

Union

Mrs. L. G. Todd

Mrs. D. Ray Frans has been on the sick list for a few days, but is much improved at this time.

Mrs. L. R. Upton spent the weekend in Elmwood visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Rod Whitmore.

The members of the Ak-Sar-Ben Feeder's Club held their picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Todd last Sunday. Fifteen club members attended. Loren Todd and George Minford are leaders of this club. The club boys are busy getting their calves ready for the County Fair at Weeping Water this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ermond Moore of Lincoln spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Moore's parents.

They went to Weeping Water Monday evening, to attend the band practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Winnie Crawford are spending two weeks in Oregon.

The Branlet home is being painted this week.

Mrs. E. M. Rahe of Omaha is spending a few days visiting her mother this week. Mrs. Rahe will teach in Bellevue schools again this year. This will be her fifth year in this school.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Smith and family of Ariba, Colorado, arrived in Union Saturday evening where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cross, parents of Mrs. Smith, for awhile. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are teachers in the Colorado schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McQuin and family and Mrs. Todd attended a sacred musical at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. During the worship hour more than a dozen young people pledged themselves for religious work.

Deibert Lindsey and Neils Madsen families returned from a weeks trip to the west.

Rube Foster is attending the rodeo at Sidney this week.

Out Our Way

J. R. Williams



nesday evening for their business meeting and social. Mrs. Florence McDonald was the hostess of the evening.

Jimmy Magorian returned to his home in Lincoln last Friday after spending a couple of weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gorthey.

The Mission Band and Little Herald members and their mothers held their Summer Christmas Tree meeting and program Tuesday afternoon at the William Eisele home. The Christmas collection was about \$30.00. This goes to help the poor children in Africa. A lovely lunch was served by the leaders, Mrs. Eisele, Mrs. Vogt and Mrs. Gorthey.

Mr. Louis Wehrman underwent an appendicitis operation on Wednesday and last report was that he was coming along just fine.

Mrs. Clara Thimman of California arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with relatives here.

A large number of people from Murdock and vicinity have been attending the Fair at Weeping Water.

Murdock Schools will start September 1st. They are short two teachers, but hope to have them by the first.

Keith Schmidt and Virgil Streich returned Friday afternoon from their trip to the west.

Harold Zeirott and Grant Neitzel also returned home Thursday evening from their trip to the west.

Soil Conservation In Farm Leases

DES MOINES — Soil conservation is becoming a part of farm leases in some sections of Iowa this year.

Attached to the standard lease agreement is a rider which outlines responsibilities of landlord and tenant concerning soil conservation.

Impetus for this change came from the commissioners of the Mills County Soil Conservation district J. F. Wearlin of Hastings is chairman. Other members are J. M. Steele of Malvern and D. N. McGrew of Emerson.

The Mills district was one of the leaders in the Omaha World-Herald's first Soil Conservation program in 1945.

These men recognized that adoption of soil conserving practices proceeds more slowly on tenanted-operated farms, for obvious reasons.

Insecurity of tenure reduces a tenant's aggressiveness in doing soil conservation work. He doesn't have a compelling motive to spend time and money preserving or improving a farm if he isn't sure that he can stay on to reap some of the benefits.

All of the blame and possibly not even the larger part of it can be laid to the tenant. Not all landlords are interested in the long-time productive value of their farms. Some of those who are have lacked knowledge of any simple procedure by which they can work with their ten-

ant and reach an agreement.

The rider to the farm lease seeks to provide that formula.

The Mills county commissioners solicited the help of Iowa State college, I. W. Arthur of the college helped them work out a solution to the problem. They don't claim it is foolproof, but they regard it at least a step in the right direction of a landlord-tenant conservation formula that can be applied universally.

Probably the value of the lease rider will come through the fact that before landlords and tenant can agree to such a lease they will sit down together and work out a conservation program for the farm.

They will agree on such things as establishments of terraces, on contouring, or re-establishment of fences, on seeding of grass, on use of lime and commercial fertilizer, on the amount of green manure to be plowed under.

Then they will agree on what is to be the contribution of each to their comprehensive program. And they will agree on the amount of compensation to the tenant for use of unexhausted value of work or money he has put into his share if and when the tenancy is terminated.

If it works out on soil conservation it could be the means of improving other aspects of landlord-tenant relationship.

Wendell Heising Will End Soil Problems

WAHOO — Wendell Heising of Wahoo, stated that in spite of all the recent rain this is the first year he hasn't had mud flow on his bluegrass lawn from an adjacent sloping field. He accomplished this by contouring the adjoining field with the rows gently graded away from the farmstead. Wendell plans to eventually end his erosion problems by building terraces and grassed waterways.

Mrs. George Borreson, who has been employed by the Soil Conservation service office in Wahoo as part time clerk since November 1945, has resigned her position to take permanent employment.

The maintenance of newly established grassed waterways can

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not be over emphasized. Take a look at those which you prepared last fall or this spring and see if a trickle channel has developed. The high intensity rains of last fall and this spring have, in some cases, caused some cutting in the bottom of the waterways. The best time to check this cutting is when it first develops, and it can best be stopped by placing numerous pieces of brome grass sod in the cut. If it is allowed to get larger, then it will probably be necessary to fill the cut with small dams on which brome grass sod is placed. For cuts deeper than approximately two feet, it is best to plow, pack, and reseed the waterway. Fall is usually the best time to prepare and seed waterways. Establishing waterways requires some luck, but if one keeps trying each fall and spring, sooner or later they will become established.

In Iowa it is reported that there is a direct relation between depth of top soil and the yield and stand of corn. In 1946 the yield was 25.9 bushels per acre in soil with little or no top soil in the plowed layer and 80.8 bushels where only good black top soil was found in the plowed layer.

Did you know that it takes 22.6 acre inches of water to produce 2½ tons of alfalfa per acre?

Grass in Waterway

The place of grass in protecting natural drainageways from serious erosion is pointed up. Grass waterways do not take the place of soil treatment and erosion control measures on adjoining slopes, even though surplus water can be carried off without gullies being formed. Silt in the waterway suggests that adjacent hillsides are eroding. Grass waterways are not hard to build but it does take perseverance to get them well established. A single seeding seldom takes hold well enough to withstand the wear and tear of running water or unfavorable weather. When one seeding fails, another should be made at the first opportunity.

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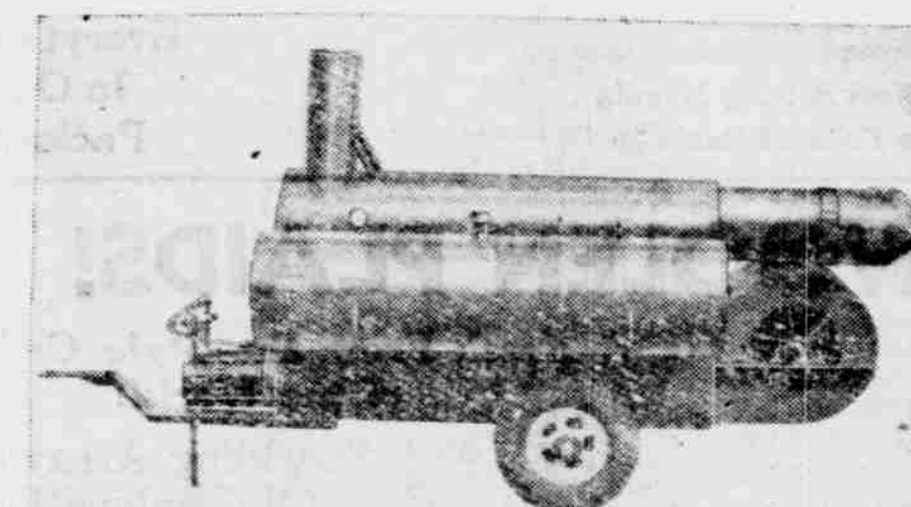
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