

ALFALFA IS A WINNER IN THIS COUNTRY

Kandiyohi County Growers Report Experiences and Practically All are Enthusiastic About this Crop.

MANY SILOS BEING ERECTED

Estimated Number of Alfalfa Growers in County is Over Two Hundred and Fifty, Whose Experiences Point the Way for a More General Adoption of this Money-Making Crop. Read the Testimony of a Few Neighbors.

These thirty-one farmers, who are only a part of those who have planted alfalfa, have now 197 acres growing, an average of 6 1/2 acres each. Most of them declare their intention of increasing the acreage in another year. These farmers report fifty-six neighbors who have planted alfalfa, but whose names are not among those who have reported, and there are many others.

The Willmar Tribune sent ten return postal cards to each bank in the county asking them to mail the cards to progressive farmers of their localities. The cards requested information along the lines of the following questions:

Have you planted any alfalfa? How many acres? Will you increase alfalfa acreage another year?

What is your experience in regard to value of alfalfa on your farm? Have you a silo?

Has it paid you? The following neighbors have planted some alfalfa.

The following neighbors have silos. Of 150 cards sent out about forty were returned at the time of this writing. Considering the busy season this return is good and shows an interest in the subject. Of the farmers replying thirty-one had planted some alfalfa, and the following is what they have to say of it.

Has Just Planted.
C. J. Nelson, Kandiyohi, planted one acre of alfalfa this spring, and expects to put in more another year. He has a silo, and says it has paid him. His neighbors, Aug. Lundquist, C. O. Peterson and A. Redy have planted alfalfa. C. A. Larson, Charles Johnson and Aug. Lundquist have silos.

Excels All Other Farm Products.
F. C. Schroeder, of Harrison, has forty-seven acres in alfalfa, and expects to plant more of it. He says it excels all other farm products in return per acre, feeding value considered. He has a silo, and finds that it has paid him. His neighbors, Robt. Bergstrom and A. G. Maier have silos. H. Honebrink and Robt. Bergstrom are raising alfalfa.

Just Starting.
P. M. Burns of Kandiyohi has planted two and one-half acres, and expects to increase. Among his neighbors, Fred Lateral, Frank Lisecke and John Burns have alfalfa fields and John Blomquist, John Carlson, Alfred Blomquist, Fred Lateral and James Tait, Jr., have silos.

Very Good.
Paul Swenson of Mamre has five acres of alfalfa and finds that it makes "Very good feed." He also has a silo which is paying him. His neighbor, Mr. Elkjer, has an alfalfa field.

Will Increase Acreage.
I. M. Nelson of St. Johns has three acres in alfalfa and will increase acreage another year, which is enough said, he thinks.

Eleven Acres.
Elmer Anderson of Mamre has eleven acres in alfalfa and it has made good for him he expects to plant more. He has a silo which has paid him well. His neighbors, A. Anderson and A. Carlson are raising alfalfa and the following have erected silos: A. Carlson, F. N. Anderson, Lundemoe Brothers, E. Ellingson and C. Johnson.

One Acre Worth Two of Clover.
Joan Wicklund, of Kandiyohi, planted five acres of alfalfa in 1913 and will plant five acres more next year. He says, "I have not figured it out in dollars and cents, but I think one

acre of alfalfa is worth two of clover." He erected a silo 14x40 in 1913, and thinks it will pay for itself if it has not already done so. P. Newman is the nearest neighbor who grows alfalfa. Chas. Challberg and others to the west have silos.

Best Hog Pasture.
Swan Nelson, of Whitefield, has two acres of alfalfa that he uses for hog pasture and says, "Am satisfied that it is the best that can be had for that purpose." He built a silo this year, and so have Edw. Erickson, Andrew Peterson, Albert Lundquist, Oscar H. Johnson and Eddy Bros.

Beginning to Test Value.
Swenson & Broberg of New London have ten acres in alfalfa and are just beginning to test its value. The first silo in the county was constructed on their farm in Sec. 25, Town of Arcander, the so-called "Jackson Farm."

Three Crops of Best Forage.
J. O. Hagman of Mamre has three and a half acres of alfalfa, and will plant more. His experience with it has been "Good; three crops of the best kind of forage." Has a silo and finds that it has paid him "many times over." His neighbor G. Sorenson, has alfalfa. P. Rodman, J. A. Swanson and Elmer Johnson have silos.

Animals Like It.
H. And. Lobnitz of East Lake Lillian planted a half acre "just for an experiment," but is not ready to plant more just yet. "It takes well drained land to raise it on. All kinds of animals like it." In reply to the question as to whether his silo has paid him, Mr. Lobnitz says, "You bet." He doesn't know of any neighbor who raises alfalfa and none beside himself has a silo in that neighborhood.

The Most Valuable Crop.
H. A. House of Burbank has twenty acres of alfalfa and will increase his field. He says it is "the most valuable crop. It is good for all kinds of stock, either as hay or pasture." His neighbor, J. K. Nelson, also has some alfalfa.

Silo is Best.
Chas. Challberg, of Kandiyohi, thinks the silo "is the best of everything." He has not planted alfalfa because it is not practical to rotate it with wheat and other crops. He names two neighbors who raise alfalfa and four who have silos.

Feeding Value Unexcelled.
Emil Ogren, of New London, has five acres of alfalfa and will increase the ground. "Ten acres of alfalfa," he says, "is equal to thirty acres of common meadow in feeding value for all kinds of stock." Neighbors who have alfalfa fields are Knute Ersland, Frank Borgeson and M. J. Monson.

A Very Valuable Annex.
Hon. P. H. Frye, on Willmar, Rt. 5, has four acres of alfalfa and expects to increase acreage another year. He says, "I consider it a very valuable annex to any farm." He has a silo that has paid him. His neighbors, Mr. Klint and Mr. Dahl, have some alfalfa. Messrs. Thompson, Tallakson, Thorson, and others have silos.

A Great Yielder.
The Eddy Bros., in Whitefield, have four acres of alfalfa and expect to increase the acreage. They say it is "a great yielder, but we have not proved feeding value as yet." Their silo has paid them. Messrs. Shoemaker, Brewer, T. Johnson, S. Johnson, and Bouska have alfalfa fields.

Starts With 4 1/2 Acres.
John Swenson, the "red hog" man,

of St. Johns, is having his first year's experience with alfalfa. He has cut his field of 4 1/2 acre twice and if he does not pasture it, can cut it the third time. He will plant more. He has two silos which have paid him. His neighbor J. S. Robbins has an alfalfa field. He has also a silo, and there is one of the latter on Mrs. Gust Peterson's place.

Gets Thicker After Each Cutting.
Ole E. Olson, of Dovre, has six acres of alfalfa and will "sure" plant more. "It seems to grow well where other clovers do. We have cut it twice this summer, and a third cutting seems to be coming. It is getting thicker everytime." Neighbors who grow alfalfa are the State Farm, August Anderson, David Swenson, C. A. Baklund, Jalmer Larson, J. Bratberg and Thorntenson. The following have silos: C. A. Baklund, Ole Pederson, S. Sondreson, M. Sondreson, Fosson on the Thorpe farm, State Farm, Kalvik and Bethesda Homes.

Silo Paid Itself in One Year.
O. H. Johnson, of Kandiyohi township, planted two acres of alfalfa last year and four acres this year. He says "I do not have much experience, but think a good sized silo and ten acres of alfalfa would be enough for thirty head of stock. I have a silo and it paid for itself the first year." Neighbors raising alfalfa are P. O. Balke, A. Norgren, Edw. Bredeson and B. Bredeson. These have silos: O. Anderson, A. Norgren, Edw. Bredeson, A. Lurkey, A. Thorson, C. A. Thorpe and K. Solberg.

From Sunnyside.
Axel T. Johnson, the jovial president of the Sunnyside Farmers Club, is very modest about citing his own experiences. He gives the following names of alfalfa growers: J. Bouska, Edy Farm, Heige Nelson, A. Lundquist, A. Haraldson, and W. Shoemaker. Silos may be found on the farms of Oscar H. Johnson, Eddy Farm, Andrew Pehrson and Albert Lundquist.

Good Feed to Hogs.
J. A. Jensen, of New London, has an acre of alfalfa, and thinks he will increase next year. He writes, "It is very good to cut and feed green to the hogs." Frank Field and Emil Ogren have alfalfa fields.

Has Two Acres.
William Johnson, of Lake Elizabeth, has two acres of alfalfa and will not increase the plot. He says he has no experience with it as yet. He has a silo and it pays him. E. A. Larson, E. E. Johnson and M. E. Jackson, three of his neighbors, have silos.

Has No Equal for Hog Pasture.
H. W. Honebrink, of Harrison, has five acres and will plant more. "Have used it for hog pasture," he says, "and find that it has no equal for that purpose of anything I have tried. Have not cut any for hay." Wm. Dickman, F. C. Schroeder and John L. Olson have alfalfa fields. Aug. Maier, John L. Olson, Robert Bergstrom, Henry Fick and F. Tindemeier have silos.

Better Than Other Hay.
P. J. Nelson of St. Johns, has three acres of alfalfa and will plant more next year. "It's better for feed than other hay, and yields three times more than other hay." Mr. Nelson has erected a silo this summer. Peter Franson, a neighbor, has a silo.

Very Economical.
E. J. Ellingson, of Arcander, has two acres of alfalfa and will plant more next year. He finds it very economical as a feed. Several of his neighbors have a little alfalfa. A. Lindquist, Lundemoe Bros., Otto Christopherson and Charley Edman have silos.

One Acre and More to Come.
L. O. Thorpe, Willmar, has one acre of alfalfa on his farm north of Willmar Lake and will plant more. There is a silo on the place which has paid. The following neighbors have silos: S. Sondreson, M. Sondreson, Ole Pederson and Skoog & Anderson.

Wants Alfalfa Seed.
J. G. Monson has one-half acre of alfalfa and will plant more next year if seed can be had. It does well. He has cut it twice already and it yielded about 1.8 ton each time.

Eleven Acres on State Farm.
T. J. Sampson, farmer at the State Hospital Farm, states that they have eleven acres of alfalfa, and will put in more next year. "It makes better forage than red clover. Has almost as good feeding value as wheat bran. Yes, we have a silo, and I would not attempt to raise dairy stock without one."

Uses It for Hog Pasture.
G. E. Johnson, of Mamre, has four and a half acres of alfalfa and will increase next year. He has no experience as this is the first year. He is using it for hog pasture. He has found that his silo was a paying investment. Four of his neighbors have alfalfa fields and seven have silos.

Not in It Yet.
Peter Hustinga, of Holland, writes that he has not alfalfa, nor has he a silo. His neighbors, K. Molenaar, Henry Roelofs, M. K. Breems and Peter Vlaar, have silos.

Great Pig Feed.
Ole Halvorsen of Mamre, has two acres of alfalfa. One acre he has cut for hay, and one acre as pasture has furnished all the feed that his young hogs have had this season, and all are in best condition.

Have Erected Silo.
Lundemoe Brothers of Arcander have put up a silo this summer. They name two neighbors who have alfalfa fields and three who have silos.

May Be Pastured Too Closely.
O. F. Johnson reports 2 acres was seeded on Jonas Johnson farm in Mamre 7 years ago and pastured too closely by hogs 2 years ago which killed it. Renewed it last year with a good stand.

Will Plant Some.
Hadar Akesson, of Mamre, will plant five acres of alfalfa next year. E. F. Lindgren, Andrew Ehn and Gust Melin have alfalfa fields.

Just Beginning.
R. J. Somerville of St. Johns, has five acres of alfalfa and will plant more. Has no experience to relate. Fanberg, Smith and other neighbors are raising alfalfa, and others have silos.

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HENRY MORELL 5c and 10c Variety Store.

One of the newest businesses of Willmar, which is especially worthy of mention is that of the Variety Store conducted by Henry Morrell. The present quarters of this establishment is on Fourth street. This is only a temporary location awaiting the completion of their new building which is now being erected on Litchfield avenue.

The Morrell Variety Store carries a big line of home goods as well as a choice stock of fancy work, stationery, etc. In fact anything in this line is found here in abundance and displayed to the best advantage. The "broken dollar," reigns here supreme, for the majority of articles are five, ten, twenty-five and ninety-eight cents.

About three years ago Mr. Morrell came to our city to take charge of the New York Store. It was only this spring that he severed his connection with the latter to start up the present enterprise.

Ever since the opening day their patronage has increased and promises soon to outrank any of their competitors. Their new home will be a modern 25x70 two story building, the main feature being the "L" shaped windows, the first of its kind to be installed in our city. The management plans to move into the new fire-proof building about September 15th. It will be attractively furnished, and Mr. Morrell plans to make everything up-to-date and comprehensive. It is his honest business policy and square dealing that has made Mr. Morrell so well liked, and since he has been in business entirely for himself his success has been shown in many ways.

ERNEST PERSON. Cigar Manufacturer.

"Patronize home industry," should be the motto of every business man and every public-spirited man; for by so doing you are assisting in the forward movement of the city and also assisting the manufacturer to employ more help, the wages of home are all spent with our merchants.

This should be done especially in cigars, for almost every man smokes and his money should be spent on home made products, especially when it is equal, if not superior to foreign makes.

The "Elsa," "Bell Fleure" and "Little Jack," five-cent cigars and "Roll of Honor," "Rosa De P" and "J," ten cent smokes are the best value in the country, quality, workmanship and progress can produce. They are sold to dealers as high grade proposition, without any free deals and they merit the support of the smoker, who appreciates quality first, last and always.

You will find these cigars on sale everywhere cigars are on sale in our city and in other cities all around this section.

Mr. Person is an experienced man in this manufacturing industry, having been in the business for the past seventeen years. He was originally on the Carlson corner, but on account of increased business, which is still increasing, he was forced to move into larger quarters, than those which he now occupies. He not only does a local business, but covers all the surrounding territory and even has his cigars in South and North Dakota and Wisconsin. He is his own salesman and visits his customers from time to time, to see that their supplies are unexhausted. This is one of the in-

THE NEW SAVOY CAFE J. M. Lamoert, Prop.

Without doubt the most up-to-date and neatly kept cafe in our town is the new Savoy, which was opened up the first of last April by Mr. J. M. Lamoert. It can serve 52 people at one time which is considerably more than any other similar establishment in Willmar.

Mr. J. M. Lamoert was in charge of the Great Northern Eating House here for over a year, and altogether has been in that business for over 12 years. He knows the restaurant business from all its angles, and has equipped the New Savoy throughout with the latest furnishings which go to add to the best of service.

Where the old establishment run by J. H. Harris, employed but two people, the new one employs six. An experienced chef has been secured from Kansas City, who can serve any kind of a dish in the best style.

The New Savoy Cafe is open night and day and does both the short order business and regular meals. At dinner a twenty-five cent meal is served. Breakfast and supper is served on the a la carte style.

In addition to the regular restaurant business, Mr. Lamoert has rooms upstairs, and offers a rate of fifty and seventy-five cents for these.

Cleanliness and service have been the first consideration of this management. These essential factors have helped to make the patronage of this Cafe so large that it now enjoys the patronage of a majority of the business people and transients who become hungry three times a day.

A. H. SWANSON Confectionery.

Fair dealing and integrity always wins out in the long run, and this gentleman demonstrates that he has accomplished it in a very short time for he has been in business just two months, although, his stand is an old one. However, within that short space of time, he has established himself as a business man who is highly dependable in all respects.

He runs a confectionery store and a short order restaurant on the corner of Benson avenue and Third street. An adequate line of candies, cigars and all sorts of confection, as well as the completely equipped soda fountain, form the working basis of Mr. Swanson's establishment.

In a short time he expects to enlarge the restaurant end of the business by completing and remodeling the south half of his store, and put in an up-to-date short order department. This is partitioned from the ice cream parlor, and is neat and clean to the extreme. It will conveniently seat 24 people, and the service is of the best.

Fresh fruit and a small line of groceries are also handled here. This is a new establishment, but a progressive one, and promises soon to rank among the best in our city.

J. PALLIN.

Among the general merchandising stores which have been established in Willmar recently is that of Mr. J. Pallin, on the corner of Third St. and Pacific avenue. Four years ago Mr. Pallin opened his store here and now handles a line of groceries, dry goods and general merchandise.

Mr. Pallin strives hard to please all who trade with him and the patronage

of his establishment is growing steadily day by day. A very good stock of canned goods is kept on hand, the University Brand being the most widely known product.

Courteous and conscientious service always wins out in the long run, as Mr. Pallin is proving. A visit to his store will be appreciated by this gentleman.

PALM'S BAKERY

Bakery goods enter into our daily food necessities very prominently, and the quality of these goods that are turned out by the Palm Bakery deserve your first consideration. In this bakery only the very best pastry, cakes, pies and bread, etc., are sold.

The Bakery is sanitary in every way and is equipped with the most modern machines known to the bakery science. They have steel tables and troughs throughout their establishment, and sanitary racks on which the newly baked products are placed for cooling. The latest bread-maker and dough-mixer are the only ones used here. They also have a doughnut machine which has a capacity of 10 doz. a minute.

Mr. H. E. Palm is most thorough in his business building, and permits only the best ingredients to be used. He has also built up a large wholesale business, and he is doing a large outside business as well as in this locality. The capacity of this big shop is 15,000 loaves of bread per day. They have 5 people in their employ.

During the 9 years that Mr. Palm has been in this business, he has shown that he is a thorough man in all his work. He will enlarge his shop as soon as the pressure of trade demands it, and intends to keep Willmar equipped with a regular bakery.

DELMONICO CAFE

E. T. Sandbo, Prop.

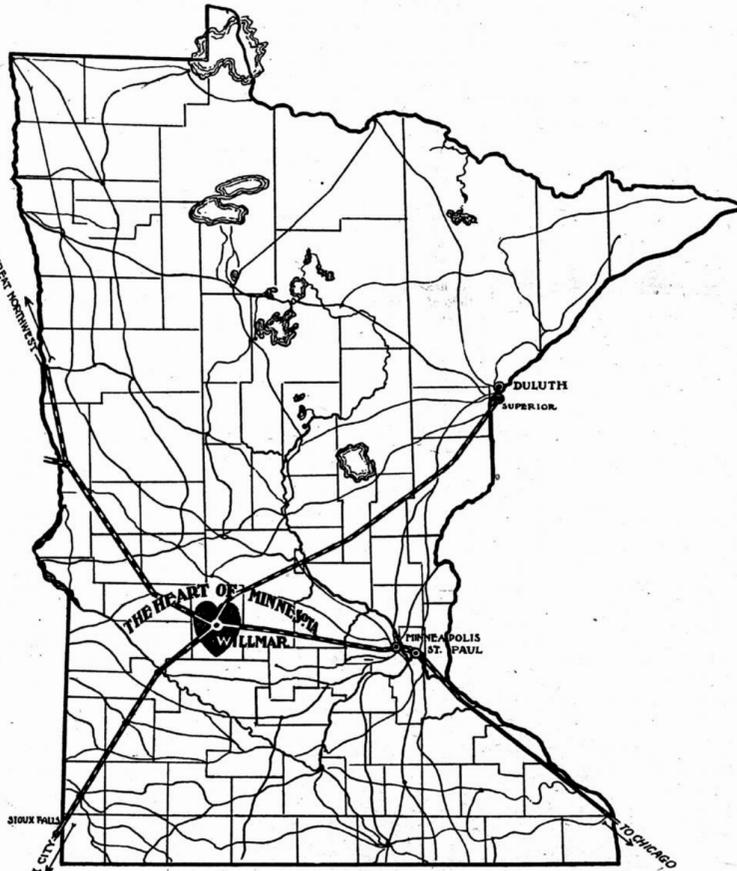
This is one of the longest established eating places in Willmar, as it is now going on twenty-one years. It is owned by E. T. Sandbo, and is in every way an up-to-date cafe. The service here is especially good and is maintained both day and night.

The interior of the cafe is furnished in an attractive manner, with tables which are able to seat quite a number of people, and also a lunch counter. On the east is a ladies' dining room which is found to be very convenient to the transients especially.

Everything served at this cafe is of the most appetizing that skill can make it. There are home-made pastries which are the delight of their meals. They make good coffee and specialize in coffee and lunches. The meals which they serve for twenty-five cents are well worth the money and they have a large patronage made up in the meal business. "Proper service" is the watchword of the management. They have twelve in the employ continually, so you will get no long waits if you patronize this place.

Mr. Sandbo is experienced in the restaurant, (having spent the first years of his experience in this line as a cook). Besides owning the place known as the Delmonico, he owns another restaurant in this city, which he sublets. At all times he has shown his ability as a good progressive merchant and has built up a gratifying trade.

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Big Yield and Great Feed.

Jas. L. Jarrett, of St. Johns, has tried alfalfa to the extent of one acre, and thinks he will plant more. He writes, "This being first season, I have not been able to find value of same to full extent, but it makes great feed and gives big yield if stand is good." Others trying it in that neighborhood are R. Somerville, the Stromberg farm and G. Anderson.

Work Horses Will Need Less Hay.

J. S. Anderson, of Genessee, has twelve acres, which he considers sufficient for the present. He says, "There is nothing better for hog pasture, and for hay for all kinds of stock. Horses can be worked with less feed." Mr. Anderson has just erected a new silo. A. E. Peterson, Robert Bergstrom and Johnson Bros. have alfalfa fields.

Unexcelled Hog Pasture.

Aug. C. Johnson, of Mamre, has eight acres and will probably plant more next year. "For hog pasture it is unexcelled, but for cow feed we have not had a chance to try it as yet," he writes. A silo on the farm has paid. F. N. Anderson and V. E. Berglund have some alfalfa. F. N. Anderson and Albin Carlson have silos.

