

Hairy Vetch for Cover Crop.

From the results of the cover crop demonstration which has been conducted for the past three years in which six or seven varieties of vetch have been tried along with Windsor beans and Tangier peas and other leguminous crops, the conclusions are easily drawn.

For cover crops in the berry fields in that portion of the country where the east winds have a chance to sweep over the fields, that the safest and best variety to plant is hairy vetch. This will withstand the freezing and cold winds and make a rapid spring growth early.

Last spring when our cover crop trials were ploughed under, the hairy vetch, although finer stemmed than some of the others, stood twice as high and covered the ground much more complete.

The seed of the hairy vetch is higher priced than the seed of the common or Hungarian vetch, but as it is

smaller, the additional cost per acre will not amount to very much. In the wind swept areas of the country, from 30 to 35 pounds of hairy vetch to the acre of raspberries would be an average planting. An addition of a small quantity of white winter wheat will assist in making a little more bulk to plough under and it will keep the vetch from lodging later in the spring.

Rye is not a desirable cover crop, as it grows most too rank and interferes with the early growth of the berry vines. In the sections of the country where the berry plantings are protected from the cold east winds, common vetch or Hungarian vetch is desirable. The common vetch although it will not stand quite as much cold wind and freezing, makes a little more rapid growth early in the spring.

In order to supply the demands, the Berry Growers Packing company has secured several tons of hairy vetch from growers in the country and are in a position to supply the needs of the local grower. The cover crops should be planted now.

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Walter Markwart came near being minus a perfectly good Ford coupe Sunday evening when it caught fire as he was proceeding westward on Powell Valley road. The blaze, which probably caught from a shortage in the wiring, was promptly extinguished in front of the Tacheron place, aided by Frank Tacheron and others.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMurry is suffering from a severe attack of eczema.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christenson are moving their household goods from the Leslie house in Whitehead addition to the home of the former's father, H. P. Christensen in Powell Valley where they will reside during the absence of the parents to San Diego. Mrs. Christensen is already there and her husband will follow later.

Saturday Hester Thorpe left for Gearhart for a two weeks' stay. She will be the guest of the Pettings of Oswego while there.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller drove to Elmira, Washington, Monday on a business trip, to be gone until Wednesday.

Mrs. M. L. Hardingham and Miss Lucy Gedamke of Portland, Mrs. William Bostic of Pocatello, Idaho, Mrs. J. G. Metzger and Mrs. Frank Hodge from Gresham were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ruegg Thursday afternoon. Week-end visitors at the Ruegg home were their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Gerity of Taft, California.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Nash were Mrs. Alice McCulloch who visited Mrs. J. R. Nash, a patient in the sanatorium, also Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Salk and baby, all of Milwaukee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Richey of Boring on August 16, an eight-pound son, at the home of Mrs. D. H. Nash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts accompanied by the latter's sister from San Diego, Mrs. Sarah Mognett, left this morning for their summer home near Welches to spend a few days or longer. Their son, Ed. Roberts and wife, will also be at the mountain cottage at the same time for an indefinite stay.

W. B. Twitchell, proprietor of the Gresham creamery, has purchased the W. K. Hamilton house in Kirkland addition for a permanent residence.

Miss Sylvia Weston is assisting in the office of Justice John Brown for a week or so.

C. R. Wheeler is away for the week on a fishing trip and during his absence his barber shop is in charge of R. Cooley, a Portland man.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Henderson drove down from Olympia, Wash., Sunday afternoon for a short visit with the former's sister, Mrs. E. H. Rueppell.

Roy Peterson, who has been employed for a number of years past at the George Page grocery at the 12-Mile corner, has resigned his position to work for the Union Oil company at the new sub-station in east Gresham. William Ferris, who formerly worked at the Page store, will resume his old place.

Miss Marie Blom returned to her duties at the Hepp Racket store this morning after a vacation spent with friends in Seattle. Miss Rose Potter has been assisting in the store for the past ten days.

Mrs. Newell Fancher has resigned from her work at the Twentieth Century grocery where she has been employed for the past two years.

Mrs. Agnes Carmean of Portland has arranged to conduct a dancing class in Gresham in connection with the Bratzel-Thiel studio in the First State Bank building. She will teach every Saturday afternoon. Miss Frieda Bratzel is looking after the registration of pupils and class work is expected to begin September 5.

On Tuesday last, Hester Thorpe attended the marriage of Muriel Paul and Harry Nunn at St. Barnabas Episcopal church, McMinnville. Miss Paul was a school friend of Miss Thorpe at Monmouth and had been teaching at the Oregon Normal school previous to her marriage to Mr. Nunn.

Mrs. J. W. Cromley and daughter, Mrs. Gladys Wilson and the small son of the latter, Woodrow Wilson, will leave Saturday morning over the Union Pacific for their home in Culver, Indiana, after a visit since last September with the daughter of Mrs. Cromley, Mrs. Roy E. Cannon. Mr. Cromley was also at the Cannon home several months, but left for Indiana in February.

Chas. Moore has purchased a lot in Cleveland's addition and has commenced the erection of a modern cottage 26x32. The ground floor will comprise a large living room and dining room combined and a kitchen which will have all the modern conveniences. The sleeping rooms on the second floor will be so constructed that they can be turned into a large sleeping porch if desired.

Mrs. John Brown and son Ross went this morning to The Dalles by way of the Mt. Hood Loop road on a business trip. They will return tomorrow over the Columbia river highway.

Extensive improvements are being made to Mrs. C. Merrill's house by Frank C. Jones. The building is being raised and a new foundation put under it and new porches will be built.

J. C. Thom, wife and two children drove from Victoria, B. C. for a visit with his brother, William Thom and family. At present they are at Toledo, Oregon, for a visit with a daughter, but expect to return to Gresham in about a week. Mr. Thom has been in the grocery business in Victoria for years, but has sold out his business there with the intention of securing a favorable location for the same business in western Oregon.

The Gresham band gave another of its fine concerts to an appreciative outdoor audience Wednesday evening. There will be four more concerts given this season on the street, the last one of the series occurring on the evening of September 9.

The mother and two sisters of A. W. Easton arrived Thursday for the funeral of Mrs. Easton and expect to remain for a few days' visit. They are Mrs. Josephine Easton of Kelso, Washington, Mrs. Amy Taylor of Tacoma and Mrs. Josie Clinefelter, of Portland.

Newell Fancher is having a garage 16 x 20 feet in size, erected on his acre of land at Bairdsdale and the Base Line. Mr. and Mrs. Fancher expect to occupy the building as a residence until such time as they decide to build.

The Rev. L. N. Waldron and family are moving to Lents today where they will reside in the Oscar Blair house. Mr. Waldron expects to engage in carpenter work near his new location.

Ellwood's orchestra composed of Gresham musicians, which has been playing for the Springer hall dances on Wednesday evenings, is now engaged for the Sunday evening dances also. The boys are hoping for good crowds as they get a commission on the returns.

Miss Margaret St. Clair is spending several days visiting with her sister, Mrs. Raymond Rogers in Portland.

The Rakers and Baileys, who have been spending a few days at Seaside, have reason to remember their sojourn there, as the cottage which they occupied was visited by a sneak thief who relieved Mr. Raker of his gold watch and some money and who rifled several hand bags and stole money from them, including \$30 belonging to Miss Vada Anderson. Mrs. R. D. Bailey also lost money. The hand bags were left outside the door as were Mr. Raker's trousers. The party comprised Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Raker, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bailey and daughters Marguerite and Leona and Miss Anderson. All have returned to Gresham and Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Raker are now staying at the beach.

Mrs. W. J. Hollenbeck and three children motored up from Los Angeles, arriving last Friday, to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Hollenbeck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Kern.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rogers went last Tuesday morning to the Tillamook beaches where they spent several days and on Saturday drove to Seaside, returning Sunday by way of Astoria. They report a most enjoyable vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Arza Smith and Lester Spencer plan to start tomorrow to eastern Washington where they will be gone about two weeks. The Smiths have a section and a quarter of wheat land at Bickleton and Mr. Spencer a little less. They will look after their interests there and later visit with friends in Kennewick, Yakima and Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Swift have taken their 8-year-old daughter, Fern, to Dr. Zeebuth in Portland, a specialist in the treatment of tuberculosis of the bone. The little girl's hip and spine are affected but it is believed that a complete cure can be brought about. Mr. Swift is seeking to dispose of his home and expects to live in Montavilla while continuing his work as collector for the Portland Electric Power company in this vicinity.

Mrs. C. O. Horning and daughter Elizabeth returned Thursday evening from a most enjoyable trip to Los Angeles where they had spent six weeks. While there Miss Horning took a six summer session of the University of weeks' advanced musical course at the Southern California. They mention that they greatly appreciated getting back into the mountains of Oregon and that a difference was noted in the ozone in this state and that of southern California. Miss Horning expects to remain home a year and pursue her musical studies with the intention of beginning college later.

While returning from the baptismal services of the Undenominational temple which took place near Troutdale Sunday Ed Anderson of Powell Valley, in charge of a truck load of 14 children, had a slight accident. In descending the Powell Valley hill west of the schoolhouse he coasted, then when attempting to shift into gear when beginning the ascent of the opposite grade, the engine was killed, throwing the truck onto its side over a slight embankment. No one was hurt as the machine was proceeding at a slow pace.

The Odd Fellows hall is receiving two coats of paint, Fred Todd doing the work.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Sture of Sandy are planning to attend the annual convention of the Luther League at Astoria Saturday and Sunday of this week. They will probably spend a day or so at Seaside before going to the convention.

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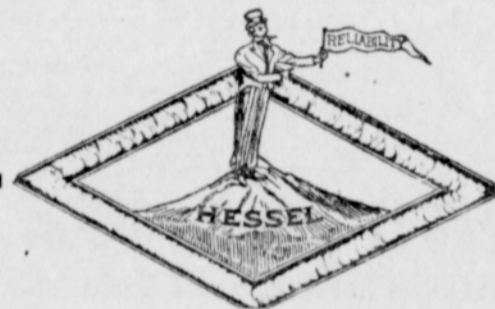
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Mrs. B. W. Emery is with a sister at Ridgefield, Washington, for a few days. She went there from the camp meeting west of Portland which closed Sunday evening.

Mrs. Clyde McMurry and children visited from Friday until Sunday with her father, Harvey Gibson, at Barton.

INSURANCE FOR FARMERS.

The Farmers Mutual Fire Relief Assn., of Portland, is upon its 21st year, and is the largest Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Assn. west of the Rocky mountains. The yearly report filed with the Insurance Commissioner shows a total membership of more than 13,000, with \$20,500,000 in force, an increase of \$2,500,000 over that of 1923. The fire losses for 1924 aggregated \$55,000, all of which have been adjusted and promptly paid. No lower rate on farm insurance can be obtained from any other company in Oregon. If you believe in co-operative movement among the farmers and need insurance, call on President H. W. Snashall, at the Fair Grounds, Gresham. Phone 2101.—Adv.

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