

School Bells to Ring For Homemakers, Too

By ESTHER KIRMIS

School bells are not only ringing for boys and girls—they're ringing for adult women as well in the guise of the home economics extension units in Morrow county, according to Esther Kirmis, county extension agent.

September is rally month for the eight homemaker clubs in the county. They meet to schedule the year's home economics program which was chosen last spring. Extension units are like classes at Oregon State University conducted in the community. The county agent is the teacher; project leaders are her assistants. They meet in the homes, schools, or grange halls once a month to continue their education in all phases of family living (clothing, foods and nutrition, family life, household management, and family income) and learn to apply it in their own homes. The agent received her information directly from Specialist and Research Laboratory staff at the Oregon State University.

This year's classes include:

October—"Smocked Sofa Pillows"—Everyone is raving about the beautiful smocked sofa pillows made from corduroy. Here is a chance to learn how to make them. Your Christmas problem will be solved.

November—"Understanding Teenagers"—Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU Family Life Specialist, will train project leaders for this lesson, giving a basic understanding of why teenagers act as they do.

December—"Magic with Mixes"—There are so many mixes on the market that a homemaker needs to find out how to give them her "personal" touch to make them attractive and tasty.

January—"Cheese Cookery"—Tips on cheese main dishes, saucers, dips, salads, and desserts will all be a part of this lesson.

February—"Short Cuts to Housekeeping"—Take it easy—cleaning house, is the theme of this lesson. Learn how to simplify your work with a place for everything. Room-by-room cleaning, cleaning surfaces, and

housekeeping schedules will be discussed.

March—"Wardrobe Building"—How to build a coordinated wardrobe, how to blend colors and choosing of the proper accessories are all questions discussed in this project.

April—"Bedroom and Bathroom Storage"—The objectives of this are to evaluate your own storage and determine what areas should have attention and what can be done.

May—"Ways with Western Vegetables"—Our enjoyment of vegetables is limited only by our ability to cook all the vegetables available in interesting ways. This lesson will show some interesting ways.

OTHER ACTIVITIES in the Home Economics Extension Program this year include a "Red Hat Day" for hunters and their wives in Heppner on September 26; Landscaping tour of Heppner on September 15; tour of a nearby city in March; a short-course on "Understanding Boys and Girls" conducted by Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, OSU Family Life Specialist, in January; and the Homemaker Festival in May.

If you're interested in joining an extension unit in the county or taking part in just a few of the projects mentioned you are encouraged to fill out the blank below and mail it to the County Agent's office. The agent will put you in contact with the unit chairman in your community or form new homemaker clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and family returned last week from a 10-day vacation at Neskowin. The time was spent in swimming and sun bathing. Bill said he fished but did not have much luck. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McLaughlin and family, old friends of the Stewarts from their former home in Hillsboro, were in nearby cabins and the two families enjoyed a good visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin had as guests during the week-end, his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Van Doninck, Portland.

FARM NEWS

County Agent's Office

Growers to Test New Wheat Seed in Plantings

By N. C. ANDERSON

Fifteen ranchers will increase seed of the new wheat variety, Gaines for distribution in the fall of 1962. Allocation of the 8,000 pounds which was Morrow county's share, was made last Tuesday by allocation committee, Tad Miller and Paul Tews. Frank Anderson, a member of the committee, had not yet returned from a business and vacation trip. Thirteen of the fifteen growers picked their seed up at the Gar Swanson Farm Thursday afternoon. The seed came from the Pendleton branch experiment station where Gar had picked it up the day before. At the meeting on Thursday afternoon at the time of the distribution, agreements were signed between the grower ranchers and the Oregon State experiment station. The contract calls for the grower to distribute at least 60% of the increase to his neighbors next fall at a price not to exceed \$7 per hundred cleaned, treated, bagged and certification tagged. In case the planting does not meet certification standards the seed must be sold for non-seed purposes. Dr. Norman Goetz, extension farm crops specialist, Oregon State University, discussed with the growers the need for these requirements and certification standards. Suggestions for making certification easier was given the growers.

Gaines, named for Dr. E. P. Gaines, former plant breeder at Washington State college during 1913-14, is a bearded common type head with white chaff and soft to semi-hard white grain. It is classed as a semi-dwarf, easily ranging from 6 to 18 inches shorter than Omar and Brevor. In the Morrow County nursery it grew 4-8 inches shorter than these varieties. It has a good shatter resistance, thrashes well and resists kernal cracking when thrashed better than Omar and Brevor. It is a high yielding variety, considerably higher than Omar and Brevor in nearly all varietal trials, however, its yield has been poor comparatively at the Eightmile nursery here in Morrow county. It resists excellently, it has a higher test weight per bushel than Omar but slightly lower than Brevor. Growers were cautioned against deep seeding because of the poorer seedling emergence than Omar. Winter hardness is very similar to Omar and Brevor and it has good smut resistance and stripe resistance is equal to Brevor, notably more than Omar. It is however, as susceptible as Omar and Brevor to foot and root rots. Milling and baking trials by the Western wheat quality laboratory and cereal chemists of commercial mills in the Pacific Northwest show that the variety milled better than Brevor, but notably inferior to Omar. Baking tests show good characteristics for pastries. Gaines, came from an original cross of Norin 10 (a Japanese semi-dwarf

wheat) and Brevor made in the greenhouses at Pullman in 1949. A selection from this cross was subsequently crossed with a "sister" selection of Brevor; and in turn a selection from this cross was crossed with Burt in 1952. The present variety is selection number 9, made in 1956. In 1958 it was grown in the yield nursery for the first time at Pullman. With over 6,500 bushels of foundation seed in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, distributed for increase this fall stocks for general seeding in the fall of 1962 should be good. Rates of seeding are recommended at 30 pounds per acre or less. Morrow county's allocation will seed approximately 275 acres.

The allocation committee was happy with the general distribution in the county. They pointed out that this would not only provide for a check on the adaptability of the new variety under many different conditions but also would simplify distribution next fall. Those who received the wheat which was distributed on the basis of from 5 to 10 bushels per grower were, L. L. Houghton, David Baker, Lewis Carlson and Gar Swanson, Ione; Kenneth Peck, James Peck, William J. Doherty and Tad Miller, Lexington; Gerald Swaggart, Leonard Rill, Raymond French, Fritz Cutsforth, Melvin Moyer, Kenneth Turner and Kenneth Cuisforth, Heppner. Cost of the original seed was \$12 per hundred.

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PENDLETON

Boardman 4-H Goes to Fair

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN—Kurt Gantenbein, senior 4-H livestock club leader, took members of his club to Salem over the week-end to the State Fair. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and daughter Teresa, accompanied them. Club members going were Toni Taylor, Irene Potts, Sandra Thorpe, Chloe and Anna Mae McQuaw. Others attending the fair from here included Shirley Earwood and Dorothy Rash. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seehafer also attended the fair, taking their daughter, Mrs. Duane Essex and children, Tracy and Shannon, as far as Albany, from where they left for their home in Sacramento, Calif.

Labor Day Visitors Here

Mrs. J. B. Carnegie, Spokane, Wash., visited from Thursday till Tuesday at the home of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs. Week-end visitors were Mrs. Briggs' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carnegie of Portland, Bessie Nickerson of The Dalles is visiting at the Briggs home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and daughter Eileen visited last Friday in Richland, Wash., at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Vaughn. Week-end visitors at the Ely home were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lilly and children Jimmie, Janet, Jay, Jerry and Joyce of La Grande. Monday visitors were Mrs. Myron McKinnis and children Linda, Marla and Frankie, and Renee, Rickie and Rena Ely, all of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie attended the wedding of Rosetta Lanney and Don Clark in Condon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thorpe and daughter Connie visited over the week-end at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Obermeier and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe.

Mrs. Ed Boothman and children Kent, Mary and Roger spent the week-end at Colville, Wash., visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Art Irwin. Her husband who had been to Williams Lake, B. C., and her son David returned home with them.

Mrs. George Spring and Hazel Stutte of Portland visited friends here over the week-end. They were dinner guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats, and also visited Ralph Wadner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderegg and daughter Barbara spent the week-end at their Long Beach, Wash. home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woolcutt of Kennewick, Wash. visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Woolcutt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown. Other visitors were Mrs. Brown's nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kennedy of Portland.

Mrs. Frank Marlow and her father, W. W. Hartle, visited in Walla Walla, Wash. from Thursday till Saturday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ernest Zerba.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Dewese of Grandview, ash., were Monday callers at the home of Mrs. Dewese's sister, Mrs. Florence Root. Sunday visitors at the Root home were Mrs. Root's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Al Macomber of Arlington, who also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate Macomber.

Home From Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West and children Larry and Dewena, and Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Beeks of Arlington, have returned home from a seventeen day trip which took them to Detroit Dam, the Metolius River area and Devil's Lake state park. There they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. William Garner and family of Hines. Recent visitors at the West home were West's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wetherell and children, The Dalles, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harding of Corvallis. Another visitor was Walt Moe, who was on his way from Grants Pass to Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thornhill and daughters Arla and Tina were in Delake last week visiting Mrs. Thornhill's father, Charles Graham, who is seriously ill in a nursing home there.

Return From Missouri Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Worden have returned home from a three weeks trip to Joplin, Mo., where they visited at the home of Worden's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Worden, and Mrs. Worden's sister-in-law, Mrs. May Hulette. Visitors last week at the Worden home were their grandsons, Ronnie and Gary Williams of Clarkia, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Worden took them to Wallawa over the week-end where they were met by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Williams.

Mrs. Rol Burg and daughter Carolyn and Annie Obermeier were in Cannon Beach last week for the Junior-High Youth Conference. Recent overnight visitors at the Burg home were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell of Shelton, Wash., who were on their way to Nampa, Ida., where Campbell will teach school. Maxine Sicard spent the week-

end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sicard, in Eugene where she has been doing research work this summer with Dr. P. L. Risley, receiving her B. A. degree in biology. She left Tuesday for Los Angeles, Calif., where she will enter UCLA to take up neuro-physiology.

Study Of Taxes On AG Interim Agenda

The first meeting of the new legislative interim committee on agriculture will be held in Salem Friday, says Frank Weatherford, Olex, member of the committee.

Weatherford said following this orientation conference the committee will hold meetings during the next 18 months in various parts of the state to determine necessary legislation in fields effecting agriculture.

"The effect of property taxation on Oregon agriculture will be high on the agenda," the representative from the 22nd congressional district stated. "I would suggest that all farmers and ranchers should be formulating their opinions of the impact of taxes on farm business."

"The only way we can arrive at better legislation is by learning the facts from those closest to the problems," he explained in stressing the necessity of farmers participating in the committee hearings.

He said the entire committee, or a sub-committee, will hold a hearing in this area and will welcome information from farmers.

Weatherford said the interim committee is operating under the chairmanship of Senator Loyd Key, Milton-Freewater.

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