

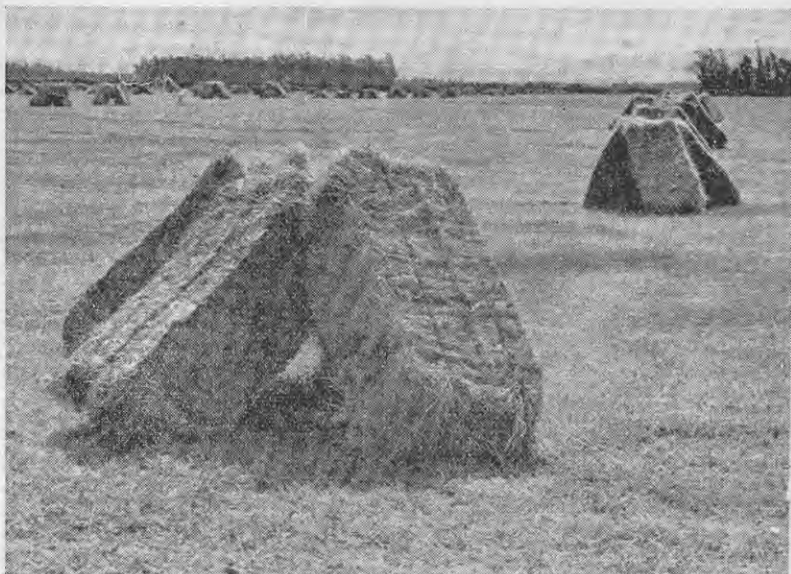


The picture across the top of the pages is a general view of the 23-acre paddock on the Kirwee Experimental Farm, Canterbury, showing the stacks of baled subterranean clover hay.

In the autumn of 1940 the paddock was topdressed with 1½cwt. of superphosphate and 5cwt. of lime. Rain fell shortly after the topdressing, and remarkable growth followed during April, when very useful grazing was obtained. The paddock was shut up in May with the intention of providing feed for ewes after lambing, but such good growth was obtained during the

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A close-up of several bales of hay.

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spring that this particular paddock was not required for the ewes, and it was therefore decided to cut it for hay. This was done in the last week in November.

Farmers who have attempted to make subterranean clover hay have experienced trouble in cutting this crop, but in this case a simple dividing device was attached to the end finger of the

mower, and no serious difficulty was encountered.

After being turned twice the hay was baled from the windrows, with a pick-up baler, four days after cutting. A really first-class sample of hay was obtained, and an estimate made by weighing the bales showed that approximately 57 tons of hay were cut from the 23-acre paddock, which is situated on medium, light land. Although this paddock was shut up from May onwards, most of the growth took place during October, November, and December, and it is probable that the same result could have been ob-

tained by shutting up at the end of September.

The making of subterranean clover hay in seasons such as this can be confidently recommended to farmers with suitable paddocks in the Canterbury district.

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