

**AROUND THE FARM** BY W. G. NIBLER  
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Mechanical silage handling equipment is being used by both dairy and beef cattle men to reduce labor costs.

One common piece of equipment is a mechanical feeding bunk. This device is a conveyor that mechanically loads the silage into the feeding bunk.

Another device is a small electric conveyor used inside large diameter upright silos. One of the big disadvantages to a 16 or 18-foot diameter upright silo has been the job of throwing silage out the doorway from the far side.

Plans for both these devices have been prepared by the agricultural engineering department at OSC. They can be obtained free of charge at the county extension office, St. Helens.

Want to make your pasture taste better to the cows so they will eat more?

You might try using phosphate fertilizer. Tests have shown that cows prefer to graze grass and clover to which phosphate fertilizer has been applied.

It is thought that the extra supply of phosphate assists the plants in making sugar and the fertilized forage is sweeter.

It has been observed that sometimes the phosphate fertilizer may not increase the yield of the crop but it will increase the palatability.

Perhaps some of the different opinions farmers have about pastures may be due to using or not using phosphate fertilizer.

This may also be part of the reason that livestock avoid heavily manured forage. The manure helps make the plants bigger but it may leave a bitter flavor.

Phosphate fertilizer has long been advocated as an excellent addition to manure. Improving the palatability of resulting forage may be another reason the phosphate should be used either in the barn, a loading shed to boost the phosphate in the manure.

**Couple Leaves For California**

MIST — The Walter Mathews took their Christmas dinner in Portland with relatives.

The Melvin Saxton family moved on to the Sigenthaler place recently and another family has moved into the Saxton home.

The Sigenthalers left a week ago for California to live. The community loses good neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Berg came up from California and are visiting his brothers, Robert Berg and her parents, the John Johnstons.

Miss Patricia Berg was home from California for the holidays.

Donald Jepson is working on a tug boat on the Columbia river.

Christmas dinner guests at the L. P. Wikstrom home were Mr. and Mrs. Norvin Wikstrom and two children from Vernonia, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roeser and Kathy and Butch, and the Chet Clenderians from California.



MRS. NEAL GIRT of Rainier is research chairman of the county home extension committee. She is shown above in her kitchen making bread for her family.

Mrs. Neal Girt was elected to the county home extension committee at officers training day on September 9, 1952, according to Frances L. Gallatin, home agent. As one of the seven members of the Columbia county committee, Mrs. Girt acts in an advisory capacity to the home agent.

A native of Oregon, Mrs. Girt was born at Coos Bay and attended Rainier grade and high schools. Since her marriage, her primary interest has been in her home and family, including two children, Robert, a senior in high school and Marilyn who is in kindergarten.

Three years ago, Mrs. Girt became a member of the Lindberg home extension unit. In addition to accepting the responsibilities of unit secretary-treasurer, she has held several committee chairmanships and has been a project leader.

"Unit officers and project leaders carry much of the responsibility of the home extension program in Columbia county, as such a broad program is possible only through the willing help and cooperation of many local leaders, all of whom serve without compensation," Miss Gallatin explains. Project leaders are trained by the home agent and specialists from Oregon state college; after which they teach the project to their unit members.

Mrs. Girt received such training and taught four different projects to her unit members, including yeast breads and rolls. In the picture above, she is shown making bread for her family, which she thoroughly enjoys, especially after the project training. This spring, she will also be a leader for the oven meals project.

"I have enjoyed home extension work because it deals with one's home and family, which to me, is the most important phase of my life," stated Mrs. Girt. "Then too, not belonging to a lot of other organizations, I enjoy the social part of meeting with my friends and neighbors. I have especially enjoyed those projects dealing with making my home more attractive to my family." This is evident in her newly decorated living and dining rooms, slipcovers made for her furniture and draperies made and hung to make old fashioned windows more attractive, all resulting from last year's series of home furnishings projects.

She has also made foot stools and lampshades, skills learned from previous projects. Careful choice of colors and fabrics has resulted in an artistically furnished and decorated home. The members of the Girt family are proud of the outdoor fireplace which they built after receiving extension training in building a native stone outdoor fireplace. "In fact," Mrs. Girt continued, "just about every thing we have done to improve our home has resulted from my training in extension work."

Mrs. Girt is a past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star. While a

member of the Adelpian Club, she helped with Red Cross sewing during World War II and assisted with the Mothers' Day Tea for four years. She has helped with the Bloodmobile during its three visits to Rainier and has also donated blood each time.

As Columbia county research chairman, Mrs. Girt will keep the home extension units informed in research work being done to help homemakers. Research projects on dental caries among Oregon children, Oregon housing and functional house dresses and functional clothing for men and boys have been conducted through efforts of the home extension council.

Mrs. Girt has taken an active part in the home extension program which typifies her willingness to learn and to pass the information on to others. "My whole family benefits from my extension training," she concluded.

**Son Taken to Port For Departure Sunday**

BIRKENFELD — Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Elliott took Darrell to the airport in Portland Sunday morning. They spent the rest of the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer in Portland.

Mr. Stover and Mrs. Rawlinson spent the holidays in Seattle visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dedlow and family of Weott, California spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jepson.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent Garner and girls returned from Lakeview the first of the week where they had been visiting Mrs. Garner's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellingham were in Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Perry spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Larson had New Years dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rodgers and daughters of Jewell.

**Board to Meet Monday**

The P.-T.A. executive board will meet Monday, January 12 at 1 p.m. at the Vernonia high school.

**Examiner to Visit**

A drivers license examiner will be in Vernonia Friday, January 16 at the city hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**AROUND HOME...**

"Old methods just don't work with new machines," says Miss Frances L. Gallatin, home extension agent. Old habits are usually strong, and homemakers frequently don't realize that they must change their ways to suit new appliances. Failure to change habits may cause extra time and effort, poor results, and even unnecessary repairs.

Dealers give demonstrations of the use of new appliances and instruction booklets to go with them. Unfortunately, they can't hand out a set of new habits to each purchaser. Then, too, some purchasers don't bother to study the booklets or even keep them for reference.

Laundrying is an example. Many homemakers don't realize how precision pays in using a washer and they may overload it, use the wrong detergent or not measure the detergent carefully. This can mean a poor washing job and also a strain on the machine. Surveys show that many women still use bleaches regularly, even though these are hard on fabrics and unnecessary if washers are used correctly.

One old tradition worth banishing when a new washer comes into the house is the weekly washday. It's usually more efficient and economical to spread the washing through the week, doing a load a day instead of four or five once a week. This is less of a tax on the hot water supply. Also, many mothers find that by washing oftener, their growing children need fewer clothes. It stretches the budget and also saves closet space.

There is available at your county extension office the following bulletins: HE 5-703 "Selecting An Electric Washing Machine," HE 5-704 "Selecting An Electric Ironer," HE 5-707 "Use And Care Of Your Electric Range," and HE 5-602 "Buying And Using Synthetic Detergents." You may write for these or come to the extension office in the courthouse at St. Helens.

More men than women are color blind.

**Party Marks 1st Day of New Year**

NATAL — Bill Wolff enjoyed a New Year's eve party at the Frank Lange home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Waddeil were recent dinner guests at the home of her brother and family, the Raymond Miceys, at McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Northrup of Banks were New Year's guests at the Ray Taylor home.

DeeVere Hershey and Max Oblack and son were in Hillsboro last Tuesday on business.

Ronda Edgerton spent a couple of weeks in Portland visiting her uncle and family, the Leonard Edgertons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson and son were New Year's day guests at the home of Mrs. Peterson's sister, Ann Beerman of Aurora. Tuesday evening visitors at the Peterson home were Mr. and Mrs. Devine.

Bill Wolff and Silvia Turner were New Year's guests at the Leonard Graves' home in Portland.

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**RESOURCES**

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks	\$ 7,976,025.68
United States Government Bonds	9,507,649.52
Municipal Bonds and Warrants	1,911,833.31
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	54,000.00
Bank Premises and Equipment	359,136.02
Loans and Discounts—less reserves	12,281,372.22
Other Assets	5,237.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,095,353.82</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus	800,000.00
Undivided Profits	165,121.47
Reserve for Contingencies	50,000.00
Deposits	30,080,232.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,095,353.82</b>

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