

Ranch Ramblings

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In another ten days, it will be Sept. 1 and time to do fall pasture seeding. Usually areas seeded about the first of September get along the best through the winter months. This is because they have a little more chance to get established before the unfavorable weather comes and consequently are better prepared to meet it.

The lone exception to this probably would be on south slopes which have a tendency to be a little bit shallow. On these slopes it is usually a good idea to wait until later in the season. For those areas where the slash has been burned and you are planting by air, I would recommend you wait until the middle to last of September before these are seeded. Part of this depends on how good a weather prophet you are and partly on how good the soil is and how it lays. On a south slope that starts to come up from the early rains, you can lose a seeding by a stretch of dry weather which causes the seedlings to dry out and wither and die. North slopes aren't generally affected this way as they don't have the tendency to dry out as some of the southern slopes do. If the seed is in the ground it usually is safe enough.

Inoculate Seeds

Farmers seeding legumes this fall should take great pains to see that the seeds are properly inoculated and it's a good idea also to follow up and do the best job you can in getting the seed covered so that the inoculation doesn't die.

Many of our failures of subclover seedlings in the last few years have been caused by inoculation problems. When the plants are poorly inoculated they usually start fine in the fall, grow some in the winter, then turn red as the winter progresses and the early spring starts to come. They die before they get a chance to set seed. We don't know all the cures for it but some things can be done that are helpful. Besides using a can of inoculum of the proper type from the store, it is a good idea to use dirt which is well inoculated with subclover bacteria along with the commercial inoculum. Follow directions carefully on the container of the commercial inoculum, inoculate the seed preferably with milk. After the seed is properly dried, be careful to keep it out of the sun as much as is possible. If it is seeded from the air it isn't generally possible to actually keep the seeds out of the sun, but on those areas where you can drill the seed into the soil it will be helpful in preserving the inoculum.

The other major item besides setting the seed on and into the ground, of course, is the fertility of the soil. On fields that are low in fertility it certainly is a good idea to have fertilizer and almost without exception the addition of the proper kind of fertilizer and the proper amounts, will help towards getting a good stand.

Chemicals Needed

Remember that legumes need phosphorus and sulphur, and the grasses need nitrogen and sulphur. The grasses are rather light users of phosphorus, but they do get first call on the phosphorus when they are in a mixture with the legumes. The phosphorus must be adequate for both plants before the legumes will do well.

If you have any questions concerning seeding we would be glad to visit with you here in the Extension Office and give you any information that we can that might be helpful.

The Livestock Association shipped another lamb pool on Aug. 10, and while we had rather a slump in the market, at least we were able to move some lambs which helped out a little bit. We shipped about 375 lambs and sold them for 17c here. These went to Swift and Co. in Portland. This is the first shipment that we have sold to Swift

this year or for that matter the first time that Swift has even been very competitive on the buying market. These were shorn lambs which had been weaned from their mothers. We might possibly ship again in another week or two if conditions warrant. Those of you who might be interested can contact the County Extension Office for further information about the lamb pool.

Days Creek Staff Has Newcomers

By MRS. DURNIN SWINGLEY
Classes at Days Creek and Tiller Schools are scheduled to begin full time Sept. 3, with the lunchrooms being in operation the first day.

High School registration is set for two days, Aug. 26 and 27, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., according to Supr. Gerald Heibel. Teacher in-service will be Aug. 29 and 30 at 9. Not much change in enrollment is anticipated.

Hiring of the final teacher for the Days Creek and Tiller schools was completed by mid-August, following one of the biggest staff changes the high school has experienced in a long while.

New to Days Creek and to Oregon is Gerald Heibel, superintendent, who arrived with his wife and three children from South Dakota late in June to take up his new duties.

High school personnel announced by Heibel includes Nancy Jane Spencer, commercial teacher, a graduate of North Oklahoma Junior College and California Baptist College at Covina; Mrs. John L. (Phoebe) Davis, home economics, library, and girls' physical education, graduate of Oregon State University at Corvallis; Robert S. Robinson Jr., mathematics and science, graduate of Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Mich.; Vincent A. Zanolli, general and senior mathematics, also head football and assistant basketball coach, graduate of University of Oregon at Eugene; and Eugene Earl, industrial arts, with an AB from Fullerton Junior College, Fullerton, Calif., and an MA from Long Beach State at Long Beach, Calif., and with high school teaching experience at Chino, Lennox and Compton, Calif.

Tiller's one vacancy is being filled by Mrs. Louis Buckmaster (Janice), third and fourth grades. Her advanced education included one year at Western Montana College of Education at Dillon and graduation from Modesto Junior College in California. She has taught third grade at Great Falls, Mont., and seventh and eighth at the Montana Children's Center at Twin Bridges. Louis Buckmaster fills the one vacancy in Days Creek Elementary, eighth grade and basketball coach and assistant football coach. He is a graduate of WMCE at Dillon and has taught two years at Montana Children's Center.

Local News

Mrs. Robert Dishman of this city left Sunday for Buena Park, Calif., to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Norman (Joyce) Hendricks, 32, who died Friday. Mrs. Hendricks is survived by her husband and two sons and a daughter age 11, 9 and 7; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Best of Enterprise, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. Dishman of Roseburg and Mrs. Howard (Jean) McMurray, of Oregon City, who is a former Mrs. Oregon, and a brother, Bob Best, of Lewiston, Idaho. Her parents, both sisters and brother all went to Buena Park for the funeral. Mrs. Dishman expects to return to her home here the first of the week.

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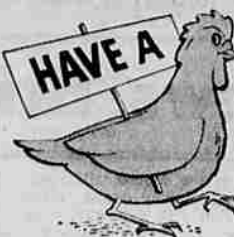
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