

Early potato planting time is here. Everyone has their own favorite varieties and one of the most popular is Bliss Triumph. It is a round, red potato of excellent flavor that matures early.

Earliest of All is also a good potato. In spite of its name it is not as early as Bliss Triumph. It is white skinned and flat.

Common varieties such as Burbank, Netted Gems and White Rose can also be used as early potatoes if they are lanted early. They won't mature as early as the true early potatoes, however.

If you buy good seed stock, preferably certified seed, it generally will not pay to use any seed treatment for home garden potatoes.

Not all feed flavors in milk come from feeding during milking. In fact, the most troublesome feed flavors result from feed stuffs the cow ate one or two hours before milking.

In other words, the feed flavors don't come directly from feed to the milk in the milking barn.

Most feed flavors result from strong flavored feed stuffs eaten by the cow prior to milking. These flavors are absorbed by the cows' blood stream and show up in the milk.

Concrete silos used to put up grass silage will need some upkeep work. Concrete is effected by silage acids and some etching can be expected.

To start with the concrete must be dense if it is to hold up. If silage acid is absorbed by the staves the concrete disintegrates. Newer processes in making cement staves makes it possible to

make a dense stave that will not soak up the silage acid.

The base of upright silos and the floor and walls of trench silos should also be made of a dense concrete. The concrete mix should use at least 6 bags of cement in each yard of concrete. This will make a concrete dense enough so it will not absorb acids. There may be some etching on the exposed surfaces but this can be repaired by regular maintenance.

Walls of concrete stave silos and trench silos will need occasional refinishing by coating with a cement-water mixture brushed into the wall.

Onion sets can soon be planted. The big sets will make the largest and earliest green onions but the smaller sets will usually make the best dry onions.

Club Work Value Told in Stories

(Note: The following two stories were written by members of 4-H clubs in their record books last year. Both tell why their participation in club activity has been of help to them.)

By Janice Garner
 Birkenfeld

During this year I think I have learned more than I have in any of my other years of 4-H club work. I have learned quite a lot about one of the most important things—clothing. I think every girl should learn how to sew both by hand and on the machine.

I have learned how to sew on a button, make different articles, judge and learn the parts of a sewing machine. My club took two divisions of clothing this year. During the first one we made pin cushions, needle cases, head scarfs, and learned different kinds of stitches. In the second one we made head scarfs, pot holders and draw string aprons. I also made a gathered skirt just for extra work.

During this year I was hostess several times and also served on the clean-up and entertainment committees. My office in the club was president. Our leader was Mrs. Mary Mae.

By Patricia Hickman

I feel that by taking Cookery III, I have learned something really worth while this year. I love to cook and I especially enjoy baking bread. Although I had a little difficulty at first, it is an art well worth learning.

I like baking best of all. I bake quite a lot which explains why I have more baking than required in my record book.

Our leader, Mrs. Evelyn Heath, and the girls of the club were a lot of fun and wonderful to work with. This helped to make cooking even more enjoyable.

Livestock Men to See Demonstration Of Breeding Stock at Fairgrounds

Selecting both bulls and females for the beef breeding herd will be demonstrated at the fairgrounds, Deer Island, Friday, March 20, starting at 10:30 a.m. The meeting, sponsored by the Columbia county livestock association, is to assist livestock men in learning about points to consider in selecting breeding stock.

Animals for the demonstration will be brought in by various beef breeders in the county including Jim Moran and Reed Holding, Vernonia; Bert Sharp, Scappoose; Joe Fisher, Warren; C. W. Sherman, Scappoose; and LaBeck and Noll, Clatskanie. Twin Brahman bulls will be exhibited by Jack Sather, Clatskanie.

The discussion on animals will be led by Jim Elings, livestock specialist at Oregon State college. This event will include a weight guessing contest. Several animals being brought to the meeting will be weighed and a prize given to the contestant coming closest to guessing the correct weights.

Making a rope halter will be demonstrated by Dick Richards, herdsman at Fisher's Hersford Ranch.

The Columbia county livestock association will hold its annual meeting starting at 1:30 p.m. The association will furnish coffee for the noon meal and those attending the demonstration are

invited to bring a sack lunch and remain for the meeting.

Work on New Mill Given Attention

MIST — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes were here part of last week from Forest Grove on business pertaining to their new mill under construction.

Lawrence Jepson was a village visitor from Birkenfeld Saturday on business.

Mr. DeWitt was down from Rock Creek Sunday to see about a cow for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berg were in Portland last Wednesday.

Ray Longworth and son, Wade, and Mr. and Mrs. Ford and sons, Charles and James, of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Salmi and Janet and Lois of Marshland were Sunday dinner guests of the Chas. Hansens.

Saturday callers at the Charles Hansen home were Mr. and Mrs. Merl Tideman from Jewell and Mr. and Mrs. R. Schroeder and Peter from Marshland.

After four beautiful spring days Tuesday we have rain again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Bateson have sold off nearly all of their household goods. They plan on going into their new trailer house the first of next month.

Scholarships to School Sponsored

The 4-H club summer school is one of the highlights of the year for club members fortunate enough to attend.

This event, which is held on the Oregon state college campus each year in June, lasts ten days.

In 1952, 45 club members attended from Columbia county. All received \$20 scholarships sponsored by various organizations and businesses throughout the county. The total number attending from all over the state was 1300.

There is a full program of classes during the mornings, assembly programs and organized athletics in the afternoon and special programs, parties, and other events during the evening. Those attending not only learn a great deal from the classes and special programs, but they also learn how to live and get along with others in their living groups.

This summer school is made possible by the businesses and organizations that sponsor scholarships for club members. In 1952, the following awarded scholarships to 4-H club members:

Natal Grange; Mist Young People's Club; Mist-Nehalem Extension Unit; Warren Grange; Rainier Women of the Moose; Columbia County Tuberculosis and Health Association; Scappoose Garden Club; Vernonia Grange; Beaver Homes Extension Unit; Scappoose P.T.A.; U. S. National Bank, St. Helens; Quincy P.T.A.; P.E.O. Sisterhood, St. Helens; Fir-Tex Insulating Board Com-

pany, St. Helens; Fern Hill Grange; Marshland Women's club; Scappoose Kiwanis Club; Scappoose Extension Unit; Oregon State Fair; Portland General Electric Company; J. C. Penney Company, St. Helens; Columbia County Fair Board; The Five County Newspapers; Goble 4-H Livestock Club; Mist P.T.A. Canaan P.T.A.; Winema Grange; Bachelor Flat Community Club; St. Helens Kiwanis Club; Columbia County Pomona Grange; Pythian Sisters, Vernonia; First National Bank, Clatskanie; Sears Roebuck Foundation; Lower Columbia Dairy Co-op, Clatskanie; Bachelor Flat Women's Club; Bank of St. Helens; Clatskanie Farm Bureau; Yankton Grange; State Bank of Rainier; and J. C. Penney Company, Clatskanie.

The scholarships are awarded to club members on the basis of their 4-H club record for the preceding year. Community scholarships are given to those who have never attended. Any club member who has attended is eligible to receive any county wide scholarship.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
A Difficult "Situation"
 Did you see that "Classified Ad" last week? The one that wanted a farmhand who had to be "an expert agriculturist, sheep herder, tractor driver, bridge player," plus being "an authority on chemistry and mathematics"?
 Slim Thomas, who ran that ad more or less as a joke, called and said, "I got 23 answers and almost every one claimed they could meet all those qualifications! That means I want to keep the man I have—'Handy' Peters."
 "He was thinking of quitting but now I've got to talk him into staying. Handy never pretends to be an expert, he's just a good all-around hired hand."
 From where I sit, Slim's smart to be wary of people who consider themselves to be all-around "experts." Some folks will "expert" on anything—from the clothes a man should wear to whether he ought to drink beer or butter-milk. Personally I don't want to "classify" myself as knowing all the right answers.
Joe Marsh

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