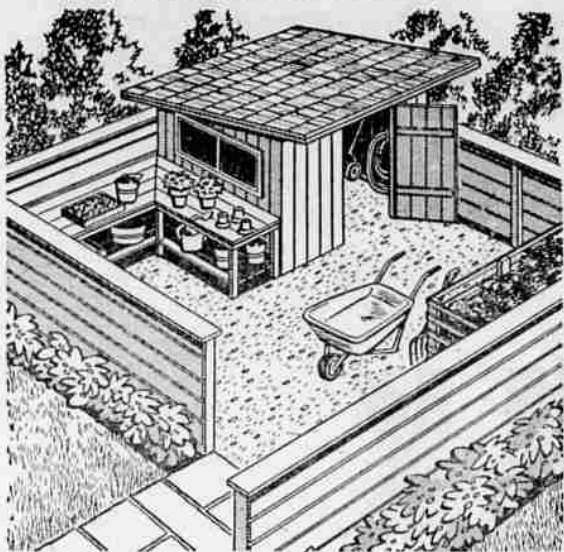


A Break for the Gardener



EVEN IN THE SMALLEST YARD, the gardener needs a place to work where he can leave unfinished jobs and where the clutter of potting table and tools are no eyesore. By extending the fence in this fashion to form a sheltered area, tool house and compost are hidden along with clutter. Tool shed was built of Douglas fir lumber to match fence. Western red cedar is equally popular for fences and buildings where durability is needed.

Dividends Result From Use Of 'Drenching' Practice

Better gains, healthier animals, and lowered production costs — these are the dividends being returned to beef and sheep raisers who have invested in a "strategic drenching" practice as part of their livestock management program.

With today's emphasis on large numbers of livestock concentrated on small-area, high - production pastures, the chances for worms or other internal parasites in farm livestock are greatly increased. And this is where strategic drenching can really pay, says Dr. Paul Allen, veterinarian at Oregon State College.

What is strategic drenching? It simply means you hit the parasites before they do enough damage to your animals to cost you money.

In most cases you can prevent parasite damage, or at least lower it, by giving two phenothiazine drenches about three weeks apart to adult livestock just before turning them out on spring pasture, Allen says. This includes bulls, rams, steers, and wethers as well as the cows and ewes. The adult animals often act as a reservoir of infection, passing worm eggs and larva onto pasture land where they can be picked up by young stock.

Some farmers have thought that just one large dose of phenothiazine would do the trick. But whenever animals are quite heavily infected with parasites, Dr. Allen says two drenches of the strength recommended on the phenothiazine package label give much better results.

Immature worms aren't affected by the first drenching, Allen explains, because they are imbedded in the lining of the animals' stomach and are protected from the phenothiazine. In about three weeks, however, they mature and move into the animals' stomach again—and that's when the second drenching does its work.

Then, in addition to this precau-

tionary drenching, you'll want to drench again if you see any signs of internal parasites in your beef or sheep herd, Allen recommends.

Young stock are usually first to show symptoms of internal parasites, by making poor gains even though on good pasture or feed. In such cases, call your local veterinarian at once to check for stomach worms or other internal parasites, the OSC veterinarian suggests.

Other symptoms that may indicate animals are carrying a heavy load of parasites include scouring and general unthriftiness. Calves that are heavily infested often grow a rough coat of hair.

Phenothiazine powder is available from most veterinarians and at many local feed stores. Be sure to follow the directions printed on the label, Allen says. The dosage varies for different sizes and kinds of animals.

OSC Tests Flour Protein Content

Experimental work is underway at Oregon State College to test high protein soft-wheat flour, for use in home baking.

Twenty-four soft-wheat flour samples within a 5 to 13 per cent protein range are being used in testing muffins, biscuits, pancakes, pie crust, cakes and yeast rolls, according to Andrea Mackey, OSC home economist.

Differences in growing conditions cause variance in protein content of soft-wheat flours. Soft wheat, commonly marketed as cake flour, has a low (6 to 7 per cent) protein content. OSC researchers hope that tests now being conducted will show effects and possible uses for higher protein soft wheat in home-baked goods.

All flour being used in OSC experiments is Elmar wheat variety from farms in the Columbia Basin.



ADDING PULCHRITUDE to the scene of a Kesterson Lumber Company sawmill, this group of women balanced on top of a load of logs as it was being brought in for cutting. Their names, and the name of the jubilant character in the right foreground, were not known to our informant. — Photo from Ivan Kesterson collection, courtesy of A. D. Collier.

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