

Many pastures of hay seedings made during the past season have not been as successful as they should be to make them profitable and worth maintaining. While the actual number of complete failures has not been exceeding great, there are numerous poor stands.

The causes of a poor stand or a failure is not always easy to determine, as more than one factor may be involved. Sometimes weather can be blamed for poor stands, but generally we feel that there are quite apt to be other contributing factors. Poor seed beds are the most likely cause of failure, but such things as poor seed, improper rates of seeding, inadequate or improper fertilizers for the particular soil, and the methods of seeding might be factors, too. Poor seed is not very often the cause unless the seed has been from some other channel than through regular seed dealers.

One thing that comes in the general line of seed bed preparation that can be done to make spring seedings more successful is to plow as soon as possible land that is to be seeded this coming spring. If one waits until late spring to plow, and the next spring happens to be dry, there are numerous failures or poor stands. The soil will often dry out completely as deep as it is plowed. This leaves a dry surface, even though subsoil may be full of water.

To quote E. R. Jackson, extension crops specialist at OSC, "little seedlings are marvelous juvenile plants and they don't want to die. But after all, they are babies and haven't really learned much about life. If the soil beneath their eagerly exploring roots is dry, they don't know that there is moisture farther down, and they give up and die."

Early plowing gives the field time to settle and establish a solid bond between plowed land and the subsoil. The furrow slice will become welded to the soil beneath and this drying-out process will not follow.

Another reason for early plowing is to allow time for weeds and volunteer grass seeds to sprout so that they can be killed before the desired alfalfa or grass

and clover is seeded. The November report of brucellosis testing over the state showed that there was only one reactor located in Columbia county during this time by veterinarians Dr. Howarth at St. Helens, and Dr. Webb at Clatskanie. The report shows that 1091 cattle in 231 herds were tested during November. An increasing number of calves are being vaccinated with 120 calves in 14 herds being treated during the month. There were no tuberculosis reactors reported anywhere in the state.

Several folks have come into our office recently asking about refund of the federal gasoline tax. The deadline for filing for this refund was October 1, as the taxing year is a fiscal one closing on June 30 of each year.

Numerous demonstration tests are underway over the state on the use of some of the new systemic materials for control of cattle grubs. These tests are located in eight different counties over the state and involved about 350 animals in 15 different herds. Treatments took place last fall. Observations will be made in February and May to determine the effectiveness of the treatments. Two materials were used in the tests. One was the recently food and drug approved ET-57 and the other is a material designated as 21-199. The treated animals ranged in weight from 380 to 850 pounds, with the majority being in the 400 to 500 pounds range. Two breeds were represented.

Fortunately Columbia county is not as greatly bothered with this particular pest as some areas, but it can definitely be a problem.

County trapped Walter Forsyth caught 11 coyote and 1 bobcat during the period of October 20 to November 16. Anyone having livestock or poultry losses from predators can obtain the assistance of Forsyth by making a request through the county extension office.

TV Antenna Can Cause Accidents

Television sets need electricity to operate... but not the kind of electrical fireworks that go off when a TV antenna falls across a high voltage line!

In the fringe areas, especially, where the TV towers reach like countless fingers into the sky, a closer look will show that many of them are within falling reach of power lines. While it is true that the antennas supported by pipe are guyed three or four ways, and that the self-supporting type of tower is supposed to withstand un-tempered miles an hour winds, who can tell what stress they will take a few years after corrosion and decay have begun?

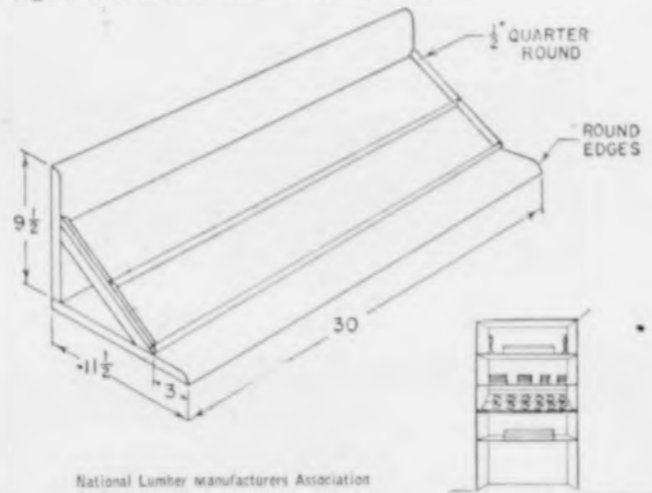
When a TV antenna falls on a power line, exactly what will happen is anybody's guess—but the results are bound to be far from beneficial! The TV set will probably be ruined, fire may break out, people may be electrocuted.

Many local codes prohibit the erection of antenna towers within falling reach of power lines. Other codes require an additional guy opposite the power line. Keep in mind the importance of safely locating TV antennas. If you have one that is already installed, and within falling range of a power line, you'll spare yourself a lot of grief if you have it relocated. Otherwise, a sudden storm may suddenly interrupt a good TV program... and may suddenly interrupt your family life in a dangerous and costly way!

—Employers Mutuals of Wausau

MAKE A CUP RACK

Fine china given proper care will provide many extra years of service. Cups tend to suffer the most abuse from improper storage. To prevent worn or broken handles and chipped edges, cups should be placed flat rather than hung. A rack which provides for flat storage can be made of 1 by 12, 1 by 10-inch lumber and 1/2-inch quarter round moulding. Make the base of 1 by 12-inch lumber, rounding the leading edge as shown. The back, made of 1 by 10-inch lumber, is rounded at its top edge. The rack is made of 1 by 12-inch lumber beveled at the edges. Fasten 1/2-inch quarter round moulding along the sides and at the center of the rack. Position the rack 3 inches in from the leading edge of the base and 1 1/2 inches from the top edge of the back. Use 6-penny finishing nails to assemble the back, shelf and rack, and 1 inch brads for the moulding.



Billy Weaver Participates In Christmas Gift Giving

Army PFC Billy L. Weaver, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Horsley, live near Vernonia, is a member of the seventh army quartermaster company which presented food, clothing and toys to orphaned children in Nurnberg, Germany during the holiday season.

Weaver entered the army in February 1956 and received basic training at Fort Ord, California. He arrived in Europe in July 1956.

The 17-year-old soldier attended Vernonia union high school.

Industry and property may be spelled differently, but they mean about the same thing.

Natives of the West Indies consider caterpillars and grubs as staple food items.

—Office Supplies at the Eagle—

"Buddy" Fulton Serving As Cook In Germany

Army PFC Gordon J. Fulton, 21, son of Thomas W. Fulton, 1249 Bridge St., Vernonia, recently participated with the 95th engineer battalion in a week-long river crossing and bridge-building exercise on the Rhine in Germany.

Fulton, a cook in the battalion's company B, entered the army in October 1955 and arrived overseas in April 1956.

The 1954 Vernonia high school graduate worked for the Vernonia Bakery in civilian life.

James Weller Returns To S.S. Rock Sunday

Pvt. James Weller left Sunday evening to return to his station on S.S. Rock at San Francisco. He will remain there until February at which time he will go to San Francisco where his ship will be in dry dock.

Pythians Seat 1958 Officers

Joint installation ceremonies for the Pythian Sisters of Vernonia temple and the Knights of Pythias of Harding lodge were held Monday night at the IOOF hall.

The men were installed first by an installing team from Avon lodge, St. Helens, headed by James Minor who acted as grand chancellor. He was assisted by Lawrence Mersinger as master-at-arms and others who came with him to fill in other positions on the team were George Jacobs, Ivan Hawkins, Garnett Wilson, W. A. Bigelow, A. Logan, W. A. McClintock and A. E. Clemmons, chancellor commander of Avon lodge.

Robert Wyckoff was seated as chancellor commander for Harding lodge and other officers installed were: Charles Johnson, master of works; Jack Bergerson, prelate; Oren Weed, master-at-arms; Oscar Weed secretary and Bruce Watson, inner guard. Ben Sharar, vice chancellor and Ben Fowler, treasurer, were both ill and unable to be present so will be installed later.

Following the Knight's installation, a recess was declared and a short program was presented. Virginia and Kathy Heckenliab daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Heckenliab, played piano duets and Carl Schaumburg presented several numbers on his musical saw.

Mrs. Perry McFarland was installing officer for the ladies and was assisted by Mrs. Milton Lamping as grand manager, Mrs. Harry Culbertson as grand senior and Mrs. Carol Buckley as secretary. Mrs. Jed Cousins was musician for both the ladies and men.

Officers seated for the Pythian Sisters were: Faye Davis, most excellent chief; Silvia Wolff, ex-

cellent senior; Marie Shafer, excellent junior; Norma Silver, manager; Cora Lange, secretary; Irma Chance, treasurer; Catherine Lentz, protector and Otilie Heckenliab, guard.

Other officers who were introduced were Virginia Hogberg, trustee and Mrs. Cousins, pianist.

Following the installation, officers were introduced and given an opportunity to say a few words. Then the manager was asked to present Lesta Garner, grand press correspondent, at the altar where she was introduced and presented with a gift by outgoing M.E.C. Mathilde Bergerson.

Following that, Mrs. Bergerson, Alice Buckley and Mrs. Cousins were presented at the altar and given their past chiefs pins by Edith McFarland, president of the past chief's club. Mrs. Bergerson had earned hers by going through the chairs, Mrs. Buckley had served three years as secretary and Mrs. Cousins, three years as pianist.

New officers of the temple presented a clever degree for the new M.E.C. Faye Davis in which she was given a large emblem of the order on which keys representing each station were placed by the new officers in turn. She was then presented with a spoon bearing the Pythian Sister emblem and inscribed with her name, the temple name and the date, 1958. Mrs. Bergerson also presented spoons to all of her 1957 officers.

Following the meeting, cake and coffee were served in the dining hall at tables beautifully decorated with fir cones, Christmas balls and figurines.

The temple will hold their first meeting of the new year January 8 and Harding lodge will meet next on January 13.

Daniel-Brissett Vows Exchanged Saturday At Christian Church

Candlelight and holly set the scene for the wedding at 6:30 p.m. last Saturday evening, December 28, at the First Christian church at which Miss Patricia Darlene Brissett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Brissett, became the bride of John Lee Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Daniel. The impressive double ring ceremony was read by Reverend Donald Hainer in the presence of relatives and close friends of the couple. Wedding music was played by Mrs. Frank Serafin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length dress of white lace over taffeta made with fitted bodice and long sleeves trimmed with seed pearls. Her finger-tip veil was held with a band of net and feathers set with rhinestones and she carried a shower bouquet of

white orchid and lilies of the valley.

Her matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Richard Elliott, who wore pink brocaded taffeta made with white chiffon bustle bow with which she wore white shoes and gloves. She carried a nosegay of holly and net.

Other attendants were another sister, Miss Violet Brissett, and Mrs. Homer Fuller who wore blue brocaded taffeta with trim, accessories and bouquets to match that of the matron of honor.

Best man was Orville Daniel, brother of the groom, and ushers were Patrick O'Brien and Alden Watson who also lighted the candles.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the groom's parents for about sixty guests. The beautiful yellow and white wedding cake trimmed with pink flowers and topped with bride and groom ornament was cut and served by Mrs. Alden Watson. Miss Gretchen Bolmeier served punch and Miss June Jones poured coffee. Miss Ruby Daniel, sister of the groom, had charge of the guest book and gifts.

Following the reception, and after overcoming many obstacles posed by "helpful" wedding guests in the form of kidnapped bride and car engine tampering, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel left for a short honeymoon at the beach. For traveling, Mrs. Daniel wore a light blue knitted suit with black hat and accessories.

After their return here, Mr. Daniel will return to Camp Pendleton, California Marine base for about a month after which he will be stationed at Twenty-nine Palms. Mrs. Daniel will remain here until he is transferred before joining him.

Out of town guests here for the wedding included the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Blanche Brissett of Portland; and aunts and uncles of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Moore, Missoula, Montana and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brissett, Scappoose; Mrs. George Devine, Cornelius; Mr. and Mrs. Mark T. Miller, Astoria; Mrs. Leta Nobes and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bay, Portland.

Nancy Taggart December Bride

At a pretty and impressive ceremony at the St. Stephens Episcopal cathedral in Portland December 21 which was attended only by members of the families of the couple, Miss Nancy Gail Taggart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Taggart of Tigard, became the bride of Robert Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson of Warren. Nancy is the granddaughter of Mrs. Zelma Clark of Vernonia.

The bride wore white lace with seed pearl tiara holding her finger-tip veil and carried roses and bouvardia centered with an orchid.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Berg's Chalet.

Nancy attended the University of Oregon, then transferred to Portland state where she is a senior this year. She is preparing to be a fifth grade teacher. Mr. Erickson has attended Oregon state college and Portland state college and is now at the University of Oregon medical school preparing to be a dentist.

Kenneth Erickson, brother of the groom who was also his best man is now teaching here at the Washington school.

Engagement of Joy Dewey Is Told Christmas Eve

At a family dinner party on Christmas eve, Mrs. Leslie H. Dewey of 7405 S. E. Tibbetts, Portland, announced the engagement of her daughter, Joy, to Gerald E. Koskela, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Koskela.

The Deweys were residents of Vernonia when Joy was small. She is now a graduate of the University of Oregon and is teaching in the Barnes district this year. Mr. Koskela is a graduate of Oregon state college and is now in military service. A June wedding is planned.

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