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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

After somewhat of a setback the County PMA office has adjusted itself to the circumstances and the work is progressing nicely. The PMA practice handbook that was expected to be in the mail at this time will be delayed about one week. Farmers should begin to receive them sometime next week.

Included in the handbook will be those practices which we have discussed in this column in the past weeks, plus a good many more that we expect to briefly discuss here. Amongst the practices designed primarily for improvement and protection of established vegetable cover is B-1, initial improvement of an established permanent grass or grass-legume cover for soil or watershed protection. This practice is applicable only in mountain meadows for the improvement of those lands. Where ranchers wish to work up these grasslands to improve kind and stand of grasses and legumes, the 1954 program promises payment of 50% of the cost of the seed, not to exceed \$4 per acre. A payment for super phosphate will be made where it is deemed necessary that this will help to improve the seeding. This practice is for land that is to remain permanently in use as pasture, hay, or both, on which the benefits of improved vegetable cover can be extended materially without reestablishment. Under continuous use for pasture or hay many meadows have lost their stands of better plants. Also there are now available, better adapted plants such as meadow fescue and alta fescue for wet meadows and Tulatin oatgrass, smooth brome, alta fescue and ladak alfalfa for well drained meadows. A good stand of these plants can be expected to increase materially the amount and quality of the forage produced. There are many acres of mountain meadow land that can benefit from this practice in Morrow county. The County PMA Committee has worked up suggested kinds of seeds, seeding rates, and fertilizers to use in connection with this practice.

Only a few days ago we were talking to a rancher who said that he would not keep a bull on his place that needs to be fed more than hay. Unless his bulls are exceptional or he feeds exceptional hay, chances are that they are turned out in the spring in not much better condition than when they came in in the fall. I think that all our ranchers are aware of the fact that bulls need to get into proper breeding condition if the best calf crop is expected. There is a poor and a good way of wintering bulls. Now is the time to start. So often an otherwise good rancher will neglect his bulls during the winter by letting them shift for themselves and existing on an inadequate ration. The point we want to make here is that bulls should be so wintered that they will be tough, vigorous, and carrying some condition by the time that breeding season starts. And when we say "condition" we mean fat or finish. It isn't harmful for a bull to be carrying finish comparable to high, good, or even low choice if he has had a chance to get the necessary exercise for toughening. Such a bull carry-

ing condition will hold up better under difficult breeding conditions than bulls that have just been wintered casually. A thin bull is not a vigorous bull.

With livestockmen needing to play every hand in making ends meet and economizing in their production it appears that a higher percentage calf crop is one of the ways to bring in more income. Vigorous bulls turned with good doing cows are bound to help to widen the gap between prices and costs.

And while we are talking about good feeding and its importance in a good calf crop, it reminds us of the demonstration that was put on at the annual Livestock Growers Association meeting earlier this month. At that time, Dr. McKenzie, of the Oregon State college, pointed out that two-thirds of the calf's fetal growth takes place in those final 60 days before it is dropped. Those final 60 days are almost always the roughest days of the entire year. They come just when brood cow's nutritional needs are at the year's peak, and just when native sources of nutrition hit the bottom. When cows needlessly lose weight in winter it takes far into the summer to get their weight back up, and cows which are so weakened cannot be counted to produce a strong calf or to produce good flow of milk for the calf, nor can they be expected to breed properly for next year's calf crop. When cows are drawing on their systems for maintenance and reproduction they are actually using up beefsteak, and beefsteak is expensive cow feed.

In going back a couple of years to our annual Livestock meeting, Dr. Art Sawyer, superintendent of the Squaw Butte Experiment Station, pointed out some work that had been done there that surely is timely now. The experiment was with and without the use of supplement for brood cows on hay. In an experiment carried on there for four years, 20 head of brood cows supplemented with protein feed gave a hundred per cent calf crop. A group of 20 head wintered on good hay, only averaged an 80% calf crop, while a group wintered on a ration short of hay gave a 60% crop. This 60% calf crop was received after the second year of the experiment. In summing this experiment it was found that the extra feed fed was paid in full plus \$10 per cow profit in the high to intermediate group, while there was a spread of \$25 from the high to the low group. Also the cows that are kept poor on a short hay ration are breeding later each year. There is a large spread between the first and the last calf dropped.

The same work has been done in Nebraska and California during the past few years with comparatively the same results.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skaggs of Spokane, visited here during Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout. They left from here for Ohio to visit with his family.

Hilding Bengtson of Medford was in Hepner to spend Christmas with his children Brenda, Brent and Hilda. They returned to Medford with him for a visit during the holidays.

## Lonerock News

By Verna Hayes

(From Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wick made a business trip to Pendleton on Wednesday. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pullen and Mr. and Mrs. George McLaughlin were Christmas shoppers in Hepner Friday.

Mrs. Cecil Hicks and LeRoy and Mrs. Bill Ramsey made a trip to Hepner Friday, on a Christmas shopping tour.

Miss Christene Hayes of Condon spent the weekend with her grandparents at Lonerock.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Haynes and Marilyn, Mrs. Mary Cason, John and Jim and Ellis Cason attended the Community party at Hardman Saturday night. A potluck supper was served, followed by the school program and Christmas tree dancing was enjoyed by all, and music was furnished by Pete Haynes, Mary Cason, Ivan McDonald and Bobby Stevens.

Mrs. Dora Case made a trip to the Eightmile ranch, to cook for the shearers, where they have been busy tagging sheep.

Mr. and Mrs. Mattion Hicks and Mr. C. A. Andrews made a trip to Hepner Thursday. Mr. Andrews is very much improved in health, up to the present time.

The Christmas school program under the direction of Mrs. Elsie Greenfield, teacher of the grade school was well attended by a large crowd. Out of town people coming a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cason and grand-children of Hepner, Mrs. Betty Estberg of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Oren McDaniel and children, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Lovgren and children of Eightmile, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morton of Condon, and Mrs. Elma Adams, Roma and Richard, of Troutdale. The children and pre-school children gave recitations and plays. Community singing of Christmas carols was sung by the audience with Mrs. Mary Cason, Cora Hicks, Velma Ramsey and Audra Randles as carolers. Mrs. Evelyn Hicks presided at the organ. Much credit is given Lester Wick in the efficient way he acted the part of announcer, advertising pills, soaps, shoe leather, and other items too numerous to mention, over station XMAS. Santa Claus arrived at the end of the program, with candy and gifts for all the children.

Mrs. Pete Haynes took suddenly ill Saturday night and was rushed to Hepner, to the Pioneer Memorial hospital, where she is under the care of Dr. Schwisow, of Condon. Her mother, Mrs. Mattion Hicks and Mr. Haynes are with her.

Mr. Clarno McLaughlin of Portland, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McLaughlin. He returned to his home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes were dinner guests on Christmas, of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes and family in Condon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Wake and daughter are spending the Christmas holidays in California.

Mr. Allen Matthews, teacher at Milton school, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mattion Hicks and family over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Albert Williamson is a patient at the Pioneer Memorial hospital, where he was entered on December 24. Mrs. Williamson and her son-in-law, Kelse Collins

## Boardman News

By Flossie Coats

(To Late for Last Week)

The Boardman Garden Club met Monday evening December 21, at the home of Mrs. Rollin Bishop with Mrs. Walter Hayes as co-hostess. Roll call was answered by each naming a special kindness that had been shown her. Mrs. Glen Carpenter demonstrated Christmas decorations, with Barbara Anderegg winning the guessing game prize. Mr. Chas. Anderegg entertained the group by showing movies of local scenes taken around the project and also pictures taken while vacationing, and a movie of the "Real Canadian scenery". Mrs. Glen Carpenter won the door prize. At the January meeting, County Extension Leader Mrs. Casswell will be present giving a talk on Landscaping, 15 members and three visitors were present.

"The real Meaning of Christmas" was the play presented at the Boardman Community church Sunday evening December 20th. Some two hundred people attended the program. Treats were handed out to all children.

Cpl. Billie Crisman spent the weekend here from the base at Fort Lewis, Washington. Cpl. Crisman having secured living quarters, Mrs. Crisman returned to Fort Lewis with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber left Sunday for San Diego, Calif., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Macomber's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darrah.

Several students are home for the holidays with their parents. They are: Mary Ann Rands, Keith Tannehill, Stanley Shattuck, and Peter Cassidy from OSC, Corvallis, and Miss Grace Miller from EOCE, La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo spent several days last week in Portland shopping and at the Russell DeMauro home in Hood River. Little Bobby Skoubo stayed with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Getchell, Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rippee spent last week in Hepner. Mr. Rippee serving on jury duty and Mrs. Rippee with relatives, Saturday the Rippees with Mr. and Mrs. Frances Connor of Hepner motored to Blalock for the day.

Mrs. Leo Root and mother, visited him Saturday.

Mrs. Sophia Spalding has moved back to Condon for the winter. She will be at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lovena Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hicks and children spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robinson of Boardman. They returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers and Walter Ray, of Sweet Home, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rogers and family of Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers and children of Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Davis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moore, Lavelle and James spent Christmas weekend with Mrs. Ben Rogers.

Mr. Lester Wick and Jerry, and Mrs. Margaret Wick spent Christmas with Mrs. Lester Wick and Mr. and Mrs. Louis LeTrace at Echo.

Mr. A. J. Estberg and daughter Ida, of Portland spent Christmas weekend with his daughter and grandsons, Mrs. Mary Cason, Jimmie and Johnnie. Other visitors on Christmas were Mrs. Betty Estberg and children, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cason.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fichter, Mrs. Dora Case, John Madden, Ed McNutt and Joe Boyer attended the Fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boyer in Condon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pullen are spending the Christmas holidays in Portland visiting relatives. They expect to be home around the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris and daughter of Mount Vernon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Harris over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Olive Metford motored to Hermiston Saturday.

Commissioner and Mrs. Russell Miller motored to The Dalles Friday where they attended the dedication of the new bridge over the Columbia River.

Cpl. and Mrs. Bill Califf are the parents of a baby son, born Sunday, December 20th in the hospital, Richland, Wash. This is the second child and son for the Califfs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Earwood, Boardman, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Califf, Hood River. Cpl. Califf is stationed in Korea.

Cecil and Jack Hamilton were called to Bellingham, Wash., on Thursday where they attended the funeral of an uncle, Mr. Jim Johnston, and also by the serious illness of their father, Mr. Leo H. Hamilton. Glen Carpenter took Cecil Hamilton over returning on Saturday and bringing Mr. Ben Hamilton here to visit his brother, Mr. Lewis Hamilton. Jack Hamilton went over by bus.

Pendleton shoppers Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie, Mrs. Guy Ferguson and son Sidney, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carpenter.

M. Sgt. and Mrs. George Baker and family have moved into the Gilbert Califf home in the east end. On Tuesday the Baker family motored to Victorville, Calif., for the holidays with Baker's mother and grandmother. Enroute the family will stop for a short time with relatives in Sacramento.

Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Fair left Saturday for ten days vacation at Newberg with Mrs. Fair's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs spent the weekend in Albany at the home of Mrs. Briggs' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. Carnegie. The Briggs left Thursday for the Christmas holidays at the home of Mrs. Briggs' son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell, Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. Zoe Billings and Mrs. Lavern Partlow, the first and second grade teachers and their students entertained the mothers at a tea party Monday afternoon. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Each mother was presented with a Christmas corsage made by the students. Refreshment of cake and coffee were served.

Ralph and Edd Skoubo and Arnold Hoffman motored to Hepner Monday to attend the funeral services for Mr. Gene Peterson.

Miss Jean Scott left Monday morning for Seattle where she will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. L. Scott. She will return home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall had as their guests during the Christmas holidays, Mrs. Marshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyer of Ontario.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From files of the Gazette Times December 27, 1923

Andrew Baird, father of Mrs. C. C. Patterson and Mrs. Osmin Rager of this city, arrived the past week from his home near Pittsburg, Pa., for a short visit with his daughters here.

Miss Genevieve Phelps is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. G. W. Phelps. She is a student at the University of Oregon.

Philip Mahoney, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, arrived home on Sunday and is spending the holidays here. Philip is attending the University of Washington at Seattle this year.

Roland Humphreys, a junior at U. of O. arrived home Thursday last to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Humphreys. The Misses Leta and Evelyn Humphreys, who are also students at the University, arrived home on Saturday.

Herman Hill, who is a student this year at O. A. C., came up from Corvallis on Saturday and is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hill at Lexington.

The Misses Odile and May Groshens are home to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Jack McCullough.

## Lexington News

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Hara had as their guests over Christmas their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Hara and son and Mrs. O'Hara's mother, Mrs. Weeks of Portland.

Mrs. Elsie Peterson, who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital is again home, and had as her guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christopher and small daughter from Rufus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards

and children of Ephrata were Lexington visitors over the weekend.

Walt Wallace of Ephrata has been visiting friends in Lexington, taking the three Wallace boys, Gene, John, and Dick to Ephrata to visit their father, Herman Wallace, for a weeks vacation.

Ray McAllister is spending the winter in Portland.

Pat Forrest, who is employed at the Lexington Cafe visited her parents at Monument over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson returned home Sunday from California where they motored to take their son, after a furlough spent here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Young, returned to their home in Los Angeles after a visit with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson.

Sharon Cutsforth of Ione spent several days at the O. W. Cutsforth ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Messenger and family visited his father and family in Boardman over the holidays.

Armin Whilon and son spent the holidays in Gresham, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Gar Leyva and family visited over the holidays at Summer Lake.

Mrs. Lella Owens and family motored to Prineville where they will visit over the holidays.

Charles Stout Jr. has been home from Oregon State college to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stout.

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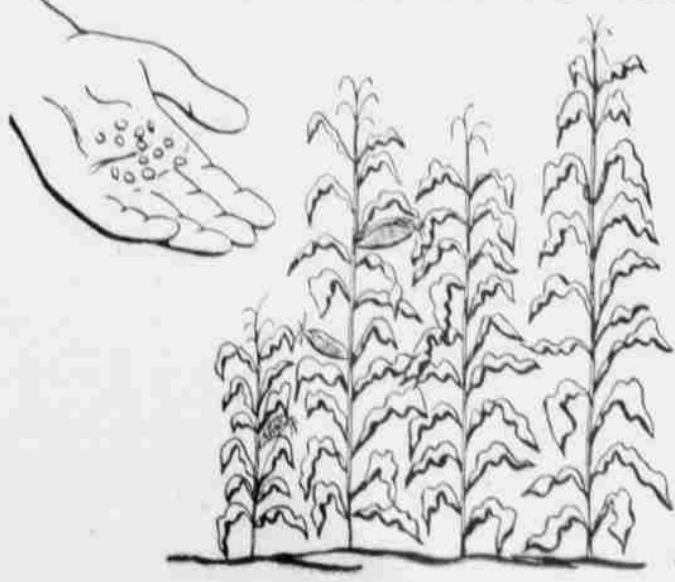


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