

# Sports, Activities Overstressed?

By BLANCHE SPANN PEASE

Do you like lots of cut flowers in the house? To me that is part of the fun of raising flowers. These very hot days, it is a good idea to take a bucket of water with you when you cut flowers. Plunge the flowers into the water immediately when you cut them. Then leave them in the water in the basement or some cool, dark place for an hour or two after you cut them. It helps, too, if you cut them with a knife on a slant.

Wisteria and hydrangea will keep better in water if you burn a half-inch of the stem end before you make flower arrangements. Strip foliage from the stem sections of flowers before making arrangements, that is the part of the stem that will be under water. Bacterial decay starts quickly on many of the annuals.

utes. Hollyhocks also benefit from this treatment.

I usually change the water, clip the stems a bit shorter and wash the vases that I use for flowers daily. They last longer this way.

Glass pyrex dishes often make ideal flower containers for very pretty flower arrangements. I often use my brown pottery casserole and beanpot for such gorgeous blossoms as zinnias and marigolds. The low brown casserole just suits the bright nasturtium heads.

The glass containers for maraschino cherries work out very nicely for such things as long stemmed pansies, sweet peas, violets and all such shorter flowers.

and then like as not being told she is "indifferent" to her school?

What percent of students come from the country? Are school affairs ever planned with country students in mind? Do teachers and board members realize the sacrifice and inconvenience parents have to make so their children may participate?

I have my doubts.

I like activities and sports, yet I do think they are too much stressed, causing otherwise capable students to copy and cheat because of lack of time for lessons. Neither do I approve of too much "after-school time."

What of those who have "after-school jobs"?

Even though parents can well afford the finances, isn't it better training for high school students to learn to earn and spend their own money? After all, they are nearing the time when we leave off and they take over and it is just around the corner!

How I envy parents who live where they may meet and discuss the good and bad with teachers and board members! I do not say become acquainted with teachers, because how better can one do that than to listen to weekend discussions from the high school students for nine months of the year, watching reactions to each teacher, assignment and discipline and such.

Would like to see more comments on the subject. Perhaps I might acquire more "Iarnin" "GRADUATE'S MOM"

— tfw —

**Mother of Grad Gives Us Food for Thought**

"Graduate's Mom" wins our three-months' subscription today.

Dear Mrs. Pease:

With graduation over, my thoughts have again turned highward. I don't believe I have ever read a word of discussion on high school in our letters.

Is it because it is so much a part of everyday living we scarcely give it a thought? How many parents know how the school handles its problems, including discipline, finance, activities, etc.?

How are John's class dues used? Who pays for Mary's pep club sweater and Pat's band uniform? After Junior takes time out for activities, does he have time (and sleep) enough for math and science or does he need to copy from Jane, who spends more time on lessons and home work, giving up activities

Daisies, poppies and dahlias will be benefited by dipping the stems of the flowers in boiling water for several minutes.



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## Goes Overseas

Pvt. Clyde A. Wabs (above), son of Mrs. Helen Wabs of Spencer, recently completed a 12-day furlough, visiting his mother and friends in Holt and Boyd counties. He has left for an overseas assignment in the Far East. His address: Pvt. Clyde A. Wabs 55327071, Casual Pers. Sect., APO 613, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Be careful today and be farming tomorrow.

A second with your eyes off the road can mean meeting eternity prematurely.

Take your time in order to have tomorrow.

It takes some time to learn to drive properly, but only a split second mistake and you never drive again.

## SAYS SANDHILL SAL

**STAR NEWS**

Lois Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Miller, is attending school in Grand Island.

Mrs. Nels Linquist, Beverly and Donald, Mrs. Fred Timmerman attended the wedding shower Friday in honor of Mrs. Linquist's niece, Mrs. Jay McConnell of O'Neill, which was held at the Gremton school near Venus where her parents, formerly resided. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Butterfield, now of O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewalt Miller and Barbara, Leone and Jim Boelter were Thursday evening visitors of Mrs. Hattie Boelter.

The Star Get-Together club met with Mrs. Leonard Jurcek Wednesday, June 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Linquist and family were Wednesday evening, June 10, visitors at the Lyle Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Miller and family spent last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson and son.

Sunday visitors at the Lyle Johnson home were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson, Howard Johnson and Arnold Miller.

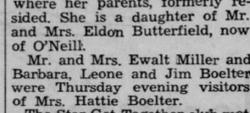
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson and Wayne spent Sunday evening at the Ewalt Miller home.

L. G. Gillespie attended the Masonic grand lodge session in Omaha last week.

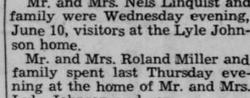
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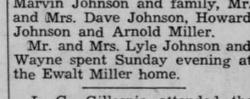
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## Lots of Interest in '53 Test Plots

### County Agent Tells Locations

Ranchers and farmers are becoming more and more interested in using commercial fertilizers on small grain, corn, pastures and meadows. Ranchers, farmers and businessmen are enthusiastic about the Holt county grassland research program which is being carried on cooperatively between the University of Nebraska and local people who have contributed toward this project.

E. M. Brouse of the agricultural college, who is in charge of the experimental work, last week was in the county studying results of fertilizers applied last spring, last fall, and early this spring. The effects are readily seen from the road as you drive along the road near the plots.

The 1953 plots include:

Seven subirrigated meadows with nitrogen, phosphorus and potash; two subirrigated meadows with radi active phosphorus; three subirrigated meadows with phosphorus and sulphur; one subirrigated meadow with phosphorus placement; one subirrigated meadow with phosphorus applied last fall of 1952; one upland

meadow with nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium; one upland pasture with nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium; one go-back field with band application of phosphorus with vetch; one upland pasture with band application of phosphorus with vetch; two bluegrass seed production with nitrogen, phosphorus and potash; four residual effect from 1952 application; two reapplications of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash where applied in 1952.

A mixture of legumes was seeded on the ends of subirrigated plots to study any effects on obtaining clover stands.

The plots are located on the following places: Frank Peter ranch, O'Neill; Clarence Ernst ranch, O'Neill; L. D. Putman ranch, O'Neill; Clauson brothers farm, Emmet; Henry Wood ranch,

Ewing; Clyde Weidman ranch, Amelia; Robert Clifford ranch, Atkinson; Albert Lemmer ranch, Atkinson; Lawrence Pacha ranch, Atkinson; E. E. Gotschall ranch, Atkinson; Lee Hyland, Stuart; John Weichman and Malon Scherer, Stuart.

Anyone interested may examine these plots as they are labeled. Plans are being made by County Agent Neil Dawes to hold a county-wide tour of these plots on July 1.

Small group tours will be taken at different times. Anyone interested may go by contacting the county agent's office.

The 1952 results were very interesting, Dawes said. Anyone wanting this information is urged

to ask for circular 28—fertilizer experiments on native meadows of Nebraska—at the county extension office.

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