

### People Are Nice

They certainly are, but sometimes they are quaint. I saw a wonderful character this week. Even though I have never been introduced to her, I have heard of her and her kindness. When I first saw her she was tightening the rag she had tied around her waist to hold up the trousers of the man's suit, which she wore. Her long nose had been pulled up over the trouserlegs and secured with strips of rags. The sleeves of the coat of the heavy brown suit extended several inches below the shorter sleeves of the faded, blue silk dress she wore over it. This unique ensemble was completed with heavy boots and a wide-brimmed straw hat. Out of this grotesqueness came a low, soft voice and a thin, white, frail-looking face. When I saw her in a grocery store later in the day, I couldn't refrain from watching her courteous, well-bred manner of speaking to others. I do sincerely hope I shall find out some day what it is that has caused this bundle of human possibilities to turn from the habits of recognized civilization to become a lonely, misunderstood character set apart from the rest of us with our own eccentricities. The first impulse of repulsion was stayed, by my remembering, "There but for the grace of God—"

A letter in this week's mail says, "My hen has her nest on a shelf over the door in the barn. Now that the chicks have hatched, they keep falling the ten or twelve feet to the

floor and when I put them back the old hen flogs me." Such human ingratitude. The situation calls for diplomacy and strategy. I might suggest that she put the hen and her babies in a nest on the floor. Still—that would deprive her of the daily pleasure of replacing the chicks. The author of the letter is not so young and not so slim, so I can picture her scramble and subsequent flogging each time.

It would be an irritation to crawl around the curves and over the hill behind those ponderous logging trucks, were it not for the fact that you are given time to plan for the day when the woods will ring to the shouts and laughter of young men in hickory shirts and "staggered" pants at work again with axes and saws, and 'riggin' and donkeys, to send the timber on its important journey to usefulness in a normal world.

I notice the fruit trees are putting aside their dresses of gay blooms to parade lovely, new, waxy leaves of several shades of green. If I hadn't seen the trees I could have told the season by the young man I saw last week. By stretching, he could reach his 'teens, I think, and he remarked, "The water's pretty cold," as he smoothed his wet hair. Yep, Swamin' already.

A curtesy and a "thank you" to each of you who sent those very nice cards and letters. If you have any comment or suggestions, I would be happy to hear from you, and besides, look what an impression we could make on the boss. As ever, Pat.

### 56 Attended Home Extension Meeting

Coos County Home Extension Program Planning Day was held at the Coquille Valley Country Club, May 5. Fifty-six delegates representing the following extension units were present: Empire, Coos River, Fairview, Bullards, Catching Inlet, Broadbent, Englewood, Glasgow, Millington, Sumner, Coos Bay, Coquille, Green-dell, Riverton, Norway, Bandon, Charleston, Eastside, Pony Slough, Prosper, Cooston, Powers.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the County Home Economics Advisory Committee, Mrs. Harland Montgomery of Millington. Miss Frances Clinton, Assistant State Home Demonstration Leader, spoke on war-time living.

New county committee members elected were Mrs. Dorothy Dunn, former Home Demonstration Agent, who succeeds Mrs. Faye Schoolcraft of Green Acres, outgoing member. Mrs. Priscilla Jacobson, Glasgow, and Mrs. Edna Hoffman, Norway, were re-elected to serve another term. Other committee members are: Mrs. Harland Montgomery, Millington; Mrs. Chas. Holverstott, Fairview; Mrs. Lloyd Davenport, Broadbent; Mrs. Wesley Frazier, Riverton, and Mrs. Alton McCue, Riverton.

The delegates selected the project they want for demonstrations in the units for next year. These demonstrations are held each month, beginning in October and ending in May. The demonstrations selected are: Labor Savers, Charm of Good Manners, Short Cuts in Home Sewing, War Time Cakes and Icings, Closets and Storage Spaces, Use of Basic Tools, Quick Breads, and Dyeing and Tinting. It was voted that three demonstrations will be given by the Home Demonstration Agent and five are to be given by the project leaders.

During the luncheon program, the chairman from each unit told of the year's work and activities. A total of 1020 pounds of waste fat was collected by the units. The travelling gavel was presented to the Riverton Unit of which Mrs. Wesley Frazier is chairman. This gavel is given for goals achieved and outstanding work done during the past year. Eastside and Fairview units were close to Riverton in the earning of this gavel. Certificates were given to sixteen units for reaching the goals set up for standard units.

Mrs. Lyle Strong, Coos River, presented the group with several vocal selections.

Several special meetings will be held throughout the year. For groups that desire food preservation meetings during the summer, demonstrations will be given on sugar saving methods of canning, use of frozen lockers, and curing of meats and fish. District meetings on Tailored Finishes and Upholstery Workshop will be held in the fall or winter months. It was voted to hold a Fall Achievement Day. An Officer Training Conference will be held in early September.

### Thousands Enjoyed Band Fiesta Saturday

Hardly less attractive than their music was the appearance of the five Coos county high school bands in their parade formation on the business streets of Coquille last Saturday afternoon, and in the high school gymnasium where each of the bands played two numbers and then all of them as a single unit played four numbers under the direction of John Stehn, U. of O. band director, who had been invited here for that purpose.

In the line of march, spaced at intervals of two blocks, the bands each played many marching selections which were highly enjoyed by the throngs lining the streets. The Marshfield High and Junior High bands marched as a unit but at the afternoon program in the gym they were separated and each played its two numbers.

All five of the bands did excellently and high school friends and patrons in Coquille, Myrtle Point, Coos Bay and North Bend have every reason to be proud of their bands. Nor should it fail to be said that the C.H.S. band, under the direction of Wayne Smith, suffers not an iota in comparison with the other bands of the county.

Prof. Stehn, who had had no touch with the bands, prior to his direction of the massed organizations, was well pleased with their performance and his job was one well done. The concert was heard by an audience which nearly taxed the capacity of the seating arrangements in the gymnasium.

### Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, May 11, in Guild Hall, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m., to sew, knit, crochet, etc. On hand for home distribution and for workroom sewing there will be cut-out regulation kit bags and bedside bags. Mrs. Wm. Candlin will be able to furnish yarn for sock and, if other material and yarn arrive by Friday, there will be sweaters and other articles to be sewed.

A quilt was made and contributed to the Lewellen family at Bridge, whose household possessions were recently destroyed by fire. Mrs. C. E. Benham donated a number of colored sugar sacks used for the lining. Sympathy is extended Mrs. Benham in the loss of a brother and to Mrs. Candlin in the loss of a nephew.

Those having completed sewing at home are urged to return it to the workroom as soon as possible, in time for the next shipment. Through an oversight, the following were not thanked for their gifts of colored yarn, knitted helmet and chest protector: Mesdames O. B. Harriman, C. Kern, and LeRoy Swinney.

The following shipment has gone forward to Coos Bay: Sewing—80 Bedside bags, 70 Regulation kit bags, 17 prs. Pajamas, 44 Scuff slippers, 2 Baby quilts. Knitting—13 Sweaters, 1 pr. Bed-sock, 4 Toe sock, 1 Stump sock, 4 prs. Regular sock, 3 Beanies.

Mrs. D. B. Kesner, chairman of production, thanks workers for their loyal support during her absence and expresses much appreciation to Mrs. K. P. Lawrence and Mrs. F. C. True for their most efficient supervision during the past three weeks. Mrs. Kesner urges all workers to continue their Red Cross work despite the fact that Germany has been defeated. "Gardens are under way and spring housecleaning has begun," she says, "but please remember that the war is only half won and the boys in the South Pacific need our help as much as ever. We may all rest assured that they are enjoying no let-down. President Truman asks all workers to remain on their jobs. Let us remain on ours."

The H. E. Huddles Like It At Albany, Oregon. H. E. Huddle, formerly of Coquille, writes from Albany in remitting for the Sentinel: "We like it here fine

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