

WITH THE MALHEUR COUNTY FARMERS

FARM TOPICS

RENOVATING THIN PASTURE ADVISED

Seeding of Legumes May Be Solution of Problem.

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Renovation of thin sods and bare spots by means of scarification and the seeding of legumes may be the solution of the pasture problem on many farms.

Renovation is especially useful on pastures that should not be plowed or that have only small areas that are in need of attention. Such areas can be located this summer for treatment in the fall.

First step is to test the soil and apply needed limestone in the fall. Phosphates can be applied prior to scarification, which consists of tearing up the grass sod with a disc set at a sharp angle. The ground is then harrowed.

Usually the three dry weather legumes—alfalfa, sweet clover and red clover—are seeded along with some timothy. In most cases it will pay to firm the seed bed by rolling after the seeding. Grasses may be seeded in this process, but the prime objective of renovation is the establishment of deep rooted, drought resistant, nitrogen gathering legumes. Timothy is usually seeded with the legumes since it insures a greater percentage of grass during the first and second years than would ordinarily be present. After renovation it is well to manage the pasture in such a way that the legumes have an opportunity to reseed themselves.

This practice is not recommended on good pasture sods which may need only a little rest. Neither is it recommended for steep hillsides.

Hens Need Special Care During Summer Days

In summer weather, it is well to give some consideration to the hens, whether on range or in confinement, advises a poultryman in Wallace's Farmer.

First, examine their quarters for mites. If any are present, get right after them with a good painting of the roosts with some anti-mite preparation. Hens can scarcely stand both mites and hot weather, much less lay eggs. Lice, too, should be exterminated if any are present.

Another menace to the summer health of hens is the open corn crib. If a hen frequents the crib daily, she is apt to eat too much corn and to become too fat to lay, and perhaps so fat that she will drop dead. Many young poultry raisers, not noticing how their birds run to the crib, say: "I don't know what's the matter with my hens; they are dying so!" Their grandmothers probably could tell them that the trouble is too much corn.

In summer, some grief is caused by the broody hen. If not broken up immediately, broodiness almost always ruins a good layer. She will hold to the nest without laying, and will dwindle in size until weak. Some poultry raisers simply gather up their broody hens and sell them. But, if what a culler once said at one farm is true, that policy is unwise. He said, "Your hens have almost culled themselves. The best ones have gone to sitting."

To break up broodiness, place the hens in a slat-bottomed coop so that the air can circulate under it. Offer the birds plenty of mash and fresh water.

Hog Cholera

Cholera is to hogs what blackhead is to turkeys, except that hog growers are luckier than turkey growers in that one can vaccinate against hog cholera, whereas this cannot be done for turkeys, advises a writer in the Missouri Farmer. Blackhead can be prevented by an operation—the blind intestines can be tied off almost entirely, which prevents the cecal worms from gaining access to these pouches, but the operation is both expensive and risky and is therefore impractical. Strict sanitation will prevent blackhead, however—sanitation and a balanced ration—which is also the case with nearly all diseases.

Dogs Used to Turn Spits
Small dogs, resembling dachshunds and called turnspits, were used in old times to turn the spits or jacks upon which meat was roasted before an open fire. The dog traveled in a small treadmill geared to the spit.

Customs of the Persians
Persia is only a small southern province of Iran, now the country's official name. One-fourth the population is wandering tribesmen. All officials and students must wear Persian-made cloth to encourage the country's textile industry. Formerly it was a custom for Persian mothers to dress their little boys as girls and girls as boys—just for the fun of it.

GOOD HAY IN SUNSET

Walter Hills and his father Dee Hills are stacking their 1938 seedling of alfalfa which makes the second cutting on it since it was seeded late last spring. Next week they will mow 10 acres of the same seedling for the third time.

L. E. Newgen stacked a large bent from 20 acres of alfalfa planted last spring with oats.

Paul Ransome stacked 4 tons per acre the first cutting last spring from alfalfa he planted in 1936. Jake Kollen also had an exceptional yield of hay this year.

ELDARADO GRANGE HOLDS BOOSTER NIGHT

Approximately 150 people attended the Booster night program of Eldorado Grange on Friday, Sept. 30. The evening's entertainment opened with the officers drill, with officers wearing their new regalia a gift from the home economics club. The flag was then placed and Worthy Master Floyd Howard gave a short address on the origin of the grange after which he turned the program over to the Worthy Lecturer, Bertha Boor who presented the following program: Reading of National Master Tabers address by Nina Nichols, reading by Mavis De Lamar, song by Myrtle Rose, reading by Wanda Nichols, accordion solo by Richard Lofton, playlet Ina Rose and Barbara Simmons, reading Lucy Lofton and a playlet, "The Womanless Wedding" by four boys. After the program dancing was enjoyed and supper was served to everyone.

BUENA VISTA

C. S. Wyckoff called at the C. C. Wyckoff home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Florea, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day and Ronny, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robbins were Sunday dinner guests at the H. L. Day home. The dinner being in honor of Alma Day's birthday. Lester Cleaver called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Topliff had as their dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Goodell and family Mr. and Mrs. Jim Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey of Hagler, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day and Ronny, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Florea and Bob and Henry Day visited at the Alfred Scott home near Vale Friday.

B. F. Bratton spent last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and family.

Irvin and Edward Topliff, Ray, Loyd, George and Harold Boyles, Dwight, Dean and Burl Wyckoff attended a party at the Bert Bratton home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Scott spent Sunday night and Monday at the Henry Day home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell attended Booster night at the Oregon Trail Grange Wednesday.

Oscar Bratton and Leo Udlinek spent Sunday at the C. C. Wyckoff



MALHEUR COUNTY GRANGE CALENDAR

Boulevard Grange meets second and fourth Thursdays at 8:00 p. m. Frank Sherwood, Master.

Big Bend meets first and third Tuesdays at 8:00 p. m. H. R. Hatch, Master.

Vale Grange meets first and third Friday at 8:00 p. m. Ed Charles, Master.

Oregon Slope Grange meets first and third Thursdays at 8:30 p. m. James Danielson, Master.

Harper-Westfall Grange meets second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p. m. Charles Belgrade, Master.

Arook Grange meets second and fourth Saturday at 8:00 p. m. Ted Hon, Master.

Wild Rose Grange meets second and fourth Saturdays at 8:00 p. m. Arthur Antrium, Master.

Eldorado Grange meets second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p. m. at Ironside. Floyd Howard, Master.

Snake River Grange meets first and third Tuesdays at 8:00 p. m. Mr. Parkinson, Master.

Oregon Trail Grange meets second and fourth Wednesdays at 8:30 p. m. John Stamm, Master.

Willowcreek Grange meets second and fourth Fridays at 8:00 p. m. L. O. N. Grange meets first and third Fridays at 8:00 p. m.

Noeman Mackenzie, Master.

Kingman Grange meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m. Ray Garrison, Master.

home. Errol Goodell spent Monday night at the L. E. Topliff home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stephens and Roger called at the A. P. Goodell home Sunday evening.

Errol Goodell and L. E. Topliff left for the east Tuesday morning. Mr. Goodell going to Nebraska and Mr. Topliff to Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchie visited at the S. B. Hoffman home Sunday.

Eris Jamison is much improved from her illness and will be able to go to school soon.

C. C. Wyckoff has the cement poured for his basement. Leone Kuske spent Wednesday night with Alma Day.

Mrs. L. E. Topliff called at the E. L. Jamison home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stephens called at the Damon Savage home Saturday night.

Fred and Joe Stephens are digging a basement.

SUNSET VALLEY

Farmers with corn and other late grain are glad to see the pheasant season opened and would like very much to see year round open season on them.

Wilfred Gilbert of the Medical Corps of the United States army stationed at San Francisco arrived here Sunday for a six weeks furlough and is staying with his brother, Paul Gilbert who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Cash Turner.

Wilfred expects to make his home home.

APPLE VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hicks celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McIntyre, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gee and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gee and son were guests. Mr. Hicks is quite active for his age but his sight and hearing are failing; however his memory is fine and Sunday he felt real well. Mrs. Hicks is as jolly as ever, enjoys doing her work and does a plenty but gets a lot of real pleasure out of doing it. Apple Valley can truly be proud of this fine couple and the best wishes of the entire community are theirs for many more years of happy active life together.

Apple Valley held a reception for the teachers of Apple Valley school on Thursday evening at the school house. Many parents were present to meet the faculty. A short program was presented as follows: Song, America by the audience, Mrs. Lora Altig gave a humorous reading, Mrs. Poage sang "Forgotten" Miss Hicks at the piano, Miss Anderson played a piano solo, Miss Anderson and Miss Hickey and Mr. Rupert and Mr. Ferguson and Ruth Burkes put on a funny skit, a duet by Bonita Leigh and Velma Gray accompanied by Mrs. Leigh at the piano. Mr. Boston gave a talk on co-operation and Mr. Leigh welcomed the teachers. A song by the group concluded the program. Refreshments were served. Miss Underkofler was unable to attend but her sister Mrs. Porter, who taught in her place, was present. An hour or so was spent visiting. A vote given by the group was in favor of reorganizing the P. T. A. at Apple Valley. The ladies who sponsored the reception deserve the thanks of the community for a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stephens went to Boise Saturday morning and spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. Melvett.

Ralph Stephens has purchased a truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Whistler and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hathaway enjoyed a fishing trip north of Mesa recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby were visitors in Caldwell Sunday.

Miss Yuliah Vertrees and Miss Virginia Schultz of Boise Business university spent the week end at their homes in Apple Valley.

Bert and Lee Gibson of Caldwell were attending to business in this community the past week.

George Bailey sewed wood at the Andrew Ellerbrook and R. S. McIntyre places Saturday.

The heavy showers Sunday caught much alfalfa and red clover seed in the shock.

Lettuce fields are looking very good; if no more hot days come a good crop is expected.

Miss Mildred Fisher spent Sunday in Boise.

The Bob Edison family have moved to a place north of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks and baby and Mrs. J. L. Sparks went to Boise on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reed and Mrs. Meador were Sunday guests at the Scott home.

Star Robinson was a dinner guest of Dixie Scott Sunday.

Jake Bodimer of Nyssa spent Thursday night with W. S. Adams and Friday, both men went to Boise on business.

Oscar Ellerbrook with a representative of Michael, Brady, and Swanson went to Council early Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Oland Reed and children and Miss Opal Montgom-

ery were dinner guests of Mrs. Ida McCollum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Caldwell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Caldwell.

Mr. Ray, Mr. Turner and Mr. Miller went fishing at Owyhee dam Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Wilson spent Saturday night with Mrs. Glen Johnson.

Mrs. Poage has been elected superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school here and Mrs. F. D. Miller is secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones and Mildred Leigh visited Milton Leigh in Wilder Monday.

We are glad to report that Bobby Vertrees, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Vertrees is steadily improving. He is at the Dixon Nursing Home in Nyssa.

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Agricultural Briefs

Parts of Australia have not sufficient water for the sheep this year.

Changing hens from one home to another is sure to stop production.

Moisture in the place where eggs are stored helps to maintain their quality.

Soils become acid because the lime is used by crops and carried away in drainage water.

The type of pasture required for turkeys does not differ greatly from that required by dairy cows.

Dairy cattle like sudan grass as well as any pasture that can be provided for them during the summer.

Summer is a poor time to make violent changes of any kind, especially in the ration or method of feeding hens.