

Seedbed Preparation Big Item In Getting Good Stand Of Hay, Pasture

By BILL JOHNSTON
 SPOKANE, July 14 (AP)—Careful seedbed preparation is a major success secret in getting good stands of hay and pasture.

Alvin G. Law, agronomist at Washington State college, says most Northwest farmers probably have had at least one thin, scraggly stand of alfalfa-sweet clover-grass mixture because they neglected the seedbed.

Proper preparation, he says, is one of the most important factors in growing hay and pasture crops which yield well and build up soil fertility.

While poor seed causes some losses, Law says "by far a higher percentage of the failures" can be traced to poor seedbeds.

He lists three "musts" for seedbeds:

First, seeds must be packed in

moist soil. Because the tiny seeds of clover, alfalfa and grass germinate slowly and are weak at seedlings, the moisture must be at the surface of the soil. The seeds need plenty of moisture to germinate, and they must be planted shallow to struggle through to the surface.

Second, the soil must be firm and well packed. A dry seed can pick up water from soil only if it is packed tightly in the soil. The ideal seedbed should be packed without a loose layer between the surface and the soil.

Third, the soil should be free of weeds as possible. The weak seedlings need protection against the rugged competition of weeds. Two or three shallow tillage operations spaced three weeks apart will eliminate most of the weed seedlings before planting.

Law says the exact method of preparing seedbeds varies with soil types and localities but in all of them the seed-free, smooth soil to produce good hay and pasture.

Erosion Example

Estimating that up to one half the soil in the greater part of Southwestern Washington's wheat and pea area has disappeared "down the river" in the short time it has been cultivated, soil conservationists point to these examples in the "big bend" area:

At Hooper, Mas and Lacroix, investigators found that topsoil losses averaged 40 per cent on slopes of 25 per cent or more and 20 per cent on slopes not so steep.

Rural ramblers, says J. C. Anderson, Idaho extension dairyman, are not using enough water for rapid cooling of milk to 55 degrees or lower right after it comes from the cow.

The modern farm home needs an office, says J. Robert Dodge, agricultural engineer at Washington State college. Whether the farmer calls it an office or den, the room should contain enough equipment to enable him to keep farm records or give him a good place to study.

Extension Entomologist H. C. Manis is recommending chlordane for grasshopper control in Idaho this year. Tests have shown it is safe for warm-blooded animals when properly used. It is toxic for cockroach control and as safe in the home as DDT, he says.

Brand Men For Local Area Named

Deputy brand inspectors for this district under the new livestock identification and theft prevention act, now effective, have just been announced. District inspectors for the six districts into which the state brand inspection area has been divided were appointed several weeks ago.

The deputy brand inspectors for this district are:

District 5—Walter Campbell, Bly; Dave Campbell, Bly; William Kirtredge, Adel; Charles Cleland, Adel; W. E. Green, 416 H street, South, Lakeview; Hollie Schrader, Wagon-tire; W. W. Vaughn, Paisley; Bill Goulin, Lene; Wade E. Pletcher, 5031 South 6th street, Klamath Falls; Fred Pope, Fort Klamath; Elmer Stukel, Merrill; District inspector: B. T. McKimins, Klamath Falls.

In announcing the deputies, the state department of agriculture which administers the act, called attention to several points to clarify the law for ranchers and farmers within the brand inspection area.

The law applies to movement of cattle, horses and mules.

Transportation certificates are available at the sheriff's office, the county agent's office or from any brand inspector or deputy brand inspector.

A transportation certificate will cover the movement of livestock within the brand inspection area except that livestock arriving at a slaughterhouse or sales yard will be required to be inspected for brands.

If the movement is out of the state or to another point in Oregon outside the brand inspection area, brand inspection must be called for before loading.

Spud Outlook Shows Cuts

The potato supply picture is clarified to some extent by the official estimate released this week forecasting a national potato crop of 251,674,000 bushels for 1947. This is the smallest since 1939, 26 per cent smaller than last year's record crop, and 7 per cent below the 1936-45 average. Potato acreage is estimated as 15 per cent below 1946 and 11 per cent below the goal set by the Department of Agriculture for the 1947 plantings. Lateness of the season and continued June rains in some eastern and central areas cut acreage below the March intentions-to-plant estimates.

Portland Girl Killed In Wreck

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—Betty Jean Rogers, 19, a Rose festival princess of 1945, was killed early yesterday when an automobile she was driving plunged over an embankment at the end of a one-way street.

The girl, an Oregon State college student, had taken over the wheel of the car just before the accident, sheriff's deputies said. Robert Lee Martin, 21, her companion, escaped serious injuries.

Secretary Named Miss Portland

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—Slender, brunette Jane Hoberg, a 19-year-old secretary who hopes to be a professional model, will be Miss Portland in the statewide contest to name an Oregon girl for the 1947 Miss America title.

She will compete against other Oregon girls at Seaside July 25.

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Demos See Vandenberg As Hardest Man To Defeat

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—What republican presidential candidate do the democrats believe would be hardest to beat in 1948? If democratic senators and congressmen accurately reflect party opinion, it is not Dewey, Taft or Stassen, but Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, republican foreign policy maker.

In an opinion poll published by Pageant magazine, Vandenberg is selected by a 3 to 1 vote over Dewey as "the republican whom the democrats most fear as a 1948 opponent to Truman."

Each of the 233 democratic senators and congressmen was asked, "As a democrat, which republican candidate would you prefer like to see nominated for the presidency next year? In other words, which man would be hardest to beat?"

Definite answers came from 119 of the 233, more than 50 per cent of the total. The result, showing Vandenberg as the hardest republican to beat, gave the following totals: Vandenberg, 58; Dewey, 18; Warren, 11; Taft, 10; Bricker, 9; Stassen, 9; Martin, 3; Eisenhower, 1.

Dewey in second place by 40 lengths would shock some of the

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No Shortage Of Oil Seen

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore.) said today that lack of gasoline in the Midwest is caused by shortages of oil distributing machinery and not by a shortage of oil.

Ellsworth, a member of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee which has been investigating the gasoline supply of the country, said the committee plans an investigation to determine why steel needed for such machinery is in short supply.

The Oregonian said demand for fuel oil and gasoline had increased 31 per cent over the amount used in 1941. The most "startling" increase, he added, was in the use of oil burners for home heating.

He said 450,000 new burners were installed in homes in 1940 and an estimated 2,250,000 will be installed this year.

Alaskan Urges More Shipping

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—Governor Ernest Gruening of Alaska said here yesterday that Alaska was vital to the nation's strategy and economy to be limited to use of one seaport on the mainland.

Gruening said he hopes Portland will open a shipping route to the territory in the near future. He was en route to Salt Lake City to attend the annual conference of American governors.

YOUTH DIES

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—Gun wounds received in an Eastern Oregon hunting accident in November 1944, were fatal Saturday to Robert F. Mawhiter, Jr., 20, who has been bedridden since injured.

Steak Feed AND INSTALLATION MOORE PARK TUESDAY, JULY 15TH 6:30 p. m. Klamath Post No. 8 American Legion

Legionnaires and Families Bring Knife and Fork

Questioned



Mrs. Jean Martin (above), 19-year-old divorcee and cashier in a San Luis Obispo restaurant operated by Morley King, was questioned by District Attorney H. C. Grundell, who said he was investigating possibility of a domestic love triangle in the slaying of King's wife, Helen, whose body was found in a trunk.

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Classified Ads Bring Results.

Only about 500 natives remained in Dunkerque, France, when it was liberated from the nazis in May, 1945.

Action Asked On UMT Vote

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—A house armed services subcommittee voted today to seek full committee action this session on universal military training legislation.

The subcommittee, headed by Rep. Towe (R-N.J.), will reopen hearings on legislation Wednesday. Towe told newsmen it hopes to finish them in several days, and added: "We are hopeful of approving a bill at this session and having the full committee approve it also. That will make it ready for house consideration."

Towe said, however, that because congress plans to adjourn July 26 there is little likelihood that the house itself will act on legislation this year.

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Tumble Down Stairs Fatal To Logger

REEDSPORT, July 14 (AP)—Harold Olson, 51, logging foreman of the E. K. Wood Lumber Co., died yesterday of a skull fracture received when he tumbled down a stairway after a dance here Saturday night.

Olson, survived by his widow, died in the Ketter hospital in North Bend. His head struck a concrete pavement in the fall.

POISON OAK IVY SUMAC

A U. S. GOVERNMENT BUREAU REPORT announces the discovery of a new tannic acid treatment for ivy, oak and sumac poisoning. The treatment has been found excellent; it is gentle and safe, dries up the blisters in a surprisingly short time—often within 24 hours. These government findings are incorporated in the new product **IVY-DRY**

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