

Noted Grass Seed Grower Visits Europe

Oscar Loe, who has just returned to his Silverton home from a trip to rural areas in Great Britain and continental Europe, believes there is much the American farmer can learn from the European — and, of course, vice versa.

Loe crossed (by plane to save time) to see what Europe was doing with forage crops and foraging animals. He wanted to see what some of the world's great plant breeders were doing "over there" with grass and clover, and, too, if possible, obtain some new foundation stock. He himself has been propagating and selecting grass seeds for 20 years and today is rated the nation's biggest forage seed grower.

It is possible we have had too much in this country, Mr. Loe said, explaining that "there were always new frontiers. When the soils became poor and economically unproductive, we moved westward. Now we have no place to move to. Our pioneer days are done in improving and saving what we have."

England Cares for Soil

The English farmer, Loe tells, doesn't take but two crops of grain off between grass lays, and these lays sometimes contain from 20 to 40 varieties of forage crops and are left down from six to 10 years and then cropped again for a year or two before returning to grass.

Fescues, so common in Oregon, are not leading grasses there. Improved ryegrass, cocksfoot (orchard grass to us) and timothy are strong. Mr. Loe admitted he believed some fescues might be tried there.

Forage crops and grains do not always produce best in the country that develops them, Mr. Loe said. He spoke of the Atlas wheat which was bred and developed in Sweden but produced 35 per cent more when grown in England than it had in Sweden. Seeds of this are not plentiful but Mr. Loe will have enough to plant an acre to test out here in the valley.

Swiss Cattle Interesting

Each land level has its own type of grasses and its own cattle in England, he found. The Friesians, which we more often simply call Holsteins here, were found to be popular lowland dairy cattle. With Shorthorn and Hereford the beef breeds most popular. The Sussex beef cattle, also of England, interested the American visitor. They might, he said, be mistaken for extra large dairy Shorthorns. They might, too, add something to our own beef breeds here, he believed. Disease control is practiced extensively in England and the livestock men cooperate most willingly in programs of this kind.

In France, where he spent a week he found the big red and white Normandy cattle interesting, as he did also the pure white, quick maturing Charollais beef cattle. He believed the latter might help in producing his own aim—800 pounds of beef in eight months, fed only on their mothers' pastures and a block of salt. (Mr. Loe's crosses of Shorthorn and Herefords have been averaging 84 pounds a month for the past three years on the above ration.)

Lotus Better Here

France is also the original home of the lotus which we grow here as a forage crop. But it produces better here than in its native home. Mr. Loe stated following his visit to many pastures in southern and central France.

The countryside of Denmark and Sweden were the most attractive the visitor found. Here farm homes were built to last. Stone with tile or slate roofs were used and farm buildings were substantial and well kept. Fields were free from weeds and showed results of excellent fertilization programs.

He showed great interest in the plump, white winter oats from Sweden which he thought might produce the stiff straw our vetches need here. He admired Denmark's outstanding work in dairy programs with the Red Dane cattle. Crosses he had seen in America from these solid red cattle, somewhat larger than the Jersey and smaller than the Red Polls, had made perceptible increases in production. The Dutch clovers, the rye grasses and cocksfoot were used chiefly for pastures in the little dairy country. Mr. Loe expressed surprise at the great use of cocksfoot in Europe and told that our own orchard grass came from this Danish group.

Mr. Loe plans to return to Europe in a few months with the idea of making final arrangements to buy some seed and cattle. "I want to try to get some good new strains of grass and cattle, or some foundation stock from some very good, very old strains," he said, adding that it is one of his ambitions "to grow the very best grasses and pastures and

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News and Views of Farm and Garden — BY LILLIE L. MADSEN

Marion County Pruning Shows Are Scheduled

Four fruit and nut tree pruning demonstrations have been scheduled for February 1 and 2 in the Woodburn-Hubbard-Aurora area by Marion County extension agent, D. L. Rasmussen. The two demonstrations on February 1 will be in home orchards. Pruning commercial orchards will be discussed the following day.

The schedule is as follows:
February 1—10 a.m. Charles A. Morgan, route 1, box 27, Woodburn. About two miles north of Woodburn on the gravel road west of the junk yard on 99E. 1:30 p.m. William T. Lord, route 1, box 8, Hubbard. Three houses north of Zoo Auto park on 99E.

February 2—10:30 a.m. Ward Russell, route 2, Aurora. Peach orchard on gravel road about one-half mile northwest of the Bland service station on the Wilsonville cut-off. 1:30 p.m. R. H. Pence, route 1, box 266, Aurora. Filbert, prune and sweet cherry orchards on old Walter Grim farm, three and one-half miles north of Hubbard on Boone's Ferry road just north of White school road.

Weed Killer Should Be Applied Now to Strawberry Fields

A mixture of dinitro material, diesel oil, and water applied during the winter months will keep the winter, vetch, chickweed, and certain other weeds in strawberry fields, report county extension agents.

The dinitro material is available in two forms: Dow General and Sinox General. The spray mixture for average conditions contains 1½ quarts dinitro, 35 to 40 gallons diesel oil, and 65-70 gallons of water per acre. The dinitro is first mixed with the oil. This is then added to water. However, if the dinitro and oil are first mixed in the spray tank, the water can be added later. An agitator must be used to keep the oil and water mixed. Pressure of 100 pounds per square inch is suggested for best results. Growers are cautioned to apply their strawberry field weed spray while the strawberry plants are still dormant. In the average year, plants are still dormant in February. Waiting later to spray may cause injury to the young growth.

Oregon Jersey Club Plans Annual Meet

A full program is being promised for the annual meeting of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club which will be held at the American Legion hall on South Commercial street, Salem, Saturday. The business session will start at 10 o'clock. The luncheon will be held at 12:15. The afternoon program will feature musical numbers, an address by Peter Henning, jr., Arlington, Wash., Western director of the AJCC; plans for entertaining national convention delegates; fieldman program for Oregon; presentation of outstanding 4-H and Future Farmers of America members in 1948 and presentation of 50 certificates of awards.

Floyd Bates, Salem, is the president, and Jens F. Svith, formerly of Salem but now of Grants Pass, is the secretary.

Insulation Helps Both Winter, Summer

Farm home owners can't do anything about the cold weather, but they can do something to make their homes comfortable in spite of the weather. That "something" is home insulation and weatherstripping, says county extension agent, B. L. Rasmussen.

These practices start paying dividends the day they are installed by reducing drafts in the house and lessening the danger of colds and sickness in the family, as well as reduce fuel bills.

If the home owner can crawl around in his attic, he can install insulation material over the ceiling in his home. If he also wants to insulate the side walls, he can hire an insulation contractor to install "blown-in" type insulation.

have the very best livestock that can be had to pasture it."



Pictured here is one of the new 1949 hay chopper and ensilage cutting machines, to be operated by one man, introduced by the New Holland Machine company. This feeds, cuts to desired length and blows corn, hay or other crops to mow or silo in one operation.

Morse Flails Filibuster as Danger to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Two senators spoke out Tuesday against the present senate rules which permit unlimited debate. One of them—Senator Morse (R-Ore)—said that such filibustering could endanger the national defense.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla) also testified before the senate rules committee in favor of outlawing the filibuster.

Morse called the committee's attention to a filibuster against the peacetime draft last year. It was conducted by Senator Glen (C-Idaho) Taylor, maverick democrat from Idaho who ran for vice president last fall on the progressive ticket. Morse said that the breaking of that filibuster had an indirect effect on the communists' strategy in Europe.

SHEEP DECREASE

The number of sheep and lambs on feed for market in the United States on January 1 this year was 15 per cent less than last year, the crop reporting service shows. The number was estimated to be 4,145,000 head, or 706,000 head less than last year and the smallest number since 1925. Except in a few scattered states the decrease was general in the sheep feeding sections of the United States and was very substantial in the western states.

WET MASH ADVISED

Poultrymen may be having some difficulty with a drop in egg production during the cold weather, the crop reporting service reports. Their suggestion to overcome this is to feed a wet mash in the morning and at

Madison to Relate Travels at Lincoln

LINCOLN — Don Madison is giving a travelogue on his trip to the war-torn countries of Europe at the Lincoln Community club Friday, January 28, at 8 p.m., and will also show pictures taken on his trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Meissner and Mr. and Mrs. Avall Miller are the committee and announce that the goodwill quilt is to be displayed and given its owner.

Council Aims To Counter Marshall Plan

MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (AP)—The new Economic Council of Mutual Assistance organized by Soviet Russia and five of her neighbors was viewed by foreign diplomats here Tuesday as the East's answer to the West's European Recovery program.

Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania, joined Russia in forming ECMA at a Moscow conference earlier this month.

The formation of the council was announced Tuesday with the aim: "The exchange of experience in the economic field, the rendering of technical assistance to each other, and the rendering of mutual assistance in regard to raw materials, foodstuffs, machinery, equipment, etc."

Barn owls for years have inhabited the northwest tower of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.

noon, or, use a pellet type of mash and give a light feeding of that to stimulate the appetite of the hens during the cold weather.

England to Join US Anti-Red Crusade

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin pledged Tuesday that Britain will join the United States in an all out "answer to communism" crusade against poverty in Africa and the East. He said Russia has no reason to fear aggressive action from the West.

Tomorrow Bevin will go before the House of Commons to defend his Palestine policies before critics. He may choose that time to announce British recognition of Israel.

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Rodeo Set at St. Paul for July 2-3-4

ST. PAUL — Annual meeting of the St. Paul Rodeo association this week saw the St. Paul Rodeo officers and setting of the date of the 14th annual show as Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 2-3-4.

Ray Manegre, St. Paul, was re-elected president for the 10th time. Secretary Carl Smith, St. Paul, who has held this post since 1937, declined a nomination and was succeeded by Peter Kirk, also of St. Paul.

Herman Coyle, St. Paul, vice president for the past several years, retired from the board, and Ray Kerr, Salem, was elected to his office. Lester Kirk, St. Paul, was named to succeed Coyle as a board of directors member.

The new board and their terms

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BETTER ENFORCEMENT ASKED
 Improper enforcement of poultry laws was decried at the poultry sub-committee of the Yamhill County Program planning group. Members pointed out that at the present time there are many cold storage eggs coming into this area that are not labeled as such and thus the consumer does not know

what he is buying. They felt that if the eggs were labeled, both the consumer and the producer in this area would have protection.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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"Now wait a minute, Slim," snaps Doc Sherman. "Don't forget we're all 'foreigners' more or less. Some of our families have simply been here longer than others. But even if they came over on the Mayflower, they were foreigners to the Indians."

Slim gets a little red and you could see that Doc had him. "And the reason they came here," he goes on, "was to find freedom to do and think as they wanted to so long as they didn't tramp on the rights of the other fellow."

From where I sit, America became the great land it is today through our being tolerant of different people and different tastes—whether it's a taste for square dancing or waiting, radio or movies, goat's milk or a temperate glass of sparkling beer.

Joe Marsh

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