

Agent Seeks Mothers' Aid on Child Projects

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We need the help of some young mothers to get our new 4-H child development project off the ground!

This first series of child development, written by Mrs. Roberta Fraiser, Family Life Specialist, Oregon State University, is for club members 9-12 years of age. It is designed to teach club members how to have fun with children. They will also learn some skills which will be useful when they grow older and do baby-sitting.

How can young mothers help? They can offer their youngsters between 3 and 6 years of age as "Fun Friends" for the young 4-H members. Or better still, offer to lead five club members in any of the series of "Fun With Children."

Instructions in the first year material give the 9-12 year old the following directions for choosing a "Fun Friend" . . . Choose a little friend to have fun with for your 4-H Club project. He may be your little brother or sister or a little friend that you can play with at least six times. He should be three years old but not have started first grade. Have your mother help you decide on your friend. If you choose someone outside your own family, visit with your

friend's mother to be sure she knows what you would like to do. Then what will you do?

Do these six things and write your stories:

1. Choose a "Fun Friend" three to six years of age. Write a story about him.
2. Teach a finger play game to the members of your club and to your "Fun Friend."
3. Select and read a story to your fun friend.
4. Make a scrap book for this little friend.
5. Teach a song to your friend until he learns it.
6. Visit with your friend's mother about the things you taught him.

Those were the requirements for the first year's project. "Fun with children through stories and songs." The second year is "Fun with children through art and music," while the third year is "Through play experiences and toys."

For 4-H members over 12 years, Mrs. Fraiser is writing another series on caring for children. The first one, "Caring for Babies," is available this year. Here a club member develops skills in holding, diapering, feeding, and keeping a baby comfortable. They will learn simple ways to play with a baby, some things about growth and development,

and how to keep a baby safe from harm. An information section is included for those who do baby sitting.

You see, mother, this is a way that you can develop well trained baby sitters in the community.

Just as an example of some things taught in this project we have directions for a "Flannel Box." (Art and Music). It is a box covered with outing flannel which forms the basis for a quiet time activity for a child. (In church, or in the car). Children create designs by placing materials on top of the box.

The directions go on to say . . . you will need a hosiery box, a stationary box, or similar box which you cover with flannel. Stretch the flannel tightly, turn the edges inside the lid and paste to keep in place.

Inside the box, place an assortment of things which will stick on flannel. Materials like scraps of cloth, bits of cotton, string, and yarn can be used.

Cut pictures of animals, cars, and other things which interest children from magazine and paste outing flannel or sand paper to the back of them so they will stick to the flannel.

Give your box to your little friend to keep in the car, or to take when he has to go someplace where he'll need to sit quietly for a long period of time.

Young mother or Grandma, if you think you can help us with this project, just call the county agent's office — 6-9642.

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FARM NEWS

1962 Farm Outlook Said Both Good, Bad

Prospects for a general strengthening of the economy in the year ahead point to mixed trends in Oregon.

Nationally, industrial production, construction, retail sales, and income levels appear on their way to new heights—bringing an end to the shortest recession since World War II, say Oregon State University agricultural economists.

However, agricultural income is likely to be spotty as usual—higher prices for many farm products offset by a tightening up in the livestock industry.

Temporary stabilization of Oregon's fluid milk market has added a recent encouraging note. Also, little recent change in the prices of goods and services farmers need for production has brightened the farm picture in contrast to the several years of rising costs.

Oregon trends in agriculture for the coming year are reviewed by the economists in the current issue of "Oregon Farm and Market Outlook." Oregon residents may obtain free copies of the outlook circular from local county extension agents or the OSU Bulletin Clerk, Corvallis.

In addition to reviewing general economic trends, the circular gives the outlook for livestock, grain, hay, and seed crops.

Oregon lamb markets in 1962 may move up from this year's depressed prices, but cattle and hog prices appear headed toward gradually lower levels. Odds are that cattle prices will continue the gradual downturn for the next two or three years, report the economists.

Cattle and hog numbers, regionally and nationally, are on the increase but sheep inventories are being reduced, according to latest USDA reports. However, lamb prices are expected to average near present levels for the rest of 1961 before prices improve.

Support prices for 1962 Pacific Northwest wheat probably will be about 21 cents a bushel higher than for the 1961 crop which generally sold above support levels. This means prices may be at least as high as those prevailing recently.

Feed barley prices for 1962 are likely to average as high as this year. Barley supplies on hand in the northwest on July 1 were only 60 percent as large as a year earlier. Stocks of grain sorghums were smaller while corn and oats were about the same.

Feed grain supplies from 1961 production in the northwest indicate more barley but less corn and oats. Little or no change is expected in the market price of corn and oats.

Hay prices in Oregon should be as high or higher in 1962 than they were this year. Northwest hay is likely to be shipped under emergency programs into northern plains states and Montana where hay crops were badly hurt by drought.

Also, drought hit several major hay-producing areas in Oregon and the northwest this year, and chances are that hay stocks in this region will be smaller next spring than they were this year.

Common ryegrass seed prices in 1962—especially later in the season—are expected to be down from this year's high as a result of larger plantings now indicated for this fall. However, some of the new varieties probably will bring premium prices.

Perennial ryegrass acreage is increasing and keeping seed prices under pressure. Again,

Bill Barratts Fly To FCA Annual Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barratt combined business and pleasure when they flew to the annual meeting of the directors of the Farm Credit Administration in Boston. Barratt has been a director of the 12th district, which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, for the past three years.

The couple drove to Caldwell, Idaho, Oct. 2, where they spent three days on business, then flew to Boston for the annual meeting, later to Quebec, Canada. On the return trip they flew non-stop from Chicago to Portland, leaving the windy city at 6:00 p. m. by jet and arriving in Portland at 7:15 p. m.

"We spent five hours waiting for planes and were in five planes," Mrs. Barratt reported. She said they "crossed over Heppner on the way to Portland in the jet, crossed over it again on the flight back to Pendleton, and then had to drive home from the Pendleton Airport."

Mrs. H. P. Ferguson, mother of Mrs. Barratt, came from her home at Lake Oswego to stay with the Barratt children for the 12-day period.

plantings of new varieties are recommended wherever clean land and isolation is possible.

Crimson clover seed prices are predicted to hold near 1961 levels. Fine-bladed turf grass seed prices are still in trouble. Carry-over supplies in July were larger than a year earlier with the exception of bentgrass, and signs point to another large carryover next July.

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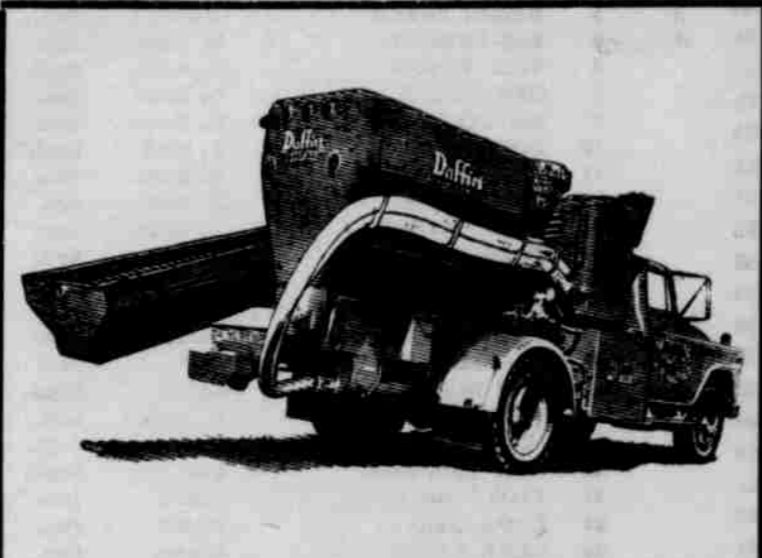
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