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"NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE"

Logging-to-Cattle Conversion Experiment Discussed by Agent

By John J. Inskeep, County Farm Agent

The commercial fertilizer situation for the next year is the toughest which we have yet faced, and there are several reasons.

The first is that use of fertilizers has just about doubled, the country over. The second is that ammonia compounds, from which most of our nitrogen bearing fertilizers are manufactured, are in short supply. The third is that the Canadian government has notified Canadian manufacturers that needs of Canadian and British farmers will be given first priority.

This means that our farmers will get what is left and this is a serious blow because most of our best fertilizers come from British Columbia.

Manufacture of anhydrous ammonia, from which ammonium sulphate is manufactured, depends greatly upon use of natural gas for power. Last winter was a cold one. When we were in Detroit in February, factories dependent upon natural gas for power were closed down so that the meager supply could be used for heating homes. It was that serious. This meant that little anhydrous ammonia could be fabricated. This is one reason the Salem plant has been forced to close.

A Calamity

This situation is a calamity for Clackamas county farmers, coming at a time when we have learned to use nitrogen and phosphorus-bearing fertilizers for winter pastures, in addition to many other uses which have become standard practice.

However, there is a brighter side to the picture the heavy fertilizer purchasing season is past. There may be times from now until September when fertilizer supplies are available. But dealers may not have adequate storage space to stock up.

Place Orders Early

All of which means that every Clackamas county farmer who is in the market for fertilizers for use during the next year will do well to place his order with his dealer immediately. Furthermore, he should be ready to accept delivery at any time the fertilizer is offered and store supplies at home. His order will give his dealer a chance to grab any unexpected supplies.

We know that certain dealers will have a few cars of high grade ammonium nitrate, 16-20 and Canadian ammonium sulphate during the next 60 days. It would be unfortunate to learn that these supplies found their way outside Clackamas county.

Yes, prices are above those of last year, perhaps 20 per cent. This means that local dealers will have to charge more because they have to pay more. We are sure, however, that local dealers will not charge black market prices which, we hear from wholesalers, are found in certain areas on the West coast.

Jackman On Soil

This being national soil conservation week we can do no better in furtherance of the cause than to repeat some of the pertinent remarks made by E. R. Jackman, Oregon's farm crop specialist, before the Clackamas county younger farmer's roundtable in Oregon City last week. Jackman first reminded the group that we have lost, completely, in the United States, 50 million acres of topsoil and that we have 50 million additional acres undergoing destruction. If you don't believe it, have a look at most any of our rivers which drain plowland during the next freshet. Jackman then added, "Erosion from one big rain takes more soil from an unprotected field than all crops could possibly take in 100 years."

"The Farm Business"

Turning to the business of farming, Jackman said, "The business of farming entails constant building up of organic matter and then breaking it up for use of farm crops. Good soils contain from 2 to 4 percent of organic matter but this 2 to 4 percent contains 98 percent of the plant food. Ample supplies of organic matter in the soil afford

great protection against erosion. The farmer who learns to (alternately) build up soil organic matter and break it down for plant use can farm forever."

To which we might add that mineral fertilizers enable us to grow the soil-saving plants which furnish organic matter.

Rotation Unnecessary

Jackman then said that any farmer who uses enough commercial nitrogen to grow good crops can continue to build up fertility even without rotation. He did not advise this practice but did so to emphasize the importance of nitrogen which is again found in organic matter in the soil.

He then discussed society's total stake in conserving our soil resources, saying, "After all, what do we have in the U. S. for production of primary wealth but farm products, timber, fisheries and mining? Farm products and timber come from the soil. When the soil is gone populations vanish. Here on the Pacific coast, California has 70 percent of the farm production, Washington 19 percent and Oregon 11 percent. Population of each state is found in exactly the same percentage and the same is true throughout much of the U. S."

Value of An Acre?

"Who knows," Jackman asked, "what society can afford to pay for saving an acre of soil? For no one knows how long an acre may remain to produce food for human wants. If it costs \$1,000 to save an acre and the acre is farmed over a period of a thousand years, maybe the price is cheap. The individual land owner, however, retains possession of the land for only a few short years and the amount he can spend for saving an acre is strictly limited."

In terminating his talk Jackman cited the rapidly eroding Columbia basin wheat belt where soil organic matter is rapidly becoming depleted and the day of reckoning is in sight. Jackman said that it would take 50 years of continuous grass to bring an acre of this wheatland back to virgin organic matter content, but not even grass can bring back soil that has eroded off.

Church Services

Sandy Community Church
C. F. McIntire, Pastor
9:45 a. m. Sunday school hour.
Mrs. N. Zeller, Supt. Lesson theme: "What Makes a Real Leader?"

11:00 a. m. Church worship hour. Special choir music. Morning message "This, Our Life." Communion.

7 p. m. Christian Endeavor, Mrs. W. Annis, President. "Convention News."

Tues. 8:00 p. m. Adult study class, at the parsonage. All welcome.

Seventh Day Adventist Church
J. J. Dollinger, Pastor
W. J. Gardner, B. H. Herndon, John Edwards, elders.
9:30 a. m. Sabbath school, Mrs. Alvin Bakke, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. Preaching service
Friday, 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting.

The Sandy Baptist Chapel
E. L. Rodda, Pastor
Missionary Sunday

10:00 a. m. Unified Service. Object lesson by Mrs. G. Stuckl. Morning message by pastor: "Profession or Possession?"

7:00 p. m. Children's meeting, young people's meeting and Bible study class for adults.

7:30 p. m. Evening service. Message by pastor: "Stand up for Jesus."

Tues. 7:30 p. m. Men's Fellowship at Chapel.

Wed. 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting.

Thurs. 7 p. m. "Jim" Club meets in chapel.

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Dover Community Church
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2:45 p. m. Worship service.
Saturday, 8 p. m. Young people's meeting.

St. John's Catholic Church
Welches
Rev. W. J. Delplanche, Pastor
11:00 a. m. Sunday Mass.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sandy

N. E. Dey, Pastor
9:00 a. m. First morning service. Sermon by the pastor.
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10:00 Sunday Bible school. Classes for children and adults.
11:00 Second morning service. Sermon as above.

7:30 p. m. Walther League meeting.

Thurs. 8 p. m. Ascension Day will be commemorated.
Fri.: 7:30 p. m. Teen-agers meet to plan Jr. Walther League.

First Baptist Church
L. C. Des Voigne, Pastor
Services held in Sandy Woman's club hall.

10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Worship service.
7:30 p. m. B. T. A.
8:15 p. m. Evening worship.

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sandy
Rev. W. J. Delplanche, Pastor
9:30 a. m. Sunday Mass.

The Chapel of the Hills
Community Church
Woman's Club Hall, Wemme
Thyra E. Funk, Minister
Fri. 7:30 p. m. Good Friday candlelight communion service.
10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
11:00 a. m. Worship service.
Wed. 7:30 p. m. Mid-week service.

Cottrell Community Church
G. Ellis, pastor
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Morning service.

Welches School Board
Hires Five Teachers

WELCHES — The board of directors of Welches school has completed issuing of contracts for next fall's teaching staff. Mrs. Lorraine Barnett will continue as principal and Mrs. Mae Fahrer, Mrs. Marguerite Goff, Mrs. Marguerite Lynch and Mrs. Lois Volbrecht as grade teachers.

Norwood Hads will continue as school custodian and Lu Norene as bus driver.

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