

One reason some folks have given for clear cutting their second growth timber instead of making a thinning cut is the extra trouble of selective cutting.

True, it involves extra work to log selectively. Some folks have questioned the problem of laying out roads, falling and bucking trees and yarding the logs.

To help answer some of their questions Columbia county's farm forestry committee has arranged a special demonstration to be held at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, May 12.

The committee hopes that some of the questions can be answered by doing some actual thinning in an unthinned stand of second growth.

Those who own a patch of timber are invited to attend and see how the job is done. I am sure that everyone will find the job much less difficult than it would seem at first, though.

A number of experienced people will help in putting on this demonstration. Bob Lindsay of Vernonia and Paul Goodmonson, extension forester from OSC, will discuss the principles used in selecting trees for harvest.

Glen Hawkins, Vernonia, will discuss laying out roads. Ron McDonald, Keasey, an experienced timber faller who has worked in both old growth and second growth will discuss falling trees. Some trees in the 30 to 60 years old demonstration trial will be felled and bucked by McDonald to demonstrate the use of both a chain saw and hand tools.

A regular farm tractor and possible a team of horses will be used to yard out some logs. These logs may even be loaded on a truck to carry out the complete operation.

This demonstration will be held in dense, unthinned stands of timber and at the close the group will be invited to go over and visit the adjoining timber harvest tract at the fairgrounds. This tract has been thinned four times with 33 cords of wood removed. This will provide an opportunity to compare thinned and unthinned stands of timber.

The demonstration starts at 10:30 a.m. and should be completed by 2:30 p.m. You are invited to bring a sack lunch and the committee will furnish the coffee.

With summer coming on those folks who have been able to figure out a way to get water for irrigation, are making time count in preparing for the coming irrigation season. In getting acquainted in the county, we stopped last week to visit a few minutes with Les Blair, Vernonia. Les was in the process of putting a permanent six-inch main line under the state highway for his irrigation system. This line will take water from the Nehalem river 2100 feet away to a pasture that Les is planning for his dairy cattle.

Irrigation water is not essential for pastures and a lot of our

other crops, too, but where it can be had at a reasonable cost, it will result in a longer pasture season with greater production. Individual cases determine the economics of the operation. More water for crop to use brings about a need for additional plant food in the way of fertilizers to contain the greatest plant growth.

With the spring rains we've been having, irrigation has not been needed, but when the rains do slow up it is important not to wait too long before applying the first irrigation. About 10 days or 2 weeks will probably be about right. When pastures become too dry and plant growth is slowed or stopped, permanent damage results and that year's crop yield is lowered. Now is a good time to get that irrigation system ready.



MRS. R. A. BULLIS of Rt. 1, Goble is shown above cutting fresh homemade bread for an after school snack for her children, Robert and Sharon Kay.

Mrs. R. A. Bullis has been a member of the Beaver Homes national home demonstration week, May 3 to 9, homemakers are celebrating home extension achievements. Mrs. Bullis tells Gallatin, home agent. During how her whole family benefited

from one club meeting. "On March 20, 1952, I attended a home extension meeting at the home of Sadie Bardell," related Mrs. Bullis. "The hostess and Marguerite Von Allman were the project leaders for the demonstration "Yeast Bread and Rolls." I had never baked bread and never intended to, but as the bread was good and the recipes were for only two loaves, I decided to try out a batch.

"To my surprise, it turned out perfectly, or at least it seemed that way to my husband, two children and myself; we ate one warm from the oven besides our usual lunch. Since that time, we often eat bread and jam for dessert. To date, we haven't bought one loaf of bread."

Mrs. Bullis bakes two or three times a week, two loaves at a time, as the family likes fresh

bread. Each baking requires only about 20 minutes of working time, she revealed, leaving much free time during the baking for other homemaking tasks.

Last year was the third consecutive year of increase in the traffic death toll.

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