

Don't Rush Lawn Making Lest Turf Be Short-Lived

With the first few days of warm, sunny weather in early spring there will come a mad scramble among owners of new homes along the Pacific coast to plant lawns.

More often than not, this means the top soil will be scratched up, dragged and leveled, a thin dressing of commercial fertilizer spread and grass seed planted immediately with a scattering of peat moss over the top as a surface mulch. The usual result of this kind of lawn making is a brilliant green carpet of fast growing grass.

Soon, however, the weed seeds that have lain dormant in the soil germinate and someone has to spend hours on his knees trying to pull the weeds without disturbing the grass. Then, the effects of the mineral fertilizer wears off and the roots begin to starve in the unprepared soil. The grass turns yellow and begins to thin out. This is because the roots are now trying to live on the mortar, sand and perhaps dead soil excavated from the basement of the house.

A good lawn must be built upon a foundation of good, fertile soil with plenty of organic material mixed in. This organic material must be added to the soil before planting the seed. The soil should be made

ready weeks or months before the lawn is planted.

The first step is to remove all the debris left by the builders. Excavated dirt should be carried away. If fill is needed it should be the best top soil you can obtain, not lifeless creek silt which may be infested with nematodes. Next, buy several yards of cow manure which has been composted and rotted and is free of weed seed. Even if weed seed is present, the weeds can be hoed out if the soil is prepared well ahead of planting time. If the soil is light, a liberal amount of peat moss should be added along with the manure to help retain moisture. Work the manure and peat moss into the top foot of soil. Break up the large clods but do not fine the soil at this stage.

Allow the ground to lie fallow to absorb the rains of the next few weeks. If drought occurs, keep the soil moist with the hose to germinate weed seeds in the soil. As weeds appear, turn them under or hoe them out.

The month of April is considered one of the best months to plant lawns along most of the Pacific coast states, and by that time you should have your lawn area practically free of weeds which were in the soil and manure. A lawn planted in April on well-prepared soil, will look better through the hot days of summer than one planted hurriedly at this time and subjected to the scorching weather and winds of late winter.

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VOLCANO ERUPTS
TOKYO — (AP) — Mount Mihara, a volcano on Oshima island 50 miles south of Tokyo in the Pacific, erupted late yesterday.

Three streams of lava coursed down the sides of the 2,500-foot peak and engulfed two homes but were expected to stop short of seaside villages at the base.



POSSE DRILL LEADERS—Pictured above are the drill leaders of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse. On the right is Henry Cook, drill master. Cleo Tipton, left, is the assistant drill master. The posse drills every Thursday night at the fair grounds in preparation for the annual Sheriff's Posse Rodeo. (Staff photo)

Cannon Beach Auto Ban Plan Beaten In House

SALEM — (AP) — The House defeated, 43 to 14, a bill to prevent automobiles from being operated on Cannon beach.

The bill, sought by Portlanders who own summer homes at the beach, was opposed by residents of the area who like to use the beach as a roadway.

Rep. John Dickson, Portland, father of the bill, said "Cannon beach is wide open and is a Barbary coast. Drunken youngsters drive along the beach where youngsters play."

Rep. Joseph E. Dyer, Astoria, opposed the bill, asserting: "Thousands of people camp on the beaches and use the beach as an access road. Cannon beach has stiffened fines for reckless drivers."

Dyer said there also is speeding on the highways, and added "they should catch a few offenders, instead of keeping thousands away from the beaches."

Election Change Asked
 A proposed constitutional amendment to elect state representatives by zones in the 11 counties which have more than one representative was introduced in the House.

It provides that in those counties, the county court or county commissioners would split the county up into as many zones as there are representatives. Then one representative would be elected by each zone.

Representatives now are elected by the county at large.

It would affect these counties: Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Umatilla, Washington and Yamhill.

The sponsors are Reps. John P. Housell, Hood River, and John D. Logan, Portland; and Sens. Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, and Frank H. Hilton, Portland.

Bill To Engage More Chaplains Given "No" Vote

SALEM — (AP) — The legislative ways and means committee voted against a bill to hire two more full-time chaplains for state institutions.

The state prison now has the only full-time chaplain. The bill would provide a chaplain for the state hospital, and another to serve all institutions in Marion county.

The committee doubted the need for chaplains.

"What does a chaplain do besides pray once a day?" Sen. William A. Walsh, Coos Bay, asked.

Sen. Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, asked if there aren't enough ministers among the convicts to do the work.

The bill, asked by the State Board of Control, is endorsed by the Oregon Mental Health association. This association recommended widespread reorganization of the state's hospital system last week.

The committee vote was on a motion to take the bill off the committee table.

Tax Boost Asked
 Oregon's 2 percent tax on insurance premiums would be boosted to 3 percent by a bill introduced by the legislature's joint ways and means committee.

The increase would net \$750,000 a year for the state general fund.

The committee also introduced a bill to let the governor hire expert analysts from private business to

investigate the state's budget and state departments.

Welfare Costs Assailed
 Sen. Rex Ellis, Pendleton, told a meeting of county judges and commissioners here that Oregon's welfare budget is soaring to the point where the people won't be able to carry it.

Pointing out that welfare costs now total \$30,000,000 a year, and that a \$6,000,000 annual increase is sought by the welfare commission said the costs in a few years would rise to \$50,000,000 a year.

Confessed Spy Involves In-Laws

NEW YORK — (AP) — A former army sergeant told a federal court Friday that his own sister and her husband talked him into giving them American atomic secrets for transmission to Russia.

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Pendleton Prep Newspaper Rated High Nationally

NEW YORK — (AP) — The Lantern, Pendleton high school newspaper, is one of the two best in the United States in its class, the Columbia Scholastic Press association reported Saturday.

It and the Times of New Cumberland, Pa., won medalist ratings—for publications "of distinction"—in the classification for Senior high school printed newspapers in the 301-500 pupil enrollment group.

Close behind was Panther Scratches of Redmond Union high, listed first among the 27 receiving first place rating.

Also in the same classification was the Viking Log of Forest Grove Union high with a second place rating.

Although the Pendleton publication was the only one in Oregon with a medalist rating, the Broadcaster of Leslie Junior high, Salem, was one of the two best in the group for Junior high offset newspapers in the 1201 or more pupil group. There were no medalist winners in that classification, the Broadcaster and Tusitola of Stevenson Intermediate school, Honolulu, sharing in the top award, a first place rating.

The annual contest is under auspices of Columbia university. More than 1300 newspapers and 800 yearbooks were judged on a basis of 1,000 points, with medalist going to the top group, first place to those scoring 850 to 1,000, second place for 750 to 849, and third for 650 to 749.

The Cardinal of Lincoln High, Portland, was among the first place winners in the 1001-1500 pupil class; The Warrior, Drain Union high, won a second place for special publications (only three, including one from the American university at Cairo, Egypt, were rated above it); Franklin Post of Franklin high, Portland, won a second place in the 1501-2500 pupil class, and Rimrock Savage, Monument, Ore., Union high, won a third place among schools of less than 300 enrollment.

Food Prices in Western States Post New Record

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Food prices hit a record high in the western states during January, the department of Labor reported.

In a series of releases from the western regional office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the department announced that prices of practically all foods had advanced during January, both as compared with January a year ago and with January a year ago.

Phrases such as "a new all-time high level of retail food prices," "a new peak for the retail food level" and "another all-time high," ran through the reports.

The reports covered the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Denver, Salt Lake City and Butte, Mont.

Portland's January overall prices were at a new peak, 190.4 points on the 1935-39 index and 8.9 percent above January, 1950. Food prices alone were 15.7 points over the previous year in Portland. The

most spectacular rise there was beef and veal, which climbed 11.5 points in the month and 43.2 for the year.

But prices hit a real peak in San Francisco, where they were 238 points of the 1935-39 average, and 11.1 percent higher than a year ago.

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13 TRAFFIC TICKETS

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — (AP) — Max Riley, 22, was in such a hurry to get home that he was cited for 13 traffic violations.

A pair of radio car officers said they saw him run a red light and gave chase at 75 miles an hour. After catching him the officers wrote tickets listing 11 stop signs and two speeding violations. Riley didn't say why he was in a hurry.

BRAVE YOUNG WORLD

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (AP) — Herman L. Creel says he was at a Starkville, Miss. service station when two boys drove up in an ancient car. They bought a nickel's worth of gas, asked for a road map, tipped the attendant one cent, and announced they were going to Birmingham—138 miles away.

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Paul still walks here. We just saw him, heading for a meeting of employees and management. Subject: how to do things still better.

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