

## Let Sweet Clover Stand, is the Advice

One Way to Qualify for Payments Under Soil Conservation Program in East Nebraska.

Members of the state soil conservation committee say leaving second year sweet clover stand for pasture, hay or seed in 1936, will be one of the most practical ways that eastern Nebraska farmers can qualify for payments under the new farm program.

Many farmers seed sweet clover, a general survey disclosed, with all their small grain. They pasture the clover and stubble in the fall, plow under the clover about May 1 of the following year and plant the land to corn. Some men leave part of their second year clover for pasture and seed each year.

A typical example of the situation was cited by Elton Lux, state extension agent in soil conservation at the agricultural college. In 1935 the farm had 75 acres of corn, 25 acres

of oats and 10 acres of second year sweet clover. The latter was seeded with oats. In 1936, if the farmer again plants 25 acres of oats and sweet clover, 60 acres of corn and keeps 25 acres of second year sweet clover for pasture and seed, he will draw soil conservation payment and also soil building payment.

In eastern Nebraska, Lux said, soil conservation payments probably will average more than \$10 per acre. Soil building payments would be \$25 on this farm and total payment would be \$175 if the land was appraised at average productivity.

Careful preparation of land for fall seeding of alfalfa will be another common practice under the soil conservation program in eastern and central Nebraska. Western Nebraska farmers are likely to increase summer fallow and restore light land to native grass, if these two recommendations of the state committee are approved in Washington.

Cass county has no bonded indebtedness, as like the state, it has paid cash for its gravel roads and other improvements. That's a mighty good policy to pursue.

Nebraska is one of but very few states that has no bonded indebtedness.

## Strip Cropping Check to Erosion of the Rich Soil

Clean Cultivated Strips Across Slopes Filter the Soil and Speed Absorption.

Albion, Neb.—W. H. Robinson, agronomist, and state conservationist of the soil conservation service, holds that strips of clean cultivated crops across a slope are effective barriers against erosion.

Strip cropping, he pointed out, checks the velocity of runoff water, causes more moisture to be absorbed, and filters out soil particles from water draining from the land, and thus greatly reduces erosion dangers.

"The erosion-resistant strips," he said, "which vary in width from 29 to 100 feet, depending upon the slope of the land, may consist of thickly seeded annuals such as sudan grass, cane, lespedeza, oats, wheat, barley and soybeans, or they may consist of the more permanent plants such as alfalfa and sweet clover. If strips consist of annual crops they should be rotated each year with clean cultivated crops. If more permanent strips are used, the clean cultivated crops between the strips should be rotated each year, with only occasional rotation for the strips.

"Strip cropping can be used to eliminate all point rows between terraces by planting alternate terrace ridges with some erosion-resistant crop in strips of varying width.

"Since feed crops must be grown some place on the farm, there is nothing to be lost, and soil and moisture can be saved by growing crops in contour strips of clean cultivated crops."

## Parties May Study Reform of Primary

Chairmen Quigley and Jackson Desire a Change—G. O. P. Convention Call.

Predictions that both the democratic and republican state conventions would consider reform of the Nebraska primary election system were made Friday by State chairmen of both parties.

Lyle E. Jackson of Neligh, republican chairman, said he was "strongly" in favor of a change but had not considered details.

J. C. Quigley of Valentine, democratic chief, recalled that both parties adopted planks on changing the primary two years ago and said he hoped they would do so again.

Both said sentiment appears stronger this year than in past years for some change.

The fact both conventions will be in Omaha May 7, they said, would assist the parties in getting together on a program. Committees from the two meetings could get together conveniently and bring back recommendations to their parties for action.

The most common suggestion in recent public speeches and newspaper editorials has been for advancing the state conventions to a date before the primary and having the conventions endorse one to three candidates for each office. Other candidates would be permitted to enter the primary by filing petitions. Several states follow this practice, but a bill to institute it in Nebraska, introduced by State Senator Cloyd L. Stewart, (d.), of Clay Center, got little attention in the 1935 legislature.

Lyle E. Jackson of Neligh, chairman of the republican state central committee, announced that 1,257 county delegates will be eligible to attend the republican state convention in Omaha May 7. He issued the formal convention call.

## PRaises Church College

Fremont, Neb.—Dr. H. F. Martin, president of Midland college, told representatives of Nebraska's church colleges here Friday afternoon the church college is the greatest single agent for promotion of human freedom.

Dr. Martin's address was one of the opening features of the eleventh annual convention of the Nebraska Association of Church Colleges. Seventy-five delegates attended the first session and a larger attendance is expected at the final assembly Saturday morning.

Speaking on Friday night's program were President J. R. Overmiller of York college and Rev. C. H. Wolcott of Lincoln. Departmental meetings, election of officers and an address by Rev. Ray E. Hunt, Lincoln, are scheduled for Saturday.

## WHAT THEY SPENT

J. C. Quigley of Valentine reported to the secretary of state he spent \$3,782 in his unsuccessful campaign for the democratic nomination for senator. He said he received \$2,627 in contributions from friends and paid \$1,154 out of his own pocket. Senator Burke, who was elected democratic national committeeman, filed an affidavit saying he received no reportable contributions and made no reportable expenditures. O. S. Spillman of Norfolk, unsuccessful candidate for the republican nomination for governor, reported personal expenditures of \$307. The personal item showed donations from friends totaling \$230.

## Rock Gardening a Popular Vogue Among Amateurs

Natural Opportunity for Development of a Rock Garden on Every Home Grounds.

Rock gardening has become the new vogue. It offers so many possibilities for individual treatment that it is really no wonder that every one is eager to have the distinction of a rockery in their own garden. On even the smallest lot there is space to build a bit of interesting rock work, for the compactness of a rock garden is one of its greatest charms.

On every home grounds there are natural opportunities for the development of a rock garden. A hillside, a ravine, or a roughly uneven piece of ground presents an ideal foundation for a rockery. A walk or driveway may divide vertical banks of irregularly receding layers of stratified rock. A terrace may be turned into a pleasing picture. Even on a level building site a mound of earth, edged and capped with rocks, or a stone wall, makes an interesting rock garden.

The best rocks to use are those between the round or boulder type and the flat or flagstone type. Save the latter for walks and steps. Use rocks of different sizes, striving always for a natural effect. Too many small stones make the rock garden look artificial.

The soil should be composed of equal parts of vegetable fiber, garden loam, (which is free from loam), and coarse, sharp sand. Barnyard manure is too rich for rock-plants.

Have the soil all prepared before construction is started. Lay the lower rocks first, placing them so there is more plant surface than rock in the finish effect. Plants do not get food out of rock but from the soil, and these soil pockets are essential.

As each rock is laid, ram the soil back, around and beneath it; use no cement. Four factors in the success of rock work are: (1) Place each stone so it is anchored firmly. Stones above help hold those below. (2) Slope horizontal crevices downward into bank. (3) Rocks uplited let rain run down into the crevice; tilt back 10 to 45 degrees or more. (4) In walls, set each higher rock back of the lower giving the face of the wall a back slope; thus giving plants water, air, light and room. Consider direction of ground drainage and lay stones across valleys to prevent soil washing away.

There are many dwarf shrubs and evergreens that are particularly effective in the rock garden. Taller growers are frequently used as borders or in the background, to create the necessary atmosphere of informality which the rockery demands.

Now comes the most interesting part—the flowering plants. In making your choice and placing them in the rockery, consider height, color harmonies, and whether or not the various plants are adapted to the place you have chosen for them.

For example, drooping plants would be best at the top where they could trail over the face of the rocks in a natural manner. They are also especially valuable for covering banks with their luxuriance of foliage.

In the small crevices, the tufted plants with rosette of foliage and short flower stalk above, the more suitable.

Creeping plants cushion the ground and carpet the walks with a mat of delightful color. Dwarf erect plants are good for flat spaces above the creeping sorts.

A rock garden may be combined with an informal lily pool, or a trickle of water may wind its way down among the rocks and lose itself in a miniature lake fringed with dainty flowering plants.

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## MURDOCK ITEMS

Harry Williams and wife, of Elmwood were visiting in Murdock while Harry was also looking after business as salesman of Ford cars.

Henry Angwert and wife were in Lincoln Wednesday looking after matters connected with the mercantile business they conduct here.

William Zabel and wife were in Lincoln last Wednesday, securing a truck load of goods for their market and some supplies for the cafe which they operate in connection.

L. Neitzel and Mrs. Clara Hartung, his housekeeper, went to Lincoln to place an urn on the lot in Wyuca cemetery, the burying place of Mrs. Neitzel.

L. Neitzel is resuming his weekly pilgrimages. He spent last Sunday at the Louisville Evangelical church and next Sunday will visit the Alvo M. E. church.

Douglas Tool was looking after business at the store Wednesday afternoon while his father and Lacy McDonald were in pursuit of the elusive Platte river fish.

Mrs. Clara Hartung and Mrs. Lennie Lau were in Lincoln last Wednesday where they visited and did some shopping. Mrs. Lau securing supplies for her beauty shop in Murdock.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Lee were in Lincoln Wednesday afternoon of last week, where they were looking after some business matters and the Doctor was getting some supplies for his office.

On account of the illness of Lyle Horton, father of Mrs. Fred Wendt, at his home in Plattsmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Wendt went over Monday night, but found the father improving and returned home Tuesday.

Frank A. Melvin and Bryan McDonald were making some repairs on the roof of the Murdock school building in order that the finish of the inside rooms might not suffer even should the desired rains come.

The Ladies Aid society of the local church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buell on Thursday of last week, transacting various matters of business before them, enjoying a social hour and winding up the afternoon with a delicious luncheon served by the hostess.

Glen Buck and Frank Dean were in Plattsmouth last Wednesday afternoon, where they went to register for the PWA work here as construction of the new waterworks system in Murdock is now about ready to begin and a considerable number of men will be employed.

Rev. Harvey Schwab, pastor of the church at Murdock and what is known as the Louisville church, accompanied by his wife, went to Hastings last Wednesday morning, where he attended a meeting of the clergy, making a survey of the district work of the Evangelical church of Nebraska. He arrived home Friday after the conclusion of the meeting.

Lacy McDonald and A. J. Tool were at Meadow last Wednesday afternoon, where they were trying their hand at fishing. For some time they have been uneasy, feeling that fishing has been getting good and they unable to enjoy it, so they decided to make this trip and see for themselves whether they had been really missing anything. We are not aware of the results.

William Bourke, who was so badly injured when his car went into a ditch at the junction of roads south of Manley about two weeks ago, is now getting along very well and is able to be out and look after his duties as assessor for Elmwood precinct. By that we do not mean he is entirely recovered, however, and it will be some time before he is entirely well.

## W. T. Weddell Improving

Word from the hospital where W. T. Weddell has been for the past ten days, is to the effect that he is making good improvement. Hope was held out that he would be able to return home the latter part of the week. An X-ray was to be taken the

middle of the week from which to determine what further treatment will be required. After a rest at home, it may be necessary for him to return to the hospital later.

## Uncle Fred Stock Poorly

Fred Stock, Sr., who has been sick for a number of months, being confined to his home the greater part of the time, and only able to get out at very rare intervals and that when the weather was good, although apparently showing good improvement with the coming of the spring season, suffered a relapse last Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday was reported in a very serious condition. He is receiving the best of medical attention and nursing, but his prolonged illness is not encouraging.

## To Attend Annual Youth Rally

The young people of the Callahan church will go to Ithaca Sunday afternoon to appear on the program of the annual Youth Rally to be held Sunday afternoon and evening. About three hundred young people are expected to be present. Rev. C. F. Weber will give the closing sermon, beginning at 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

## Callahan Church Notes

F. C. Weber, Pastor

Splendid audiences at all the services last Lord's day. Come again! Christ, with all His wisdom, often took time for meditation. While in solitude, He set Himself in tune with the Almighty, and in this way was able to receive a great knowledge from time to time. In a like manner, Moses received the Ten Commandments.

No matter how busy you are, you can take a few minutes each day and do likewise. The results will astonish you.

## Work Begins on PWA Project

The Murdock waterworks system, construction of which was approved by the voters some weeks ago, and which has been much talked of for years, was actually started Thursday, when a crew of workers with a concrete mixing machine came to pour the foundations for the tower in which water will be stored for use by the citizens of the town.

The working out of preliminary details has been under way for some time, and now everything seems to be in readiness to push the work forward as rapidly as possible.

Among the details to be arranged was the site of the tank and pumping equipment and as related in the Murdock department last week, the place chosen for this was the lot on Main street where the former garage of William Gehrts was located prior to the time it was destroyed by fire several years ago.

When the foundations are completed, construction of the tank will be started thereon, as well as the sinking of the required wells, the construction of a pump house and the laying of the various water mains, setting of fire hydrants and running of service lines to those who desire to install water in their homes and places of business.

It is our understanding that the work of digging the trenches for the mains and service lines will all be done by hand labor, giving employment to a number of men who could not be used if machine trenching was done. Although slightly higher in cost than machine trenching, this plan provides added employment and keeps the money here at home, where it will be expended for groceries and other commodities by those who are given work.

It will take some time to complete the new system.

## Arrange Kittenball Schedule

Followers of the fascinating game of kittenball, and they are many in Murdock, held a meeting recently to

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arrange a schedule for the coming summer.

Under the plan as outlined, there will be four teams in the regular league with two games each night on Tuesday and Thursday nights, under the flood lights which were installed near the end of the 1934 season and proved very popular in permitting a full schedule of night games last summer.

The four teams are: The Lutherans, composed of players from the vicinity north of town near the Trinity Lutheran church, with Paul Kupke as captain; the Callahan team made up from players residing south-west of town and with Jesse Stock as captain; the Evangelical church team, with Charles I Long as captain, and the Murdock town team, of which Bryan McDonald will be captain.

From the players on these four teams, there will be selected one or more all-Murdock teams to play with the picked teams from other towns in this vicinity from time to time throughout the season.

Regular play will be started soon, and from present indications the fans will not be disappointed in the type of entertainment provided for them on the home grounds this summer.

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**All Contributed Handsomely**

Last week the Journal published a list of contributions received from various towns over the county by the Cass County Chapter, American Red Cross, to be used for relief purposes in the eastern flood area.

We are advised of some corrections as well as additions needed to make this list correct and up-to-date and give the revised list, as follows:

Alvo, \$25; Avoca, \$5; Cedar Creek, \$3; Eagle, \$1; Elmwood, \$28; Greenwood, \$4; Manley, \$10; Murdock, \$8; Murray, \$10; Mynard, \$15; Nehawka, \$20; Plattsmouth, \$100; Union, \$12; Wabash, \$11; Weeping Water, \$11, or a total of \$263 thru regular channels.

In addition, Murdock contributed \$2 to general relief and Louisville, \$32.34, all of which has gone forward for distribution. This brings the grand total to date up to \$297.34. The report is furnished to us by Mrs. Henry A. Tool, secretary-treasurer of the Cass County Chapter.

## New York Underworld Hit By Arrest of Vice Overlord

Downfall of "Lucky" Luciano May Mark End of Crime as "Big Business"



"Lucky" Luciano



Mrs. Mae Scheible



Al Capone



Dutch Schultz

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NEW YORK—New York's underworld is considerably disturbed over the recent arrest of Charles (Lucky) Luciano, alleged vice czar, who was taken into custody at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It is not because the underworld is particularly solicitous about Luciano's health and welfare. It is because his arrest brings home the dismaying conclusion that even kingpin racketeers are not superior to the law, an impression which got around during the halcyon days when Al Capone reigned in Chicago and the late Dutch Schultz prospered in New York.

Various public enemies and racketeers see in the arrest of swarthy Italian Luciano a signal of the decline of crime as a big business. His arrest is particularly significant because he was taken into custody on a compulsory prostitution charge, the first time a "big shot" has been held for trial on a regular criminal indictment instead of an income tax evasion case.

**Underworld Stunned by News**

His arrest marks the conclusion of a long and thorough investigation by Special Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, who has rounded up scores of "undesirables" in his dragnet during the past weeks of his probe into New York vice conditions, and succeeded in getting convictions of several key figures, including Mrs. Mae Scheible, alleged vice queen.

One can appreciate how shocking was the news of Luciano's arrest to the underworld only if they appreciate his importance in the rackets.

When Capone was sent to Alcatraz for income tax evasion, Luciano was unrivaled in power except by Dutch Schultz who was "eliminated" from competition last October when gunmen riddled Schultz and three henchmen.

Luciano, now only 39, did not achieve his position overnight. He served as lieutenant to various underworld powers during the prohibition era, gradually acquiring power until he rated as one of the overlords of the rackets when repeal arrived.

**"Lucky" Overplayed Luck**

With the demise of Dutch Schultz, Luciano branched out into politics and gradually chiseled in on an increasing number of rackets. His "gang" increased in number, several lieutenants of the late Schultz were taken in, and things seemed to be flourishing for "Lucky."

His mistake came when he decided to cut in on the prostitution racket. His aides convinced him that there was "easy money" to be picked up by a little judicious organizing. But it was this phase of Luciano's underworld activities which finally tripped him up. Prosecutor Dewey succeeded in rounding up enough connected with the racket to close the net in on Luciano.

"Lucky" fought extradition with every possible weapon when arrested in Hot Springs, even trying to bribe officials. But Dewey had laid his plans well and the "big boss" is "on the spot," legally speaking.

Luciano is a square-jawed stocky individual. His black hair and swarthy complexion, together with the heavy beard which darkens his cheeks almost immediately after shaving, combine to give him a most forbidding appearance.

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