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## HARDY ALFALFA STRAINS AND CROP ROTATION NEED

### EDUCATIONAL DISCUSSION HELD AT FARM BUREAU MEETING.

Grimm Alfalfa Withstands Severe Cold; Planned Crop Rotation Brings Success to Farmers.

Planting of hardy strains of alfalfa and crop rotation by farmers in the irrigated districts such as there is in the Hermiston territory was discussed at the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau meeting held last Friday by H. K. Dean, superintendent of the Umatilla Field Station, and W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent. Walter G. Holt, county agent of Pendleton, was a visitor at the meeting.

Mr. Dean's information was given in the form of a radio interview with C. M. Jackson acting as the interviewer. The interview brought out the need of planting and maintaining hardier types of alfalfa by proper application of fertilizer to build the vitality of the plants. Experiments carried on at the field station showed that the hardy plants which were properly fertilized withstood the cold winter, while the tender types which had not been fertilized suffered considerably.

Certain alfalfa strains have been developed in which the tender types have been killed off by continuous exposure to northern climates. The hardy strains, warned by the cool nights of early autumn, prepare for winter by a cessation of the plant functions and the storing of plant food to carry it through the winter. Of course proper fertilization also builds up the vitality of the plant, enabling it to better stand the cold winters.

Tender strains are unused to cold winters and make considerable growth after the last crop is cut, which weakens the plant and saps the vitality. The tender strains frequently give a heavier yield in a year than the hardy strains, but there is more danger of a kill from a cold winter.

During the four years between 1929 and 1932, a tender strain gave the highest yield of gravities while grimm ranked sixth of the nine strains. The winter of 1932-33 was a hard one for alfalfa registering ten degrees below zero in December, warming up considerably in January and then dropping to fourteen degrees below zero in February. As a result an even 100 percent of the tender strains was found dead the following spring, while 77 percent of the grimm was growing vigorously. Another 11 percent of the plants had a chance of recovering and only 12 percent were dead. The grimm is still producing crops and the tender varieties are gone.

The winter of 1924-25 was another cold one and there is no assurance that we will not have regular seasons cold enough to destroy tender types of alfalfa in this section.

During the average life of a stand of alfalfa, the hardy giving a somewhat lower yield, will give more hay in ten years than the tender strains.

Mr. Dean closed the interview by urging that farmers study the results of experiments carried on under local conditions of over 100 varieties of alfalfa at the experiment station, before they plant.

### Crop Rotation Need.

W. A. Sawyer expressed the need of crop rotation which was generally neglected where new lands were available. A crop rotation plan was the only way, he said, to prevent the over use of one planting of alfalfa or pasture. In order to prevent deterioration of the soil, the plowing under of soil building crops is essential before the crop begins to show a low yield.

A chart showing a crop rotation plan over a period of seven years was explained by Mr. Sawyer. This chart showed a general plan and was subject to change for each individual farm.

In order to carry out crop rotation of a farm systematically Mr. Sawyer recommended that a map be made of the individual farm and a chart made of the crops to be rotated.

Crop rotation must come, Mr. Sawyer said, in order to prevent deterioration of the soil, especially in irrigated districts. Farmers who have carried on a crop rotation program over a period of years have found that all crop yields on their farm are higher.

H. J. Ott, president of the organization, presided at the meeting which opened following a group sing led by A. E. Benschel. Music was furnished by Edna Ott, Deverde Elwood, Archie Fry and Guy Jepps. An entertainment film was shown through the projector machine owned by the organization.

### Wool Style Show.

A style show will be given by members of the Wool Growers' Auxiliary at Heppner, Saturday, March 28. The show will be put on in the Parrish house at 2:30 in the afternoon. Tea will be served during the program. The next meeting of the group at Echo will be held April 3.

## 450,000 PEOPLE NEED RELIEF IN FLOOD AREA.

Relief for at least 450,000 people is needed in the flood area. These people are dependent for food and clothing upon the Red Cross. Three million dollars are needed at once and the call goes out to the people in this community who are able to aid with the smallest donation.

## HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS HOLD INTEREST

The home extension meetings being conducted by the unit in the Hermiston district have been holding decided interest with Miss Francis Clinton, home demonstration agent from Pendleton, conducting the program. At the monthly meeting held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. A. Sawyer, eighteen were present to hear the discussion and see Miss Clinton prepare mild flavored vegetables.

The vegetables prepared in the cookery demonstration were served at noon together with other food brought by the ladies. In the afternoon Miss Clinton explained a vitamin chart and conducted a series of games.

The next regular meeting will be held April 28th, and every interested woman is invited to attend these educational and enjoyable meetings.

### Soil Erosion Class Visits.

A group of seventeen soil erosion students under the leadership of Dr. W. L. Powers, instructor at Oregon State college, visited the Umatilla Field Station of which H. K. Dean is superintendent, Friday of last week. The group came on a special bus from Corvallis and visited other projects in the state and in Washington before returning to the college.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Gladys Pearson of the class of '39 returned to school Monday after recovering from a mastoid operation.

The annual high school play and program will be given April 2. Advertising posters are being prepared under the supervision of Eleanor Dawson who heads the committee. The ticket selling committee consists of Bonnie Jean Follett and Ernest Rainwater.

The Bulldogs clash with Boardman for the first baseball game of the season Friday, on the local field.

The high school debate squad will meet the team from Grass Valley in a contest April 3. The local team won the district championship in Pendleton last week for the fourth consecutive time.

Deverde Elwood suffered injuries to his eye while playing baseball Tuesday.

### BOARDMAN NEWS

By MARGARET S. THORPE  
Harry Thorpe was in Hermiston on business Monday.

Leslie Packard was in Hermiston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thomas went to Spokane Tuesday where they were called because of the death of Mr. Thomas' mother. They returned Thursday.

Marietta and Lee Thomas stayed at the W. A. Baker home while Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were in Spokane.

Mrs. Ed Barlow, Mrs. Guy Barlow, and Mildred Allen took Junior Messenger to Hermiston Wednesday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Disbrow and son Glen left Wednesday for Idaho where they will make their home.

Alvin Halse from South Dakota visited this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. E. Sturm.

Junior Messenger was taken to The Dalles Friday for further medical examination. Truman Messenger of Condon took Junior to The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Allen were in Pendleton Thursday.

The Home Economics club held its first birthday party Wednesday night. About 15 people were seated at the birthday table. The evening was spent playing 500 and dancing.

Mrs. Nick Falter and Mrs. Paul Smith tied for high score for women, and Mrs. Howard Bates won low. Claud Coats won high score for men and George Mitchell was low.

Mr. and Mrs. Ash were Hermiston visitors Saturday.

The Townsend club met Tuesday night at the Grange hall. R. C. Mitchell, who was a delegate to the Townsend convention in The Dalles, gave an account of the meeting. Three numbers were sung by the male quartet.

The Smith-Hughes class went to The Dalles Friday where they competed with other boys in several divisions of their work. The boys brought home quite a number of prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe were in Pendleton Saturday. Pearlesna Brown returned to school Monday after being ill with pneumonia for some time.

Floy Byram returned to school Monday after being released from quarantine.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe have moved to the old Signs place.

## STANFIELD CCC COMPANY RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM.

Stanfield Educational Dept., Co. 569, CCC—(Special)—CCC camp at Stanfield is a bee hive of activity. The warm spring days have not only accelerated work on the project but interest in new educational and recreational activities are quite apparent.

The addition of Roy Wiekal of the Biological Survey as rodent control foreman has added a very necessary and worthwhile service to the community. Gopher poisoning work is well under way. A crew of seven men is at work every day systematically destroying the pests.

The Gossage fill, four miles east of Stanfield, is now ready for the water and more than a hundred men are busy concreting and building at the Conley fill, seven miles north-east of Stanfield.

## MORROW COUNTY POMONA WILL MEET APRIL 4TH

The Morrow County Pomona Grange will meet at Irrigon, Saturday, April 4th, with a business session in the morning in which ritual work will be conducted.

In the afternoon an open meeting will be held at which an interesting program will be given. Discussion will be held on such subjects as the new agricultural program and taxes. The public is invited to attend the afternoon session.

### Brain Abscess Operation.

Katherine Guerin, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gurian of Umatilla, underwent an emergency operation Tuesday at St. Anthony's hospital for the removal of an abscess of the brain, behind the ear, the operation being performed by Dr. Guy Boyden, formerly of Pendleton and now of Portland, and Dr. H. S. McKenzie of Pendleton. Reports from the hospital state that the child stood the operation well, but that her condition is critical. Dr. Boyden arrived at midnight via United Air lines and the operation was performed immediately after his arrival.—East Oregonian.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

W. R. Courtwright of Boardman is a medical patient in the Hermiston General hospital. He suffered a slight stroke last Sunday but is reported as improving.

Mrs. H. Graves of Boardman is a medical patient in the local hospital. Miss Queenie Peck, who has been assisting as nurse at the hospital recently, recovered from a slight attack of the flu.

### Hermiston Will Debate.

After winning the district championship for the fourth consecutive time the Hermiston high school debate squad will next meet the team from Grass Valley. The date has not been set for the contest. Debaters on the team are Bill Jackson and Wayne Power, affirmative; and Bill Harris and Harold Throop, negative.

### Elected Basketball Captain.

Pacific University, Forest Grove—Edith Clarke of Hermiston has been elected captain of the Phi Lambda Omicron sorority basketball team for the inter-sorority tournament.

### Weather Report.

Date	Max.	Min.
March 19	67	27
March 20	73	26
March 21	70	37
March 22	52	27
March 23	51	27
March 24	50	32
March 25	55	31

Precipitation was .02.

### 4-H Club Leader Visits.

Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state 4-H club leader visited here Friday, March 20, and met with a group of club girls and club leaders in the high school. Miss Cowgill was making a tour of this section of the state and outlined a program with leaders here. She explained several contests which were being given for home economics girls and urged local club members to enter. At a business meeting held by members of the clubs, Eleanor Dawson was elected to attend 4-H club summer school at Corvallis as a representative of the club.

## STUDENTS PLAN ALL-SCHOOL SHOW APRIL 20

(From the Bulldog)

The annual all-student-body presentation will be given at the Oasis theatre Thursday evening, April 2d, at 8:00 o'clock. Previous to this year the all-high-school programs have consisted of three act comedies, operettas, or dramas, but this year, under the direction of Miss Esther Sibert, Miss Golda Mumma, Harold Hatton and Ladrew Moshberger, a different type of entertainment will be introduced. The program will consist of three definite parts which have been combined into an interesting radio program. A clever one-act comedy "Flittermouse"; a heavy dramatic play "The Valiant," by Robert Middlemass, plus musical

## DR. DAVIDSON COMPLETES BANG'S DISEASE TEST HERE

Dr. G. R. Davidson, federal veterinarian who has been making the Bang's disease test in this district, will complete his work soon and will then go to Pendleton where he will make the second test in herds there. Farmers whose herds have been missed in this district on the second test should get in touch with Assistant County Agent Sawyer's office immediately.

During Dr. Davidson's stay, 114 herds have been tested, and a total of 1284 cows tested. The percentage of reactors among these cows was 3.7.

Dr. Davidson has been in this territory since the first of February.

### Propst to Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst, who formerly operated the variety store here, visited at the home of Mrs. Propst's sister, Mr. and Mrs. New Madden Friday and Saturday, and while here announced that they had purchased a store at Phillipsburg, Montana. They left Saturday afternoon for Kennewick where they visited relatives. Mrs. Ellen R. Propst, mother of Mr. Propst, plans to stay with her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Bennett at Biggs, Ore., for the present. Later she will visit a son, O. W. Propst in Iowa and then rejoin Mr. and Mrs. Propst at Phillipsburg.

### Improvements at Cannery.

Improvements being made at the Hermiston Co-operative Cannery will insure more floor space and greater canning capacity. A second pressure cooker will be installed and also a capping machine which will enable the cannery to handle both number two and number two and one-half cans on the same day, thus insuring greater speed and handling capacity. The office has been transferred from the main canning room to space in the storage room, giving a much greater floor space. O. L. Barlow, manager of the cannery and laundry, states that the cannery will now have a capacity for 100,000 cans.

## STANFIELD ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST APPEAR

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Kennison attended the funeral of Miss Eva Pennick's sister, Mrs. Wm. Reeves, in Athena Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Revem and sons Don and Bob were in Portland over the week end attending to business.

Mrs. D. R. Starkweather entertained the members of the Pollyanna club Wednesday afternoon at her home.

The members of the Stanfield Woman's Study club met at the home of Mrs. T. Claude Baker Thursday afternoon, March 19th. Seventeen members and four guests were present.

Mrs. A. D. Kepple reviewed the book "Anthony Adverse" by Allan. Mrs. Claude Baker gave a very interesting paper on characteristics of modern industry. Mrs. Rose Hedrick read a paper on Allen's poems and Miss Rose Hoosier sang a solo. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Stuart, April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sires returned the first of the week from a business trip to the Willamette valley.

Mrs. J. F. Lane, Mrs. G. W. Wallace and Mrs. G. E. Greathouse were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Miss Elva Berry entertained the officer's club of the Eastern Star at the M. Revem home Tuesday afternoon.

The Home Economics club is giving another dance at the grange hall Saturday night, for the benefit of the 4-H club delegation which will go to summer school.

### Legion Auxiliary Initiates.

A regular meeting of Hermiston Unit No. 37 was held on March 12, at the club house, with Mrs. Harry Kelley and Mrs. E. E. McPherson serving as hostesses.

A part of the evening's program was initiation of new members. Mrs. Robert Yeager was the new member, and Mrs. Rena Waterman, who has been a member of long standing but had never been initiated, was also a candidate.

Mayor F. C. McKenzie spoke briefly asking that the members of the Unit give their help in securing memberships for the park association. The Unit voted to undertake a membership drive for the association and as a result the entire project will soon be canvassed.

### and tap dance numbers, will all be included in the show.

In "The Valiant" Stuart Rankin plays the part of the warden; Harold Buell plays Father Daly; Ed Hall plays the part of the prisoner; Rebecca Pearson is the girl; and Lawrence Hunt, the jailer.

Members of the orchestra, chorus, and glee club will assist.

Committees which were appointed to be in charge of the production are: Advertising, Earl Watson, Eleanor Dawson and Ed Hall; Stage, Kenneth Knerr, Bill Hamm and Bill Jackson; Tickets, Bonnie Jean Follett and Ernest Rainwater; Ushers, June Richards, Maxine Paul and Claudine Hale; and box office manager, Ruth Dodd.

## ODD FELLOWS INITIATE SIX CANDIDATES MONDAY.

Six candidates were initiated into the Hermiston Odd Fellows order Monday night of this week, and will receive the first degree at the meeting on Monday, March 30th.

Candidates were A. W. Farries, E. R. Ash, J. E. Barlow, V. E. Parlow and E. Ingles of Boardman, and H. Thompson of Hermiston.

Friday evening of this week members of the order will meet at the hall at 6:45 p. m., and will attend the pre-Easter services at the Methodist church in a body. Every member is asked to be present.

## FARM BUREAU AUXILIARY WILL HOLD MEETINGS.

All meetings of the Farm Bureau Auxiliary after April 17th will be held in the Hermiston Union church, up to and including the last meeting held in October. The meeting held Friday was carried on by Mrs. Harry Connor, Mrs. F. Guivits and Mrs. Ed. Dunning acting as hostesses, with the St. Patrick's motif being used.

An interesting and entertaining program was given with the following numbers included: Mrs. Sue Clark gave a reading, and also Mrs. Harry Connor read "A Good Cat Fight"; Helen Dunning gave a piano solo; Mrs. W. Dyer and Vivian Dyer sang a duet; Wanda Dunning gave a piano solo; and prizes in a special game were won by Mrs. M. L. Clark and Mrs. J. W. Hammon.

It was announced at the meeting that the special Columbia park clean-up day would be held Friday, April 3.

## UMATILLA NEWS

By ERMA BYRNES.

School opened again Monday morning after a short spring vacation.

Church hours have been changed to the mornings from 11 until 12.

Miss Mildred Conlon, who is a student at Willamette university, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Conlon during spring vacation.

Mrs. Frank James of Pendleton visited in Umatilla a few days last week at the H. Grammer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grammar and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown and son Vivian were in Pendleton Thursday.

Miss Clara Corrigan returned from Portland Sunday where she spent her spring vacation. She had purchased a new '36 Pontiac coupe. She was accompanied by Mrs. George McIntosh of Portland who will visit at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hull.

M. M. McCullough of Pasco, Wn., was in Umatilla Saturday.

Miss Betty McKenzie returned home Sunday from Messenger where she was the guest of Miss Virginia Compton during spring vacation.

Miss Marguerite Cox returned to Umatilla Sunday after spending the spring vacation at the home of her parents in Ontario, Ore. She has purchased a new '36 Chevrolet coupe.

Bill Roberts of Walla Walla was in Umatilla Wednesday of last week and Monday in Umatilla.

Catherine Guerin, small daughter of Clarence Guerin of Umatilla, is very ill in the St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton.

E. A. McMillian and James Byrnes spent Thursday in Yakima visiting Mr. McMillian's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kimberling returned Saturday from Prairie City where they visited Mr. Kimberling's parents during spring vacation. They were accompanied by the Misses Sara Rix and Rosa Ricco who visited Miss Ricco's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hatfield and sons have moved into the house owned by H. O. Thompson.

Mrs. Elmer McKenzie and daughter Jean spent three days of last week in Portland visiting Mr. McKenzie.

Miss Dede Shaw returned to Umatilla Sunday after spending spring vacation in Portland with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. McKoen.

Mrs. Joe Springer has been ill at her home.

Patsy Ann and Marilyn Joe Mahoney are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahoney in Pendleton.

Francis Stephens who has been working in Maryhill has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Switzer left Sunday for Portland where they will visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arrowsmith and son George, who have been at the home of Mrs. Arrowsmith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tucker, have returned to their home in Portland. While here Mr. Arrowsmith installed the pump in the new water system in Umatilla.

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## PENDLETON GROUP ASSURES TOWNS OF COMMON INTEREST

### DELEGATION VISITS COMMERCIAL CLUB TUESDAY.

Importance of Cooperation Made Clear; Boy Scout Benefit Introduced.

Of special interest was the meeting of the Hermiston Commercial club last Tuesday evening. An invited delegation from Pendleton was present and the common interest of the two towns was discussed. Five men were present from the county seat town as a business extension committee. The chairman was Sprague Carter and the other members were Lee Drake, business manager of the East Oregonian, and J. W. Forrester, Jr., managing editor, and J. D. McKee of the McKee Furniture store, and Carl Chambers candidate for county judge. The visitors were introduced by President Herbert Hedwall, who, after making a few remarks, called on E. P. Dodd to make a brief address of welcome.

The importance of cooperation between Pendleton and the west end of Umatilla county in all matters of common interest and especially good road building was stressed and the Pendleton men were urged to renew their efforts in behalf of the early construction of the Umatilla dam.

Mr. Carter as spokesman of the committee, assured the fifty men present that Pendleton was asking for nothing for itself further than the opportunity to aid in all work that would be of benefit to the county as a whole. Whatever problems experienced here, Pendleton was willing to help work out, and urged Hermiston to call on them whenever any such matters arose. They stated that Pendleton could not grow or maintain business unless the rest of the county grew and was in a prosperous condition. These mutual assurances were given and a larger meeting was suggested for the coming spring.

Guy Amsherry placed before the club a proposal to sponsor a theatrical, given by home talents, for the benefit of the Boy Scouts. A committee was appointed to investigate and report at the next meeting.

## TOMATO BLIGHT THWARTS CONTROL; HINTS LISTED.

Some hope that western yellow blight, or curly top, of tomatoes might not be as severe this season is seen by B. F. Dana, federal pathologist, stationed at Oregon State college, although there is no positive assurance that serious conditions of the past two years will not be repeated. The fact that a more severe winter has reduced vegetation in the semi-desert areas where the curly top leaf hopper over-winters, would indicate possibly less infestation, says Dana.

Federal and state agencies have been working continually ever since it was discovered some 10 years ago that western yellow tomato blight is spread by the beet leaf hopper, which was long connected with curly top of beets. Sprays have been effective, as the hopper is a sucking insect which moves rapidly from place to place, and so far no resistant varieties have been developed. Work with sugar beets, pumpkins and squash, on the other hand, has brought good results.

The best that can be recommended for tomato growers where curly top is serious is to follow one of several cultural practices which have tended to reduce the disease under certain circumstances. As a general rule, shading is beneficial, as is any practice which induces an environment unfavorable to the desert-loving leaf hopper.

Some growers have had unusual success in severe blight areas by reason of the combination of very fertile soil, abundant moisture, protection from driving winds and a situation where rather high humidity prevailed. One grower in eastern Oregon has protected tomatoes in a home garden by keeping the plants covered with cheese cloth until fairly late in the season, even until the first tomatoes were nearly mature. At times when early setting has brought complete loss, a delay of three weeks has resulted in a 50 per cent crop. Some growers have drilled seed thickly in the rows or in hills without later thinning, and have succeeded in saving some plants, even though most would be killed.

In general very early varieties are the most susceptible. Dwarf varieties, such as Dwarf Champion, have shown the least injury, but these are too late for most situations. Hybrids have shown some promise, but have not solved the problem.

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