

Home and Garden

Mom looks ahead to being grandma

Let's face it, the ordinary child is usually not mother's little darling. Many a mother has seen her child torment a younger sibling even after repeated scoldings. She has threatened the youngster within an inch of his life for repeatedly leaving the refrigerator or the back door open. This mini adult with the ideas of a Wall Street tycoon can push the patience of a parent to the breaking point.

How many times have you heard yourself yell, "Pick up your clothes!" "Get in there and watch the TV or shut the thing off!" "Would you please stop running in the house?" It seems like a mother's conversation some days consists of command heaped upon command and they all seem to fall onto deaf ears.

The child of course hears; anyone that can quote an entire conversation overheard through two closed doors can hear your irate bellowing. A good test of his hearing is to see how long it takes him to get to the dinner table after the first call.



Margaret Schmale's
Bits and Pieces

This same child that has tested your sanity to the breaking point can turn into the most angelic cherub within hours. Usually the timing of the return from Hyde to Jeckle coincides with a visit from Grandma. The model child then puts on his best performance and Grandma can say no wrong about her precious. The acting is so grand you have a hard time holding down the applause.

It's almost uncanny how the child knows just at what point you have had all you can possibly take. It's exactly at this point that you hear, "I love you, Mom." "You're the best Mom in the whole world." It's tough to reprimand Momma's little darling then. The frustration disappears, the slate is washed clean, and you forget for an instant that the same battles will resume in an hour or less.

How can you resist the beguiling little creature when he looks at you with big calf eyes and says, "Hang in there, Ma!" So you give him a hug, take a deep breath, pour yourself a fresh cup of coffee, and dream about the days when you can be the Grandma.



Dorothy Shrum with rubbing of Indian petroglyphs

Tomatoes could spoil unless canned properly

If you're planning to can tomatoes this year, do it right to avoid spoilage later, advises Carolyn Raab, Oregon State University

Extension foods and nutrition specialist. "Nothing is more disappointing than finding that those jars you so lovingly put

up in the fall have spoiled by the middle of winter," she points out. "Spoilage can be avoided by using the proper methods of preservation now."

Yellow leaves indicate squash virus disease

Squash plants showing yellow leaves may be infected with a virus disease, according to Ray McNeilan, Home Horticulture Extension Agent. McNeilan reported that squash plantings have begun showing symptoms of curly top virus.

The first signs of this systemic disease are yellowing of mature leaves. These larger leaves gradually die. Meanwhile the new growth is dwarfed and new leaves will begin to roll upward. Blossoms on affected shoots seldom set

fruit. This disease is spread by leafhopper insects as they move from plant to plant. While some varieties may be resistant to the virus, one should not take a chance by keeping infected plants in the garden.

McNeilan says sanitation is the best control for this problem. Pull out and remove plants showing symptoms of the virus. Only in this way can a gardener provide some measure of protection for the other plants, by removing the infection source.

Many hobbies show up in foods and decor

by KAYE BARTON

Homemakers receive one consistent word of advice from home economists and interior decorators: let your meals and home decor reflect your family's tastes, interests and unique lifestyle.

Dorothy Shrum is one Sandy woman who is adept at doing so. A brief walk through Shrum's living quarters and out into her garden reveal much about the kind of life she leads when she is away from her living quarters.

Her home is decorated with the generous hand of a lover of Indian lore. There is a framed, colorful rubbing of petroglyphs; there are handmade baskets and bowls of authentic arrowheads.

Mrs. Shrum admits to being a fan of archeology and anthropology. She is a member of the Oregon Archeological Society, and eagerly gives her visitors a "guided tour" through her collection of small stone tools and weapons.

"This is a primitive knife made of red carnelian from the Columbia River Basin," she said as she held up one small tool. "Columbia River 'points' are the most beautiful in the world because so many of them are made from agate."

Mrs. Shrum estimated that she has perhaps 200 "points" in her collection, including arrowheads, knives, acrapers and awls. Her red carnelian knife is one of only two which have been found. She pointed out three or four stone bowls in her collection but said that she has only turned up one of the bowls in her years of digging. The others were given to her.

Mrs. Shrum walked across the room and lifted what appeared to be a large gray stone. "This is a dinosaur bone from a dig in the Red River Valley near Winnipeg," she explained. She brought out artifacts from the Willamette Valley and eastern Oregon.

In Mrs. Shrum's circular

garden numerous herbs grow tucked between flowers and vegetables. She pointed out parsley, sage, borage, mint, thyme and rosemary, and discussed the foods each herb would be used with.

Mrs. Shrum was a teacher until her retirement 14 years ago, and she continues to share her interests with other adults through the classroom. Her conversation included constant references to classes: classes in archeology and herb cookery, classes in wildflowers and native edible plants, classes in bridge and nature crafts, large formal classes and casual mini-classes.

She has been active in Sandy's Community Schools, and many of her classes are a part of that program. One of Mrs. Shrum's favorites is ethnic cuisine, with a special emphasis on Mexican cookery.

Mrs. Shrum maintains an active interest in the history of the area. Before marriage, she was a Nelson, a pioneering family after whom Nelson Memorial Park is named.

Although she maintains the old roots, she has formed new social contacts through the numerous classes she leads. "Bridge has been

particularly enjoyable," she commented, "although many of my former students from other classes keep in touch with me. This door is a fanning thing — my house is well-used."

Mrs. Shrum discussed her classes in native herbs and wildflowers "It's sad," she said, "but there is very little chance to gather native herbs any more. There is so much spraying going on that the wild plants are disappearing."

"I guess you could say that most of my interests relate to nature," she said. "No, wait — that's no right. That leaves people out, and people are my major interest."

In spite of her present range of activities, Mrs. Shrum is seeking out new ones. "I don't think we're ever too old to learn," she said. "I'm not the kind who can sit and wait for someone else to live up to my life."

She mentioned a local class in transcendental meditation. "I'm really thinking about signing up for that one," she said. "I've heard such good things about it."

It looks as if one more interest will make its way into Dorothy Shrum's already busy schedule.

Garden Club opens season

The Sandy Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday Sept. 5 at the home of Mrs. Vernie Andrus at 38900 SE Trubel Rd. in Sandy. Guests are welcome.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. John Lamb and Mrs. Jack Rowland serving as

hostesses.

The program topic will be flower arranging presented by Mrs. Donald K. Curry of Portland. Mrs. Curry holds a Master Certificate and is well known for judging and flower arranging.

Wilfred Tichner will preside over the business meeting.

What's cooking?

A colorful way to serve vegetables

by SARA SEWELL

GRILLED ASPARAGUS

1 tin asparagus
1/2 cup grated cheese
1 1/2 cups bread crumbs
1 Tablespoon melted butter
Salt, pepper, paprika
Parsley and pimento, for garnish
Mix cheese with crumbs and seasonings gently. Coat asparagus with crumb mixture and place on broiler rack and heat thoroughly. Watch closely. Garnish with chopped parsley and pimento. Serves 6 — From the files of Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Vancouver, B.C.
"This is a colorful and delicious vegetable. It is often a challenge to think of new and different ways to serve vegetables." — Sara Sewell Berger.

DATE COCONUT COOKIES

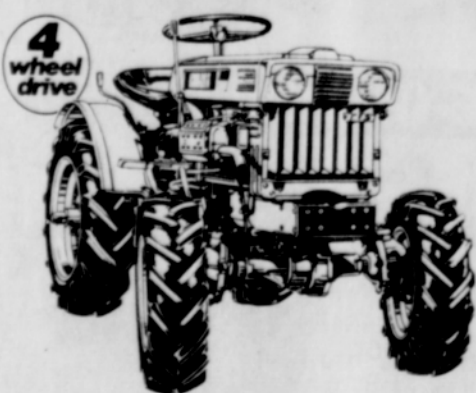
1 cup margarine
1 cup sugar
3 Tablespoons grated orange rind
2 eggs
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups coconut
1 1/2 cups chopped dates
1 cup rolled oats
Cream margarine and sugar, then add orange rind, add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Blend in creamed mixture, stir in coconut, dates and rolled oats. Drop by teaspoon on greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees, 10-12 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen cookies. — From the files of Ms. Elsie Neal, Bay City, Oregon.

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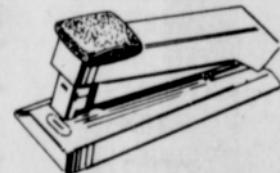


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