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A TOUR WITH ABOUT 40 FARMERS IN MACLEAY AND SHAW DISTRICTS

The Annual Tour of the First National Bank of Salem This Year Took in the Waldo Hills Country in Which Diversified Farming is Practiced—Some Wonderful Changes for the Better Are Taking Place in That Section

On June 18 officials of the First National Bank of Salem conducted a very interesting tour with about 40 farmers, visiting number of farms in the Shaw and Macleay districts.

The main interest, on this trip, was in diversified farming, checking up on the best and most profitable crops for the section visited. They saw results from the use of time in growing such crops as sweet clover, alfalfa, corn, etc.

On the parts limed in fields of oats and vetch the crop was two tons to the acre heavier than on the portions of fields not limed—and the portion of the vetch on one field that had been limed was four times as heavy as the growth on the other portion.

The farmers explained to the visitors that in the one crop of vetch and oats, the cost of the lime had been taken care of in the value of the increased yield—and that the benefits of the liming would last at least seven years.

They found that a field of sweet clover of 1 1/2 acres had pastured 36 cows for seven weeks, furnishing the very finest of feed. C. T. Gilbert, on whose farm this experiment was shown, stated that in a week or 10 days of rest the cows would be back on the clover for two weeks more, and that about the same schedule would be kept up all summer.

The Black farm, Gilbert farm, Keene farm and Doerfer farm, all in the Waldo Hills country, showed very remarkable diversification of crops and the most up to date methods. The tourists saw alfalfa and walnut orchards with corn and strawberry crops as fill-crops, showing the complete utilization of all soil under cultivation.

One fine orchard of alfalfa, only three years old, showed the trees well loaded with nuts this year. The owner told the visitors that, with the growth his trees now showed, he expected a very profitable yield in two years.

All the farmers on the trip were most enthusiastic over such farm development, and expressed themselves many times as appreciating the great value of the trip to them.

A Fuller Report The following is a fuller report of this tour, given by one of the farmers who was with the crowd making it:

"Officials of the First National Bank of Salem on June 18, with farmers, made, as was pronounced by those who attended, one of the most educational tours they had ever been on. A year ago the First National officials made a tour visiting alfalfa fields. Many had said that alfalfa could not be grown in the valley. Fields that would make better than three tons the first cutting were seen within six miles of Salem.

"The first trip met with so much success that the bank decided this year to make a trip where diversified farming was practiced. On this trip the best up to date dairy barns, dairy houses, pure bred and high grade dairy herds and hogs, electric hay unloaders, lime and fertilizer experiments, sweet clover, alfalfa, strawberries, corn, peppermint, walnut and filbert fields, were seen.

"The first stop was made at the F. W. Durbin farm to view their new barn and electric hay unloader. This is the farm that produces the baby milk which is a credit to the city of Salem.

farm is owned by C. T. Gilbert and sons. Mr. Gilbert is the best authority on lime in the west. "On the Heary Keene 500-acre farm, operated by his son, Lloyd, we saw where they are gradually raising less grain and practicing more diversified. They have put out a few acres of peppermint, strawberries, corn for their silo, and built a new dairy barn.

"After lunch, which was served by the bank at the F. A. Doerfer farm in the grove, they viewed one of the most beautiful fields of peppermint equipped for irrigation. The corn planted between the filberts averaged over 20 inches.

"A. M. Doerfer showed his winning Duroc herd and his 20 acres of walnuts. With the above, his registered Shropshire sheep. Peppermint and clover make his farm program an interesting one.

"J. J. Doerfer, on his neatly kept farm, gave some interesting data on alfalfa. A three year old filbert grove with over 70 trees to the acre promise to produce over three pounds to the tree, and at 22 cents per pound, figure for yourself and see if the nut growing is such a slow maturing one. His grove shows results of care.

"Results of dairying were seen on the Jim Nichols farm, where wheat was grown last year that produced 65 bushels to the acre, and this year the crop promises to yield even better. While there they were filling their silo with oats and vetch for their summer succulent feed, which will last till their corn is ready.

"After lunch, F. A. Doerfer, the bank's farm advisor, gave a few remarks explaining the work he is doing for the farmers through the bank's farm department. W. M. Pennington, dealer in real estate, Salem, in his talk, said that he always had a poor opinion of the Waldo Hills; said he had been in most every state in the Union and the rich corn belt, but now is convinced that this section is as good as any he had ever seen.

"Mr. Spillman, county agent of Polk county, in his talk, stated that he hoped to be able to each year attend such a tour, and that the bank was doing a wonderful piece of work by getting the farmers to exchange ideas and seeing the newer and more profitable crops and how to handle them."

COMMISSIONERS' COURT

The following is the official publication of the record of claims before the Marion county commissioners court for the June term, 1926, with the amount allowed, bills continued, etc., according to the records in the office of the county clerk.

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS JUNE TERM

Table listing road and highway work for June term, including items like 'Road District No. 1', 'Road District No. 2', etc., with names of workers and amounts.

Table listing various contractors and their work, including 'Butterfield, Bert C.', 'Miller, Jacob', 'Miller, Henry', etc., with amounts.

Table listing contractors and their work, including 'Van Behren, Fred', 'Read, Geo.', 'Divley, Lloyd', etc., with amounts.

Table listing contractors and their work, including 'Walter, Ed.', 'Siegmond, Ralph', 'Gassner, Herman', etc., with amounts.

Table listing contractors and their work, including 'Max O. Buren', 'F. L. Wood', 'Geo. F. Feed', etc., with amounts.

Table titled 'Dates of Slogans in Daily Statesman' listing various slogans and their dates, such as 'Sugar Beets, Sorghum, Etc., May 6, 1926'.

THIS WEEK'S SLOGAN DID YOU KNOW That Salem has become the headquarters and market center for a great cucumber industry; that more cucumbers ought to be raised under glass here, for the local and outside markets; that an increasing acreage is being devoted to the field cultivation of cucumbers, for pickles; that our pickling works here will grow in size; with additional salting stations at various points; that there is money in the raising of cucumbers here, either under glass or in the open; that, in fact, this is the best cucumber country on earth, and only awaits the right men with the right methods to push it further to the front in this field?

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