

YOUR COUNTY AGENT:

Lawn Planting Discussion Given

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As this is the beginning of spring, we should be giving pretty serious thought to getting some of our gardening done. One of the things that needs attention now is the seeding of any lawn that you want to get in. Lawns can be seeded for another month or six weeks, but the longer you wait the warmer the weather will be and as a consequence the more difficult it will be to keep the seed moist and get the grass established. Before planting, be sure you have a good seed bed prepared. Without a good seed bed it is unlikely that a good lawn will result.

Bed Preparations

A good seed bed is one which has been carefully worked up, raked and leveled. Before seeding, the ground should be rolled to firm the soil. After seeding it can be gone over lightly with a rake, or if you prefer, the seed could be covered with a very thin layer of sawdust or peat moss. This layer of sawdust or peat moss would be to shade the seed in the ground and keep the moisture at the surface to promote rapid sprouting of the seed. It is quite important in preparing the soil to go over it several times to be sure that it is perfectly level and to get the soil firmly packed. After the grass gets started it will do much better in a firm seed bed than it will if the soil is left loose and full of air spaces.

Grass Choices

The choice of a grass to plant is an individual matter, as some people like clover in their lawns and other people like a straight grass lawn. There are some advantages on both sides, so the thing to do is to plant the type of lawn that you like. When it comes to the choice of a grass, most people prefer either the Kentucky bluegrass or the red creeping fescue. The bluegrass has a little coarser leafed blade than the fescue and the grass is a little more tender. This makes it somewhat easier to mow, but it also wears out a little quicker if people make paths across it. In many areas of Oregon the bent grasses are preferred for lawns. In this area the weather is too hot and dry, and generally speaking the bent grasses are rather unsatisfactory. Some bent grass lawns that receive excellent care make a wonderful turf, but they require plenty of water and frequent applications of fertilizer.

Fertilizer Need

Before seeding a lawn it is desirable to rake in 4 pounds of a complete fertilizer to each 10-foot by 10-foot area. On established lawn, light frequent applications of ammonium sulfate will give the best response. The use of a half pound of ammonium sulfate to each 10-foot by

10-foot area at intervals of about two months from this time in the spring up until October will keep the lawn in good shape.

The light frequent use of fertilizer will keep the grass growing vigorously and will make the sod thick and tough. As long as a lawn sod is real thick it is quite difficult for weeds to get established. In reality, the best weed control consists of keeping your lawn vigorous enough and thick enough so that the little weed seedlings can't get started. If you have plantain or dandelions already in the lawn they can easily be taken out by spraying with 2,4-D. If the lawn has any clover in it, the 2,4-D will also damage the clover, but if used properly you can eradicate the plantain and dandelions and some of the clover will be left to re-establish itself.

Crab Grass Problem

One of the worst lawn weeds that we have to contend with is crab grass. This is not a perennial but dies out every winter and has to become re-established every spring from seed. The seed doesn't germinate until the weather gets pretty warm, so it is generally May before we see any of the little seedlings coming up. If we can fertilize our lawns now and keep them growing vigorously, it is much more difficult for crab grass to get established. In combatting crab grass, the first thing you should do is to be sure that you actually have crab grass.

There is quite a little confusion between crab grass and Bermuda grass, as they both have the 5-fingered type of seed head. The big difference between the grasses is that the crab grass dies out completely each winter, whereas bermuda grass dies above ground but the roots remain alive. Crab grass roots are small and fibrous, whereas the bermuda roots are large and heavy, running underground for some distance. If you have patches that you suspect of being crab grass, you could dig down now and if you found these large, fleshy roots you would be sure that it was bermuda and that the common crab grass killers would have little effect on it other than temporarily burning off the top. As for crab grass control, nothing much can be done until the little seedlings come up in the late spring. At that time a treatment with one of the good crab grass chemicals should be very effective in killing it out. These chemicals are most effective on the seedlings, so be alert to their appearance sometime in May and then treat immediately.

See the wide range of wedding announcements available at the News Review.

BOWLING

Majorette League	26	18
Bosshard Lumber	25	19
Steak House	20	24
Trites Coffee Co.	17	27
Lithia Nursery		

The Steak House took 4 from Lithia Nursery to drop them in to the cellar, and Trites Coffee company won 3 from Bosshard Lumber company.

Keglerette League	25	19
Bob's Lunch	24	20
Newbry's Orchards	21	23
Omar's	18	26
Park View		

Bob's Lunch continued to hold their lead by winning 3 from Park View, and Newbry's Orchards took 4 from Omar's to go into second place.

American League	32	16
Mistletoe Lumber	29	19
Phil Bryant's Service	25	23
Wiley-Reinholdt	10	38
Liningers		

Phil Bryant's Service won 4 from Liningers Sand and Grav-

el to gain on first place, and Wiley-Reinholdt took 3 from Mistletoe Lumber company.

Elks League	32	16
Sox	31	17
Yanks	23	25
Dem Bums	10	38
Browns		

The Sox and the Yanks split 2 and 2 for the Sox to stay in the lead by one point, and Dem Bums took 3 from the Browns.

Classic League	28	20
Caton's Garage	28	20
Tiny's Body Shop	25	23
Royal Crown	15	33
Marshall-Wells		

Tiny's Body Shop won 4 from Caton's Garage to gain a tie for first place, and Marshall-Wells took 3 from Royal Crown.

Major League	32	16
Peter's Union 76	27	21
O'Brien Motors	23	25
Selby's Chevrolet	14	34
Oak St. Tankers		

Selby's Chevrolet took 3 from Peter's Union 76, and O'Brien Motors won 3 from the Oak St. Tankers.

Strong Demand for Feed Grains

Oregon farms now have about an eighth more livestock on them than in 1951 when national feed production did not meet needs. So Oregon State college agricultural economists in a new spring planted field crops outlook circular say the question of the hour is: Can we catch up in 1952?

M. D. Thomas, OSC outlook economist, says barley and red clover look like best bets for increased planting in adapted areas of Oregon this spring. Government support programs keep wheat in a favored spot, especially for Columbia basin farmers, but enough wheat appears to be in sight.

Feed Grain Strong

Not so with feed grains. The strong demand for feed grain, says Thomas, places barley in a favorable market position even if brewers are not willing to pay

substantial premiums for Oregon's Hannchen variety.

In the outlook circular which is available through county extension offices or by writing to the college, the economists say demand for malting barley is expected to show little change from last year. The national average support price for No. two barley, at \$1.22 a bushel, is 11 cents higher than for the 1951 crop.

Kenland Promising

Among clover seeds, Thomas indicates the Kenland strain of red clover shows the most promise for the next two or three years. Supplies of alsike, ladino, and white are likely to be large and bring lower prices.

The economists have their doubts regarding market outlook for fescue seed this year as compared with a year ago. Increasing competition from with-

Mitchell Child Dies

Loretta Mitchell, 8, died March 19 at the Ashland General hospital from first degree burns. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, 332 Patterson street.

The child's clothes caught on fire while she was working over a wood stove washing her play dishes. Her mother attempted to beat out the flames, but the child ran from the house with her clothes on fire.

An uncle, Ray Mitchell, arrived while the mother was attempting to roll the child in a pool of water. He wrapped the youngster in a blanket and took her to the hospital.

in as well as outside the state is in sight.

Corn, while a comparatively minor crop in Oregon, is pointed out by the economists as a good rotation crop where good yields can be obtained.

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