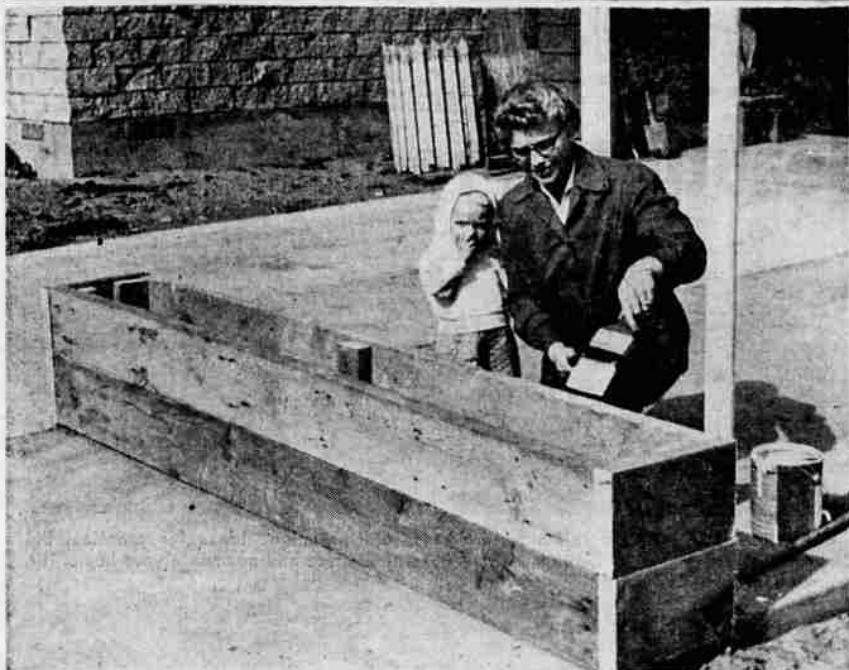




IT PAYS TO BE HANDY with a paint brush during these days of clean-up, fix-up. Here, Mrs. H. E. Steinseifer, 913 Washburn Way, prepares to add a coat of paint to a newly finished planter box, as daughter JoLynn appears more interested in the Herald and News photographer, Don Kettler.

County Agent Reports Farm News Briefed From The County Agent Radio Programs

By RAY O. PETERSEN

This may be the year when commercial fertilizer may pay well on pasture and hay land. The extremely dry winter and spring has reduced the production of forage on dryland range in many areas and there is little hope that rains later this spring will help them very much. Chances of rains helping pastures and non-irrigated hay land in Southern Oregon are getting poorer all the time. There is a strong demand for pastures from outside stockmen, so it is quite possible both pasture and hay may be good property.

Production of irrigated pasture and hay can be increased from 25 to 50 per cent by using commercial fertilizer.

Where it is desired to stimulate grass only, nitrogen fertilizer applied this spring and again in midsummer will increase forage greatly. Thirty to 40 pounds of actual nitrogen applied per acre during summer and spring will be beneficial. Each farmer must consider his own needs for grass in deciding whether to use fertilizer at all.

If it is desirable to increase clover in pasture, phosphate and sulfur or gypsum will do the job. The vigor of clover at present or a soil test will be a good guide to the need for phosphate. Past experience on the farm or in a community is the best guide in deciding the need for sulfur. Many areas respond well to sulfur and since it is inexpensive, it pays well to use it where needed.

Clover is a good plant in pastures because it is palatable, adds protein, and increases nitrogen in the soil, thus reducing need for nitrogen fertilizer but it also creates a bloat hazard (a few suggestions for reducing bloat will follow in this article).

A balance between clover and grasses can be partially secured by the use of phosphate and nitrogen. If more grass is desired, add nitrogen and if clovers need a boost, use phosphate. A mixture of both such as 16-20-0 will increase production of both plants.

Alfalfa production on most farms can be boosted with phosphate and sulfur. This late in the season, sulfur should be added in the form of gypsum because it gives immediate response while elemental sulfur requires one to two months to break down into a form that the plant can use it.

Bloat in cattle and sheep seems to be most prevalent early in the spring. Although there is no sure

way to prevent bloat, there are several things that will help. Be sure livestock have had an opportunity to fill up on hay before they are first placed on pasture. Keep a feed rack filled with dry hay in the pasture at all times. This feed will help prevent bloat and stock often crave some dry feed.

A silicone compound mixed with granulated salt has been found to stop or reduce bloat on many farms. This material comes under several names (Rumicone, Rumella) and may be obtained from local veterinarians. The drug is generally mixed at one pound to 25 pounds, but if serious bloat trouble is experienced, it is advisable to mix it at the rate of one to 12 and feed it at this ratio for a few days.

Penicillin in salt has also given some relief from bloat. Since it deteriorates under sunlight, fresh material should be put out every two or three days. A shelter placed over loose salt and mineral boxes will prevent heavy loss from rain.

Here's A Gay, New Gift For A Boy With Everything

MIAMI, Fla. (U)—Want a saddle-broken zebra, gentle enough for the children to ride? Or a zebra and cart, complete with harness?

The man to see is Wayne Carroll, a tall, handsome 29-year-old lecturer and wild animal authority who has been handling wild things since he trapped a rat at the age of 7.

Your saddle-broken zebra will run about \$7,000, and the cart job about \$2,000 more.

They will run into money because they come from the plains and meadows around Arusha, Tanganyika, in East Africa. Getting them to America and turning them into docile animals takes a bit of doing.

The zebra is common throughout Tanganyika, grazes in herds and is a favorite food for lions. Permits are required for hunting and exporting the animals.

Carroll's favorite method of hunting is to run them down with a jeep and lasso the baby zebras. He puts his catch in a small pen to calm it down and tries to keep it quiet while teaching it to eat from his hand. He keeps only the females—males are always mean and hard to handle.

Carroll figures it will take about

Japanese Make 2750-Acre Lake

OKAYAMA, Japan (UPI)—Japan has taken a page out of Holland's book and created a 2,750-acre lake by sealing off the sea in southern Honshu.

Officials claim the man-made fresh-water lake is next to the world's largest, second in size only to Lake IJssel on the North Sea in the Netherlands.

Nine years of labor and two billion yen (\$5.5 billion) went into construction of the new lake, which is situated along the coast of Kojima in Okayama Prefecture on the Inland Sea and which will be used to irrigate nearby farmlands.

First, a causeway 5,084 feet long and 98 feet wide was built to shut out the sea. Next, the area was drained off. Then, the basin was filled with fresh water from a river that once emptied into Kojima Bay but which was diverted for this purpose.

FLUORINE CHEMISTRY

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI)—Studies of fluorine chemistry may lead to suits that won't soil and solid lubricants that are more effective than any liquids, according to Dr. T. H. Simons of the University of Florida.

a year to break a zebra to the saddle. The procedure requires infinite patience and loving care.

First the animal is bridled; after a few days a burlap bag is placed across its back. Gradually, weights are added until the zebra will take a saddle and finally a rider. Carroll's first pupils have not as yet completed their schooling.

Zebras breed in captivity but Carroll contends the offspring are weak and spiritless.

Carroll plans to leave for Tanganyika in June and hopes to capture 30 or 40 young zebras. He says he will be lucky if he can break six or eight of these to saddle or cart.

CABBAGE HEAD IDEA

NEW YORK (UPI)—Spring cole slaw combines 2 cups shredded cabbage with 1 cup diced unpeeled apple and shredded fresh carrots, 1 sliced small onion, and 2 teaspoons each mayonnaise and sour cream. Season with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper, toss lightly and garnish with unpeeled apple wedges and fresh parsley. Serves 6-8.

Many Children 'On Their Own'

ORONO, Maine (UPI)—Nearly 400,000 children in the United States under 12 have to care for themselves while their mothers work, and 138,000 of these children are less than 10 years of age.

Among those under 12, one child in 13 whose mother holds down a job must look out for himself for varying periods of time, said Dr. John G. Chantiny.

The extension service family life specialist at the University of Maine said that among youngsters 10 and 11, one in five goes without care while his mother is at work.

The number of mothers in the labor force with children under 18 has more than doubled since 1950, Dr. Chantiny said.

During May, 1958, a total of 2,873,000 mothers were working full-

time. They had 6,665,000 children, of whom 5,073,000 were under 12.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI)—Lou Groza, place-kicker for the Cleveland Browns, also is in the insurance and dry cleaning businesses.

ESCAPING THE TRAP

NEW YORK (UPI)—Golfer Jackie Burke, in his early days on the pro circuit, admits he sometimes got the shakes on water holes and dropped his ball in the drink. Says he cured himself by "picking out a cloud in the sky and trying to knock the ball over it."

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