

The time for turning cattle out on pasture is near at hand. In fact some pastures are already being grazed.

When silage and hay supplies run low and the grass gets a few inches high—well let's hope we have an early spring so the grass will keep coming after being hit early.

Pastures that were given a good application of nitrogen fertilizer early this spring really show it this time of year. With their dark green color and extra growth you can pick them out as you drive by.

If you have not tried nitrogen fertilizer on your own pastures this is the time of year to inquire around to see who in your community is using nitrogen. Study his results to see if it pays.

It certainly helps the pasture keep up with the cows if it can have a head start in the spring—say at least, five inches of growth.

Particularly on heavy soils, one of the worst effects of pasturing too early is the soil packing.

those who have never seen the crops growing or think it is difficult to grow should drop by later this spring and see an asparagus planting in operation.

Farmers are trying a variety of weed control methods to beat the high cost of hoeing.

Weed sprays and mechanical weeders of various kinds have been devised. Many of them are very effective if properly used.

Fritz Jasa, Goble used a side delivery rake to a good advantage on his strawberry field. He runs the rake down the row so the spring teeth scratch through the strawberry plants. The teeth will slip around the firmly rooted strawberry crowns but many of the smaller weeds will be torn out.

The total taxes collected in the United States for 1952 were about \$87 billion compared to a total food bill of \$60 billion for the American people.

AROUND HOME...

If you think you might be short of grass, start a rotation grazing program to get more production from your pasture.

Experiments at Oregon state college show that pastures cut every two weeks yielded 49% more than those cut every week. Those cut every three weeks yielded 37% more than those cut weekly.

Farmers who use rotational grazing have found that pastures must be kept fairly small for best results.

We must remember that in rotational grazing the grass is allowed to get some height growth before turning the cows in. This means that the cows should be limited to a fairly small area so they will clean it up and not waste feed.

In rotational grazing some farmers give the cows only an area they will clean up in one day. Three days on one pasture is considered a limit.

Given a large piece of tall pasture the cows will pick out certain areas first. They will also tramp lots of grass in their search for the most tasty morsels.

This is fine if you have plenty of pasture. Just leave the cows in until they have eaten the best and clip the remaining growth.

Home garden asparagus is now beginning to show tips. It won't be long before those who are fortunate enough to have a planting will be enjoying their "grass."

Many folks must have a mistaken idea about what it takes to grow asparagus or we should see more of it in home gardens. It is surprising how many people have never seen asparagus growing and never knew it would grow here.

E. E. Luce, Warren, has a commercial asparagus planting and

The 'Coordinated Look' is the look for spring 1953, says Frances Gallatin, home agent. Frances herself are co-ordinated to assist in carrying out this fashion. There is coating fabric woven and dyed as a companion for suit and dress weight fabrics of the same color tones. The dress may be of a plain or smooth weave, while the coat has a nubby weave. In this way, there is contrast in texture and weave, but harmony in color.

A monochromatic color plan from head to toe is tops. For example: hats, shoes, gloves, suit or coat, and dress in tones of beige.

The line of the suit is straight with boxy jackets popular. That doesn't mean there aren't fitted jackets around for those who wear them better. But the trend is away from the exaggerated nipped-in wastline with the padded hip.

The costume dress is more popular than for some years—that is the dress with its own jacket, which is frequently lined with a figured silk. It is in the dress that we see the fuller skirts. So if it's full skirts you like, perhaps you should have a dress this spring rather than a suit.

Colors for spring are still quite varied. In other words, you may choose colors with the first thought toward yourself—what becomes you most. Spring colors seem to fall into three groupings: the bright intense shades, soft pale and subtle tones, and deep rich colors, so you see there is one for each individual's need.

In the bright shades, a light coral red is popular. So are yellows and golds, along with some blues.

The soft pale tones claim beige as all important.

Navy leads among dark colors, with three shades of navy offered. White is something to watch as summer approaches.

Awards Made for Scholarships

Some awards of scholarships to 4-H club members for their attendance at this year's summer school at Corvallis have already been made, according to word from Harold Black, county agent. Three of the scholarships have gone to club members living in the Nehalem valley.

Bertie Lu Ashley, Mist, was named winner of the Columbia County Pomona Grange scholarship. She carried projects in cooking, clothing, and food preservation. In addition to placing well in the exhibits at the county fair, she won a first in the Lower Columbia salad making contest, second in the dollar dinner contest and second in the special Kerr canning exhibit. She received a white award in the cake baking contest at the Oregon state fair.

The county fair board scholarships went to Harriet Heath and Ronald Anderegg, both of Vernonia. Harriet won first in the dollar dinner contest at the county fair and also received a blue award for her cooking exhibit. At the Oregon state fair, she placed second in the junior dollar dinner contest.

Ronald placed 2nd in dairy showmanship at the county fair and his Holstein cow received a first place ribbon. At the state fair he won a third place ribbon in showmanship and his cow placed fourth in the judging.

Dates of 4-H summer school this year are June 16-26. It will be on the Oregon state college campus at Corvallis.

Winners of other scholarships will be announced soon.

Club Members Study; Conduct Paper Drive

The 4-H girls, who belong to the Little Bakers club, met April 18 and studied the setting of tables. The club now has a new flag set. The group is conducting a paper drive to help with raising money to complete the 4-H dorm at the fairgrounds.

Lung Operation Removes Peanut

TREHARNE — Glen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Reynolds, was operated on Wednesday and a piece of peanut was removed from his lung. It was thought that he might have another piece which would have to be removed. The peanut pieces had caused pneumonia to set in. His little sister, Cathy, had given him the peanuts to eat Saturday, not knowing that they would harm him.

Guests Gather At Birkenfeld

BIRKENFELD — Mr. and Mrs. Clóice Hall of Vernonia were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bellingham Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellingham spent Saturday in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Udey. Easter Sunday they were with Mr. and Mrs. Royal McCaffery, former residents of Birkenfeld.

Mrs. Maude Rogers of Seaside spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach, Mrs. Maude Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones and children had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson and Gary spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jepson. They are now driving a bright red convertible.

Family Moves to Different Home

NATAL — Mr. and Mrs. Clair Devine and children moved to the residence they recently purchased from Mr. and Mrs. George Holding.

Annual Egg Hunt for Children Held Friday

BIRKENFELD — The school children held their annual egg hunt Friday at the school house. Little children in the community were invited and lunch was served later.

George Bellingham is spending the week helping Keith Elliott on the "Betty Ann."

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Parman of Portland spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinchfield.

Unit Leaders Get Project Training

Home extension leaders were trained for the project on oven meals by Agnes Kolshorn, nutrition specialist from Oregon state college, at the Presbyterian church in Clatskanie on March 30, with Frances Gallatin, home agent, assisting. Thirty-four leaders representing 18 units were trained.

The leaders learned how to plan and prepare oven meals to suit the family, keeping in mind balanced menus, temperature and baking time suitable for all foods in the oven at one time. How to place foods in the oven for best results and the use of wood stoves and ovens with automatic time controls were also studied.

Project leaders trained who will give the oven meals demonstration to home extension units in the Nehalem valley during April and May are:

Mrs. J. E. Lonquist and Mrs. A. R. Mills from the Mist-Nehalem unit; Mrs. D. Marshall and Mrs. Blanche Millis from the Vernonia unit; Mrs. R. S. Stanley and Mrs. Joe Baker from the Timber Route Mrs. Walt Parker and Mrs. T. F. Keasey from the Keasey unit.

Church Members Meet for Dinner

BIRKENFELD — Members of the Catholic church here had their annual Easter dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hopkins. Kathryn Elliott, Dawn Lousignont and Lawrence Johnston were guests of Johnny Hopkins.

Kathryn Elliott spent the week end in Birkenfeld with her folks and visiting friends in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turner of Oakridge were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stuve.

Johnny Hopkins called on the Ennebergs Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lois Lousignont is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Lousignont at Vine Maple. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach and Mrs. Elsa Richardson called on her there last Sunday.

Mrs. Francis Nordstrom was a Vernonia shopper Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rodgers and girls of Jewell spent Saturday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Larson and boys spent Easter in Portland with Ilene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holce.

Mrs. Lloyd Stuve's mother, Mrs. Silvia Turner, and Bill Wolff of Vernonia were married Sunday. Terry Larson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson, was ring-bearer.

Jurgen Johansen visited Johnny Cahill Friday. Johnny is home from the hospital and feeling good again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jepson and Denny spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wallace were in Birkenfeld Sunday.

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