

High Yields in Grasses, Legumes Revealed in Trials

High yields among 47 grasses and legumes under experiment last year in an irrigated pasture project at Oregon State College were alfalfa, several species of orchard, and Tualatin of the grasses and alfalfa, several species of birdsfoot trefoil, ladino clover and big trefoil of the legumes.

Very low yields were Merion bluegrass and the European and California burnet with the other grasses and legumes ranging in between.

H. A. Scoth, OSC agronomist, who reported these research results at the recent OSC grassland field day, says that although the one year's results are not enough for definite pasture recommendations, they can bear directly on production and management of irrigated pastures after further tests are made.

Wheat Allotment Rules Probable During 1955

There is a definite probability that wheat allotment and marketing quota regulations will be effective in 1955, according to J. P. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for any of the crop years of 1952, 1953 or 1954 may apply for a 1955 wheat acreage allotment, he said.

To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC committee by June 30, 1954.

Blank application forms are available at the county ASC office, 321 Pacific Bldg., Roseburg, for use in filing requests for allotments.

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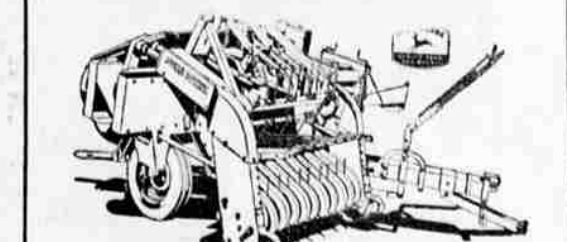
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Farm Experiment Station Field Study Scheduled

Southern Oregon Branch Experiment Station's annual farm crop field day is scheduled for Thursday at the test farm one-half mile west of Tule Lake. It has been announced by Station Supt. H. H. White.

Visitors can browse "free choice" through some 30 experimental plots of forage, grain, and seed crops best suited to the area. Printed programs giving detailed results with various crops and showing locations of test plots will be available at the farm entrance.

This year's new approach "come and see for yourself" program was arranged in cooperation with county extension agents W. B. Tucker, chairman, Jackson County; Harry Clark, Josephine County; and J. Roland Parker, Douglas County.

Forage crops for pasture, hay meadows, and range improvement include new alfalfa varieties for comparison with varieties already proven for the region, and varieties of lotus for forage survival trials and adaptability to unirrigated areas of southern Oregon.

Row spacing, rate of seeding, and fertilizer tests can be studied in the seed crop plots. The cereal nursery contains more than 100 entries of wheat, oats, and barley under test for yields. Cereal fertilizer trials include effect of nitrogen on spring wheat, oat, and barley with rates of ammonium sulfate varying from 0 to 400 pounds per acre.

Miscellaneous crops under test include alfalfa, and oil producing crop; soybean varieties; phormium tenax, a fibrous plant used in production of twine and rope; sweet clover varieties to study soil building values and possible adaptability as a seed crop for the area; and lawn and turf grasses for seed production.

Baltimore Sun Says Communists Censoring News

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Sun disclosed Friday receipt in full of a news story connected "along strict Communist lines" by the Guatemala correspondent to prove that only a Communist party line dispatch would pass censors.

In a front page story, the Sun said on June 5, the government of Guatemala suspended its constitutional guarantees and imposed rigid censorship on all outgoing press messages at the same time protesting innocence of charges that the government is Communist-dominated.

"Since that time a few stories from Guatemala, most of them badly mutilated, have been allowed through the censorship, but the greater number of unbiased news dispatches on current developments there has come from the neighboring states of Honduras and Panama, or from Mexico City."

"In order to demonstrate the precise nature of Guatemalan censorship," the Sun added, "Patrick Skene Catling, the Sun's correspondent in Guatemala City, after consultation with reporters from other American newspapers and news services, connected a dispatch along strict Communist lines, written in a style amounting to a caricature of Communist pronouncements and confessions."

The paper said Catling submitted the dispatch for transmission through Guatemala's communications system and the message arrived in Baltimore intact.

A subsequent check revealed not one word had been altered, the Sun said.

While descriptions of political activity in Guatemala City, of rigid controls imposed by the Guatemalan authorities, and of the unrest inside the country arrived only by devious paths, the Sun said, Catling was permitted to send:

"Reactionaries have their apologetics here, and their haying and whining was heard long before the government took decisive action to stabilize the nation at this time when decency and courage are being threatened by cynical and mercenary backsliding counter-revolutionary conspirators."

Farm Forest Facts

By ED GILDEN
County Extension Forester

What is the most important crop that we can grow for the future of Douglas County? Timber — what else could you expect in a forester's column!

But it's a little more complicated than just growing timber. To get new trees growing on logged off land we must produce seed and more seed. Nature is the only one that can produce the seed; but, we as landowners and loggers can leave the necessary seed trees.

Getting quick and enough trees growing on logged off Douglas fir land has always been a major forest management problem. Clear-cutting by staggered settings has not always resulted in good, young tree stocking. Even where no part of the logged-off land is more than one-fourth mile from a seed source, this has been true. Leaving scattered seed trees has many times been followed by excessive windthrow, injury, decay, and shock to the trees.

THESE TWO METHODS of producing more seed may not be perfect; but in general they are much better than most of the forest management that is being done on our private woodlands.

Maybe the answer on our mature forests on small woodlands is small group cuttings. The small group cuttings would probably be under five acres in size. Surrounding trees would furnish the necessary seed.

These small group cuttings would start in overmature or defective concentrations. As new trees start growing on the area that was logged, the adjoining seed source could be removed. This not only scatters the removal of your old growth over a period of years but insures a much better chance of getting reproduction started.

When we stop to consider the costs of planting young trees, around \$25 to \$30 per acre, it pays to provide adequate seed source. The Timber Resource Review, which is a nation-wide survey checking the tree reproduction on areas logged since 1947, is in full swing in Douglas County. I was out to John Wilson's place at Reson last week making a survey for the TRR. Wilson with his method of logging has left a very good seed source and consequently has fine reproduction on the land. He is doing his own logging on his property and has been doing so off and on since 1935. The area has been logged and re-logged three to four times and most of the area has very good young reproduction on it.

When selling or logging your timber, the first thought should be to provide for a good seed source. Whether it be blocks of seed trees, scattered seed trees, or small group cutting, it is up to the landowner to plan for in advance. If you are selling your timber, it is a good plan to specify in your written contract what will be left for a seed source and actually lay the area out on the ground. After all, the landowner is the one that should be concerned about getting trees back on his timber growing areas.

Stevens Won't Attend Cocktail Party Of Mundt

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — Secretary of the Army Stevens, looking back on the long and bitter days of his dispute with Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.), voiced confidence today that "the integrity of the Army no longer is at stake."

He also made it plain he intends to decline an invitation to an after-the-hearings cocktail party to be given Monday by Sen. Mundt (R-SD) for participants on both sides — and expects no Army personnel will attend.

Mundt presided over the 36-day hearings, which ended in Washington yesterday.

Stevens, here for a four-day meeting of top Defense Department and armed forces officials, also told newsmen:

1. "I am absolutely confident that there will be no abuse of Army personnel, in or out of uniform," who appear from now on before McCarthy's Communist-hunting subcommittee. One of the background issues in the row with the senator was Stevens' contention that a general who appeared before McCarthy had been abused.

2. He has no intention "whatsoever" of resigning, but proposes to serve as long as he is "of service to the country."

3. "I feel that the integrity of the Army was at stake. We've been through that now. It must be abundantly clear to everyone that the Army is just as interested and active in riding itself of subversives as anyone else in the United States."

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Brownell Says McCarthy Plan Bypasses Rule

BALTIMORE (AP) — Atty. Gen. Brownell said last night Sen. McCarthy's invitation to government employees to come to him with information, even information they are charged with keeping secret, is a concept of separation of powers among Congress, the executive and the courts.

2. "Would substitute rule by an individual for government by law?" About 500 weekly newspaper editors and publishers attending the 95th annual convention of the National Editorial Assn. broke in to applaud when the attorney general declared:

"Anyone who attempts to put himself above the law, and incite government employees to turn over classified information relating to our national security, is tragically mistaken if he believes he is helping to protect our nation's safety. Nothing pleases the Commu-

nists more than to create division among the people on matters of national security, impair constitutional government, and encourage disobedience to the law. . . . I have spoken out pretty strongly against those in high places who are blind to the danger of Communist infiltration in our government. I believe it equally important to speak out against those who, regardless of motive, break down our system of government by law in an effort to investigate communism. There is no need for it."

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