

Large Group Attends Tour Of Butte Valley District To Study Soil Conservation

A large number of men accepted invitations to the field day tour of soil and water conservation practices in the Butte Valley conservation district Wednesday.

In the group were soil and water men, forestry men, representatives of the U. S. bureau of reclamation, farmers and homesteaders. They met with Jess Langdon, unit conservationist at the district office in Maedoei and the tour over ranches and government land proceeded according to schedule.

First implement representatives demonstrated farm leveling for the conservation of water and soil and the promotion of better agricultural practices on the W. G. Osborne property. This was the first stop of the tour. The 320 acres was cleared of sage and evergreens last year, planted in grain and alfalfa. After leveling, irrigation canals will be put in and the land planted to grain again. A three-yard capacity leverer was used in the demonstration.

Crop Rotation

Rotation of crops to enrich the soil was emphasized throughout the tour, leveling for increased production and the right type of grasses for climatic conditions, for best pasture and for economy, were pointed out by Langdon.

The Butte Valley conservation district extends from the Oregon-California state line south to Mt. Hebron summit including the watershed on the west and east including Red Rock valley. It embraces 178,000 acres. About 35,000 acres are under cultivation and the remainder is grazing and forest land with a large portion in sage brush.

Some of the sage brush land is being reclaimed but some of it is too alkaline to be worth the expensive drainage practices necessary to make it productive, the soil man said. In general the soil in the district is a rich, sandy loam with an unusually high water table—only 35 to 40 feet below the surface in most places.

Wells are easy to dig in this country and pumps are used to turn the water into irrigation canals.

The next stop on the tour was on government land just north of the Ed Pieratt farm. Directors of the conservation district, Walter Robinson, president; Elmer Kasper, secretary; and members L. D. Parsons, Virgil Holbrook and R. L. Garey were introduced.

Dealers Heard

Equipment dealers were given a few minutes to explain the merits of their machinery for tillage and for weed control and demonstrations occupied the rest of the morning. Purposes of these tillage practices were explained by Langdon as to fit the soil to resist wind erosion, one of the worst menaces of this region.

Following the luncheon at the Maedoei hotel which was attended by approximately 70 persons, the tour progressed to look over seedings of perennial dryland grasses. Fourteen acres on the Merle Goude ranch were viewed. It was pointed out that inoculation of seed and sulphuring the land would have given the sweet clover and alfalfa planted here a better start.

Eight pounds of seed to the acre with 16-inch spacing were planted and farmers agreed with Langdon that six pounds to the acre would have been better, due to moisture conditions. Cross planting was suggested as a means of conserving the moisture.

Crested wheat grass seedlings on about 1200 acres of government land four miles north of Maedoei were finally viewed. This land was all sage brush which was burned off three years ago. The pasture will be grazed this fall. Langdon advised and some question of how the pasture was to be let come up.

Special Equipment

Gal grass, Canada wild rye, crested wheat grass, Burnett, smooth brome and beardgrass and plain bunch grass plantings were examined. A special disk regulated to go no more than an inch deep was used by the government and was recommended for this type of planting.

Grasses should be planted in the winter months so that growth will be well-started in the spring. Langdon said. The tools must have growth above the ground for nourishment and moisture, he advised and the land should not be grazed the first year and would be better if it were not grazed until the third year after planting.

Langdon was bombarded with questions by farmers on particular problems which they have and for recommendations for certain types of land and moisture conditions.

Among those present on the tour were Leroy Neil, state forest ranger and Lee Lange, associate state ranger of Yreka. Frank Pavelek, USRB; J. O. McKinney, horticulturist from Yreka; Bill Hazelstein, Dorris banker; Dough Hughes of Tulelake; Fred A. Haughton Jr., district conservationist from Red Bluff; Charles Abel, forest ranger for the Mt. Hebron district on Shasta forest; Paul Dunham and Hans Karstenson of the Yreka conservation district; new Copnock bay homesteaders, Butte valley farmers and other bureau, forestry and soil men.

Slices of fresh pineapple on a bed of watercress and garnished with mayonnaise make a refreshing dessert salad. To make it more elaborate, add cream cheese squares dipped in finely chopped tilters.

Something New Has Been Added



The site of the old county high school, 5th and High, is being converted into Ewauna park these days, with swings, sliding boards and this little foot-powered merry-go-round. The park is just being put into shape for use this summer but already is getting a big play from the youngsters of the hill neighborhood.

Air Operation In Alaska Is USAF Outlook

By JAMES J. STREBIG
Associated Press Aviation Reporter
WASHINGTON, June 11 (AP)—The strategic air command is emphasizing Arctic operations in two new series of long range training flights.

Most of the planes in the nation's heavy striking arm will make special missions to Goose Bay, Labrador, and Shemya island in the Aleutians this summer.

This was learned today after a squadron of B29's of the 98th group based at Spokane, Wash., had gone to Goose Bay to make three long range missions using a navigation method developed especially for Arctic flying.

About a dozen squadrons—heavy bomber squadrons usually include ten planes—will make the Spokane-Goose Bay run before September.

The mission to Shemya, a huge air center near Adak, will be flown by single B29's from Castle Airbase at Merced, Calif. Four planes will go each week until the entire 8th

and 15th air forces have made the trip.

The flights to Shemya are significant in that planes will travel alone. Single bomber missions have been described as a likely tactic in any future war by Gen. George C. Kenney, SAC commander, and other air experts.

The Ewe tribe of western Africa holds the leopard sacred and a king may be put to death for killing one.

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Lester B. Pearson, Canadian undersecretary of state for external affairs, told film makers yesterday that current Canadian economic demands that income equal outgo. If motion picture companies will spend at least \$14,000,000 annually in Canada, it will equalize the drain on Canadian dollars, Pearson said.

CRASH
SALEM, June 11 (AP)—A light crop-dusting plane ran out of gas and crashed on a farm near here Thursday.
The pilot, Ace Demers, owner of the Ace flying service, was slightly injured. The plane was badly damaged.

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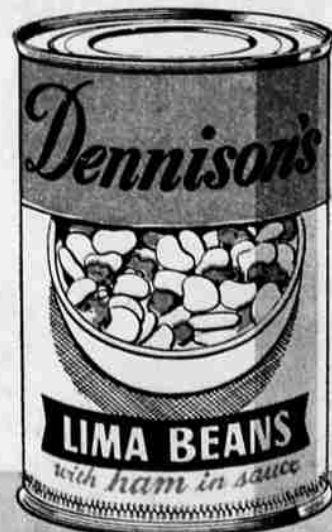
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