

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—His Eminence Eugenio, Cardinal Pacelli, papal secretary of state, who is visiting in the United States. 2—London bobbies quell anti-fascist riots in the British capital's east end. 3—Chancellor Kurt Schusningg of Austria, who has become the newest dictator in Europe.

ROCKVILLE NEWS

The ION patrol crew has been very busy plowing snow on the roads from Rockville to Jordan Valley the past week.

The Bill Leake family finished moving their household goods to Adrian the last of the week.

Raymond and Fred Shrum spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of their sister Mrs. Otis Nichols. They attended the dance at Cow Creek Tuesday night at the hall.

The two small sons of Guy Wise have been confined to their bed the past three days with an attack of influenza, but are improving.

Word has been received that school will not start January 4th as expected on account of Miss Beulah Wilson being called to the home of her mother who is quite ill.

Fred Brothers installed extra desks at the school house Sunday for two more pupils that expect to start to school.

Duncan McKenzie, Burr Skellittin and Olen Nichols were very busy working out horses at the 71 Ranch Sunday afternoon.

Andrew Greeley and daughter motored to Ontario Sunday where Miss Greeley is attending school.

Otis Nichols and family motored to Meridian to spend Sunday with friends and relatives.

SHEAVILLE NEWS

The weather has been quite cold here with the temperature going down to 4 below zero for several mornings.

Mrs. Kenneth Green and brother Norman Nichols had the misfortune to break their car down while returning home from taking Mr. Green to his work on Jordan Creek. The accident occurred near the Malloy ranch on Succor creek. Mr. Malloy brought them home. The car was repaired and brought home two days later.

Mr. Andrew Cunningham is expected home from Forest Grove, Oregon, where he spent the holidays with his three small children who are with their grandparents there.

The Cow Creek and Jordan Valley country is experiencing a touch of winter the past week. The mercury dropped to 12 below for one night. There is about four inches of snow, with some more in the higher country.

There have been numerous cases of flu in the community lately, but no serious cases.

What I Think About Sugar Beets

The following article by Wm. DeGroff, whose reputation as a beet grower is well known, appeared in the December issue of "The Sugar Beet," published by the Amalgamated Sugar Company. No doubt some of you have read the article, as the magazine has been off the press for a few weeks, but is re-published as hundreds will be interested in the information it contains.

As with any other business, there are several farm enterprises, each of which should contribute something; first, to the income of the farmer and second, to the putting of the farm on a permanent, stable basis. There are three important questions to answer in this respect: (1) Does it pay? (2) Can it be definitely planned? and (3) Are the operations of such a nature they can be satisfactorily performed.

A Definite Plan Best

My experience as a farmer has convinced me of four important factors to consider, in selecting the crops best adapted to your farm and locality:

(1) There should be at least one cash crop, one that will bring in money to operate the farm.

(2) There should be one legume crop, used mainly to furnish organic matter in order to improve or maintain soil fertility.

(3) One crop should be grown to supply feed for animals maintained or fed on the farm.

(4) There should be at least one cultivated crop to destroy weeds and improve the physical condition of the soil.

I believe the sugar beet crop will effect three of these essentials necessary to profitable farming, namely, the roots are marketable for cash, the tops and crowns are utilized as feed for live stock maintained or fed on the farm. Its culture requires both intensive cultivation and hoeing, which destroys large numbers of weeds and insects whose presence would reduce yields of all crops.

Being sold on the value of sugar beets and having had considerable experience and a measure of success in raising them in Colorado and Twin Falls County before moving to Oregon several years ago, it is only natural that I was interested and welcomed the opportunity given me by The Amalgamated Sugar Company to grow beets this year.

Do Beets Pay?

I planted 107 acres of beets and did not expect to harvest better than 15 tons per acre, which was about my average in previous years. I was therefore more than satisfied when my harvest was completed, to find my average, summarized below, was 23 tons per acre.

Twenty-three acres went 30 tons per acre, 72 acres went 23 tons per acre, while 12 acres planted 30 days later than the rest, yielded 17 tons per acre, emphasizing the value of

early planting.

The total expense of my crop including seed, plowing, planting, thinning, hoeing, cultivating, irrigating and harvest costs, amounted to about \$40.00 per acre. The initial payment of \$5.50 per ton made by the Sugar Company gave me a gross return of \$126.50 per acre, leaving me about \$86.50 per acre, with the possibility of additional payments later on, raising this a little.

I purchased 1,800 head of lambs to pasture off my tops and if the weather stays good, I will hold them until about the middle of December using some hay. In feeding this way, I estimate the tops are worth about 10c per ton or \$9.20 per acre, increasing my net profit to around \$95.70 per acre, as well as enabling me to feed my sheep with a greater gain at less cost than would be possible with out the tops.

I expect to plant not less than 120 acres in 1937 and started in this fall as soon as my beets were out, to prepare my land for next year. I am a firm believer in fall plowing, and have just purchased a new tractor so I could fall plow on land for beets next year. I expect to use about 1,500 tons of sheep manure as a top dressing after completing my fall plowing.

And speaking of tractors: I have always been sold on the idea, that you could do better work with a team and 4-row cultivator, but this year I tried an F-12 tractor with a 4-row beet and bean cultivator, and I found I could do better work at a considerable saving. It also worked very satisfactory with my beet plow.

It has been necessary for me to do a considerable amount of leveling and floating on my land to get it in shape to irrigate properly. I believe there is a lot of land in this section that should receive the same treatment, to facilitate better irrigation which is so necessary to the growing of a good crop, as it eliminates flooding and scalding.

In conclusion I wish to affirm my intentions to do all I can to keep beets as a permanent part of my crop rotation system. While I don't expect to grow wealthy over night growing beets, it is not a gambling crop like potatoes and over a period of from 3 to 5 years, will bring a greater profit, increase land values and insure you a steady, reliable income.

W. C. T. U. MEETS

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Reece Byram. Mrs. Hazel Gildea had charge of the devotionals. Plans were made for a county institute which will be held here on January 19th at the Community church. Everyone is urged to keep this date in mind and to be present.

Cost of Bonneville dam to January 1, 1937 has been \$34,400,000 according to federal reports. Total costs has been put at \$45,000,000.

OREGON TRAIL

A large group of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard last Saturday evening for a house warming. Cards and dancing were enjoyed by those present. Dance music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. D. Jamieson and Frank and Earl Crocker. Walter Besson called the square dances. Supper which the guest had brought with them was served at midnight. A very enjoyable evening was reported by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowen were hosts at a turkey dinner New Years to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Byers and children, Mr. Wallace Hart of Ontario and Bob, Gilbert and Junior Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hopkins returned from Hereford last Thursday evening, having spent the holiday vacation at the home of Mrs. Hopkins sister, Mrs. Esther Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes and Roy who have spent the last three weeks visiting relatives in Modesto and Salido, Calif., returned home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowen and children visited at the Ira Chadd home at Mitchell Butte Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes and children spent New Years at Tahoe, Idaho with relatives. They left

Thursday and returned Monday. Mr. and Mrs. John Bowen and children were Sunday evening visitors at the F. S. Byers home.

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