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"Notes by the Wayside" Farm Agent Predicts That County Will Be a Leading Meat-Producer

By John J. Inskeep, County Farm Agent

For the first time in history, Clackamas county farms are providing more forage than our farm animals can consume. Nor can we provide more animals over night because farmers consider animal prices generally too high for a safe investment.

Feeder steers are now selling at 30 cents a pound. Many stockmen fear the price might drop prior to the time the animals have fattened for resale. The same situation exists, so far as breeding cattle are concerned. Most cattlemen are entering the game with caution, purchasing a few good beef cows here and there when they can pick them up at anything like a reasonable price.

It doesn't take much of a prophet to foresee that farming here is undergoing a rapid, permanent change. For years Clackamas county has not been considered a suitable place for growing meat animals. Our prediction is that this will soon be one of the best meat producing counties in the state.

It will all be for the good. Some of our best pastures are now growing on land which would scarcely produce 15 or 20 bushels of oats to the acre 10 years ago. Moreover, the present program is one of the best for controlling soil losses by way of erosion.

Pasture Clipping Due
Seeing Carl Josi of Claimont clipping his south pasture reminds us that clipping this time of year is an excellent practice. Farm animals do not relish mature and toughened forage plants. Leaves which grow following mowing operation are tender and high in protein content, the type most desired by livestock. Naturally, clipping should take place while sufficient moisture remains to grow on new and desirable growth.

It is our suggestion that everyone mow his pasture now while the mower is attached to the tractor for cutting hay. Clippings may be used for hay or bedding, or if not too heavy, may be left on the field where cattle usually clean up the grasses and legumes. Heavier weeds, such as bull thistles, should be removed from the field.

Clipping at this season has the additional advantage of controlling weeds. Some annuals are killed outright before making seed and long lived perennials such as Canada thistles are retarded. Canada thistle plants are damaged more when cut at the blossom stage than at any other time.

New Practices Noted
Last week we had the opportunity, all too rare it seems, of looking over some of the newer and interesting Clackamas county farm practices. Included in the calls was one of Bob Seaman's farm at Marquam. About five years ago Bob seeded one of his fields to New York broadleaf lotus

corniculatus. This was prior to the time when we knew much about planting corniculatus. The resulting stand was not considered satisfactory and Bob plowed it up and reseeded to cub clover and perennial ryegrass. Spots of corniculatus then appeared all over the field and plants look so good that Bob expects to make a new planting, using certified seed.

New Lamb Cross
Also noted on the Seaman farm were his excellent lambs. Bob crossed his grade Lincoln ewes with two Columbia rams secured from Ben Elmer at Clarks. The lambs are large, well-fleshed, and they carry the heaviest fleece we have ever seen on February lambs at this time of year. The question arises as to whether these heavily fleeced lambs should be shorn prior to selling them on the market. We expect to look into the matter.

Plowed Grassland Fertile
When grasslands are plowed once again the soil is found full of humus. This fact is well illustrated on the Chris Doppelis Ogle farm west of Molalla. Last fall Chris plowed an old stand of chewing fescue somewhat mixed with orchard grass. Resulting stands of oats on one portion and Dixie crimson clover on the other are the best, Chris says, that he has ever seen on this farm.

Lotus Crop Good
To talk, or write, about hay growing makes for an empty feeling at the stomach, seeing as how lots of our hay has been damaged by June rains, but it looks now as if we have a good hay crop coming up which can be cut around the first of July, after the rains are supposed to be over.

It's Lotus major. We have been looking over a number of Clackamas county plantings; not only is lotus looking about as good as good alfalfa, but this legume is making prolific growth on the very wet soils.

These are the soils which could not be planted to annual crops this past season. Even when so planted they, many of them, are subject to winter erosion. Lotus is a permanent hay and pasture legume which grows on the worst of them. Next week we hope to tell about some of these plantings around Clackamas county.

Gantenbein Rites Set for Saturday

John Gantenbein, 76, father of Henry B. Gantenbein of Sandy, died at his home near Gresham Wednesday following an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Saturday at Carroll's funeral home in Gresham with the Rev. C. Pfeiffer in charge. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Gantenbein was born in St. Gallen, Switzerland, October 16, 1871. He received his education in Switzerland. Since a young man he was interested in dairy work, and he learned the rudiments of dairying in Switzerland. After arriving in the United States he took up that line of work. Mr. Gantenbein came to the Boring area in 1897 and in June, 1907, was married in Portland to Minnie L. Jerger. They lived in the Parkrose area for some time, where Mr. Gantenbein operated a dairy farm. Later they moved to the West Powell boulevard farm where the huge red barn has become a landmark. Mr. Gantenbein continued his interest in and was able to work around the farm until the last few weeks.

Survivors are his widow, Minnie; daughters, Mrs. Anna Hoffman, Gresham; Mrs. Minnie Ruecker, Portland; his sons, John D. Gantenbein, U. S. Army, who is home on furlough; Sgt. Christian L. Gantenbein, U. S. Army, Ft. Warren, Wyoming, who is flying here for the services, and Henry B. Gantenbein, Sandy. A sister, Mrs. Ursula Smith, Portland, 2 sisters and 2 brothers in Switzerland, 10 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews also survive.

The smallest state park in the United States covers only 25 square feet along U. S. Highway 50 at Government Camp on the slopes of Mt. Hood. It was set aside to preserve a monument erected to the memory of Sam Barlow, who built the first road around Mt. Hood for covered wagons a century ago.

Smallest State Park
Miss Betty Johnson is spending her vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson of Orient. Miss Johnson is a nurse in Portland.

State Shuts Down Fire Warden's Office in Sandy

Warren Crutcher, Sandy district state fire warden, announced that his Sandy office at R. S. Smith's garage was discontinued Thursday, July 1.

Loggers and lumbermen requiring forest fire fighting assistance or burning permits during the current closed fire season may call Mr. Crutcher at Gresham 5663 or at the Linhart Butte lookout tower, Sandy 188.

As the fire danger season approaches, Mr. Crutcher asks all "to keep the country from burning up this summer." "We'd rather prevent a hundred forest fires than put one out and the only way we can do it is with the cooperation of everyone," Mr. Crutcher said.

Danger Believed Greater
Officials believe the forest fire danger is greater this year than last because of the many newcomers in the area.

All residents are asked to be vigilant in observing regulations and reporting fires accurately and promptly.

Last year there were 21 forest fires in the Clackamas-Marion fire protection district, of which 14 were caused by lightning and 7 by man.

State law requires the following of all logging and sawmill operators working on or within 220 yards of forest land during the closed season.

State Law Briefed
1. A permit for any burning which may be obtained from Mr. Crutcher.

2. Closure of all woods operations whenever relative humidity is 30 percent or lower. During high winds operators must shut down when humidity falls to 35 percent or lower. Operators must maintain an accurate instrument for measuring humidity.

3. Operators must keep enough fire-fighting tools at the landing of each logging side to equip each man on the operation.

4. Internal combustion engines and tractors must be equipped with a fire extinguisher and engines (except diesels) must be equipped with a spark arrester.

5. Inflammable debris must be cleared for a distance of 50 feet around stationary power-driven equipment. A watchman must be on duty until 8 p. m. on days power equipment is operated and not less than three hours after the equipment is shut down for the day.

Requiem Mass Read For 7-Year-Old

BORING—Requiem mass for Jack Peter Underwood, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Underwood, route 1, box 276, Boring, was read Monday morning at St. Henry's Catholic church in Gresham. Father Richard Fall officiated at the mass and burial which followed at Mt. Calvary cemetery.

The lad died last Thursday at Doernbecher hospital in Portland where he had been undergoing medical treatment for a week.

He was born on August 20, 1940, at Duncan, British Columbia. With his family, he came to Boring area about 4 years ago. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Jacobson Southeast Family mortuary.

Besides his parents, Jack is survived by 9 brothers and sisters, Mrs. Louise Godfrey, Mrs. Rosemary Hines and Louie, Dennis Jr., Tommie, Irene, Marina, Pauline and Margaret Underwood, all of Boring; also his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pappenberger, Beaver Point, Salt Springs, British Columbia.

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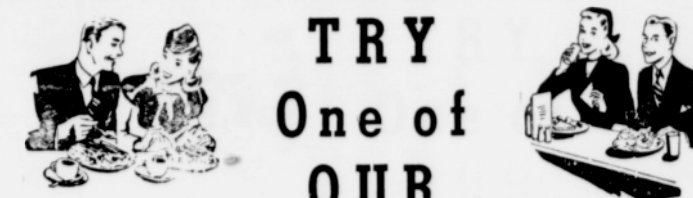
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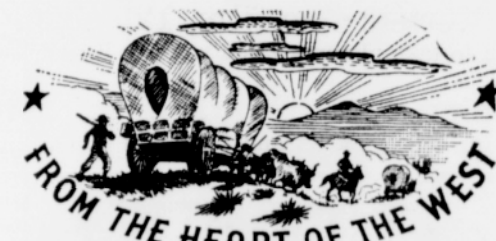
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