

Six Year Old Given Party

MIST — Mrs. Clair Devine gave a birthday party for her six year old daughter, Cheral. The party was given at the home of Cheral's grandparents. Ten guests were present. She received many nice gifts and delicious refreshments were served.

Hallowe'en passed as usual with quite a few youngsters gathering up the treats. They were a good bunch with no mischief done.

Robert Wiester, Clarence Kyser, Billy Kyser and Pete Willis hunted over the week end in Eastern Oregon for elk. They were successful to the extent of two.

A few from the village went to Clatskanie Saturday to the opening of Hump's new drive-in. Among them were Mrs. Austin Dowling and son Bernard.

Artificial Lights Aid Egg Production

A decrease in egg production and a molt in laying hens at this time of the year may be avoided by the use of artificial lights, says Lou Oester, county extension agent at large.

A 13 hour day should be provided. The lights can be turned on in the morning only, or in the evening only, or both morning and evening. When evening light is used, some provision for dimming the lights is desirable.

One 100 watt light equipped with a reflector is recommended for every 400 square feet of floor space. The lights will need to be continued until about the middle of March, when there are about 13 daylight hours.

The advantage of a longer day is to give the hens the opportunity to consume more feed. This keeps up the body weight of the hens and stimulates egg production. Beside lengthening the day, Oester states that the feeding of wet mash or pellets will aid production. The amount of wet mash or pellets that the hens will clean up in 20 to 30 minutes should be fed at noon each day.

Gift Wrapping Is Subject For Vernonia Unit Group

Gift wrapping will be the subject of the lesson for the Vernonia extension unit when it meets next Thursday, November 10, at the First Christian church at 10:00 a.m. Rosalie Roediger and Jean Schwab will be the project leaders. A baby sitter will be available for a small fee. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch and coffee will be provided. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



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Tel-O-Test Query Received Here

One Vernonia lady has been having opportunity this past week to ponder what might have been "if". Mrs. Grace Currie was called from San Francisco by Tel-O-Test and told she would receive \$500 if she could give the correct answer to the question, "What is the name of the place in London where they sell fruits, flowers and vegetables?"

Since she did not know, they are sending her a supply of Colgate dental cream as a consolation prize, but she has been thinking of all the things she could have done with the \$500. She has received letters from a number of people who heard her called.

4-H Leaders to Banquet Monday

The Columbia county 4-H leaders banquet will be held Monday night, November 7, at the First Lutheran church in St. Helens, at 7:00 p.m., announces Mrs. Geo. Harper, Yankton, president of the Columbia county 4-H leaders association.

The banquet is being sponsored by the Portland General Electric company. 4-H club leaders will be their guests for the dinner and program.

The speaker during the program will be Professor U. G. Dubach, Lewis and Clark college, Portland. He has a fine reputation as a public speaker in discussing young people. His topic will be "It's Time for Greatness."

Walnut Drying Methods Given

Drying walnuts presents a problem, this time of the year and immediate drying is necessary to prevent mold both inside and outside the shell, says Lou Oester, county extension agent at large.

Washing the nuts is desirable to remove the dirt. Clinging particles of hull and other material tend to stain the shell permanently. However the nut meats are not affected.

Walnuts are usually dried at temperatures ranging from 90 to 100 degrees F., in no case should the walnuts be dried at temperatures exceeding 110 degrees F., as this causes cracking of the shells and high temperatures tend to cause rancidity of the nut oil during storage.

Drying time will depend upon the method used as well as the amount of heat. Circulation of air is necessary to carry away the moisture. Placing walnuts on screens and placing them over a circulating oil heater, floor furnace, or regular furnace is often done. It is advisable to check

the temperature with a thermometer to prevent overheating.

Bleaching is not necessary, but it does improve the looks of the walnuts. The walnuts should be thoroughly dried before bleaching. Sodium hypochlorite is used and chlorine is the active bleaching agent in this compound. Commercial household bleaches containing 16 per cent chloride may be used at the rate of a gallon to 12 gallons water.

Pour the dried walnuts into the solution, and by gently stirring, keep them in contact with the solution for about 3 minutes or slightly longer as the nuts may require. After bleaching, drain the walnuts from the solution, rinse, and place in an open crate or tray to dry for 24 hours to 48 hours. Direct sunshine on the walnuts after bleaching may cause many to split.

People have been known to refuse to do a kind act for fear they wouldn't get credit for it.



Fall Fertilizing Is Advised For Pastures

Phosphate fertilizer applied in the fall of the year on pastures will increase the production of grasses and legumes next spring and summer, according to Lou Oester, county extension agent at large.

Legumes require much more phosphorous than do grasses and the hill soils have less available phosphorous than do the valley-floor soils. The annual use of phosphate fertilizers is necessary to maintain a heavy, vigorous stand of legumes on many hill soils and is a MUST on the high producing irrigated Ladino pastures, states Oester.

Phosphorous should be applied in the fall if possible. Top dressing with the ammoniated phosphates in February or March will help, but if spring applications are made, adequate moisture is necessary to show a response.

At least 60 pounds of phosphorous (P2O) should be applied per acre. Light applications may not be effective. Sixty pounds of phosphorous, can be supplied by 300 pounds of 20 per cent superphosphate, 135 pounds of 45 per cent treble phosphate, or 125 pounds of 11-48-0.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Last Word in Farm Machinery

Curly Lawson was first in this area to use one of those roadside vending machines. He's sold milk and eggs in one about a year now, and recommends them highly — but with reservations.

"Mine's the latest model," says Curly. "Built-in refrigeration unit—heater—an automatic sign turner-on for night. Takes any combination of coins."

"However," he warned, "those machines aren't cheap to buy . . . or operate. They run about \$3500. If you're not on the main highway like I am—where lots of city

people pass—you'd better stick to the old methods."

From where I sit, you have to admire Curly for his pioneering spirit. Of course, there's also plenty to be said for those who tend to stick to the old proven methods. People's ideas differ on the subject—on any subject. Like you may always drink buttermilk with your meals . . . while a glass of beer's the "automatic" choice with me.

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