultry breeders only.

Strawberries Will Be Later This Season

SCOTTS MILLS.—(AP)—You won't be able to eat strawberry shortcake—from Oregon berries, that is—as soon this year.

Growers, taking advantage of clear weather to speed their rain-delayed field work, predicted that strawberries from this Willamette valley area won't be marketed until about the second week in June. In some years, berries from this section have reached tables by May 12.

The cold spring probably will mean fewer berries, too. Blossoms touched by earlier frosts are turning black in many fields, meaning that much of the early crop will not develop.

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Committee Head Snags Plan To Quiz John L. Lewis

WASHINGTON, May 14.—(AP)—A House labor committee plan to investigate last winter's soft coal strike collapsed Thursday when Chairman Lesinski (D-Mich) revoked authority to subpoena John L. Lewis and other witnesses.

"Plain political cowardice," declared Rep. Jacobs (D-Ind.), who had proposed the hearing before his "union democracy" subcommittee.

Without subpoena power's Jacobs could not proceed with the inquiry into actions of the United Mine Workers in connection with the end of the coal shutdown last February.

At a showdown session of the full committee Thursday, Lesinski rescinded a previous order abolishing Jacobs' subcommittee.

But he nipped the proposed inquiry in the bud by immediately revoking Jacobs' authority to issue subpoenas independently as a subcommittee.

February, 1949, sole subpoena power was lodged with the labor committee chairman.

Jacobs had wanted to question Lewis and others about the accusations of an Illinois miner that the

UMW chief had engaged in undemocratic union practices. The miner claimed, among other things, that Lewis sent striking miners "secret signals" telling them to defy a federal court's back-to-work order.

Birds Snatch Glasses

LONDON, May 13.—(AP)—A bird that looked like an owl power-dived out of the blue today and snatched the spectacles right off the nose of C. J. Orme in suburban Ealing.

A moment later a bird zoomed down on William Kysow, and away went another pair of spectacles. Last Monday Eric Dowton was subjected to a similar attack, but the bird's aim was poor. Dowton came out of the affair with some scratches on the back of his neck.

This afternoon the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals swung into action. It set an owl trap baited with a pocket mirror. No luck yet.

The Cherokees of North Carolina do not know what the name of their tribe means. They call themselves "Ani-Yunwiwa" or "real people."

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