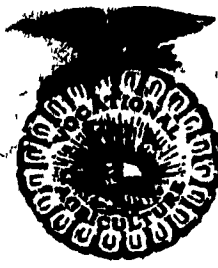


There's this small town about 100 miles away from here that's having a lot of financial troubles. One councilman has come up with a brilliant solution to the town's problem: the town will secede from the Union, form a new country and apply to the United States for foreign aid.

**From Local Ag Teachers:**



**Thoughts in Passing**



by: Warren Wagner  
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Pastures if properly managed can be one of a farmer's best sources of protein in these days of high protein costs. The important thing is that the pastures must properly managed or they will become like so many farm pastures which are nothing more than overgrown brier patches.

The first step in having a good pasture is proper establishment of the grasses and legumes and the periodical renovations of the pasture. As the years go by the more productive and higher nutritional plants die out and the more hardy and lower nutritional grasses take over. When renovating a pasture all of the original plants residue should be destroyed by frequent summer and fall disking. Then the following spring the pasture should be seeded

with a legume grass mixture and be fertilized according to the results of a soil test.

Once a pasture has been established it is important that it be maintained in a highly productive state. This can be accomplished through proper management practices such as the following:

1. Rotate Pastures - It is important that pastures be given rest periods to give them time to shoot new growth and to give them time to strengthen themselves so that they can survive. Continuous grazing of legumes will destroy the stand. Recovery periods should last for 35-40 days or until the plant are once again 6-8 inches tall.

2. Weed Control. Weed control is important to maintain the pasture at a highly productive level. Without proper weed control, weeds would soon crowd out the more desirable grasses and legumes. Weed control can be accomplished by either chemical control or mechanical control. The

chemical controls are dependent upon the type of weeds to be controlled and the type and age of the stand. Mechanical control is accomplished by mowing to prevent weeds from going to seed. As animals graze in a pasture they leave the undesirable weeds and eat the high protein grasses and legumes. If the weeds are allowed to stand they will go to seed and intensify the weed problem. Mowing should be done at the end of each grazing period.

3. Insect Control. Just like any other hay or silage crop pastures are subject to insect problems. The same type of insect controls may be used on pastures which are used on hay crops. Always read the label on pesticides and follow instructions and cautions.

If some of these management practices were implemented on most farm pastures the old cow pasture might become a highly productive and contributing part of the farm.

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**Fulton Grange No. 66 Observe Youth Night**

Fulton Grange 66 observed Youth Night by having the young people fill the officers' chairs and presenting the program at the regular meeting June 24. Leroy Welk, youth chairman presided at the business meeting.

The Charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Joseph Sinclair and Laurence Temple.

The youth committee was in charge of a quiz on the caloric content of various foods and conducted a Grange ritual test. Mrs. Ambrose Giffing displayed and told about some 100 year old possessions including a

sampler, a pair of ladies' long white silk gloves and a New Testament.

The following from Fulton Grange attended the Pa. State Grange Leadership School at Gettysburg College this week: Mrs. Jesse Wood, a member of the State Grange Lecturer's committee who conducted a workshop, Glenn Hough who presented a recital Tuesday night and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Holloway Jr. Mr. Holloway is a member of the State Grange Executive committee.

The Lecturer, Miss Joyce Galbreath, will present a program on ritualism at the next meeting July 8.

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**Area Couple Attend Co-op Conference**

Mrs. and Mrs. Donald L. Hershey, of Manheim have been selected to attend the Co-op Couples Conference July 10-11 at Shippensburg, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

nationally-known farmer-speaker and cooperative leader from Grafton, Ohio. Program consultants include Mr. C. H. Kirkman, of the Farmers Cooperative Service, Washington, D.C.

The two will join with 35 other young couples from throughout the Commonwealth at the two-day event. Sessions will be held at the Best Western University Inn, concurrent with P.A.F.C.'s Summer Youth Institute on the Shippensburg State College campus. They are representatives of the Lancaster Cooperative Council.

At the conference, they will share facts, opinions, and insights about cooperatives and their role in the strength of the business enterprise system. In addition, the two will have an opportunity to meet people and discuss ways in which they will play a vital leadership role in local cooperative affairs.

Conference participants will join with state cooperative leaders to discuss current issues vital to farm leaders, cooperatives, and the community. They will hear about the educational P.A.F.C. and Penn State programs that are benefiting rural leaders.

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