

## Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

I have had inquiries on making colored pine cones that give off colored flames in your fireplace. Really a fire on the hearth can be a part of your holiday decoration as well as the tree and tinsel.

I have written to Maud C Purvine, Deschutes county extension agent, asking her how it is done. Here is Maud's answer.

You need: 1. clean pine cones, 2. paraffin melted over hot water (old paraffin from jelly or old candles will do), 3. Commercial fire lighter—usually comes in shaker can (65c) used for fireplaces.

Method: Hold cones with top up, and with a large spoon pour melted wax into the cone. Shake fire lighter into area where your wax is, quick like. Hold cone over paper so as to catch any surplus fire lighter material.

Pessalee Mallalieu, state recreation specialist, has also put out a bulletin on color for your fireplace. Here are some excerpts from her bulletin:

Make your own color by getting a few chemicals, pine cones, bits of wood or sawdust. Some chemicals are explosive but the National Board of Fire Underwriters states that the following are safe to use with fire.

Calcium chloride—makes an orange flame; lithium chloride—purple flame; copper sulphate (blue vitreol)—a blue flame; strontium nitrate—a red flame; and barium chloride—a green flame.

However, they give the warning that copper sulphate is very poisonous. Also many of these chemicals are corrosive to metal and should be mixed or kept in granite, glass, crockery or wood containers.

A solution may be made by

## TB Fighter



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using one pound of chemical to a gallon of water. It would be better to dissolve each salt separately, but if necessary, several may be mixed in the same solution. A gallon of the solution will dip from 1/2 to 3/4 of a bushel of cones. Soak the cones for fifteen minutes, then dry slowly. Dip the cones again if deeper color tones are desired.

Newspaper can also be soaked in the solution and tied into tight rolls when dry, if cones are not available.

If cones do not grow in your vicinity, use any pieces of wood fuel. Mix the powdered chemical with shellac, lacquer or varnish, stirring frequently. Paint the wood with the mixture, let it dry thoroughly.

Common lumber mill sawdust can be saturated in the shellac,

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

### MERRY TAILORS

Community service was chosen as our special activity for this year at our meeting last Saturday afternoon at the home of our president, Marsha Sowell. Plans were made to make a scrapbook for the children's ward at the hospital.

We also set our club's goals for this year and planned our program.

Gall Batty demonstrated how to sew a straight seam on the sewing machine. Our leader, Mrs

lacquer or varnish and chemical mixture, and then spread out to dry.

A basket of chemically treated pine cones or a package of the treated sawdust would make a lovely gift.

When the prepared cones are burned, colors will flicker long after the cones have fallen to ashes.

Batty showed us how to thread the machine and wind the bobbin. Mrs Rawlins demonstrated how to pivot while stitching and told us how to choose material for our place mats and luncheon cloths. We tried putting different kinds of dishes on the materials to see how they look.

Joan Van Houte became a new member of our club.

Verina French led us in songs and we played a game of acting out songs.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Sowell and Marsha.

Carol Rawlins, reporter

### STITCH IN TIME CLUB

The Stitch In Time 4-H club met November 18 at the home of Cheryl Corley.

The meeting was called to order by Elaine Gaarsland with Arleta McCabe leading the American flag pledge. Elaine led the 4-H pledge. Two members were absent, Cheryl Lundell and Marilee Leathers.

Roll call was answered by naming different kinds of needles. Our leader, Mrs L A McCabe, showed some empty bolts that had material on them and showed us why it is important to read at the ends of the bolts.

The next meeting will be at Marilee Leather's home on Dec-

ember 1 at 3:30 p m. Cheryl Corley, reporter

### STITCH IN TIME 4-H CLUB

The meeting of the Stitch In Time 4-H club was held on December 1 at Cheryl Corley's home, with all five members and Mrs L A McCabe, leader, present.

The president, Elaine Gaarsland called the meeting to order and asked Marilee Leathers to lead the American flag pledge and Cheryl Lundell, the 4-H pledge. We answered roll call by telling what we did for Thanksgiving.

We talked about our program of work and the vice president, Arleta McCabe, read the goals we hope to accomplish this year.

Our next meeting will be held at Marilee Leathers home on January 2.

Our visitor attending this meeting was Doris McCabe.

Cheryl Corley, reporter

### Smokehouse Plans Published by OSC

If you like smoked meats, fish and fowl you might want to try smoking them yourself.

Illustrated instructions for building a simple, inexpensive smoker and directions for both

cool and hot smoking are included in a new Oregon State College bulletin.

Oregon residents can get a free copy of "A Smokehouse for the

Sportsman and Hobbyist" from their local county extension office, or from the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

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## Annual Party

CONDON ELKS LODGE

No. 1869

# Saturday Dec. 12

Lodge at 2:00 P. M. with Initiation by Heppner Officers

Ladies Style Show in Lounge at 2:00 P. M.

Dinner at 6:30

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