

AROUND THE FARM

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Ken and Percy Beeson, Clatskanie, expanded their grass silage program this year. They have their old silo, a 12 foot by 37 foot wood stave structure, full of canary grass silage.

This spring they constructed a new 14 foot by 32 foot wood stave silo and this was filled with oat silage.

They have used grass silage for several years and after giving it a thorough trial they are convinced that making and feeding grass silage is going to be very important to success in the dairy business.

The advantage gained in making and saving hay crops when they are put in the silo is not the only one. They feel grass silage has a very good effect on cows.

Blasting stumps with dynamite can be just as safe a job as any other farm work if a few precautions are followed. We learned these precautions at the Frank Terryl's farm at Goble during the blasting demonstration when Lloyd Lynch, Scappoose, and Fritz Anliker, Goble, explained some of the fine points on blasting stumps.

The first point mentioned was avoiding a "nitroglycerine headache" which can really be severe is one is careless. It is best to wear gloves so that dynamite will not contact the skin. Be very careful not to rub your face with your hands. Clothes should be changed after blasting work since fumes from dynamite that gets on clothing can cause severe headache in a warm room. The blasting cap is the only

Nine Lampshades Made;

Timber Route Home Extension Unit met Tuesday December 13 at the Vernonia Grange kitchen. The project leaders were Mrs. Bernita Peterson and Mrs. Emma Jensen. The project was making lampshades. There were nine shades made and admired

item that must be handled very cautiously. The stump blasting dynamite itself will not explode with reasonable handling although it should not be banged around.

Lynch showed the group at this demonstration how to attach a fuse to a cap and advised the use of a pair of special crimpers that can easily be purchased rather than using a knife, pliers, or the teeth to crimp the cap to the fuse.

The fuse should always be stored in a dry place and kept dry out in the field to avoid delayed explosion. Wet fuses are the most common causes for blasts not going off. If the blast does not go off, it should be avoided for at least 24 hours before investigating.

When it comes to determining just how much powder should be put under a certain size stump, Lynch and Anliker made these points. The size of the stump, its age and condition, the kind of tree and the character of the soil will vary the size of the charge greatly under different conditions. They showed folks how to place the charge directly under the stump and suggested that several trial blasts would have to be made before the best size charge could be determined. There just isn't any other way to get the answer.

One particular point made that should encourage the individual that wants to do a little of his own blasting. Practically all accidents to adults doing blasting is with so called experienced people who get careless. The beginner who follows a few simple precautions and sticks to them has nothing to fear in working with dynamite.

One last point is on storing blasting supplies. It is best to never keep more than is needed to do the job. The dynamite itself changes composition when stored and may become dangerous in the course of six months. Blasting caps are, of course, very poor play things and a big share of the accidents from blasting are children who get ahold of some caps left laying carelessly around.

by the ladies. It was a very interesting and constructive meet-

A bazaar, to be held in spring with other units in this part of the country, was discussed.

The next meeting will be January 10 with Betty J. Paterson, home demonstration agent, as leader. It will be decided later where the meeting will be held.

Keasey Unit Studies Making of Lamp Shades

Lamp shades, Christmas carols and gaily wrapped packages intermingled last Wednesday when the Keasey Unit met at the home of Hilda Keasey for an all-day session. Under the leadership of Ruby McDonald, lamp shades were made from feed sacks, printed material and even heavy sheeting with appropriate trimming added to give a professional look. At noon, a large table in the living room groaned with good things to eat.

A sparkling tree in the living room had difficulty accomodating the mysterious looking packages deposited at the base as every one entered. After the gifts had been distributed and opened, Blanche DeWitt seated herself at the piano and all gathered around to sing Christmas carols. The next meeting will be devoted to the study of color in clothes and will be held at the home of Marie Christensen.

Club Selects Meeting Dates

Teenage clothing club is the name chosen by the 4-H clothing club members who met at the home of Nona Rae Sawyer Friday evening, December 17. The meeting was called to order by the president Barbara Bass. Time and place to hold regular meetings were discussed. It was voted to hold meetings in the different members' homes on the first and third Monday evenings. Meetings are to start at 7 p.m.

Since the first Monday in January comes on the second and there being a 4-H cooking club meeting to which some of the members belong, the first meeting of the New Year will be held Wednesday evening, the fourth, at the home of Barbara Bass.

This clothing club is composed of members taking 4-H clothing 3, 4 and 5. Club leader, Helen Spofford distributed their record books and other material. A program for the coming year was outlined so that every member is to give a talk, reading or a demonstration pertaining to their club work sometime during this year.

Elsie Spofford gave a reading

on the manner of walking and while she read, the members demonstrated the different ways people walk. Then the correct way to walk was demonstrated. Discussion on walking and choosing colors and patterns according to individual types were lively with everyone taking part. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cookies were served by the hostess.



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