

Along Azalea Row

By B. Miller

At this season throughout the United States, an old American custom is being observed. In villages and cities, the farmers and rural dwellers are meeting together in state and county fairs to exhibit livestock, garden produce and housewifely prowess in cooking and sewing; to have their products judged and to receive prizes for them according to relative excellence.

As far back as ancient Greek and Roman dates fairs were held, but these have always been markets, primarily, so that American county and state fairs have little in common with European fairs except the name.

Berkshire county fair, held in Pittsfield, Mass., in 1811, was the first fair in the United States. To Elknah Watson goes the credit for having successfully organized it.

The nature of state and county fairs changes with changing conditions in farm and home making consequently the American fairs registers the fortunes of rural life.

Sept. 1, 2 and 3, Curry county fair and rodeo will be held at Gold Beach. The exhibit of floricultural specimens is under auspices of Azalea Garden Club.

Southern Curry county should make an excellent showing in this, judging by some of the specimens to be seen in gardens. The Otto Turleys have dahlias measuring 13 inches in diameter, and gorgeous asters.

What do you have in your garden? Bring it to the fair and let us see! Exhibitors must furling their own containers and have the specimens in place at the fair by 10:00 a. m. on Friday, Sept. 1. Azalea Garden Club will have a representative there to receive them.

One specimen only of exhibition chrysanthemums, decorative dahlias and delphinium are required. Bring six sweet peas and three each of all other floricultural specimens including button and Korean chrysanthemums.

There will be an exhibit of potted plants, of both tuberous and fibrous begonias, fuchsia, fern and geranium.

In decorative arrangements, a combination of any fruit and flowers, a combination of any vegetable and flowers; flower and beach arrangements and flower arrangements in kitchen containers will be exhibited. Miniature arrangements of six in. in height, basket arrangements and mixed flower arrangements will be entered.

Children under 15 years may enter their flower arrangements

and receive a prize.

The new Azalea Garden Club yearbook for 1950-1951 will be on exhibition at another booth, as will the yearbooks for the past two years which were awarded prizes by the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

SMITH RIVER

Mrs. William Westbrook entertained a group of relatives at the Westbrook home Saturday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Eddie Westbrook who would celebrate her 86th birthday, Sunday, August 27, a social time was enjoyed by the group with piano selections and vocal solos by Mrs. Nellie Ostrom. Refreshments of cake and sherbet were served to the following guests: Ada Hursh, Henrietta Woodriff, Roberta Westbrook, Frances Westbrook, Katherine Woods and daughter, Anna Marie Westbrook, Mary Ostrom, Ann Trembly, Katherine Westbrook, Nellie Ostrom and mother, Mrs. Belle White of Twin Falls, Idaho, Patsy Westbrook and the honored guest who received many lovely gifts and cards, extending happy birthday greetings. Mrs. Westbrook is enjoying good health for one of her age. She attended the Farm Bureau picnic with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Goodlin and daughter Carolyn of Honolulu who spent three weeks visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Goodlin and other relatives and friends, left Sunday morning for San Francisco where they will make arrangements to ship their car by ship

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to Honolulu and the Goodlins will leave by Trans-Oceanic Airlines for their Hawaiian home. He is an airway engineer with the CAA.

Smith River Union school will open Tuesday, Sept. 5. The following teachers have been engaged for the fall term: Principal and teacher of the upper grades, John Ostrom; Mary Ostrom, Mrs. Evelyn Slater, Mrs. Dorothy Hollingsworth and Mr. Arfst Arfsten. Carpenters are busy putting the finishing touches on the four rooms of the new school, to be ready for the opening day.

Rev. and Mrs. Newell Knudsen of Mt. Shasta Methodist church, will arrive here this week on their vacation, to visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Porter Knudsen and son, Warren. The younger pastor will occupy the pulpit of the local church at the morning service, Sept. 3. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Nellie Ostrom and her mother, Mrs. Belle White of Twin Falls, Idaho, spent several days visiting their son and grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Ostrom, left Tuesday morning for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Coburn of Orange, Calif., who are one their vacation were overnight guests recently at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Nelson who reside on the Palmer Westbrook ranch where Nelson is employed,

left Saturday on a two weeks vacation, accompanied by his brother, Arley Nelson and wife of Rio Dell, to South Dakota, to visit their former home.

LOCAL NEWS

Gene Reiling of Grants Pass spent the first part of the week here visiting relatives and his friends. Gene was a popular member of the Brookings High School, class of 1949.

Fred Gardner is tearing down his house which has been perched on the bank above the highway just south of Harbor. The highway construction job, under way now, will take several feet from the bank at this point. Until Mr. Gardner constructs another home farther back from the family will live in the upper part of the large shed on the property.

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