



LANDSCAPE HEAD—Jens Sventh, head of the landscape department of the State Highway Department, checks on grass which has been sown along highways.

Among Valley Farmers

By County Agents Ted Sidor and Charles Gavin

Last week we had the pleasure of looking over the work done by the highway department on the cuts made during the construction of the highway. Jens Sventh, in charge of the landscaping for the state told us that they used a mixture of 60 per cent fine fescue, 30 per cent chewing and 30 per cent creeping red. The remainder of the mixture consists of crested wheatgrass, orchard grass, smooth brome, white clover and Alta fescue.

The areas we checked were on the new stretch of highway between Glover and Meacham. On all areas where soil was fairly deep, the fine fescues were doing an excellent job. On those areas where soil was a limiting factor, crested wheatgrass was outstanding. One thing that surprised us was the orchard grass and how well it was doing. Even in the areas that the fine fescues were having a struggle, the orchard grass was really producing.

We are not saying that orchard grass is ideal for roadside seeding, but it does prove that orchard grass would be ideal for seedings in that area on range land.

It might be well to note that the grass is usually mulched on these cuts with fine fescue straw and the seed is sprayed on with a solution of fertilizer. Approximately 30 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre is used. The highway department is doing a good job of getting these seedings started that hold the cuts from eroding or slipping into the ditches.

Several of our cherry growers are in the process of planting their cover crops in their orchards. One of the most successful has been on the farm of Clifford Towle of Cove. Clifford started several years ago just using field peas with limited success. Usually, he wound up in the fall with little or no growth and not enough growth in the spring. Two years ago he planted a mixture of 60 pounds of peas, 40 pounds of wheat, along with 10 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre. He received very good results in that the wheat afforded him a great deal of organic matter and slowed down erosion and the peas did quite well in the spring, furnishing him with a good supply of nitrogen. This past year he followed the same procedure in the fall and added 60 to 80 pounds of nitrogen in the fall and received outstanding results.

Actually, on a number of our orchards that have been eroded and then couple it with the natural low fertility of the soils, we will find that unless a small boost is given with nitrogen, we will usually be disappointed in the results.

Just a word of warning, however. Ten pounds of actual nitrogen should be the limit in the fall because we do not want to stimulate tree growth.

What's ahead for the family dairy farm in Oregon? Are days numbered for the old-fashioned farmer with "cow sense" as dairy herds become larger and more commercial?

H. P. Ewalt, extension dairy specialist at Oregon State College, says in his opinion a lot of family operations will be able to continue. Efficiency—not necessarily bigness—is the key.

He suggests measuring efficiency by amount of milk produced per man year of labor. A reasonable goal to set would be 400,000 pounds of milk achieved annually by each dairy worker. A number of Oregon dairy farmers already are equaling, or bettering this record. However Ewalt added, too many aren't even coming close.

A herd of 40 cows producing an average of 10,000 pounds of milk would reach this target. Since the average Oregon cow produces 6,800 pounds annually, it would take a herd of 60 of these cows handled by one man to reach the 400,000 pound level. The average DHIA cow in Oregon produces 9,000 pounds, so 45 cows like that could achieve the goal.

Top producing DHIA herd in the state last year had 29 cows, averaging 14,925 pounds milk. Some factors affecting production include: quality and amount of feed; selecting cattle with genetic ability to produce; attention given each cow, keeping records and using them; age of cows in herd.

Dairy farmers who can't keep up will find themselves squeezed out before long, the specialist predicts.

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

Administration Deliberately Upset Nikita While On Tour

WASHINGTON — As Nikita Khrushchev is to sit down with President Eisenhower for the most important phase of the most important trip ever taken by any foreign visitor through the USA, these points stand out.

Point No. 1—The White House deliberately set out to prod, poke, and irritate the man whom the White House now has to try to get concessions from. Under the generally accepted principals of smart negotiation this is not smart. You don't antagonize your customer before you try to make a sale.

Point No. 2—The press has given a somewhat distorted picture of Khrushchev's behavior. Television gave a much more accurate picture.

It should be noted that the decision to invite Mr. K to come to the USA was primarily a military one. The joint chiefs of staff had been urging Eisenhower to reinforce the American military in and around Berlin in preparation for a showdown. The President was not willing to do this. They had also advised him that military budget cuts could not continue without our falling behind Russia. They did continue. The military leaders then advised that it was better to talk than to fight.

It was basically because of this that the John Foster Dulles policy of aloofness was reversed and Khrushchev was invited to the United States.

Nixon Gets Jittery Having made this decision the administration immediately acted as if it regretted it. A few days after the invitation was issued, Vice President Nixon came home to find certain old guard political friends very sour over his speech to the Russian people and the manner in which he had embraced U.S.-USSR friendship. They warned him that Nelson Rockefeller had even refused to visit the Soviet exhibition in New York though he is governor of that state.

So Nixon started backtracking. Similar reaction from the isolationist wing of the GOP was registered with Ike. He then appointed the most incongruous of all escorts for Khrushchev, Henry Cabot Lodge, the envoy to the UN who has needed, badgered, and blocked the Russians at the United Nations until they hate him. Partly because of this backgound, partly because Ike long wanted to give Lodge a leg-up toward the presidential nomination, Lodge was instructed to introduce Khrushchev before every audience with a needling, controversial statement. This is not the traditional way of introducing any speaker in the USA, no matter who he is. And it is not in keeping with American tradition toward an invited guest, especially the head of any nation with whom you are trying to patch up an agreement.

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Finally, after almost a week of goading Nikita, the White House got jittery over the upcoming Camp David talks and ordered a reversal of policy.

The headlines made it appear the opposite, but the fact is that Khrushchev took this goading with more good humor than could have been expected. Other visiting dignitaries have not taken it. The queen of Greece threatened to leave New York for home without even coming to Washington when she learned Eisenhower was not planning to meet her and the king, King Saud of Saudi Arabia balked at coming to the USA until he had categorical assurances Eisenhower would meet him. President de Gaulle even refused to come to the United States at all and made Eisenhower come to him in Paris. This was one reason for Ike's trip this summer.

During Khrushchev's cross-country trip, most newspapers headlined the argument and the needings. This of course was news. But the real story was not that he argued with such people as American Labor leaders, but that he was willing to meet with them at all; second, that he stayed with them one hour longer than expected; third, that he came out of the session to announce that it had been a healthy one.

Prime Minister MacMillan of England wouldn't have met with them. President de Gaulle of France wouldn't even have considered meeting with American labor. President Frondizi of Argentina, who was elected with Argentine labor support, wouldn't have done so. The only foreign visitor who has subjected himself to the hot give-and-take of debate with American labor is Vice President Joao Goulart of Brazil.

So if the man with more missiles than we have and with enough scientific know-how to hit the moon is willing to subject himself to this kind of rough-and-tumble democratic debate, then it should be a step forward on the road toward more understanding.

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New York Stock Exchange Prexy Views Rosy Future For Markets

By ELMER C. WALZER UPI Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UPI)—Stock market activity could rise to a daily average of around six million shares by 1959 if the idea of a people's capitalism becomes more widespread, G. Keith Funston said today.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange traveled all the way to Australia to release this nugget of information. He is on a tour of Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines to discuss stock market problems of mutual interest with leaders of finance.

In a speech to the members of the Sydney, Australia, Stock Exchange, Funston described the growth in stockholders over the years since the stock exchange has been conducting its educational campaign.

In 1952 when the exchange launched its program, a survey revealed 6.5 million individuals owned shares. By 1956 the total had jumped to 8.6 million and by 1959 it had reached 12.5 million, up 45 per cent in three years.

The number of shares listed from 1945 grew from 1.6 million to around 5 1/2 million. During the 14 years from 1945 to 1958 daily average trading volume was 1.7 million shares.

"Thus," said Funston, "if for planning purposes we consider the 1945-58 experience a rough guide, and if we allow for a continuing favorable pattern of growth, it would appear possible that during the middle of the 1960's we might have a daily average volume of around 4 1/2 million shares and a total list of perhaps 8 1/2 million shares."

"Should such a level be reached, of course, the volume traded on any given day would undoubtedly range much higher—and much lower—than the average daily figure of 4 1/2 million shares."

"Similarly, continued growth throughout the 1960's could bring in the 1970's a daily average volume of 5 1/2 to 6 million shares, and a total stock list of something over 11 billion shares."

The rate of trading in August averaged 2.4 million shares daily, against 3.2 million shares in July.

Education Key To Future "There is no question in my mind," said Funston, "that the future financing of our industries is tied to the soundness and success with which our educational efforts develop. But even more important, by putting ownership within the reach of millions of people, we can exert an enormous influence for good on the growth of the free world."

"For this reason, while we are pleased with the results of our own efforts to date, we by no means feel that share ownership has gone as far as it can and should."

Funston didn't mention it, but an increase in volume to six million average would require new ticker machinery.

Studies are being made now on stock market services with the idea of handling much larger markets in the future. At the present time there are 5 1/2 billion shares listed. If the total should double by the 1970's many other changes would be required than ticker speedup.

'Soldiers Creed' Reading Given At Club Meeting "The Creed of a Soldier" by General Lucius D. Clay, was read by Mrs. Etha Hill, at a recent meeting of the Garden Club of La Grande. This was taken from the book, "This I Believe."

Mrs. Georgia Sommers, president, presided over the business meeting.

Mrs. Lester Kingsley was a visitor for the afternoon.

Committee in charge of serving refreshments was Mrs. Margaret Parker, Mrs. Cletus Zickfosse and Aileen McDonald.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 2, at the Garden Clubhouse at 2 p.m.

Willow PTA Holds Open House Meet Members of the Willow PTA held an open house and meeting Monday evening in the schoolhouse. The affair began with parents visiting the various rooms and teachers, and getting acquainted with each other.

They then assembled in the gym for refreshments of coffee and cookies, which were served during the meeting. Following the short business meeting was the program. It was a facsimile of the TV program, "You Ask For It." During this time the teachers were interviewed.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 19. It will be a potluck supper in the schoolhouse.

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Joseph School Instructor At Choir Meeting

WALLOWA (Special) — David Dirksen, music instructor for the Joseph schools, presided at the first meeting of the Wallowa Methodist Church choir Thursday evening.

A judging contest was held by the home economic department of Wallowa Grange Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Roland Freels. Judges were Mrs. Lola Hopkins, Enterprise; Mrs. Gilbert Haller and Mrs. Hugh Dougherty. Mrs. Tom Willett won first on cakes, Mrs. Don Conner, first on yeast breads, Mrs. Ray Cowan, cookies, Mrs. Alvin Hawkins, crocheted doily. First place recipes will be sent to the state contest. A canning contest will be held later.

Convention Set Carnation Rebekah Lodge is preparing for the convention to be held at Lostine Grange Hall, Sept. 29. President Ruth Vose of Portland will be with the lodge in Wallowa, Oct. 1.

The Wallowa drama group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Curry Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Carroll Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls, held its regular meeting Monday evening and made arrangements for a hay ride, chili feed and dance Saturday evening.

PERRY BRIEFS

Perry Persons Return From Vacation Trip PERRY (Special) — Iva Bushman, Mr. and Mrs. Art Boswell and Tom Boswell have just returned from their vacation. They spent one week, salt water fishing, in the Straits of Juan De Fuca. On their way home, they spent one night visiting with Tom Boswell's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boswell, in Shelton, Wash. They also stopped at Portland on their return.

Dale Mattson of Elgin was a recent dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Slack were called to Pendleton on business. While there they attended the Pendleton Round-up and Parade.

City Officials To Attend Meet Six members of city government will travel to Portland Oct. 18 for the League of Oregon Cities convention to be held in the Benson Hotel.

Commissioner Gordon Clarke, commissioners Arlo Noyes, H. E. Waddell and William Herrmann will be accompanied by Police Chief Oliver Reave and acting city manager Dave Slaughter to the three-day conclave.

Cattleman, Grassman Of Year Are Named ENTERPRISE (Special) — Chosen at the Wallowa County Stock-growers Association annual meeting was "Cattleman of the Year" was Wayne McFetridge, a farmer of near Enterprise.

"Grassman of the Year" was Emmett Weatherman, of Flora. Both of these men are recognized as successful farmers and cattle raisers of Wallowa County.

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Little Mary Smith spent Monday night with her friend, Suzanne Simonis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gray, and children, Linda and Robbie have been ill at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Culver were Friday overnight guests in Toppish Wash. They attended the wedding of Don Ruttan, formerly of Elgin. Enroute home Saturday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ann of Stanfield.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and son and daughter of Hot Lake visited in Union Sunday and attended the Nazarene church services.