

'Chats With Your Home Agent'

By ESTHER KIRMIS
You know, there's getting to be that "feel" in the air! . . . Air time is approaching. Everywhere I went this past week people were planning for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo to be held August 26-31 here in Heppner.

On Tuesday I visited the home of Mrs Ruth McCabe. She and Mrs Betty Carlson had a joint meeting of the "Fit-it-Stitch-It" and "Teen Age Stitches" 4-H clubs of the lone area. It was a full day with mothers, "young 'uns", and all. Mrs McCabe tested a girls' skill in judging - everything from tape lines to matching patterns with materials. Kar-Lundell, Brenda Townsend, Ada Heimbigner, and Barbara Ker all chose demonstrations they will present at the fair. We did our own private style revue with the girls practicing how to sew their dresses to best advantage when they appear at our county dress revue at fair time August 27th. Judy and Gerry Ryan of Betty Carlson's club checked everything very closely - this is the first year they are going to take part in the county style revue.

I left the meeting with a warm glow of gratitude that we had dedicated leaders as Ruth McCabe and Betty Carlson to work with the young people of the county.

I also called upon Beverly Ashaw Doherty, former county extension agent, this past week. I had many questions to ask her concerning the county extension agent's part in the Morrow county fair and also at the Oregon state fair to be held in Salem August 26 - September 1. We had an enjoyable afternoon and I found Beverly very interested about the new home she and Charles are going to build. The basement was being dug every day so I felt I was in the "ground-breaking."

Mrs Lucille Peck, chairman of the Oregon Wheat Growers League cake baking contest for Morrow county was in to deliver the red and white prize ribbons at this event. Any adult, man or woman, who is over 21 years of age or any married person over 18 years of age is eligible to enter the contest with a "chocolate butter-type cake." Chocolate or cocoa may be used. A butter-type cake is one made of shortening, butter or lard. Cakes may be frosted, but frosting will be judged only for its suitability to the cake in type and color. Recipe cards must be attached to the cake.

The first place winners will be selected to enter the state bake-off which will be held in Portland, December 4-6th at the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Grower's League.

On Sunday the 4-H leaders organization met for a picnic up at the 4-H summer camp. The weather was beautiful and the food was bountiful. Afterwards the kids took off for the swimming hole and the leaders discussed their part in the Morrow county fair while consuming quart upon quart of lemonade. Out of this meeting came plans for the 4-H leaders to serve meals from the fair kitchen on Thursday, August 28, to raise money for the 4-H council, and plans for a 4-H club booth and a 4-H float for the parade.

Nels Anderson, the county agent, and I have set Monday, August 25th as "clean-up" at the fair grounds.

It isn't hard to predict that 4-H leaders as well as their boys and girls will be buzzing! "Heigh-Ho . . . Come to the Fair!"

County Fair Booth Planning Pointers Given in Bulletin

The county fair is as much a part of the American tradition as barn dancing or baseball. But the county fair is now changing to keep up with the modern American way of life and community fair booths should reflect this trend, according to a new bulletin released by the Oregon State college extension service.

The number of farmers has decreased through the years, and many communities have turned to trades other than agriculture, the bulletin points out. Continuing its traditional role as a "show-window" for communities, the fair now tells the story of forestry, manufacturing, recreation, and many other enterprises as well as agriculture.

Written to help individuals, clubs, organizations tell the story of their community most successfully, the new bulletin suggests a step-by-step method of planning a community booth. Determining who will see the booth, what it is to say, selection of a theme, and sketching a plan are discussed.

The bulletin also lists attractiveness, story-telling ability, and simplicity as keys to good booth design. How to develop a center of interest, use of color, and ways to keep the booth balanced yet simple are discussed with the use of colored illustrations. Information is given on materials that can be used in building a booth. Titled, "Planning a Community Fair Booth," the bulletin was prepared by Dwight Fairbanks and Curtis Reid, OSC extension visual instruction specialists, in cooperation with the extension staffs at the State College of Washington and the University of Idaho.

Oregon residents can get a copy of the new bulletin at their local county extension office.

Local News In Brief

Mrs Mary Carter left Sunday for her home in Portland after a two week visit here with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr and Mrs E K Schaffitz.

Mrs Velma Glass, Morrow county health nurse, was attending to business at the State Department of Health and medical school in Portland Monday and Tuesday. She was accompanied by Tom Glass, Judy Cochell and Neal Penland who attended the baseball game Monday night.



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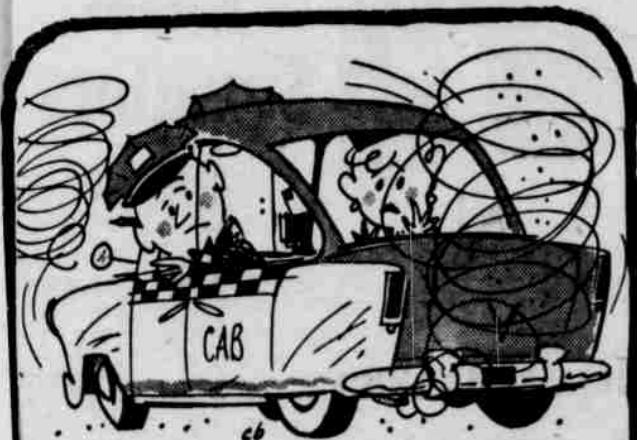
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