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Farm Topics

Esteron 44 Results In Wild Onion Curbs

Wild Garlic also Found Vulnerable to Solution

Wild garlic and wild onion long have been two of the most troublesome weeds in southern lawns, pastures and certified grass and grain seed production fields.

As lawn weeds, these plants give the lawn an uneven, ragged appearance and produce a very disagreeable onion odor when mowed. In pastures, dairy cattle feeding on these plants produce milk with an off flavor which is of great concern to dairymen in several states. Seed production has been limited by the presence of wild potential contamination.

onions in many fields because of



During the past three years many experiments have been made with varied forms of 2,4-D to control wild garlic and wild onion. Tests with sodium salt of 2,4-D were unsuccessful. Esteron 44 and the amine liquid salt formations, however, gave good control when used at the rate of three to four pounds of 2,4-D acid equivalent per acre. Apparently the amount of water used makes little difference in the results obtained. As many as 125 gallons per acre and as few as

five gallons per acre were applied with equal success.

For pasture work, observers agree that Esteron 44 may be somewhat more effective than the amine salts, but because of the possible danger from volatility of the esters of 2,4-D, it is suggested that the amine liquid salt be used where susceptible plants grow in immediately adjacent areas. (Lawns, for example, with adjacent flowers and shrubs).

Moisture Conservation Helps With Wheat Crop

A 30-acre field that had produced little during the last few years, even with favorable moisture conditions, produced a good wheat crop, according to the Kansas state college extension service.

"A combination of things made the land productive again," a conservation district cooperator said. "Use of sweet clover, seeded in the spring of 1946, for green manure and terracing, and contour farming for moisture conservation were important."

The land, he explained, was badly eroded. The soil was thin, dense and hard to work. It had not produced a decent crop in the previous six years and was practically idle land.

Gullies were plowed shut after the terraces were built, so that the whole field could be contour farmed. In addition, grass waterways were developed and more terraces planned.

Winston Churchill has sailed on the Queen Elizabeth for a visit of three or four weeks in the United States. He is due to arrive in New York next Wednesday. He will be the guest of Bernard Paruch. He has also been invited to dine with President Truman.

George L. Ashton, confessed train robber, asked \$50,000 damages from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He charged that his emulation of Jesse James resulted from intoxicating drinks served him on the train.

Sale of the Ruidoso News, which he founded in May, 1946, was announced Saturday by Lloyd P. Bloodworth.

New Hay Chopper



This combination hay chopper and ensilage cutter, which can be operated by one man, has been introduced by the New Holland Machine company. The new machine feeds, cuts to desired length and blows corn, hay or other crops to mow or silo in one operation. Cutting in lengths ranging from 3-18" to 1 1/2", the chopper can handle up to 20 tons of silage an hour.

Bathtub Fairly Recent Innovation in America

Although many Americans consider the daily bath essential to good health, most of their predecessors of a century ago never saw, much less bathed in, a bathtub in the home. For pre-Civil War Americans, bathing was a luxury indulged in a hut alongside the home. The White House got its first bathtub during Lincoln's term. The first all-iron tub was installed in New York City in 1870.

Dr. John R. Nichols, president of the New Mexico A & M College was granted a year's leave of absence when the Board of Regents met last week.

President Truman has returned to Washington to help settle the Congressional row that bogged down his legislative program while he was vacationing in Florida.

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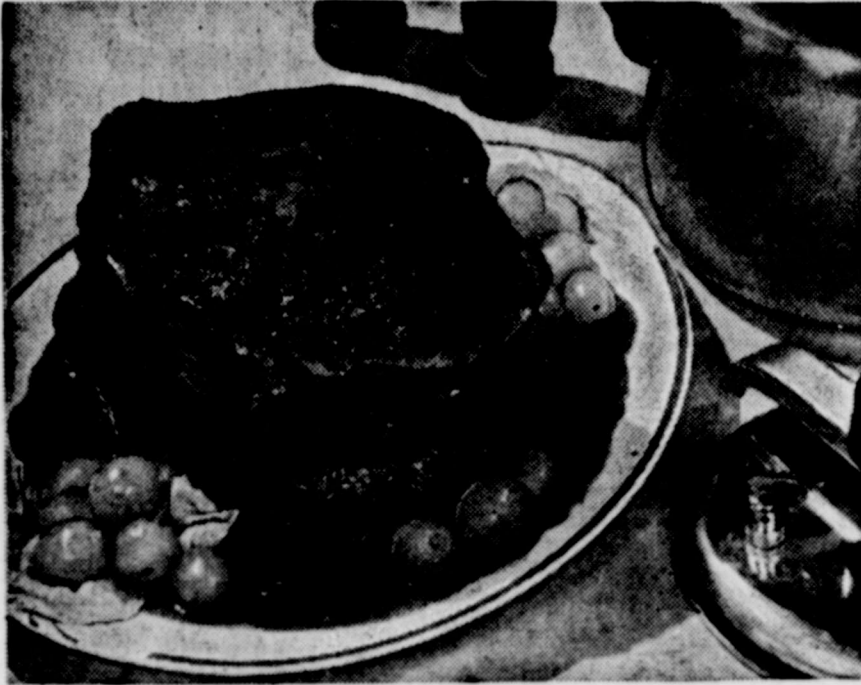
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HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers



Speed your Cooking with Pressure Pans
(See Recipes Below)

Quick Meals

IF YOU'VE EVER come home at five o'clock after an afternoon of club activities, have you wondered how to get a roast on the table and a meal cooked to completion within the hour?

The solution to this problem lies in cooking the meal in one of those efficient utensils known as a pressure cooker or pressure pan. In an hour, and in many cases, less time, you can have a steaming hot meal with meat, vegetables and potatoes on the table for a hungry family. All this can be accomplished with no more previous preparation than marketing.

Foods cooked under pressure cook quickly because the steam is held within the utensil. Food values are saved, too, so you can serve more healthful meals to the family. And, if you're a busy homemaker, you can save hours of time in the preparation of foods which usually take three or four hours to cook.

All of the recipes given today use meats that take long cooking time under ordinary circumstances. Use the directions carefully and follow the manufacturers' directions for using whatever kind of cooker you have.

THE RECOMMENDED pressure for most dishes including meats is 15 pounds. Study your cooker to see how this is obtained and maintained.

*New England Boiled Dinner (Serves 4)

- 1½ pounds ham shank
- 1 cup water
- 4 small potatoes, peeled and halved
- 4 small onions, peeled
- 1 small turnip, peeled and sliced
- 4 medium carrots, scraped
- 1 small cabbage, quartered
- ½ teaspoon pepper

Place ham and water in cooker. Adjust cover, exhaust air and bring pressure to 15 pounds. Cook for 20 minutes. Reduce pressure and open cooker. Add prepared vegetables and pepper. Adjust cover, exhaust air and bring pressure again to 15 pounds. Cook for five to eight minutes, depending upon size of vegetables. Cool and open cooker and serve at once.

CANNED TOMATO sauce added to a pot roast gives you a wonderfully rich but economical gravy, as in the following recipe:

Savory Pot Roast (Serves 6-10)

- 3½-4 pounds pot roast of beef (chuck, round or brisket, boned)
- 1 clove garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons drippings
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- ¼ cup cold water

Rub the cut surface of the meat with cut surface of garlic clove. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Brown in the pressure cooker in the drippings. Add canned tomato sauce. Close cooker and exhaust air. Bring pressure to 15 pounds and cook 11 minutes to the pound.

LYNN CHAMBERS' MENU

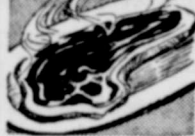
- *New England Boiled Dinner
- Waldorf Salad
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- *Recipe Given

Cool cooker, following manufacturer's directions, and open. Remove meat to serving platter. Mix cornstarch to a smooth paste with water and add to tomato sauce in cooker. Season as desired. Stir over low heat to a clear rich gravy.

Ham with Escalloped Potatoes (Serves 4-5)

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1½ tablespoons flour
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 small onion grated
- 1 tablespoon fat
- 2 pounds ham slice, cut in serving pieces
- 5 medium potatoes, peeled and sliced

Melt butter, blend in flour, add milk, salt and pepper. Stir constantly and cook until smooth. Add onion.



Brown ham until golden brown in pressure pan, then remove from cooker. Place potatoes in bottom of cooker and cover with white sauce. Lay ham on potatoes. Adjust cover, exhaust air, and bring to 15 pounds pressure. Cook 12 minutes. Cool cooker, and serve meal at once.

DOES THE FAMILY like meltingly delicious spaghetti? Here's the easy way to cook it.

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce (Serves 6)

- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 No. 2 can tomatoes
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 (8-ounce) package spaghetti
- Parmesan cheese

Combine all ingredients except cheese in pressure pan. Adjust cover and exhaust air. Bring to 15 pounds pressure and cook for 12-15 minutes. Serve over cooked spaghetti, topped with cheese.

Wiener Schnitzel (Serves 6)

- 2 slices veal round, cut ½-inch thick
- 4 tablespoons flour
- Salt and pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 cup sliced onions
- ½ lemon, sliced thin
- 1 cup soured cream

Cut veal into serving size pieces and dredge in flour mixed with salt and pepper. Heat cooker, add oil and paprika. Brown pieces of veal on both sides. Add onion and saute slightly. Place a slice of lemon on each piece of veal. Add sour cream. Adjust cover, exhaust air and bring to 15 pounds pressure. Cook 15 minutes. Cool cooker and serve veal, garnished with parsley.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Save wear and tear on dish cloths by using a medium size cork dipped in scouring powder for polishing paring knives or cutlery.

Alternate wearing of two pairs of shoes, so that you don't wear the same pair two days in a row, helps both pairs wear longer.

Darkened or discolored aluminum cooking utensils can be brightened by boiling a solution of cream of tartar (2 teaspoons of cream of tartar to one quart of water) in them for several minutes.

A cloth dampened with alcohol will remove dust from candles without lessening their original luster.

Wrap left-over food in waxed paper to conserve space in refrigerator, while keeping food moist and flavorful.

Paint the top and bottom step of the basement stairs white; this makes them more conspicuous and minimizes the hazard of stepping off the top step or missing the bottom one.

A few lemon peel dropped into the wash boiler where dish towels are boiling will make them whiter, fresher and more fragrant.

New England Flag

As early as 1737, the recognized flag of the New England colonies had a blue field with a white union quartered by a red cross. Such a flag, with a pine tree design added thereto, was carried at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

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Rich Soil Healthy

Populations in areas where the soil produces food of high nutritive value are healthier, more efficient, and more energetic than the average, according to Dr. H. B. Davidson, president of the Medical Association of the county of New York. One striking example, he points out, is the small amount of rejects by selective service boards in sections of the country such as the northwestern states as compared with the high percentage of rejects in certain areas of the deep south.

Table Tennis Legend

Table tennis originated about 1880. According to one legend it was invented by a group of British army officers stationed in India. Fretting because the rainy weather kept them from enjoying their regular tennis, these officers—so the story goes—piled some books across the center of a large table, fashioned some balls out of cotton batting and proceeded to adapt their favorite pastime to table-top conditions. The name table tennis became more or less official in 1926 with the organization of the International Table Tennis federation.

Land of Cotton

With a population three times that of the United States, every individual in India is clad in cotton fabrics. India is the world's only important producer of jute — on which the world relies for almost all its sacks, its containers for wheat, corn, rice, sugar, etc. Seventy-five per cent of the jute is grown in Pakistan as is also much of the cotton of the Indian Union and Pakistan. Most of the mills, however are within the Union of India.

Safeguard for Milk

Pasteurization is the most important single protective measure that can be taken against disease germs in milk. Without pasteurization, there is danger of such milk-borne diseases as undulant fever, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, and septic sore throat. Over one-half of the milk consumed by persons living in communities under 10,000 population was not pasteurized, but was raw milk.

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Dynamite Is Magic Worker on Farmland Must Be Carefully Used to Prevent Harm

Dynamite is the Paul Bunyan of the modern farm. Like the make-believe, giant lumberman who could uproot trees and do other remarkable things, explosives, properly and carefully used, can perform scores of labor-saving tasks about the farm, according to F. S. Eldred, manager of the explosives and powder divisions, Olin Industries, East Alton, Ill.

Farmers today are finding they can save much labor and time in digging ditches, blasting out stumps, making post holes, cleaning out water holes and even planting trees by the use of explosives.

"But caution is the watchword," he warns. Like fire, dynamite is an excellent servant and a terrible master. When the farmer uses it with full knowledge of the great labor-saving work it can do, as well as the fearful damage, he has a giant farm hand who can almost perform miracles."

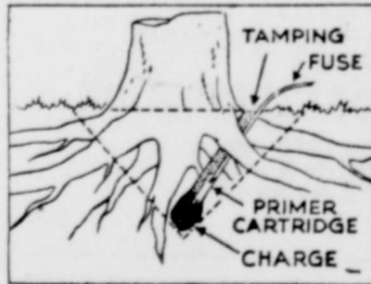


Figure 1

Stumps are a bugbear to farmers. Each is a problem in itself. The farmer must study the type of stump, whether it has roots that run along just under the ground, or has great tap roots. Then he must carefully plan how to blast out that stump with dynamite. Again "caution" is the watchword. If not sure, the farmer should consult an explosives expert. But the typical way to blast a stump is to place the dynamite as near as possible under the center mass, or under the larger roots. If there are two large roots, it may be necessary to plant the explosive under both.

Figure 1 shows the proper way

loading to remove an evenly rooted stump. The charge is under the center of the stump.

Sometimes there are stumps with central downward roots, called tap roots. In such a case as shown in Figure 2, the charge is

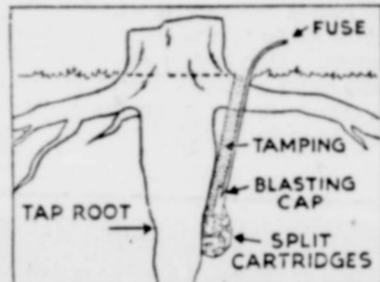


Figure 2

placed down alongside the tap root on the side that will bring it as near as possible to the center of the stump.

Another great labor-saving task can be performed with dynamite. That is the digging of the ditches. Dynamite can be easily carried through the woods, swamps and other country impassible to horses or machines and, once there, can quickly do more work than dozens of laborers or several machines.

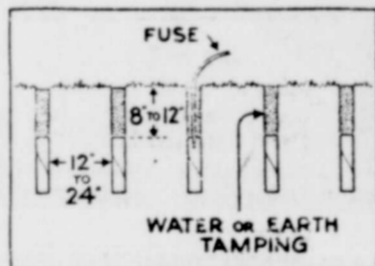


Figure 3

But always the words "safety-first" must be kept in mind. The farmer should know his explosive, know the type of soil in which he is operating and should not trust his own judgment. If there is ever any doubt, he should consult an expert.

Ditches are dug by dynamite not by placing one charge, blowing out a hole then using another charge. Figure 3 shows the dynamite planted stick by stick at regular intervals so that whole sections are blown out at the same time. In this way, the earth does not fall back

Knowledge Is Valuable To Those Purchasing Eggs

U. S. department of agriculture marketing specialists report that knowing where to buy eggs and how to keep them are the only two ways that consumers can be sure of having a quality product at all times.

The homemaker's first step in this direction is to buy from retail-

ers or wholesalers who keep eggs under constant refrigeration used.



No Crystal Ball Needed To Tell Needs of Soil Tests Will Give Farmer Answer to Question

You don't need a crystal ball to tell you whether your soil needs lime.

A soil test will give you the yes or no answer. Where a deficiency exists, a test will indicate how much lime your soil needs. County agricultural agents, vocational agricultural teachers or agronomists at state colleges and experiment stations are glad to cooperate in making such tests.

Testing is always the safest course in applying lime. Some soils have plenty of lime. Adding more might be harmful rather than helpful to crop production.



To soils that need it, lime is the keystone of any well-planned soil building program. Lime adds needed calcium. Lime boosts the efficiency of fertilizers. It neutralizes acid soils and makes possible the growth of sweet clover and alfalfa. These deep-rooted legumes add precious organic matter to the soil.

But lime by itself cannot do the whole soil building job. It has to be supported by the generous use of phosphate and potash fertilizers, by plowing under deep-rooted legumes, by the return to the soil of all possible animal manure and crop residues.

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matter in the field or garden is a good way of disposing of crop residues because the microbes "burn" or oxidize them.

They do this slowly, yet the process of microbial combustion of such materials may have disastrous effects on a crop planted soon after plowing, in which case it is said the crop was "burned out."

Microbes need more than energy "go" foods. They need the "grow" foods, too, just as humans do. They do not demand that the nitrogen be given them in the complete proteins or the more complex compounds of this element as humans do; nevertheless, they are just as exacting in their needs for nitrogen, at least, in its simpler forms.

Dr. William A. Albrecht, chairman of the department of soils, University of Missouri college of agriculture, in discussing how soil microbes get their food, points out that they get it before growing crops get theirs.

The Hudson Motor Car Company has suspended production and sent home 12,000 workers because of what they call a "slowdown" in the trim division.

Carl Harvey Blake, Jr., 13-year-old, who resides in Michigan, protested that he couldn't go back to grammar school, even if the law said he should. "After all," he said, "I have a wife and child to support."

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New Mexico Notes
 FROM A WHEEL CHAIR



(By Katherine B. Mabry)
 I hope everyone helps make the
 new road building program work.
 There are two features of the changes
 which should be beneficial.

The five-man highway commission
 plan which will be adopted, I hope, at
 the next election should give better
 representation to the state; and, the
 fact that these members are remov-
 able only for cause ought to give that
 security to position which would call
 for better work. The Governor has
 always felt that the highway commis-
 sion itself should have the duty and
 the power of working out road im-
 provement programs with local au-
 thorities, with less of the responsibil-
 ity falling directly on the shoulders
 of the governor as has unfortunately
 been the case since the state highway
 was set up over 30 years ago.

The other departure from past prac-
 tice in road building and improve-
 ment is one to be put immediately
 into effect according to plans worked
 out by the state highway engineer,
 the highway commission and the gov-
 ernor, I understand. No longer will
 pressure groups from the various lo-
 calities of the state have much excuse
 for visiting the capitol with large
 delegations to urge consideration for
 their own road project. This plan pro-
 vides for an allocation by the state
 highway commission of so much mile-
 age for new road construction to each
 county, and then the county commis-
 sioners will themselves determine
 what road or roads will get the pri-
 ority, or first attention. This plan goes
 into effect at once. I am not too fa-
 miliar with just how the highway
 commission is to determine what mile-
 age each county will be given each
 year; but it is my understanding that
 the formula worked out takes into
 consideration such factors as popula-
 tion, whole county area, number of
 automobiles licensed in each county
 and the matter of accessibility of all
 areas to present markets.

This plan has to do with farm to
 market roads, of course. It would
 work well, since each county, when it
 knows what its allocation of mileage
 is, will be cautious to see that their
 recommendation, which will then
 have to be followed, will be for the
 most badly needed roads to come
 first. This will be giving "home con-
 trol" over the construction of these
 vitally needed roads.

The result will, in addition, give
 the governor much more time to de-
 vote to other problems of state, leav-
 ing highway planning to the state
 commission and the local county com-
 missioners. And it will not place the
 county which is unable to send these
 frequent pressure groups seeking
 roads in a more favorable position
 than counties which need roads just
 as badly but which cannot provide
 the delegations ways to come to Santa

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 of gambling. Now if we could only
 have better local enforcement of the
 gambling laws in the few localities
 from which so much criticism comes,
 New Mexico would have a better repu-

tation for law and order.

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 ference in London were told that a
 nurse with an unpleasant face is a
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