

## AROUND THE FARM

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Last summer several farmers tried sulfur dioxide to preserve their grass silage. It is a fairly new development for this area so we are interested in how good a job it did.

The sulfur dioxide treated silage looks and smells very good. The suggestion was made that we pick some grass silage samples and have them analyzed for protein and dry matter to see how the different kinds compared.

Eight samples were taken. The following were sulfur dioxide treated: Alta fescue-subclover from Ed Workman, Deer Island; ryegrass from Paul Borlin, Deer Island; alfalfa-hairy vetch from Frank Trachsel, Deer Island and pea vines from C. W. Sherman, Scappoose. All these samples were from upright silos.

To make some comparisons untreated silage samples were also tested. Mixed grass from a trench silo at Harry Kem's, Deer Island; pea vines from an upright silo at Vern Kohlstrand's, Warren; ryegrass from an upright at Borlin's and ladino clover-grass from Knu. sel's Dairy, Scappoose.

Duplicate samples of all these various silages will be brought in to a meeting on Tuesday, February 24, at the courthouse, St. Helens. The analysis of protein and dry matter in these silage samples will also be posted.

Harold Ewalt, extension dairyman from OSC, who has wide experience in silage making, will lead the discussion. Anyone interested in silage is invited to attend the meeting.

Have you ever had a problem in selecting a beef animal for breeding purposes? Say you were planning to buy a bull or some heifers to increase or improve your herd.

As you look around and visit different herds you will certainly note differences in quality among the different animals.

The same make and model of an automobile will sell at the same price. There may be some

difference in them but by-and-large they are all just about the same.

With beef cattle, two critters can be of the same breed and look a lot alike but there can still be some very important differences between animals.

Livestock men examine or grade those breeding animals carefully to determine just how they stack up in the qualities they are looking for.

They will pay particular attention to the scale or size of the animal, the thickness of flesh and the smoothness of body.

Chest, back, loin, rump, and round are equally important.

All these points are examined to determine the quality of that animal as a breeding animal in the herd.

One of the best ways to learn about quality beef animals is to get a group of livestock men together around some cattle and get them talking about the quality of those animals.

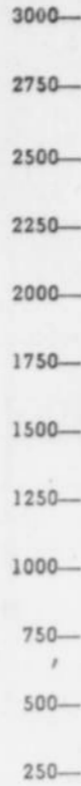
Just this sort of a meeting has been arranged for March 20 starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Columbia county fairgrounds. Jim Elings, Extension livestock specialist from OSC will be on hand to lead the discussion. We will have between 10 and 20 head of animals of the three beef breeds to talk over.

We are mentioning this meeting early because livestock men are invited to bring in a few head either males or females for grading at this demonstration. In making arrangements we will need to know by March 7 who is bringing animals. Call or write the county extension agent, St. Helens.

### Unit Members Asked To Make Wants Known

Extension unit members who wish to rent a portable sewing machine for the cotton dress work shop are asked to see Mrs. June Willis before Saturday, February 21.

### FUNDS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY AMBULANCE



### Surprise Guests Gather at Home

NATAL — Several enjoyed the charivari given Mr. and Mrs. Dee Vere Hershey, the newlyweds, last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Max Oblack entertained with a birthday party last Thursday for Mrs. Nellie Dunlap. Bingo was the entertainment. Delicious refreshments were served and Mrs. Dunlap received lovely gifts and cards. Mrs. Robert Lindsay won the door prize.

Lincoln Peterson called on Noble Dunlap last Friday. Martin Mathews was a Thursday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pringle called on Mr. and Mrs. Wally Noakes last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack and son were Forest Grove visitors last Friday. They motored to Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Titus of Portland were Saturday visitors at the Bill Pringle home.

### THE PEOPLE SPEAK . . .

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Vernonia Eagle

Do you know what ESPERANTO is? Here is some information about it, which, I believe, will be of interest to many people. Esperanto is the widely used and rapidly growing international auxiliary language. It is easy to learn; its whole grammar consists of 16 simple rules. The English-speaking people know the stems of two-thirds of all its words. And it is being practically used every day by hundreds of thousands of people. There are more than 50 monthly broadcasts in Esperanto from Europe.

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## YESTERDAYS

### FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Eagle, Feb. 19, 1948

A total of \$831.42 was turned over to the Portland Area Council of the Boy Scouts in a one-day fund raising campaign. The drive was headed by Glen Hawkins.

A parent-teacher organization for this community was organized Monday evening and by-laws adopted. Officers elected were: Mrs. George Johnson, president; Mrs. John Kirk, vice-president; Miss Marian Schwartz, secretary and Mrs. Louis Laramore, treasurer. A hot lunch program will be undertaken as the P.T.A.'s first project.

Frank Taylor was in St. Helens last Friday to be present for a meeting and dinner of the county Republican central committee.

The county Pomona Grange adopted a resolution recommending a special 3-mill tax for the improvement of roads in the county.

### TEN YEARS AGO

From The Eagle, Feb. 18, 1943

A standard first aid class, to meet twice weekly at 7:30 at the city hall with Clyde Harmon as instructor, will meet for the first time next Wednesday. An advanced first aid class with Lee White as instructor will probably begin early in March.

Cloice Hall is taking three months training with the merchant marine at Catalina Island.

With quarters only a short distance apart, Edgar Culbertson and Ralph Bennett, former school students here, are attending radio school in San Diego. Both enlisted in the marines at about the same time.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From The Eagle, Feb. 18, 1938

Lester Mulkey, owner of the Fairway grocery and J. F. Rose, meat market operator, announced plans to move from Vernonia to Dallas, Saturday, February 19, will mark the closing of the store here which has been in business for two years.

Voters of Vernonia and surrounding district are being urged to register. They may do so here with Mrs. E. H. Washburn, local registrar, at the Oregon Gas and Electric office.

Emil Messing, chairman for the president's ball, reported that an even \$100 was realized from the multiple fund-raising ideas to benefit the foundation for fighting paralysis.

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### New Square Dance Lesson Series Begins

BIRKENFELD — Mrs. Micky Hopkins and little daughter, Carol, have the flu.

A new square dance lesson group has been formed at Jewell with Glen Hawkins of Vernonia as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellingham spent Sunday in Seaside visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Larson took Mrs. Larson's father, Harley Redmond, to Portland Friday. He took the train to Oakridge to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Redmond.

A wedding shower honoring Mrs. Donald Jepson will be held at the Grange hall Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Gus Wanstrom, Mrs. Art Bellingham and Mrs. Ted Bellingham are the hostesses.

Jimmy Bellingham, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Bellingham, and Larry Larson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Larson, have the mumps.

Technically, the U. S. Government has not established any national holidays.

The elevator is the safest form of transportation.

## 81st Birth Date Marked Recently

ROCK CREEK — Dad Bonnie celebrated his 81st birthday recently.

The Merritt Crozier family as well as brothers, Jack and Jerry, moved from the Vick Bergerson place to a place south of town.

The Keasey home demonstration unit met at the home of Hilda Keasey with Betty Wieman giving the lesson on pattern alteration in place of Frances Galatin. Those attending were: Elna Parker, Betty Brady, May Krieger, Edith McFarland, Marie Christensen, Vivian Counts, Nelia DeWitt, Isola Morris and Blanche DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens, oldtime friends and neighbors from the Hopewell district north of Salem, visited the H. A. DeWitt family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waldron and children of the Kansas City neighborhood near Forest Grove visited the Ted DeWitt family. Time was spent admiring and comparing the growth and accomplishments of the two babies, a month apart in age.

Vivian Counts took care of Gene Cleveland's children while their parents were away.

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