

Tuberculosis Group Names Consultant

Kenneth C. Ross, consultant in personnel and training, National Tuberculosis association, will become health education consultant for the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association on Sept. 1, Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar, executive secretary, announced this week.

Ross will plan and direct a program of health education for the city of Portland and 36 counties.

Health education, the objective of which is to reach every man, woman and child in the state with information on tuberculosis and its control is a primary function of the tuberculosis association," Mrs. Dunbar said. "Working with the Portland health

education committee, and the county committees, we hope to intensify the educational program on tuberculosis, the disease that can be cured when found early and treated properly but which still kills someone in Oregon every 34 hours."

Ross is a graduate of Victoria college, the provincial normal school, and the University of British Columbia. In 1947, he received his master of public health, the school of public health, University of California. He served as chairman, health education committee, California conference of tuberculosis secretaries; chairman, health education committee, San Diego community welfare council. Before going to the NTA, Ross was health education director for the San Diego county tuberculosis and health association.

During World War II, Ross served as Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Canadian Navy. As command education officer, R. C. N., Ross's work included supervision of instruction in training schools, preparation of candidates for the R. C. N., educational tests; administration and coordination of educational activities with command education officers.

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M. J. Martin, manager of the Santiam Farmer's Co-op, says that all over the country the grass-seed trade is beginning to respect the quality of Stayton-grown seeds.

In fact, ninety percent of the highland bent grass seed grown in the United States comes from an area included within a 20 mile radius of Stayton. Highland bent is a valuable native grass used on lawns and especially on golf courses. The seed finds an eager eastern market among particular lawn growers and golf course managers who want the best of grassy playlands.

The story of the development of highland bent grass in the Stayton area is a rags to riches tale. For decades, the grass was regarded as an illegitimate step-child. Its presence in wheat fields was sorely resented by farmers who had to take pains to separate it from the wheat at harvest time. That was the way things stood in 1935 when its value became known. This year a carload of highland bent grass seed is valued at about \$60,000.

Highland bent isn't the only grass grown for seed in the Stayton area. Two other grass seeds also carry a high price tag. This year two carloads of alta fescue and three carloads of chewing fescue will move out of the area to an eastern market. In all, eight carloads of grass seed are expected to be shipped and will bring an income of more than a quarter of a million dollars to patrons of Stayton's Santiam Farmers Co-op.

Numerous farmers in the Stayton area no longer curse the grass, they cultivate it. As a farm crop it requires less attention than most. A crop each year. After the fifth single planting last indefinitely with year, it is good practice for the farmer to plow the grass under to increase production as the grass will sprout from the roots. The crop acts as a soil builder and replaces valuable soil minerals to fertilize the land for future use of other crops. Grass-seed growers report yields as high as 350 pounds of seed per acre with the average running between 175 and 200 pounds.

The cleaning plant is working three shifts a day handling the influx of grass seed. Only two experts are available to watch over the operations. The two are working alternate shifts (two shifts one day, one shift the next) in order to keep the plant on 24 hour a day operation.

Right now is the peak of the grass seed harvest. The first carload of the seed is already on its way to Chicago. The Windy City is the point from which the seed is sent to mixing

MILL CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Epps and Miss Daisy Hendrickson motored to Heppner Sunday where they visited relatives.

Mary Kathryn McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McClain, arrived in Mill City Tuesday for a visit prior to her assuming duties as a teacher in the Bandon high school early next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beier and son Jimmy of Portland spent Sunday and Monday visiting at the W. L. Peterson home.

George Veteto spend Wednesday in Canby tending to business matters.

Visiting in Mill City this week at the home of Mayor and Mrs. Albert Toman are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Dieckhaus of Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Dieckhaus is a sister of Mrs. Toman. Mr. Dieckhaus is with the Southern Pacific railroad. They will return to Minneapolis via Tacoma, Vancouver, B.C. and Lake Louise.

Mrs. Hazel Austin of Mankato, Minn., who has been visiting relatives in Mill City the past two weeks, left for her home last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Coville is recovering this week from a heart attack suffered Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bellew of Firebaugh, Calif., visited in Mill City and Gates the past weekend at the homes of Mrs. Bellew's brothers, Al Haun of Mill City and Cecil Haun of Gates.

Cecil Lake and Dick Kane are spending the weekend at Plush, Ore., where they will hunt antelope.

and packaging plants throughout the nation for the package trade.

The phrase "going to seed" may mean a state of degeneration in the common lingo, but around Stayton it means that a new industry is already sprouting.

Soak Your Lawn

Don't Tease It

To maintain a beautiful lawn, don't dilly-dally with the sprinkler. Soak the soil.

Lawn irrigations of a few minutes duration can do more harm than good, asserts Mel A. Hagood, Oregon State college extension service irrigation specialist. Scanty and infrequent waterings cause root development in the upper few inches of the soil, and consequently, this type of lawn has little or no drought resistance.

Critical period for many lawns is the normally dry, warm weather period before fall rains commence. If they are abundantly supplied with plant food, well watered lawns will go through the season with a deep green color; others may turn brown indicating lack of water and care.

Lawn root zones—8 to 12 inches below the soil surface—need to be kept supplied with water. And, the type of soaking required to obtain uniform, deep rooting cannot be accomplished in a 10-minute watering, Hagood states.

Most difficult lawns to keep green are those with terraces and steep slopes. They do not retain a moisture supply and rapid run-off prevents much surface water from reaching the grass roots. The only answer is more frequent applications.

Some grass varieties, the bent grasses, for example, require more frequent waterings than do fescues.

If nitrogen fertilizer is to be applied at this time of year, light applications are suggested. Hagood recommends that no more ammonium sulphate be applied than two pounds per 1,000 square feet. To avoid burning, apply it when the grass is entirely dry, and follow the application with a heavy irrigation.

On soils where lawns will be planted this fall, water now to germinate weeds, Hagood suggests. It will also settle the soil. Plant fall lawns about the time fall rains are normally expected in a seedbed which has been fertilized and watered several days ahead of actual planting.

FIFTEEN CASES REPORTED

Fifteen cases of communicable diseases were reported this week by the Marion county health officer.

Summer Boils Over - Winter Flows Out

Winter followed summer into the Canyon this week when the summer's most blistering heat wave was followed by two days of wet weather.

Six torrid days of sub-tropical sunshine poured on the Canyon before clouds appeared on the scene and spilled their watery contents on the countryside Tuesday morning.

Thus ended the heat wave that had caused one of the most complete summer shut-downs of logging operations ever known here. The state forester's orders came late Sunday night. Many drivers and workmen reported for work Monday only to find the woods shut-down.

Many travelers who used state highway 222 over the weekend wisely chose to travel early in the morning. By 5 a.m. Sunday the highway was alive with traffic. Gas station operators reported one of the busiest days of the season. Less-fortunate travelers who rode by mid-day found the going hot and humid.

During the days of the hot spell, one of the most frequented points in town was the thermometer in front of Kimmel's drug store. Reported readings from there ranged as high as 96 degrees. But everyone knew

it was hot without looking at the thermometer.

The weather caught many Mill City boys and girls and a number of their elders working in the bean fields of Stayton. Many made early starts to beat the heat. All were dreaming of snowy mountain peaks and dips in ice-cold rivers.

Then the rains came. Almost at the same time telephone connections failed between Marion county and Linn county in Mill City. Business men had to make trips to the telephone office to put in calls. The line to Stayton was out Wednesday night. Cause of the breakdowns was not known.

Winter had rolled into the vicinity in earnest on Wednesday. Heavy clouds hovering over the city were linked to earth by steady downpourings of rain while puddles took shape on poorly drained streets. Pedestrians scurried rain-consciously from place to place. Streets were deserted.

After the heat most folks thought that the brief glimpse of winter was wonderful.

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