

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRKIN

County committee women and I journeyed to the home of Mrs Bryce Keene, Ione, on Monday, March 28 for our monthly council meeting. These are always enjoyable meetings as each unit in the county is represented and plans and problems of the county's home economics program are discussed.

At this meeting we were primarily concerned with the final plans for the big Homemakers Festival to be held in Heppner on April 29, in the new Catholic recreation hall. The theme of the festival will be "Homemakers Around the World" to denote the extension unit's connection with the Associated Country Women of the World and to honor the guest speaker, Mrs Harold Duncan, Carlton, Oregon, Oregon's delegate to the ACWW triennial conference in Edinburg, Scotland in 1959.

The festival will be a luncheon served at noon by the St Patrick's Altar Society. People will remain at their tables for the program.

To compliment Mrs Duncan's report on Scotland we have invited members of the "Scottish" clan of Dayville, Oregon to entertain the group with Scottish dances, singing, and bag pipes. It should be a gala affair! Registration will begin at 11:00 A.M. with each unit secretary registering women and guests from her area. Luncheon tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Child care has been arranged by the Rhea Creek hostess unit. Adult baby sitters will care for the small fry in the Catholic church basement between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. A small charge will be made and mothers are to provide their children with a sack lunch. Soup and milk will be served to the young ones at noon.

Anyone interested may attend this luncheon. Registration blanks for the luncheon and child care need to be made at the county agent's office by April 22.

The public will hear reports from each unit chairman on the projects covered in the home economics program this year, and also see visual displays on each project.

All newly elected unit officers and county committee members will be installed at a candle light ceremony at the close of the program.

It's not all serious discussion at these council meetings. We discovered at lunch time that Louise Keene had an old player-piano. Mrs L. A. McCabe, alumni county committee member, furnished the pumping power and we all gathered round to hear and sing such songs as "Down Yonder", "Glow Worm" and "Twelfth Street Rag."

I'm sure many of you have laughed at a comic strip picture of the tramp scenting a fresh pie cooking in a housewife's window. This was more truth than fiction for Mrs Willard French, Pine City committee woman. Last Thursday, she made a huckleberry pie to surprise her family. She left it cooling on the window sill while she made a visit to the neighbors. When she returned she did a double take—she found her pie missing! Several people reported seeing some youths picking up bottles along the road that afternoon. They are the prime suspects.

"I only wish they'd return my pyrex pie tin", complains Mrs French.

ROUGH RIDERS CLUB

The fourth annual meeting of the 4-H Rough Riders was held at the annex building, March 20.

The American and 4-H flag salutes were given by two of the members.

We discussed the 4-H field day and changed the date of it until August 14. Dr. McGough from Pendleton will visit our club and tell of confirmation and faults of horses.

Jim Valentine and Rod Murray showed a movie on horses. Mr Valentine told us some of the faults of the horses. Visitors were Mr and Mrs Jim Valentine, Mrs Howard Cleveland, Mrs Roice Fullerton, Mr and Mrs Rod Murray, Mrs Paul Webb and daughter Becky, Homer Hager and Mrs Bill Barratt and daughter.

Marlene Fetsch, reporter

Swine Testing Station Plans April 2 Sale

Pacific Northwest swine growers will have a chance to buy top-quality, performance-tested boars for their breeding herds at the first sale by the Oregon Swine Testing Station.

The sale will be held April 2 on the Umatilla Branch Experiment Station near Hermiston, reports Dr David C England, Oregon State College animal husbandman in charge of the swine testing station. The sale will start at 12:30 p.m. with 20 boars of seven different breeds scheduled to be put on the auction block.

The Palouse, Hampshire, Berkshire, Yorkshire, Poland China, Chester White, and Landrace boars to be sold passed strict tests for high rate of gain, ability to use feed efficiently, and amount of backfat. Boars were checked from the time they weighed 60 pounds until they reached 200 pounds, and were carefully supervised by OSC research and extension personnel.

One boar turned in a rate of gain of 1.98 pounds per day to gain all boars on test, England said. Close behind was another with a rate of gain of 1.94, followed by a third with a rate of 1.93. Six of the boars turned in rates over 1.9, and all on sale topped the 1.6 pounds per day minimum.

Best feed efficiency performance came from a pen which needed an average of only 321 pounds of feed to make each 100 pounds of gain. Another pen used only 332 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds of gain.

Over half the boars on test turned in live-probe measurements of backfat of less than one inch, with one boar measuring only 0.68 inch backfat thickness. All boars on sale met the 1.4 inch minimum backfat thickness requirement.

A complete performance record of each boar tested at the station will be available at the sale, England also said. Complete carcass information on litter mates of the boars, fed with the boars during the test and then slaughtered as market hogs, will also be available. Carcasses were checked for length, backfat thickness, loin eye area, and weight of wholesale cuts.

Visitors will be welcome at the station the morning of the sale, to look over the boars and inspect the new station. A noon lunch will be available.

BOARDMAN

Mrs Earl Briggs was hostess for the meeting of the Boardman Garden Club Monday night at her home. There were 16 members present, and guests were Mrs Delbert Houston of La-Grande, Mrs W G Seehafer and Barbara Anderegg.

Roll call was answered by glv.

ing the name of each birthday month and flower.

Mrs Leo Potts presented an article on birds, giving special attention to the cuckoo.

The club will be in charge of the Red Cross drive locally, with Mrs Florence Root as chairman. Assisting her will be Mrs Nate Macomber in town, Mrs Earl Briggs and Mrs Algy Taylor in the west end, and Mrs Hollis Bishop and Mrs Louise Earwood in the east end.

The club voted to give a donation to the Heart Fund.

The club will have a cooked food sale at Hayes Grocery Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. Mrs Nate Macomber and Mrs Charles Anderegg will be in charge.

PINE CITY SADDLE CLUB

A trail ride was enjoyed by the members of the Pine City Saddle 4-H club Saturday, March 26.

Starting out at the Daly ranch they rode over Gleason Buttes to the O'Brien ranch where a potluck lunch awaited them by Mrs Charles Daly and Mrs Gordon O'Brien.

Those participating were Mitchell Ashbeck, Jimmy Barclay, Ronnie Belma, Connie Coppinger, Jacque Coppinger, Billy Doherty, Karla Luciani, Sheila Luciani, Tommy Martin, Kenneth Nelson, Julie Smith and Charles Daly, leader.

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