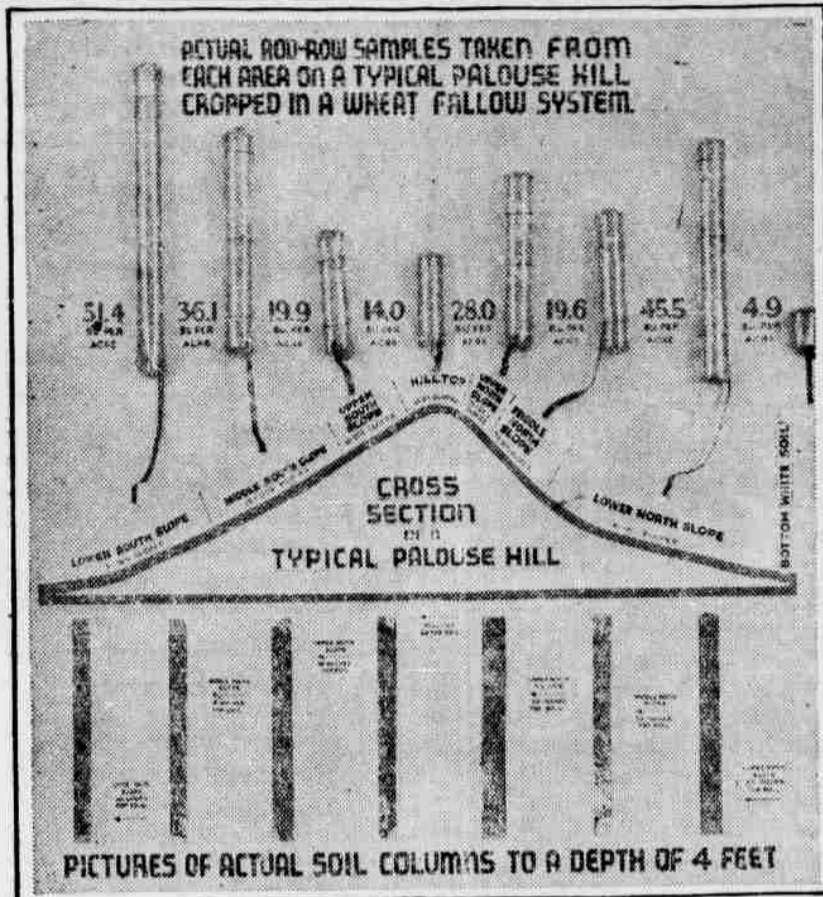
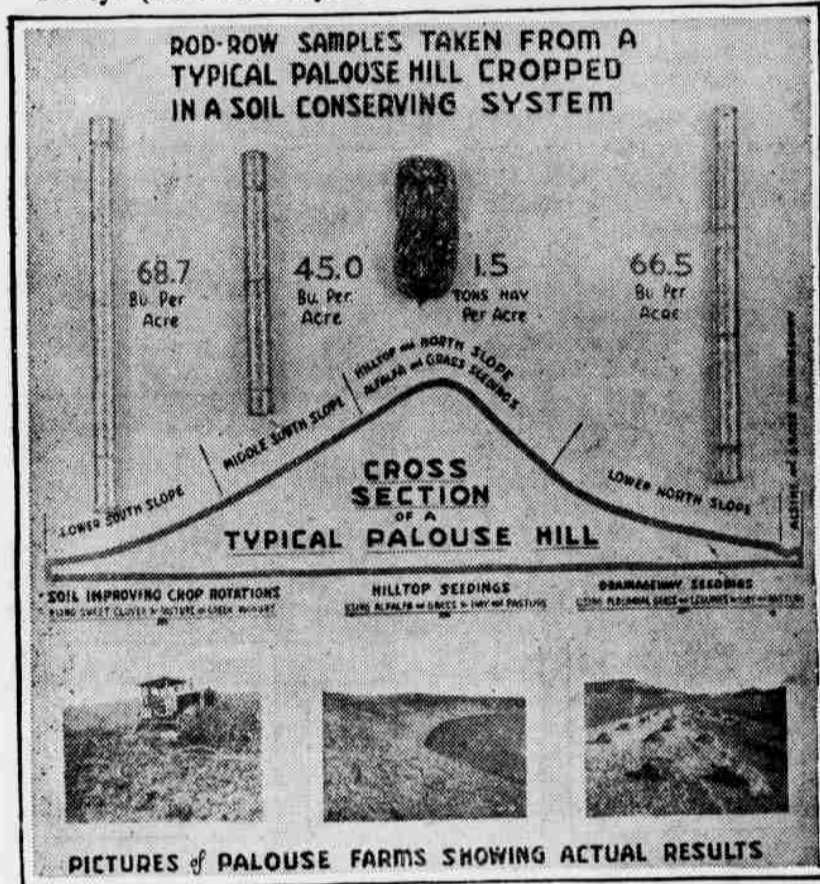


## SOIL SAVING FOR VICTORY



**WASTE:** Wheat on eroded acres wastes soil and loses the farmer money. (Note the low yields where the topsoil has worn thin.)



**CONSERVATION:** As much money from wheat on the 80 percent of good land—profitable hay crops on the rest for meeting dairy and meat quotas while protecting the land. Soil Conservation Service photos

## Feed Crops Best On Eroded Hills Of Inland Empire

Many wheat farmers in Oregon and Washington learned from pre-war experience that they can grow "Food for Victory" feed crops profitably on their eroding hilltops and steep slopes and still make as much money from cash crops on the remaining 80 percent of good land as they formerly made by straight cropping it all.

Farmers' testimonials to the wisdom of confining their wheat and pea cropping to the productive middle and lower slopes and putting the low-producing eroded acres into grass and alfalfa, either permanently or in long-time rotations, were confirmed by actual measurements made on a hundred hills east of the Cascades. The observations by Soil Conservation service agronomists and soils men, included complete yield sampling on 33 of the hundred cropped hills.

They showed that on approximately a fifth of the farm, when it all was cropped under the straight wheat-fallow system, the cost of producing the grain was more than the farmer received for it. The loss was being absorbed by the other four-fifths of good land. More soil was being lost every year, and the farmer's machinery, labor and other overhead mounted.

The farmer who cut this deadwood from his operating expenses by seeding grass and alfalfa on the hilltops and severely eroding slopes and

## SAM VACTOR WEDS

Told in The Dalles Chronicle of February 23 is the wedding of Sam Van Vactor, former Heppner boy, on the Saturday previous and Mina Johnson of Wasco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grosscup of Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. L. Cannell at the home of the bride's twin sister, Mrs. Lester Johnson. The bride wore an attractive light green costume suit, with brown accessories and an orchid corsage. Her matron of honor, Mrs. Johnson, was attired in an orchid-colored afternoon dress with an orchid corsage. Mr. Johnson was best man. A small reception was held for about 20 intimate friends, mostly Dalles residents. The newlyweds left immediately for a short honeymoon in California, after which they will be at home here in The Dalles. Later report from friends in The Dalles stated Mr. Van Vactor has entered the service to serve with the army intelligence service.

using conservation practices on the rest of his land netted as much or more from his cash crops. When he added livestock to eat the feed crops, or sold the hay, his profits went up accordingly.

One representative farm, for example, showed a net year's increase in income of \$419 after shifting from so-called soil-depleting program to a soil-conserving livestock set-up. As worked out for the average 420-acre farm, the net gain in income from using the erosion-control crops for livestock totaled \$944.

## Local Items . . .

Clarence Scrivner was in the city Friday from The Dalles, visiting old time friends while looking up records to establish certificate of birth. He has conducted a welding business in The Dalles for several years but expected to start work in the shipyards at Longview just as soon as the birth certificate could be obtained.

Marvin Klemme, republican candidate for congress in this district, was in the county Friday from Burns, making contacts in behalf of his candidacy.

## GARDEN HINTS SLATED

On Monday, March 23, at 2 o'clock, Bruce E. Stewart and Hazel L. Duncan of the Farm Security administration will speak from the Pendleton studio of KUJ on "Planting Your Family Garden." Many helpful gardening hints will be given.

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