

Tour of Vetch Plots Planned

Group to See Ernst, Froelich Efforts

"X" marks the spot that will show outstanding results of inter-seeding of vetch on a recent seeding of native grass mixture. This "X" can be found on the south side of U.S. highway 20, 3/4 mile west of the drive-in corner.

In 1950 Clarence Ernst seeded this 40 acres to a native grass mixture, resulting in a stand that was considered none-too-good. Again in 1951 he interseeded over a large portion of the field but still the results were not as good as he had been hoping for. In the fall of 1951, he seeded about seven acres at about 15 pounds per acre on the northwest corner of that field to Madison vetch. The vetch was harvested this summer with a yield of seven bushels of clean seed. Now the results of that vetch seeding is beginning to be noticed in the added vigor, sensitive growth and amount of native grasses on the land.

The public is invited to stop and see the results. Mr. Ernst's seeding of vetch with native grass is not the first that such a venture has been tried.

On the William Froelich section immediately northeast of Emmet, a seeding was made in the spring of 1950. The fall not enough cover was available on the field to prevent blowing and as a trial seeding 30 pounds of vetch was seeded per acre on the west two acres.

The following summer 114 pounds of vetch seed per acre was harvested from this patch. The results of the grass was the same as those now seen on the Clarence Ernst farm. The vetch volunteered and made a good growth this year and was again harvested this summer. This time the yield was about 300 pounds vetch seed per acre and the grass is even more outstanding than before. There is a good cover of humus on the soil and transpiration and leaching has been greatly reduced. The grass is tall, dark green and luxuriant growth and if frost holds off a few weeks there is a good possibility that

a sandlove grass seed harvest can be made.

On Friday, September 5, at 1:30 p.m., the soil conservation service in cooperation with the Extension service has made arrangements to conduct a tour of these and possibly some others. Lorenz Bredemier, state range conservationist, will be on hand to assist in the tour. A spokesman said the soil conservation service feels that the importance of vetch seeding made in recent seedings of grass mixtures on sandy lands can not be advocated too strongly. Vetch can also be used as a soil builder in crop rotation and has definite possibility and advantage use in native upland meadows and pastures, however, in the latter phase more work needs to be done and planting should be made more or less with the idea of experimenting to see what can be done.

The extension service and the soil conservation service urges all interested in grass seedings and grass improvement to attend the tour Friday, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the courthouse annex.

Robson Family Picks Norfolk for Reunion

EWING—The Robson reunion was held Saturday, August 23, at the Ta-hau-zooka park in Norfolk. Eighty-nine relatives and visitors attended the annual gathering.

Mrs. Jane Mumberson of Orchard was the oldest member present. Jim Robson, her brother, and P. J. March, his grandson, came by bus from Sioux City.

Rita Rae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Napier, was the youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rickert and daughters of St. Paul came the greatest distance.

Mrs. Dale Napier was elected president for the coming year. Those who attended from Ewing were Mr. and Mrs. Z. H. Fry, their daughters, Esther, Betty, Mary, Phyllis and their son, Wayne, with their families. Mr. and Mrs. George Montgomery, Beverly and Robert and Duane Ford.

Californians Are Guests

CHAMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. John Butler of Long Beach, Calif., arrived here last Thursday to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. C. E. Farrier, and other relatives.

Rural Teachers in Locality Named

CHAMBERS—The following rural teachers are hired for the coming year:

Lone Tree — Mrs. K. N. Adams; Valley Center—Maureen Murphy; Tangeman school—Ada De Hart; Homolka school—Joan Daas; Cavanaugh school—Kay Eisenhauer; Hoffman school—Mrs. George Roby; Alderson school—Mrs. C. D. Ankney; South Fork (district 212)—Mrs. LeRoy Holcomb; Glead school—Mrs. Bayne Grubb; Harkins school (district 115)—Mrs. Kenneth Barthel.

Meanwhile, the Chambers public school opened Monday with a complete staff of teachers and a registration of 62 high school students and 71 grade students.

The teachers are: L. J. Ekdhahl, superintendent and mathematics; Nick Schmit, Jr., principal and industrial arts; Robert Meline, coach, English and geography; John Bleszke, jr., instrumental and vocal music and history; Mrs. Jim Parker, home economics, general science and biology; Grace Newhouse, sixth, seventh and eighth grades; Clara Harley, third, fourth and fifth grades; Lorine Smith, kindergarten, first and second grades; Thomas Lambert, vocational agriculture instructor.

Other Chambers News

Mr. and Mrs. James Platt and Beverly are attending the state fair.

Charles and Donald Atkinson, Carroll Burge and Myrtle White left Tuesday for McPherson, Kans. Charles Atkinson will attend Central college and the others high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wonders drove to Cordova Saturday to visit his niece and daughter. From there they drove to York to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Galway, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards and family spent from Friday, August 22, until Sunday, August 24, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin, at Park Rapids, Minn.

A shower honoring Mrs. Robert Beed, formerly Beryl Porter, was held Monday at the Methodist church parlors. About 45 friends and relatives were present. A short program in charge of Darlene Grimes was presented. The bride received many gifts. Refreshments of ice cream, cup cakes and iced tea were served by several friends and relatives.

House Hit by Lightning; Occupants on Vacation

CHAMBERS—Lightning struck Saturday night, August 30, at the Lyman Robertson place, doing considerable damage to the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards were on their vacation in Minnesota at the time.

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Westerns Hit New Peak at Omaha

Western supply continued on the climb at the Omaha market Tuesday. The day's run totalled nearly 44,000 and ranked far and away as biggest in the country.

Western cattle and calves numbered 10,500, a new high for the season.

Trade on replacement cattle was uneven—yearlings and calves generally steady, 2- and 3-year-old feeder steers weak to 50c lower, instances off more.

Better yearling stock steers brought \$26-\$30.50, with 620-pound Wyoming \$31.50. Numerous stock heifers cleared at \$26-\$28, with 527-pound Nebraska \$28.50. Good to choice feeder steers bulked at \$26-\$28.25, some held higher. Included were 3's at \$26.25 to \$27.75, latter paid for 1,145-pound South Dakotas. Just-fair stock calves sold to \$30 and \$31.

Monday trade on grained cattle at Omaha followed recent trends, those from \$32.50 steady, others slow sellers and no better than steady to weak. Slaughter steers and yearlings bulked at \$30 to \$33.50, with better steers to \$34.50, one load 1,174-pounders \$35. Heavy steers included weights to 1,415 at \$33.50, \$33.75. Fed heifers reached \$33.25. Plain killer sold down to \$24.

The cow market was unevenly steady to 50c lower, canners and cutters \$13 to \$16, mostly \$14-\$15.50, beef cows to \$18.50, top Western grassfats to \$20 sparsely. Bologna bulls again sold to \$23, beef bulls to \$21.

A 10,500 hog run Tuesday at Omaha sold mostly a quarter lower, butchers weighing 130-360 \$18 to \$21.150, a part load \$21.60. Sows were steady to 25c off, 270-550-pounders \$15.50-\$19.75, a few \$20. Stags brought \$13.50-\$16.

Box Butte Originally Belonged to Sioux

Box Butte county originally was a part of Sioux county, organized in 1877 to include the panhandle area lying north of Cheyenne county—the old Cheyenne county, that is, an omnibus county which included present-day Banner, Kimball, Scotts Bluff, and Deuel counties. In 1885, Dawes county was created out of the eastern half of Sioux, and two years later, in 1887, the southern half of Dawes became Box Butte.

Settlers started moving into the Box Butte region in 1885. Among them was the family of W. A. Bissell, and, according to F. M. Bissell's sketch of the county in "Who's Who" in Nebraska, it was "Who's Who" in Nebraska, it was Mrs. Bissell who conceived and popularized the idea that when a new county was created out of the region the name "Box Butte" would be most appropriate.

The homesteaders, attracted by the slogan, "The Box Butte Country for Free Homes", came in filing claims at the land office in Valentine, later at Chadron and finally at Alliance. Both the Burlington and North Western railroads were interested in the development of the region. The Burlington reached Alliance on February 3, 1888, platting the town on a school section purchased from the state by the Lincoln Land Company, an auxiliary of the railroad. As a means of helping the sale of town lots, the railroad agreed to make Alliance a division point.

Early contenders of the position of leadership in the country were Hemingford and Nonpareil. After a spirited contest—in the tradition of most Nebraska counties—Nonpareil became the county seat.

When the railroad came to Alliance, Nonpareil passed out of the picture and Hemingford became the county seat. The favored situation of Alliance, however, soon brought that town to a position of dominance in the country, and ultimately the seat of government passed from Hemingford to Alliance.

The late eighties were years of plentiful rainfall in Nebraska, and Box Butte county's early settlers grew a wide variety of crops. At the state fair in 1888, the county won second prize for its general display of varied products. Already the county was becoming known nationally for its high-quality potatoes.

The drought years of the nineties brought great discouragement and many settlers abandoned their homesteads. Those who stayed, however, soon were reaping again the fruits of a prosperous agriculture.

Box Butte, with a 1950 population of 12,225, has enjoyed a steady if unspectacular growth. Each census since 1890, except that of 1940, has shown a popula-

tion increase of about 50 per cent. Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly and daughter, Mary Lois, returned Friday, August 15, from a 10-day trip to Arizona where they visited Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Wright. Mrs. Ina Wolfe, who accompanied them on the trip, remained in Arizona for a longer vacation.



Panoramic view of Neil Asher field where Kansas drillers will try for oil. Photo was made late Tuesday upon arrival of heavy drilling machinery. (Arrow points to approximate spot where test will be made.)—The Frontier Photo.

Cards Put Through First Scrimmage

Prof. George Says Kids in Good Trim

Prof. Joe George put his St. Mary's academy six-man grid crew through the initial scrimmage of the season Tuesday.

When the dust had settled he pronounced that the boys were in good physical trim after a hard week of setting up exercises and stiff workouts.

George says fundamentals are being stressed.

The running of Wayne Donohoe and George Tomlinson and the passing of Bobby Fritton highlighted Tuesday's brisk scrimmage. George says he's pleased with five veterans who performed for the red-and-white this year.

Material includes: Ends: Jerry Wanser, Duane Weier, James Schmitz. Center: Eugene Sullivan and Mike London.

Backs: Wayne Donohoe, George Tomlinson, Bobby Fritton, Jimmy Fritton.

Other promising candidates include John Conol, Larry Connot, Jerry Cuddy, Terry Donlin, Frank Shefl, Raymond Donohoe, Robert Fritton, Thomas Head, Dick Graham, Matt Hursey, Bill McElvain, Ronald Murphy, Jim Ryan and Jeff Wagon.

Thiele, Bartos, Skrdla Entered Group Puts Farms in Soil Contest

A committee of men recently made a tour of the county to pick the three farms or ranches to represent Holt in the annual Sioux City soil conservation contest.

Those doing the judging were: Raymond Heiss, chairman; Stanley Lambert, Ewing, vice-chairman; Elmer Juracek, Star, treasurer; Clarence Ernst, O'Neill, and Elmer Allyn, Stuart, all members of the soil conservation district board of supervisors.

Also included in the judging were Bill Mattern, Production Credit association, Harry Ressel, PMA, Harry R. Smith, John Deere implement dealer, and Pat Gallup, veteran's instructor. The farms and ranches selected were Vincent Thiele of Ewing, Louis Bartos of O'Neill, and Lawrence and Donald Skrdla, southwest of Atkinson.

On the Vincent Thiele place much progress has been made since he has taken over the operation of the place. He has made outstanding progress in management of his farm.

Last spring he planted 2 1/2 miles of shelterbelts. He has seeded approximately 20 acres of alfalfa, has improved his pasture from the condition as he found it, has done grass seeding on about 25 acres of sandy land to be converted to pasture, has seeded small acreages of switch grass and Indian grass in rows for seed production. For the past several years he has used commercial fertilizer on corn with outstanding results.

Louis Bartos of O'Neill has completely changed the appearance of his 360-acre farm since he took over two years ago. One of the judges remarked that had he not known the location of the farm he would not have believed such a change possible. At the time Mr. Bartos bought the farm, the buildings were in need of repairs, the fences were in very poor condition, the farm was severely infested with cockleburrs, and in general in a rundown and depleted condition. He seeded approximately 35 acres to a native grass mixture in 1951 and planted a 10-row farmstead windbreak on the northwest and south sides of his farmstead.

He has adopted a good rotation on the crop land and is strip cropping all of the fields. The buildings have been improved and new fences have been constructed.

Lawrence and Donald Skrdla have more time to develop the ranch southwest of Atkinson. In some respects they have not had the difficulties to cope with that the other two entrants have had. However, their ranch typifies a program of sound grassland management.

They have seeded in the past few years over 125 acres of crop land to native grass. They have used a large variety of grass mixtures and have in some cases resorted to airplane seeding of grass because the fields were too wet to be seeded in any other manner. Last year they used vetch with the latest grass seeding and the results were really marvelous. They also own and operate some land in Rock county where they have used airplane seeding in establishing grass on some very eroded blowout conditions.

All three of these contestants are very good examples of sound land use and have applied conservation measures to their own places in accordance to the needs, explained C. R. ("Bob") Hill, unit conservationist for the Holt soil district.

Former Orchard Man Takes Bride

ORCHARD—Miss Eva June Holm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Holm of Bayard, became the bride of Charles D. Shipman of Theford, at the Church of God in Scottsbluff on August 24. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Shipman of Orchard.

Rev. Elmer Case of McCook, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated with the double-ring ceremony.

Donald and James Holm, brothers of the bride, sang "Love Never Fails." Donald Holm sang "Benediction" and "The Wedding Prayer." They were accompanied by Mrs. H. M. Gustin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a candlelight satin gown styled with a fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline and long fitted sleeves. The full skirt fell into a train. Her fingertip coronet veil of illusion net, edged with lace, was held in place with a pearl tiara. She carried a cascade bouquet of red roses.

Miss Virginia Holm, maid-of-honor for her sister, wore a gown of coral taffeta and carried a colonial bouquet of lavender asters. Misses Peggy Ann Holm and Belva Harlin, bridesmaids, wore gowns of yellow and aqua taffeta and carried bouquets of pink and purple asters.

Miss Engline Laekos of Bayard and Mrs. W. Nelson of Lincoln were candelights in blue taffeta gowns with pink aster corsages.

Vickie Carlson, flower girl, wore yellow taffeta and carried a basket of rose petals. Tim Daniels was ring bearer.

Dean Dodson, Venango, was bestman and Lee Heigel, of Bayard and Keith Shipman of Chariton, Ia., were groomsmen. Ushers were Warren Berggren, Aurora, James Holm of Bayard and Howard Temple of Theford.

For her daughters wedding Mrs. Holm chose a black crepe dress with white accessories. The mother of the bridegroom selected a dress of rose crepe with black accessories. Each wore a corsage of pink roses and gardenias.

A reception for 150 guests was held in the church parlors after the ceremony. Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Robert Carlsson, Mrs. Palmer Henderson, Mrs. Harry Metz, Mrs. Richard Daniels, Mrs. Harold Winkler and

Misses Norma and Shirley Salstrom. After a wedding trip to Yellowstone park the couple will live at Theford where Mr. Shipman is superintendent of Thomas county high school. Mrs. Shipman attended Pacific Bible college, Portland, Ore. Mr. Shipman received bachelor of science degrees and master of education degrees from the University of Nebraska.

Bassett, Chambers Win Playoff Tilts

In the top four team North-Central Nebraska league baseball playoff series, Bassett and Chambers were the victors.

In the first-half of the twin bill, played Sunday afternoon in Carey park, Bassett turned back Stuart, 4-3. Kenny Buringer of Bassett blasted a home run in that game.

In the match between Chambers and O'Neill the second half of the double bill, a half-dozen grievous errors cost the O'Neill Rockets the game.

Danny Helmer, on the mound for O'Neill struck out 13 Chambers batsmen and allowed only three hits, but the sins in the loose infield and outfield cost the game. Chambers stayed in front all the way and won 4-1.

It's Chambers vs. Bassett to determine the playoff champion. This game will be played at O'Neill Sunday night.

Mrs. Emil Weyhrich and Mrs. Pa' Gallup spent last Thursday in Wayne visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Schnoor.

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