

Bill Thompson, Rainier, has a pole frame loafing shed. Cedar poles set in the ground were used as a frame to support a sheet metal roof and sides.

When he first started using it Thompson fed his cattle in the middle of his loafing shed.

After a short experience with this he found it impossible to keep his loafing shed dry so adjoining his shed he built a covered feed rack with a concrete floor. Now he can keep his loafing shed properly bedded and clean up the feeding area much easier.

With farm prices dropping but the prices of materials and labor remaining high, farmers are becoming even more interested in doing their own building.

The farmer who can do a satisfactory job of concrete work, carpentry and other building construction should be able to save a considerable amount of cash in

constructing new buildings. An accumulation of ideas from farmers, building supply manufacturers, experiment stations and others has resulted in new methods of constructing farm buildings. These ideas are particularly suited to farmers wanting to do their own construction.

Two meetings have been arranged in Columbia county to bring farmers information on these newer ideas. One is on Wednesday, February 18, in the Clatskanie I.O.O.F. Hall and the other on Thursday, February 19, in the Courthouse, St. Helens. Both meetings start at 10:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Displays of different types of building materials and models of actual buildings will be on exhibit during the meeting.

Speakers will include specialists from Oregon State college and also representatives from different building supply manufacturers.

For Columbia county these speakers will emphasize all kinds of silos, silage handling equipment, livestock barns including pole frame buildings, dairy structures including milking parlors and milk houses, and roofing materials.

Garden peas should be planted at the first opportunity. The earlier the better most years.

Peas grow best in cool weather and early planted peas stand a much better chance of avoiding aphids and pea mosaic.

One precaution should always be taken in seeding early peas—the seed should be treated to prevent decay. Early planted seed germinates slowly and without treatment they may rot before sprouting. This accounts for poor stands of peas that sometimes results from early planting.

## Low Cost Farm Buildings, Topic

Latest ideas on low cost farm buildings and methods of construction will be discussed at two meetings in Columbia county, according to W. G. Nibler, county extension agent.

The first meeting is Wednesday, February 18, in the Clatskanie I.O.O.F. hall and the second on Thursday, February 19, in the courthouse, St. Helens. Both of the meetings will start at 10:30 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m.

Building materials will be displayed by local and state-wide dealers and include timber rib one-story shelters adaptable as loafing barns, machine sheds and other shelters. Models of pole frame buildings, above-ground trench silos and a feed shelter with bunk will also be on exhibit.

A working model ensilage manger conveyor that can be used for both ensilage and chopped hay will be shown. Nibler says a new plywood roofing material should be of special interest to farmers.

A display showing how concrete blocks should be laid, along with ideas of how to use them on the farm is included in the program. Various uses of building blocks will be discussed by Carl Smithwick, Portland.

John Campbell, rural housing specialist at Oregon State college, will speak on location of farm buildings and selection of building materials.

Recent trends in silos, silage feeding equipment, buildings for dairy and beef cattle, poultry, and sheep, and labor-saving equipment will be reported by M. G. Huber, agricultural engineering specialist at Oregon State college. Huber and W. R. Bond, Portland, will discuss pole frame buildings.

## GEMS OF THOUGHT

**CHANGE**  
 Perfection is immutable, but for things imperfect to change is the way to perfect them.

—Owen Feltham  
 All change is not growth; as all movement is not forward.

—Ellen Glasgow  
 Change, indeed, is painful, yet ever needful; and if memory have its force and worth, so also has hope.

—Carlyle  
 The old order changeth, yielding place to new; and God fulfills himself in many ways.

—Tennyson  
 Earth's actors change earth's scenes; and the curtain of human life should be lifted on reality, on that which outweighs time; on duty done and life perfected, wherein joy is real and fadeless.

—Mary Baker Eddy  
 All things change, nothing perishes.

—Ovid

## Mist-Nehalem Unit To Study Alterations

The regular meeting of the Mist-Nehalem home extension unit will be on Friday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Bud Howry, in Mist, at 10:30 a.m.

The lesson of the day will be "Pattern Alteration" given by the home agent. This meeting should be attended by those taking the workshop.

Mrs. Knowles will be taking care of the children again; each mother is to provide sack lunch for her children and self. Everyone is welcome.

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## YESTERDAYS

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 From The Eagle, Feb. 12, 1948

The March of Dimes totaled \$610.92, somewhat less than the amount raised in 1947 when the figure was \$725.51.

Emil Messing, postmaster mentioned early this week that he had seen his first robin this year. No other reports of robins being seen have been heard.

Up to Tuesday afternoon of this week 145 names had been listed as subscribing to the Nehalem Valley Rod and Gun club fund which is to be used to purchase the 157 acres at Keasey to provide an open fishing area for sportsmen.

The Vernonia area is being asked to raise \$1879 of the current amount of \$12,000 designated as Columbia county's quota for the Red Cross campaign.

**TEN YEARS AGO**

From The Eagle, Feb. 11, 1943  
 Collections in the March of Dimes boxes for the polio fund amounted to \$35.20 and the Mt. Heart Social club contributed \$30 of dance profits to make the total collected from this area \$65.20.

Natal Grange was announced at the regular meeting of the Pomona Grange Saturday night as winner of the pest control contest sponsored by Pomona. Total number of pests killed in the county was 2260.

The first boy to be drafted into the armed forces from Vernonia high school, A. L. DeHart, Jr., a senior, will leave this week. During an assembly Friday afternoon, the Boys' league presented him with a gift.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**

From The Eagle, Feb. 11, 1938  
 City councilmen adopted an emergency ordinance raising city employee salaries. New rates of pay specified are: recorder, \$125 month; city treasurer, \$35; city marshal, \$125 month; deputy marshal, \$425; water superintendent, \$125; city librarian, \$30.

Marcus Brown, Portland-Vernonia stage driver, returned to work Monday after being confined for a week due to influenza.

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## Week End Spent at Home in Riverview

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Mr. and Mrs. James Munson of Portland spent Sunday at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Krinick.

Mrs. Vincent Gowen of Port Blakely, Washington spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Olin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mahar spent Sunday at Yamhill visiting his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mahar.

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