

not found in other types of work. The future of these boys and girls is very important to Grant County.

WEED PROGRAM ADVANCES

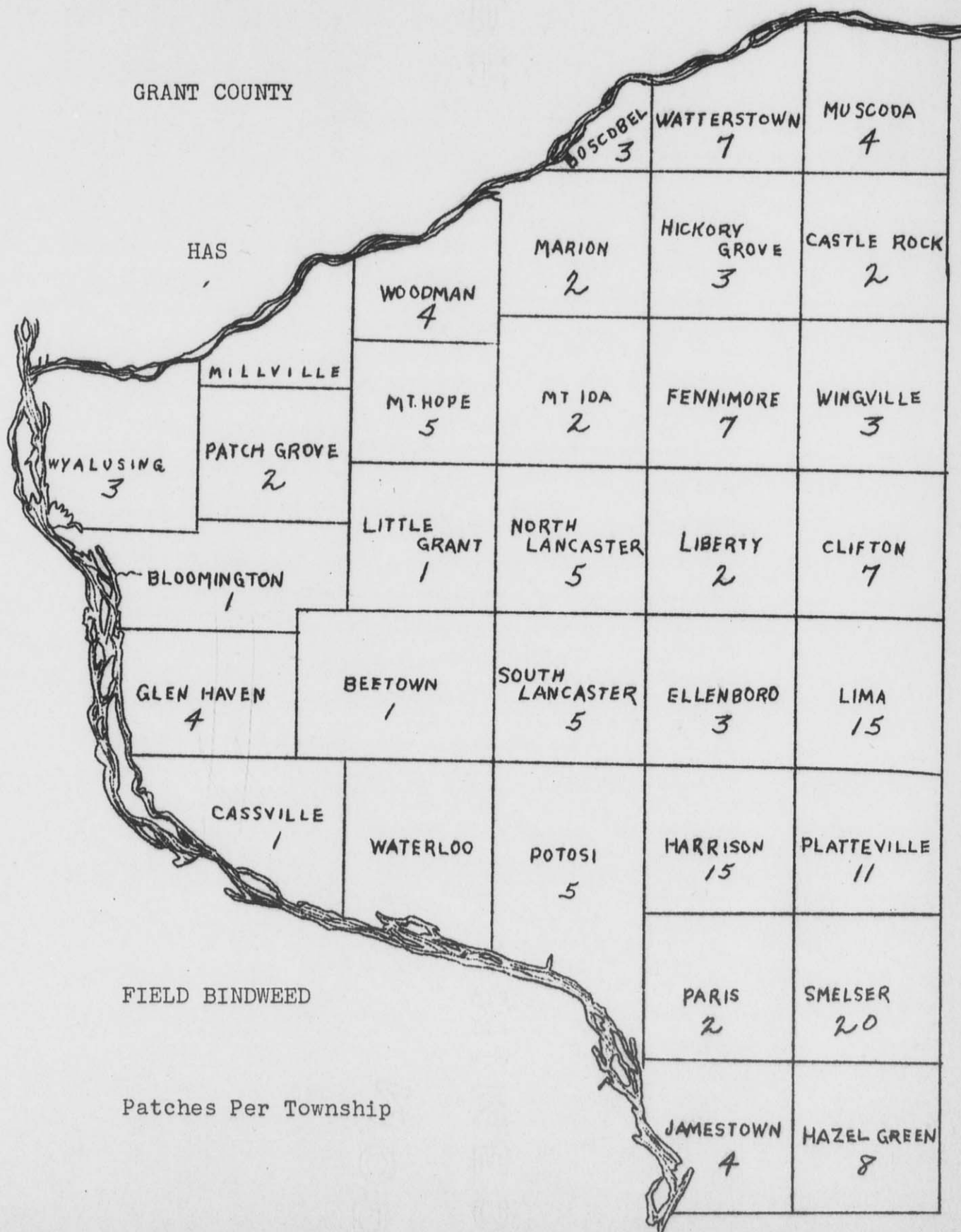
Aided by an appropriation for Field Bindweed control and excellent cooperation from weed commissioners and town chairman, this years weed program achieved excellent results. Field bindweed received the most attention.

The first problem was to secure an accurate map of Bindweed infestation in the County. Weed commissioners and A. A. committeemen did most of this work during the summer. The accompanying map shows the latest picture on infestation in each township. No doubt many patches are not accounted for.

All possible help was given to farmers on whose farms Bindweed was found. Personal visits were made to many of them. The appropriation made by the County has been used to pay half the cost of the sodium chlorate used on Field Bindweed. The fund will be depleted in another year.

An activity that helped spread Bindweed information was the erection of a County Weed Booth at all three of the County Fairs. Large crowds viewed the booth at Lancaster, Platteville and Bloomington. Half of the exhibit was devoted to identification of the weed while the other half gave control methods. This booth evoked more interest than any other method that we have used.

In distributing sodium chlorate care is taken to give out only the amount needed for the Bindweed patches at an application rate of four pounds per square rod. An O.K. is required from the Agent, weed commissioner or town chairman.



GRANT COUNTY

HAS

MILLVILLE

PATCH GROVE

BLOOMINGTON

GLEN HAVEN

CASSVILLE

FIELD BINDWEED

Patches Per Township

BOSCOBEL
3

WATERSTOWN
7

MUSCODA
4

WOODMAN
4

MARION
2

HICKORY GROVE
3

CASTLE ROCK
2

MT. HOPE
5

MT. IDA
2

FENNIMORE
7

WINGVILLE
3

LITTLE GRANT
1

NORTH LANCASTER
5

LIBERTY
2

CLIFTON
7

BEETOWN
1

SOUTH LANCASTER
5

ELLENBORD
3

LIMA
15

WATERLOO

POTOSI
5

HARRISON
15

PLATTEVILLE
11

PARIS
2

SMELSER
20

JAMESTOWN
4

HAZEL GREEN
8

Complete information is given the farmer so the best results will be received.

Many comments have been heard concerning the work done by weed commissioners in the entire field of weed control. Commissioners themselves have indicated that it is becoming easier to get farmers cooperation. A general circular letter was sent from this office last spring to make folks weed conscious. A very well attended Annual Weed Meeting was held in April. We hope the trend toward better weed control will continue.

FARMERS USE SOIL TESTING SERVICE

Fifteen hundred samples of soil were tested for Grant County farmers last year. The tests made were for phosphorous, potash and lime requirements. Some of these were made at township meetings held around the County while most of them were handled in the office.

The fact that so many tests were requested indicates that farmers are making heavy use of this service. These tests not only show the amounts of fertilizers that would pay, but the kind as well. Farmers are not fertilizing blindly, but are getting more for their money by using correct formulas. Each succeeding year will no doubt see more fertilizer used.

LIME PROGRAM CONTINUES

Seven thousand tons of lime were ground last year on projects sponsored through this office. The lowest delivered contract price was .65 cents per ton and the highest was .85 cents per ton. This makes a total of \$2,100.00 saved farmers in the County by this one service alone. Town chairman in several town-