

Governor Sets State-wide Observance Of 'Make It Yourself with Wool' Week

SALEM — Oregon will join 13 other western states in marking National "Make It Yourself with Wool" Week, Governor Paul Patterson has announced in a proclamation setting aside the week of August 22 for the observance.

The event spotlights the importance of wool in the state's economy and focuses attention on the eighth annual "Make It Yourself with Wool" home sewing contest — a competition sponsored each year by the nation's wool growers to develop young women's interest in the art of home sewing.

"The first sheep were brought into Oregon in 1811 by a sailing vessel from Boston, but the foundation of Oregon's sheep industry was the driving of about 450 sheep into Oregon from California in 1843, at the instigation of a group of Willamette Valley settlers," the Governor noted.

Wool Vital to Armed Forces

Oregon's climate has always been conducive to the raising of sheep because of the moist air, pure water and skilled labor available in the state, he added, stressing wool's importance as a strategic commodity in clothing the U. S. armed forces.

"January 1, 1954, farm inventories indicate that 682,000 sheep and lambs are to be found on Oregon farms, at an estimated value of \$11,500,000," Governor Patterson reported. "Wool produced in 1953 was 5,500,000 pounds, valued at approximately \$3,000,000."

Now in progress throughout the western states, the "Make It Yourself with Wool" Contest is open to all young women from 14 through 22. Girls from 14 through 17 compete as juniors; those from 18 through 22, as seniors.

More than \$35,000 in prizes—including travel, scholarships, U. S. Savings Bonds and other awards—are offered in the contest, which reaches its climax when state champions from all contest states meet in the National Finals in December. The Finals will be held this year in Salt Lake City, in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Wool Growers Association.

At the Finals, the state's two top home sewing experts — one between the ages of 14 and 17 and the other between 18 and 22—will compete with sewing enthusiasts from the 13 other states for titles as National Champions.



GOVERNOR PAUL PATTERSON sets aside the week of August 22 as "Make It Yourself with Wool" Week in Oregon. Thirteen other western states are observing the event. Looking on as the Governor signs the proclamation for the "Week" are Mrs. Alvin Hartley (left), state director of the "Make It Yourself with Wool" Contest, and Mrs. Floyd Fox, both of Silverton.

Girls throughout the state are now readying their garments for area eliminations and state finals to be held this fall.

"Oregon girls still have time to plan their home-sewn fashions and enter the contest," Mrs. Alvin Hartley, Oregon's contest director for the "Make It Yourself with Wool" competition, said today. She urged all young women of contest age to plan entries in the event.

Wool Group Is Sponsor

The contest is sponsored in Oregon by the Women's Auxiliary of the Oregon Wool Growers Association. Mrs. Maude Schroeder of Baker is the Auxiliary's President.

Top awards in the contest are flying trips to London and Paris, sponsored by Pendleton Woolen Mills and The Wool Bureau, with

the cooperation of Pan American World Airways.

Champions from all contest states travel to and from the National Finals in Salt Lake City as guests of the F. W. Woolworth Company.

Other top-ranking firms which present national contest awards include:

The Singer Sewing Machine Company, which awards two Singer console sewing machines as national awards, and 28 portable machines as state awards; Forstmann Woolen Company, which, with Pendleton Woolen Mills and Colorado Woman's College, provides special scholarship awards;

J. A. Wyner & Co., S. Stroock & Co., Wilton Woolen Mills, Inc., the Producers Livestock Marketing Association, Chamberlin's Handweavers of Seattle, and Handweaver & Craftsman magazine.

Rofle.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Eslinger and family took a drive to Portland and back Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and daughters, Mrs. Frances Matthews and Mrs. Harriett Wells and Miss Pat Scoles drove to Burns Tuesday to visit another daughter, Mrs. Charles Baker and family, returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and family returned to their home in Astoria Sunday after spending the harvest season here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.

David Bayer of Pendleton came Thursday and spent a few days here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer.

Mrs. Charles Baker and children, Bonnie and Douglas, of Burns were visitors Thursday and Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fletcher of Seattle spent the week-end here at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and daughters, Julia and Helen, and Kay Brittain and Mrs. Claud Bayer and son, David, were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Draga of Portland spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herma Ziegler.

Dale Ferris returned to his home in Portland Sunday after a week at the Earl Olds home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley went to Dinty's Sunday and met their daughter, Carolyn, who came that far with her aunt, Mrs. Verne McGowan of Pilot Rock who was in Gresham visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemley. Carolyn had been staying with her grandparents in Gresham while keeping dental appointments.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup, George von Borstel, Miss Pat Johnson and Mrs. Merrill Johansen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were business visitors in Portland last Monday.

Mrs. Wallace May broke her ankle in three places when she fell in the postoffice last Tuesday. She was taken to The Dalles hospital for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and son, Robin, and Dell Olds drove to Champeog Sunday where they attended the Olds, Perkins and Johnson picnic.

Jimmy Ziegler came home Sunday from Eugene where he has been attending the University of

Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds were called to Portland last Tuesday as her mother, Mrs. Tina Walkenshaw is ill. Mrs. Olds stayed to be with her mother.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson of Kent was taken to The Dalles hospital Sunday seriously ill with a heart condition and pneumonia.

Kenneth Bekkedahl spent the week-end at the John Decker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Flaye Ezell and son, Dick, of Portland came Sunday to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Decker. The men were classmates at Grant high.

Mrs. Harry Justesen of Kent accompanied her niece, Mrs. Betty Johnson and children of The Dalles to Vancouver last Tuesday for a visit with the former's father. They returned home by way of Victoria on Saturday accompanied by Mrs. Justesen's niece, Janie Stoker of Vancouver who will visit a while with them.

Miss Susie Sears of Red Bluff, Calif., arrived here Monday for a visit at the home of her uncle, John Decker and family.

Mrs. Frank Says and son, Tony of Moro were Sunday visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel had as their guests over the week-end her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunn and son, Kenny from Camas, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts were Sunday afternoon callers at the Frank von Borstel home.

Frank von Borstel motored to Portland Thursday on business.

He visited his sister, Mrs. Alma Brown in Portland and his mother, Mrs. C. von Borstel at Gladstone, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knotts and family returned home recently from La Grande where he attended summer school.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap drove to Wasco Tuesday where she accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins

to Portland and on to the beach for the rest of the week.

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Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. Herman Peters and Mrs. Paul Syron. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. H. N. Riggs was hostess at a demonstration party at her home Friday afternoon with 19 women and a number of children present. Nick Lafrenz of The Dalles was the demonstrator. Prizes were awarded to Gerald Blagg, Mrs. Earl Hibbs and Mrs. Myrtle McClellan. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Bernard Martin and daughter,

Deanna, went to Madras Sunday to the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of The Dalles spent Monday visiting at the Vernon Eakin ranch.

Bernard Martin was a visitor in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Riggs and family drove to Redmond Sunday to see the Peterson rock gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marsh and family left Monday for their home in Hood River after spending the harvest season here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter.

Miss Cynthia Nelson of Olympia spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Simon.

Miss Lois Kelley returned home Saturday from Portland where she has been attending summer school. She will teach at Madras again this year.

Miss Eileen Duncan came home Saturday from Portland where she spent a few days.

Mrs. Harriett Wells of Roseburg and Miss Pat Scoles of Lebanon arrived here last Monday to visit the former's mother, Mrs. T. M.

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