

Planting at the proper time often has a great deal to do with the success of a pasture or other crop.

There is plenty of time for the planting of pastures this spring, and this is especially true of sub-clover if it is to be planted in the mixture. Many spring sub-clover plantings fail because they are planted too early. We have always said that pastures containing sub-clover should be planted after May 15, but even this may be too early in some years.

A year ago May 17, we established some legumes trials at Herb Hadlers, Clatskanie. In the trial were eight different strains of sub-clover. The stand obtained was excellent and the growth would have made any stockman happy. Even so we found that only one variety, Phillips Island, had any plants remaining this spring.

Only late-seeded spring plantings are successful because sub-clover, being an annual, tends to produce seed after which it dies. If the planting is made too early, the plants blossom and die, but very little if any, viable seed is produced. The seeding then is unsuccessful. However, if the seeding is made late, even down into June on a well prepared seedbed, the sub-clover plants do not blossom or set seed, but live over the winter and set the following year when they are well established.

Seed-bed preparation is probably the most important factor in establishing grass and clover or alfalfa stands. The seedbeds need to be worked down until it is quite hard. Early plowing followed by working down to a firm seed bed is good. Subsequent occasional harrowing until time to plant will hold moisture as well as destroy germinating weeds.

Frank Schmidlin, Vernonia, has succeeded in establishing a good stand of sub-clover, lotus major or Big Trefoil and grass on hill pastures on his farm. Sub-clover has not been used as extensively in Columbia County as in some other areas, but this is understandable for those areas that are engaged in berry production, as sub-clover becomes a bad weed pest under such conditions. However, we feel that many folks may have overlooked the good points of this clover pasture, silage, or hay.

Du Puits alfalfa is still the outstanding alfalfa in the variety trials at the Walter Widmer farm, Warren. This variety is fully four or five inches higher than any of the 15 other varieties. In addition, the stand is better and because of its vigor, there are

less weeds in the plot.

This is the first year that seed of the DuPuits has been available in commercial channels. The price is surprisingly reasonable considering that it is new on the market, but the quantity is rather limited. However, quite a number of local folks have obtained seed and will be planting this DuPuits between now and June 1. If anyone is interested in this variety, it would be well to make arrangements for seed soon, to be assured a supply.

One characteristic of DuPuits that may either be an advantage or disadvantage is its earliness. Because it gets off to an early start in the spring and grows vigorously, it is ready to cut earlier than some of the other alfalfas. If you are trying to make hay, this could be a definite disadvantage. However, we have recommended it as being worthy of consideration of those who have facilities to use it as silage. In this way the silage crop comes off early while the soil moisture is still good, making it possible to get a second growth and even a third crop. There is a much better chance of making hay off this second crop.

In Oregon State college trials, DuPuits has been the highest yielding alfalfa for the northwestern part of the state. From the result of a small planting at Herb Hadlers, Clatskanie, it would seem that there is a very good chance of getting a cutting in the seedling year too.

The trial at Hadler's was established on May 17, 1955 and bloomed and was cut about September 1.

To be successful with alfalfa, it is necessary to apply the full lime, phosphorous, and potash requirement, as shown by soil tests. This year the A-2 practices of the ASC office applies to alfalfa planting, thus providing federal cost sharing for the soil needs as well as assisting with seed and seed-bed preparation costs.

When originally printed in 1955, the OSC circular entitled "Control Strawberry Aphids to Stop Spread of Virus Diseases" suggested that malathion dust be used to control the aphids. However, dusting was not to be done closer than ten days of harvest. Now a change in federal registration makes it possible to apply malathion between strawberry pickings if the need is indicated. The dust is suggested at the rate of four or five per cent at the rate of 40 pounds per acre.

One advantage in being a parent is that you don't have to take the same medicine for colds that you give to the children.

Application Is Required For All Social Security Benefits

"An application for old-age and survivors insurance benefits must be filed before payments can begin," is the advice given by Robert Hamill, field representative of the Portland social security office.

One of the basic requirements that must be met before benefits can be paid to a retired worker is that he must contact the nearest social security office and file an application for them. The same requirement must be met before survivors benefits can be paid to a deceased worker's family after his death.

"It is very important for the worker and his family to understand this requirement so that checks can be started promptly and so that no loss of payments will result," Hamill said.

The three statements which follow are important to every worker and to every member of his family:

1. The worker who is between 65 and 72 years old should file his application at the nearest social security office at the earliest opportunity after he retires from work.
2. A worker at the age of 72 need not retire to be eligible for payments. Payments may be made to an insured worker at the age of 72 regardless of his earnings. The worker still employed at the age of 72 should file his application at the earliest opportunity after he attains that age.
3. After the death of a person whose work was covered by so-

cial security, some member of his family should inquire promptly at the nearest social security office to learn what survivors insurance benefits may be paid.

Complete information regarding social security payments can be obtained by contacting the representative from the Portland office who is in St. Helens each Monday, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., second floor of the county court house.

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YESTERDAYS

FIVE YEARS AGO
From The Eagle, May 3, 1951

Principal Ray Mills announced this week that Delores Barrett held the highest grade average in the senior class and would be valedictorian and Janet Peterson was named salutatorian for second high average.

Coach Lee Pangle's Loggers track men took second place in the track meet in Scappoose Saturday in which seven teams competed. Rainier topper Vernonia by only two points to take top honors. Loren Mills was high

man of the meet with 25½ points.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles held the first meeting at their new hall on First Avenue Friday of this week.

TEN YEARS AGO

John Roediger was the winner of the flag tournament at the Vernonia Country club which drew 17 entries Sunday.

Cleve Robertson and H. H. Sturdevant, members of a committee to solicit funds from business men for installation of street lights reported \$310 collected towards the \$1500 needed as the businessmen's part of the expense. The city was to pay the balance of the cost.

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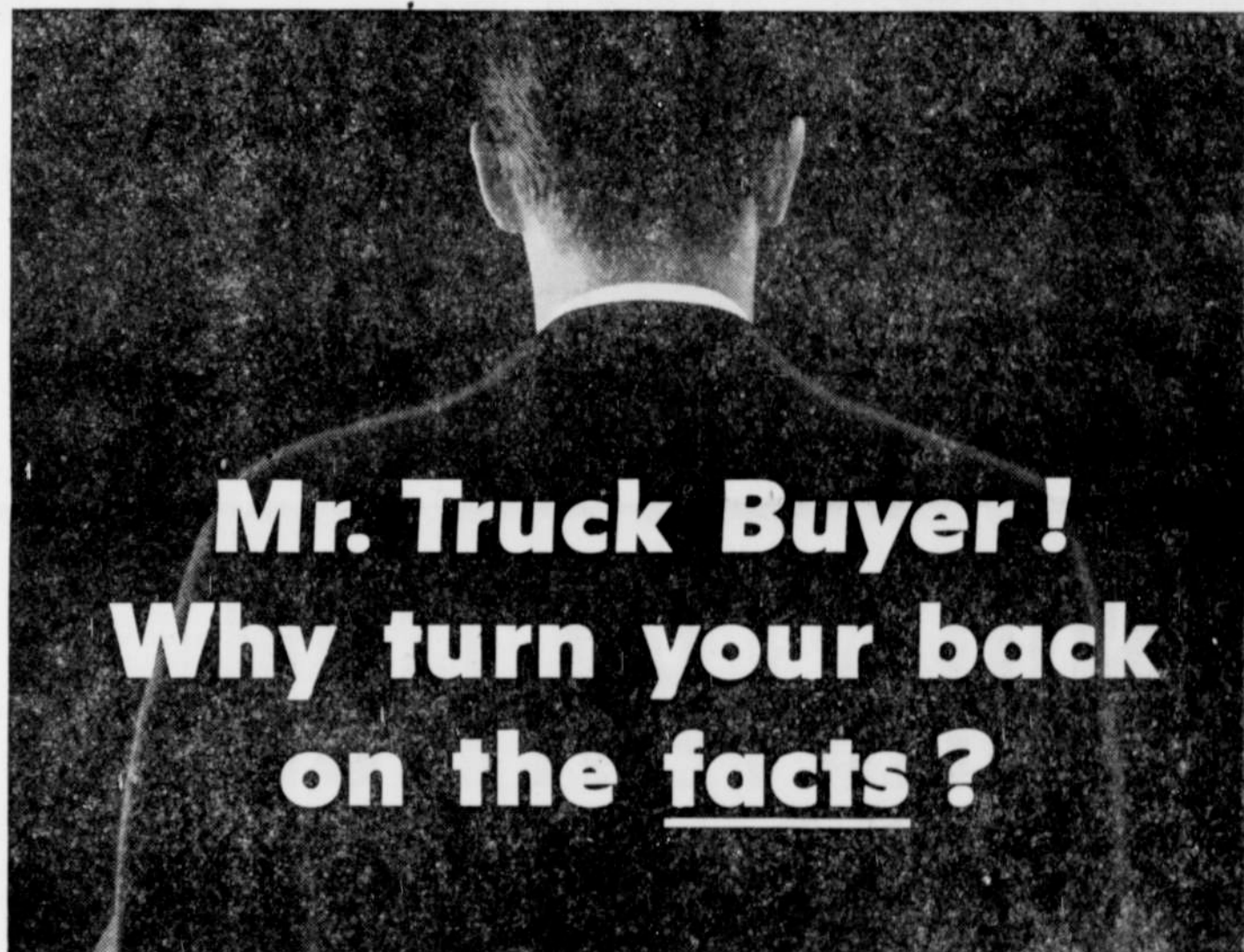
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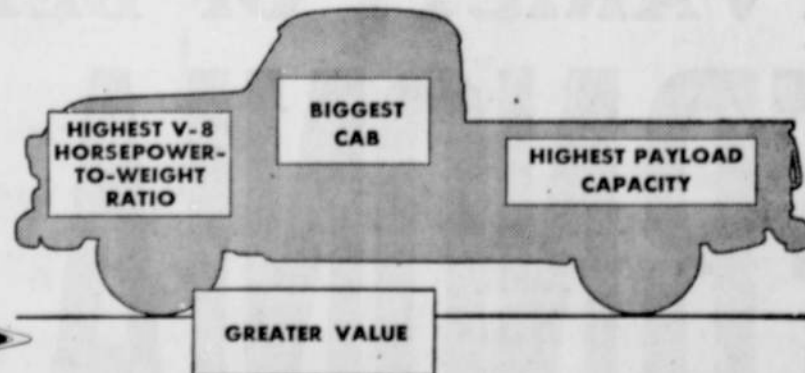
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