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STRAWBERRY CLOVER FIRST PRODUCED IN COUNTY BY N. A. BLEAKNEY, THEN OF ECHO

The subject of strawberry clover as reviewed by the Herald this week reveals that it was first discovered in the United States in two small patches on a forty acre farm one and a half miles south of Hermiston, then owned by Roy Sullivan and now by Mrs. Victoria Churchman. The first seed produced was by N. A. Bleakney on his place four miles west of Echo. No one knew what it was until H. K. Dean of the U. S. Experiment Station here sent plants and seed to the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, D. C., for identification. This was in 1923.

Bleakney harvested some seed and spread it on other land, and now has several acres on his place near Boardman. Since the early discovery of the plant it has spread over many tracts of ground throughout this area and is also growing in southern Idaho, Yakima and California, and in some of the middle and southern states. It is supposed to have stolen its way into this country through imported alfalfa seed from Persia and the Mediterranean region in Asia and Europe. There it is called Persian clover. Its natural habitat seems to be in wet soils with some alkali, but can be grown on other soils, which sub-irrigate or can be easily supplied with water. It is pronounced one of the best pasture grasses, but is not useful for

hay. It is propagated by runners, similar to a strawberry plant and by seed. It is spread naturally through the droppings of cattle or sheep and also by ripe heads, and seeds which adhere to the feet of livestock. This year Carson Linder operated a seed huller through which 36,000 pounds of small seeds were harvested, which included a considerable amount of strawberry clover seed. This has been sold at a price of \$1.00 per pound. The seed is very small and difficult to hull, and the crop is also difficult to harvest. It is estimated that between one and two pounds per acre is sufficient for seeding.

According to an agronomist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, strawberry clover is an excellent plant for poorly drained soils, especially where the soil contains alkali. It also does well in places called swampy, where it spreads very rapidly from runners and seed. At the Arlington station near Washington, D. C., it has shown resistance to drought and cold. In this locality it is grown on land of the better grades with regular irrigation processes.

No data is yet available as to its carrying capacity as pasture, but it has a heavy growth, is durable and perennial, and is believed to exceed any other pasture on lands particu-

larly to which it is adapted. If water is applied, it will drive out salt grass where the alkali is not too strong. Several experiments are being watched in this territory as to growth on all kinds of soil.

In 1932 the Country Gentleman gave two pages to this Persian or strawberry clover. The writer says, "it is a yarn which intrigues the imagination so much that I am going to pass it along." He further says it is grown in Australia, New Zealand, Europe and Asia, and is found to stand up under both drought and excessive moisture. He states that it appeared in 1920 and was found to be a very strong growing strain of clover which, under certain conditions made several times the growth of other strains. The Australian brought a potted plant of it to Washington for investigation. It was propagated there and in less than a year, from this potted plant 5000 were ready to send out broadcast for trials over the United States.

History Monograph Published.

Oregon State College—"Opening and Penetration of Foreign Influence in Samoa to 1880" by Dr. Joseph Ellison, professor of history here, is the title of a 108-page monograph recently published at the college to be sold at cost. It is the first of a proposed series of monographs reporting on special projects carried on under the auspices of the general research council of the state system.

Sawdust Lovers Organize to Save the Circus in '39

Rain, Recession and Labor Grief Give Big Tops Worst Season.

DETROIT.—The combined forces of rain, business recession and labor troubles have given the circus business the worst drubbing in its history—but the big tops aren't out yet. Veteran circus men and close observers predict the sawdust rings will be back "bigger and better" next year, if the business pickup continues and normal weather prevails. But just so everything won't be left to chance, an organization of circus fans has mapped out a nationwide program to "keep the circus from going the way of the small-town opera house"—and vaudeville, too.

Ringling First to Fold.

The Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey circus first ruptured the "show must go on" tradition, when, beset by labor troubles and dwindling receipts, it packed up at Scranton, Pa., early in the season and moved into winter quarters at Sarasota, Fla.

The Downie Brothers circus, owned by Charles Sparks, closed in Delaware in mid-summer.

When the Cole Brothers-Clyde Beatty circus pulled stakes at the height of the season and headed for winter quarters at Rochester, Ind., it became the third major "big top" to fold this year.

Misfortune also overtook the little shows. The Sells-Sterling circus, a motorized show well known in the Middle West, closed at Sheboygan, Wis. Two smaller shows folded up in the East.

Circus lovers, however, aren't taking this sitting down. At Madison, Wis., the Circus Fans Association of America assigned a sub-committee to work out a plan for preserving an "institution typically American." Co-operating with the association, groups of advertising men have banded behind the leadership of Frank W. Magin of Detroit in a "save the circus" movement.

Collecting Driftwood

This Man's Unique Hobby

RANGELEY LAKES, MAINE.—Collecting driftwood and fallen limbs and stumps that resemble animals in shape is the unique hobby of Harry F. Allen, brother of former Gov. Frank G. Allen of Massachusetts.

These pieces of wood have been fashioned into their strange shapes by the forces of nature—the waves, the rains, the blasts of winter, and the withering rays of the summer sun.

As one approaches Allen's cottage he is greeted by an alligator poking its head over a boulder. The alligator is of wood. On the piazza, a fine buck deer of wood can be seen.

Inside, other wooden images include a reptile with what appears to be the leg of another animal in its mouth. Some clever touches of paint on some of the specimens make them more lifelike.

On one wall there is a strange looking creature which a small card informs is the Gyasticus or Cave Canis. "Lives on fish or trouser seats. Dangerous when angered," the sign reads.

In other parts of the room there are a seal with a metal ring around its neck, a lizard on a mantelpiece, an eagle above a doorway, a Rocky mountain goat, chin whiskers and all.

Floating Post Office for Sailors on Great Lakes

DETROIT.—The federal government's only "floating post office" has started its forty-third year of service on the Great Lakes. This sea-going postal substation is a mail boat equipped to give all the services of a land post office to crew members and passengers of boats cruising the lakes. It has a postal savings department, can cash or issue money orders, and maintains a parcel post department.

For men who ply between ports all summer, it functions as the only tie between them and their wives and families. Many sailors find its parcel post service a happy solution to the laundry problem. This seaman's substation handles about 2,000,000 pieces of mail a season.

Grape Vine Grows Peaches in Bunches

WELLINGTON, OHIO.—A wild grape vine that grows peaches in bunches has been discovered by John Hilliker, music store proprietor here.

The clusters of the strange fruit look exactly like bunches of grapes except that the fruit is covered with the usual peach fuzz and is not as nearly spherical as the grape. The bunches of peaches are much larger than bunches of grapes which are growing on the same vine.

The center of the peach is hard and contains what appears to be a developing peach stone. The grape vine which bears the hybrids spans a scrawny-looking peach tree and Hilliker believes this made cross pollination possible.

CLOSING DATE FOR WHEAT LOANS

The Umatilla County Agricultural Conservation association announces the release of 588 wheat loans as of December 10th. These loans are on a total of 2,752,916 bushels of wheat and for \$1,396,447.09.

According to instructions received from Washington, D.C., the closing date for acceptances of wheat loans is December 31, 1938. This means that all loans to be taken through local banks must be completed by that date and direct loans to Commodity Credit Corporation must be postmarked not later than December 31, 1938. The county committee advises all who wish to take a loan to make their applications at once so all preliminary work may be completed well in advance of the closing date. All growers who are holding their loan forms should have them checked by the bank to which they are directed prior to the closing date.

AAA officials have designated December 24, 25, 26, and 31 as legal holidays and the local loan office will be closed on those dates.



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