

Spring Grooming Of Lawns Important Task Each Year

Fertilization of western lawns through the spring and summer is important because of the continuous artificial watering. Most important, however, is the early spring treatment.

First, give the lawn a vigorous raking to remove sticks, stones and other foreign matter, also to loosen the surface of the soil. If the soil is packed and hard, spike the lawn with a special tool made for this purpose. This will aerate the soil and allow the plant food to get down into the root zone. All weeds should be removed and the soil lightly rolled. If any low places remain, lift the sod and sprinkle additional loam under it, to raise the level.

The lawn should next be given an application of plant food, when the grass is dry, water thoroughly immediately after.

Now comes the application of a top dressing to build up the organic content of the soil. There are several ways to do this. If your soil is sandy loam, a combination of one-third peat moss and two-thirds

1950 Purchasing, Loan Agreements Now Available

Loans, as well as purchase agreements, are now available to farmers on certain 1950 winter cover crop seed. J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Production and Marketing Administration committee, reminds the growers. This is to help meet farmers' increasing needs for soil-conserving crops.

Purchase agreements have been available since last August on the

MOST FROM REGION

CORVALLIS.—(P)—Practically all the apples and pears being shipped over the nation come from the Pacific Northwest, Oregon State College Extension service reports.

A total of 671 carloads of apples moved last week, all but 13 of them from Oregon and Washington. Pear shipments were 63 carloads, all but 5 from Oregon and Washington.

PMA Chairman Warns Against Waste Of Land

What will your land be like in 10 years?

In asking that question of the farmers of Douglas county, J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the county PMA committee, points out that the way the land is farmed today has a lot to do with what its condition will be in 10 years.

Some land, he points out, will be improved and made more productive through the conservation measures being taken now. Other land will be less productive and some will be ruined for further crop production because of the careless farming methods used today.

As the chairman expresses it: "Not only are some of the methods of farming burning the bridges behind for those who will take over later but some are burning the bridges ahead for the farmers who are operating the land today."

There are a number of warning signs for the owners and operators of farm land, says the chairman. Excessive run-off with the water loaded with silt means that the topsoil—the most fertile part of the land—is being lost.

Light spots on hill-sides and hill-tops where the topsoil has worn away leaving the subsoil exposed indicate that the best part of the land has been carried off.

Poor farming methods speed up the destructive processes, he explains. Furrows up and down the slope of the land indicate that the farmer is cooperating with the forces which will destroy his soil. Continuous growing of cultivated—or so-called cash crops—soon exhausts the humus and organic matter in the soil speeding up erosion.

"Where little attention is given to control erosion and building up the land, the losses are excessive and tragic—because the penalty is not limited to the farmer alone but to all who depend on the land for food, fiber and the other essentials which come from the land."

The first machine "for sticking pins into paper" was patented in 1841.

following winter cover crop seeds: hairy vetch, common vetch, Willamette vetch, crimson clover, common ryegrass and Austrian winter peas.

As of March 31, farm storage and warehouse storage loans were also made available on all of these seeds. At the same time, provision is made for purchases of these seeds from dealers who have paid growers the support price, or better, for the seed, basis clean seed.

Bonebrake states that producer loans and purchase agreements will be available from time of harvest through December 31, 1950. Dealer purchase agreements will be available through January 31, 1951. Loans will mature January 31, 1951, unless demanded earlier.

Rates and specifications on the loans and purchase agreements will be announced soon, based on parity as of April 1, 1950, the beginning of the program marketing year.

Starvation Kills Many Turkeys In First Weeks

Starvation usually accounts for a high percentage of turkey poult death losses during the first two weeks of the brooding period.

This management reminder is from Noel L. Bennion, OSC extension poultry specialist, who points out that turkey poults are hatched with extremely poor eyesight. As a consequence, many of them will never find food and water unless assisted.

Good lighting with plenty of feed and water accessible in the brooder house are essential in starting poults. At least 50 percent of the mortality normally experienced in raising market turkeys, Bennion relates, usually occurs during the first two weeks of the brooding season.

Attract Them To Water

Anything which can be done to attract poults to feed and water will usually lessen the amount of handling required. Many successful operators place tender young chopped greens, rolled oats, clabbered milk, or highly colored marbles in mash hoppers or in drinking water at least twice daily greens on clabbered milk, for example, provides a striking contrast that seems to attract poults.

Egg cases flats covered with feed and placed under or close to brooder hoppers during the first few days of the brooding period will also stimulate feed consumption.

Feeling a poult's crop is an easy method to determine if it is eating. Bennion adds. In some cases, it may be necessary to dip beaks in feed and water several times to induce eating. Some growers practice this method as they remove poults from their shipping crates.

Colored Pellets Used Feed manufacturers are now assisting producers by manufacturing colored crushed pellets which aid in attracting poults to feed hoppers.

Unless temperatures in the brooder house are reasonably warm, poults will have a tendency to remain under the hover, and refuse to eat and drink. Brooder houses must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before poults arrive, the specialist concludes.

AGREEMENT EXPECTED

LOS ANGELES.—(P)—An out-of-court agreement between Ingrid Bergman and Dr. Peter Lindstrom is expected Tuesday or Wednesday, says the husband's attorney, Isaac Pacht.

"We are quite clear on the matter of property settlement and distribution," Pacht said after continuing talks with Gregson Bautzer, Miss Bergman's lawyer. The big problem, he indicated, still remains the custody of 12-year-old Pia.

If that is settled amicably, there will be no court battle.

Five states have adopted the mockingbird as official state bird.

Dillard

By MRS. ROSA HEINBACH Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hult and children were entertained for Easter breakfast at the home of Mrs. Hult's mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McAllister. Later Mr. and Mrs. Hult flew by plane to Eugene, where they visited at the home of Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Hult. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. McAllister drove to Drain, where they visited friends, and brought Barton Hult back to his home. He had been visiting his step-grandmother, Mrs. Ova Patchen, during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Newton of Coos Bay were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McAllister on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Kash has been confined to her home for two weeks with an attack of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Heinbach Sr. entertained with a ham dinner on Easter Sunday in honor of the former's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Chris O. Pfaff and son Robert, now residing at London Springs, but formerly of Los Angeles. Other guests during the day were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Heinbach Jr., and Roger Dean and Mary Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Purcival and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Danford A. Laurance and son, Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Preston and children of Klamath Falls, spent the week-end with Mrs. Preston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jentz and sons, Jerry and Wayland.

Stanford Buell and Stanley Paroz left Thursday morning with a truck and trailer load of shrubs for the Seattle market to be delivered for C. E. Moyer's nursery.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Halverson and children, Dorothy and Virgel, drove to Portland early Friday and spent the week-end shopping and visiting relatives. They returned Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gordon and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trobough and daughters, Diane and Susan drove to Yoncalla on Easter Sunday after church for dinner at the home of Mr. Gordon's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gordon and family.

Mrs. Harry Bratch entertained with a dinner party Wednesday night, April 13, in honor of her husband's birthday. Covers were placed for the honored guest, Harry Bratch, and sons, Vernon and Gene. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Willis, Miss Jennie Lind Swanson, Roger Mattson, and the hostess, Mrs. Bratsch.

Speaker Defends Farmers Place In Support War

PORTLAND.—(P)—Unfavorable publicity concerning the price support programs has given the American farmer a black eye he doesn't deserve.

That's what J. Ralph Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension, told a group of farm organization representatives here recently.

This is especially true, Beck said, in the case of the potato program.

"Few people realize," he said, "that there has been a 27 percent cut in the potato acreage nationally since the war or that last year's acreage of late crop potatoes was the lowest since 1878."

Beck listed two reasons why there still are surpluses. He said people are continuing to eat fewer potatoes, while farmers, through improved practices are producing more to the acre.

"Never before in history have so many depended on so few for food," the farm expert added. "Eighteen percent of our population is now feeding the other 82 percent."

Beck said that the consumer still pays too much for his food.

"But," he pointed out, "In 1930

he paid 34 percent of his income for food and that is about what he is paying today, although now he is eating more and better food."

American farmers last year received only nine percent of the national income, he said, adding "If the wheat growers, gave away their wheat, the price of a loaf of bread to the housewife would only be 1.3 cents less."

Most of the money city consumers pay for food, Beck said, "goes back to the other city consumers for their services."

The meeting was called by the Oregon State Grange to find ways to present the farmer's side of the price and marketing situation to the public.

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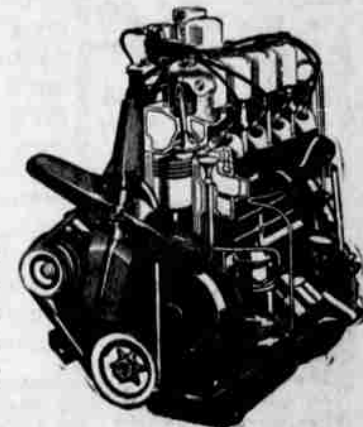
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