GRASS SEEDING SUGGESTIONS

MANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED AS TO PROPER SEEDING

(BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN)

Numerous requests are received at the County Agent's Office for suggestions regarding suitable seed mixtures for 1935 use; especially those who want to plant to grass, acres not seeded with timothy last fall . Timothy is high priced and red top is relatively cheaper. Red top is not as popular as timothy but will grow on poorly drained acid soil. It rates about three fourth as high in feeding value and in yield. It will grow where ever timothy will grow in addition to soils wetter than produce good timothy.

Some people plan to conserve feed supplies by sowing less per acre. It seed bed is properly prepared reductions of even one-third often show little reduction in stand, but doubtless few people will car eto make as great a reduction in their seeding as one-third.

On the heavier soils some people doubtless will mix timothy and red top with Alsike clover and possibly some red clover. On light soils. The University of Maryland recommends as a hay mixture, Orchard Grass, 10 lbs.; Tall Oat Grass, 10 lbs.; Alskike Clover, 4 lbs. This mixture is also recommended for sandy loam soils. in pasture for a period of years, adding Kentucky Blue Grass and White clover to Timothy and Alsike clover, is recommended for heavy fertile soils. On heavy soils of low fertility, Orchard Grass, Timothy, Redtop, and Alsike Clover are recommended. On the lighter lands Korean Lespedezas or Common Lespedezas are advisable, or sweet clover may be substituted by the lespedeza if the land is sweet enough to grow the sweet clover.

People expecting to secure early pasture from lespedezas will be disappointed. Especially in the annual varities such as the Common, the Korean and the Kobe varieties. These grow some feed and are hot weather plants. They furnish feed for late summer and fall pasture. They should therefore be used in mixtures with early growing grasses as they will not furnish the early spring pasture. In a few years time a satisfactory perennial variety of lespedeza may be available at a reasonable cost. Such variety might furnish the early pasture that we desire.

The Korean lespedeza is reported plentiful this year. It frequently does very well as a pasture crop and in some instances makes fair hay, although we should count on it as a pasture rather than a hay crop. The Lespedezas will do fairly well on poor acid soils but do much better on the fertile sweet soils. The Lespedezas will not take the place of the clovers and alfalfa, and the latter are more dependable on low grade land.

This may be a good year to try Korean Lespedeza or Common Lespedeza in the grass mixtures, replacing some of the more expensive seed.

The County Agent will be glad to answer questions raised by Kent County farmers.

Time For Spring Oats Seeding

Oats to do well should be sown at once or at the same time canning house peas are seeded. They are a cool weather crop. Early maturing oats do best in this section. One of our most satisfactory varieties is known as Fulghum. It is a red oats. This variety is quite free of smut. Other varieties that have done well in Maryland are the Cornellian and the Iowa the Richland and the Iowa 105. People who sow field oats usually get a late maturing oat from the North which is not satisfactory for our seasons.

FEDERAL MORTGAGE LOANS HERE EXCEED $1,000,000

INCLUDE 187 LAND OWNERS IN KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES

According to Mr. Thomas D. Bowers, Federal Land Bank mortgages issued in Kent and Queen Anne's are in excess of $930,800 which includes 187 borrowers. In addition to the above amount the loans made by the Federal Land Bank Commissioner will increase this amount to exceed $1,000,000.

At a meeting of the field representative with delinguent borrowers which was held at the Court here on Monday it was shown that of the 187 borrowers only 12 are delinquent in meeting interest payments.

The large number of loans made in these two counties makes the local office one of the largest in the district.

Almost 22,000 farmers have received mortgage loans to the extent of $46,000,000 since May 1, 1933, from the Federal Land Bank in the entire district. The territory embraced by this district includes Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

While 15,241 loan applications were accepted during the past year, the 1935 applications may reach only 5,000.

The reason for this drop is due to the fact that the demand for loans has been met and 'distress no longer is a real factor.'

The average period for repayment is from thirty-three to thirty-six years. No loan can exceed fifty per cent of the appraised normal value of the land mortgaged and twenty per cent of the appraised value of the permanent insured improvements. Ninety per cent of all loans closed were for refinancing purposes.

The young bride sadly said: 'Men are too mean for anything.'

'What's the trouble now?' asked her best friend.

'Why, I asked Jack for the car today, and he said that I must be content with the splendid carriage that nature gave me.'

P.T.A. DELEGATES VISIT ANNAPOLIS

URGE RESTORATION OF SCHOOL BUDGET CUT

Urging that the 'child be placed above the dollar mark,' representatives of parent-teacher associations from twenty-one of the twenty-three counties of Maryland crowded the House of Delegates today and presented a five-point school program that would add $617,775 annually to the budget.

Only Howard and Cecil counties were without representation when the group of approximately 450 parents and teachers held a preliminary meeting in the old Senate chamber before appearing before the House Ways and Means and the Senate and House Education committees.

Among those who attended from Kent County were:

Chestertown—Mrs. Bates Chafres, Mrs. J. T. Kibler, Mrs. L. B. Russell, Jr., Mrs. John Barnes.

After conferring with the committees, the group visited the executive offices, and laid their requests for budget restorations before Gov. Harry W. Nice.

The delegates said that two years ago the State school budget was reduced to the point where it jeopardized the proper operation of the schools. They said increases in enrollments since that time with the budget not making provision for such increases, increases the cost of the school program which the local units of the State are carrying.

Pomona—Mr. Henry Kratzer.

Piney Neck—Mrs. Evelyn Edwards and Mrs. Donald Bryden.

Betterton—Mrs. M. B. Turner and Mrs. George Brice.

Kennedyville—Mr. E. L. Redmile.

Skinners Neck—Mrs. August Heinefield.

St. Pauls—Mrs. Philip Jones.

Millington—Mrs. Paul Comegys.

Chesterville—Mrs. J. A. Rood, Mrs. Louis Everett, Mr.s Wilson Bidwell, Mrs. Charles Wallace, Mrs. Dennie Walmesly.

The five points covered in the resolution, with the approximate amounts required to meet them were:

1. That the Legislature provide an additional $87,000 to cover the cost of high school bus transportation instead of paying only half the cost as at present.

2. That approximately $48,000 be provided for additional teachers to take care of increased enrollments. No such provision is made in the present budget.

3.—That approximately $58,000 already requested for normal schools but omitted in preparing the budget be included.

4.—That one-half the pay cuts imposed on State teachers be returned. The point was made in support of this request that living costs have advanced 8 per cent. since January 1 of this year. It was on this point in the resolution that the assemblage argued considerably, one faction holding out for a demand that the entire pay cut be restored. As it stands the restoration of one-half will require approximately $175,000. The entire pay cut restoration would require approximately $425,000.

5.—That there be an immediate restoration of the county tax reduction fund to its status of two years ago. This would require about $250,000.

The completed resolution was submitted to a joint meeting of the Ways and Means and Education committees of the House of Delegates and the State Senate. Subsequently the group of parents were addressed by Governor Nice, following which a delegation representing the group called on the Governor at his office for formal presentation to him of their demands.

Prof. R. C. Lamb of the Naval Academy faculty, presided at the meeting, assisted by Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, president of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers.

ATTENDED STATE D. A. R. CONVENTION

Among those who attended the Annual State Convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution which was held in Baltimore on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week were:

Old Kent Chapter—Mrs. George Baldwin, Miss Ann Smith and Miss Laura Thomas.

London Bridge Chapter — Miss Mary T. Caldwell, Miss Ella Hicks, Miss Fannie Stuart, Mrs. E. Romie Morris, Miss Elizabeth Bottomly and Mrs. C. Wilson Josselyn, Mrs. Josselyn, formerly Miss Mildred Newton, of Kent County and now of Baltimore represented the London Bridge Chapter as a Page at the convention.

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