

AROUND THE FARM BY W. G. NIBLER County Extension Agent

More milk in the bucket is the payoff for a community ox warble control program. Last year almost everybody in the Lost Creek area carried out a control program for ox warble when they began appearing on the backs of cattle in January. The program was successful according to John Dilley, dairyman from that area.

In a report to the Columbia county dairy committee, Dilley stated that the number of ox warble on his cattle this year was very small in spite of the fact that last year was a bad year for the warble.

Results first showed when cows held up in milk during the period when low days were usually experienced because of heel fly activity. Just how much extra milk he got is hard to estimate but Dilley is willing to credit an extra 5 gallons a day for quite a number of days. He recalls the warm spring days in previous years when the cows were down because they ran around the pasture avoiding heel fly rather than graze.

The Lost Creek area is a narrow valley surrounded by hills which separate it from adjoining agricultural areas. Other residents of the area all followed a control program and there just were not any heel fly left to bother cattle in the area. The insect does not move long distances so Lost Creek residents

were not bothered by heel fly from other areas.

It is a little late to start a control program for this year but not too late to do lots of good if control measures are applied immediately. Fresh rotenone dust is recommended. Dust it on the backs of cattle and work it thoroughly into the hair. Some of the dust must get into the breather hole of each warble to kill the pest. Treatment should be repeated at least every 30 days.

Vern Kohlstrand, Warren, kept records on what it cost him to erect a 12x20 ft. home-made wood stave silo last year. Complete with roof and doors, the cost was \$400. Cost was reduced by use of 1/2 old and 1/2 new staves and the silo was erected in one day without the use of any scaffolding.

Poultrymen who have been using deep litter find that it does save labor and reduce the cost of litter.

They do advise from experience, however, that it can be done and here are some of the precautions to take.

Birds develop eye injury from ammonia gas if the building is kept too tightly closed particularly in cold weather. The litter absorbs moisture and causes fermentation that liberates ammonia gas from the manure.

There has been considerable discussion about brooding baby chicks on old built up litter. While this has been successful in many cases problems with round worms, lice, mites, leukosis, fowl cholera, and fowl type typhoid may develop when old built up litter is used.

While litter might be used to brood one or possibly two broods of chicks many poultrymen are shying away from carrying the litter over from one year to the next. It is doubtful if baby chicks should be brooded on built up litter used by laying hens. One year's use also appears to be long enough for built up litter in the laying house.

Unit Told Arrangement Of Furniture at Meet

Analyze your family requirements and arrange your furniture to suit their needs. At the same time keep in mind the architecture of the room. In a well arranged living room there should be several conversational groupings rather than one large one.

That is what the Vernonia extension unit members were told by Miss Frances Gallatin at their meeting on February 14 in the home of Mrs. Oliver Graves.

The group also received instructions on how to measure chairs and what kind of materials to choose for the slip cover work shop that will be held in the near future.

3 Registered Sheep Bought

Ruby, Leland and David Seibert each purchased a purebred registered Hampshire ewe, all three to lamb soon. They journeyed to the Walter P. Hubbard farm at Junction City to pick these animals with the help of Chas. Hoag, an experienced Hamp breeder on Scappoose Rd. Mr. Hubbard, the same recently publicized in the Oregon Farmer, procured his foundation stock from the Mt. Hagan line in Montana but has since imported seed from England.



MRS. HANS K. HOVLAND of Rainier, chairman of the Columbia county home extension committee is shown preparing dinner in her home in the Fernhill community.

Mrs. Hans K. Hovland has been a resident of Columbia county for nine years. In April, 1943, she and Mr. Hovland moved to the Fernhill community, two miles south of Rainier, where they built their home and established a small herd of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Mrs. Hovland has been active in home extension work since October, 1943, serving several years as secretary-treasurer and chairman of the Fernhill unit. Mrs. Hovland has found the foods, upholstery, textile painting and sewing projects especially helpful. Each year she serves as project leader, teaching one or more projects to the unit members. For example, she gave a demonstration in December on planning tasty and nutritious meals at lower cost after receiving training on the subject in November. As project leader for the upholstery workshop in 1949, Mrs. Hovland helped conduct a five-day workshop in the Delena community and another for the Beaver Homes unit. In addition, she upholstered two footstools, a chair and a davenport for herself.

Mrs. Hovland has been a member of the county home extension committee for the past three years, serving one year as secretary-treasurer and the past two years as chairman. The committee is made up of seven unit members who are especially interested in home extension work and who represent all parts of the county. This group acts in an advisory capacity to the home agents and assists with county and special programs. Mrs. Hovland guides the work of the committee which has been largely responsible for the expanded home extension program in the county during the past year. As chairman of the home extension committee, she is also a member of the county Agricultural Planning Council.

In 1945, Mrs. Hovland was appointed a member of the Farm Home and Rural Life committee and has served since that time. At the January 1952 meeting, she was elected vice-chairman of this committee.

In other community affairs, Mrs. Hovland was master of the Fernhill Gange for two years, clerk of the Fernhill school board for three years, has been superintendent of the textile department of the Columbia county fair for the past seven years, is a member of the Rainier garden club, is a member of the Rainier women's club and recently finished her year as Noble Grand of the Fernhill Lodge in Rainier.

Home extension committee members and project leaders give their time and efforts without payment. "The women who serve on the home extension committee do so with the betterment of their communities as compensation for the time and energy and expense involved," said Mrs. Hovland. "We feel well paid for our efforts when we see better housing, happier homes and healthier boys and girls in our country."

Dairy Club Plans for Field Trip to Dairy

The Maple Meadows Dairy club met at the Carol Buckley home Sunday, February 17 where the members discussed their next club meeting which will be a field trip to the Meadowland Dairy in Portland. The trip will take place March 8. The members of the club are: Donna Buckley, president; Bob Dimbat, vice-president; Jean Ann Anderson, secretary-treasurer; Rosalie Kirkbride, news reporter; Ronald Anderson; Margaret Buckley; James Kirkbride and Chet Rav. They began their club in November and all have nice cattle.

ACP Procedure New for 1952

Wm. Armstrong, chairman of the Columbia County PMA announces new procedure to be followed under the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Beginning with the 1952 program year, the farm operator, to be eligible for assistance, must designate for his farm the practices in the "County Program" which he believes will contribute most to conservation of the soil or water resources to make possible the production of agricultural commodities needed in the defense effort.

In developing his plan for conservation under the 1952 program the farmer should consider any conservation plan developed for his farm with the assistance of a

state or federal agency. The county committee is to limit assistance to the practices designated by the farmer which the county committee considers essential to the accomplishment of increased and sustained agricultural production on the farm.

Chairman Armstrong states that the reason for this new procedure is to emphasize as much as possible the idea of using ACP assistance in a planned way on such farm.

Program at Mist Is Attraction Thursday

NATAL — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Devins enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gillespie in Taylorville.

Ethel Waddell is assisting with the household duties at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Holmes in Hazel Grove.

Several from here enjoyed the program at the Mist gym last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pringle, Jr., were St. Helens visitors last Saturday evening.

Mist Club Studies Home Danger Spots

The Busy Bees met at the home of Mrs. Jack Crawford January 31 with Evelyn Kyser as hostess.

Mrs. Crawford gave the girls a lesson on health and safety. The girls were asked to name different danger spots around the home such as broken steps, low clothes lines, etc. The girls marked each hazard with chalk.

The girls then played a guessing game. Mrs. Ashley gave the ingredients and method of making quick bread. Esther Kyser guessed the answer.

For the dinner Esther Kyser and Ethel Tuggle made a cabbage salad, Bonnie and Evelyn Kyser made cocoa, Glenda Coleman, Bette Lee Ashley and Evelyn Powers made biscuits, Delores and Darlene Wilson set the table. Mrs. Ashley brought macaroni and cheese and Mrs. Crawford furnished roast and jello with whipped cream and brownies for dinner. Members discussed 4-H National Week March 1-9.

We added a gold seal to our club charter. It had been sent to the club by Mr. Black. Ella May Kyser was absent from the meeting.

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