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Vegetable Study Extension Unit Topic for May

By ESTHER KIRMIS
Once vegetables were regarded in the same light as sulfur and molasses—good for you, but definitely not "Good." Not so today. Vegetables have become glamour foods; they have interesting flavors, textures, and shapes. Their versatility makes them invaluable.

Extension unit women will find this true when they study "Ways with Western Vegetables," for their May extension unit project.

Using a bulletin prepared by Ruth N. Klippstein, former OSU extension nutrition specialist, I will be giving training to 14 project leaders on April 26 in Irrigon (Adams home) and April 27 at the Heppner fair annex.

Such information as choosing and using western vegetables and favorite sauces will be stressed. These project leaders will, in turn, give this information to their local women in May.

It's interesting to know that Northwest farms are famous throughout the nation for high quality vegetables. Thousands of people are employed in raising, packing, and distributing vegetables.

The Pacific Northwest states produced nearly a million tons of vegetables for fresh and processing markets in 1961.

Over 21,000,000 cases of vegetables were packed in Washington, Oregon and Idaho in 1961. This represents 19% of the total U. S. pack.

Washington and Oregon produced 26% of the commercial packages of frozen vegetables in 1961. Western Cannery and Packers reported that 426,000,000 pounds were processed.

Certain crops of each state are nationally famous. Oregon takes pride in Blue Lake green beans. Washington in their many fine peas and who hasn't heard of the Idaho baking potato?

Our enjoyment of vegetables is limited only by our ability to serve all of the available vegetables in interesting ways. You're invited to study vegetables with the following . . .

May 2—Rhea Creek Unit, Rhea Creek Grange hall, Mrs. Wm. Smethurst and Mrs. David Bauer.
May 3—Jone Unit, E. M. Baker home, Mrs. Howard Crowell and Mrs. Ed Baker.
May 4—Heppner Unit, Leta Humphrey home, Leta Humphrey and Mrs. Nora Turner.
May 9—Boardman Unit, Nathan Thorpe home, Mrs. Lyle Williams, Mrs. Earl Briggs and Mrs. Ruth Ferguson.

May 8—Pine City Unit, Pine City School, Mrs. Len Ashbeck and Mrs. Marion Finch.
May 10—Irrigon Unit, Mrs. Mary Adams, Mrs. Alta Graybeal and Mrs. Milton Biegel.
May 17—Lena Unit, Mrs. Robert Riddle.

All meetings will begin at 10:30 A. M. Contact any of these project leaders if you'd like to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers and family joined his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Myers Sr., in Boise, Idaho, Easter Sunday for a family gathering, the father and mother coming from Pocatello, Idaho. Returning with the Heppner family, Mrs. Myers Sr. will visit her a week before going back home.

Release Of New Spring Wheat, Idaed-59, Told

A new improved spring wheat strain, Idaed-59, that is resistant to stem rust has been released jointly by Oregon State University and University of Idaho agricultural experiment stations.

Idaed-59 is expected to replace the old Idaed variety that is susceptible to stem rust, a disease often causing serious damage in the spring wheat producing areas, reports Wilson H. Foote, OSU research agronomist.

Certified seed is being increased as rapidly as possible and quantities of high quality seed should be available for commercial plantings in the spring of 1963, it was announced.

"Idaed-59 is recommended for those areas where Idaed is already known to be a good wheat in most years," Foote said. This includes spring wheat areas of the Columbia Basin, particularly in Union and Walla counties, and scattered areas of Idaho.

It is not expected to replace present acreage planted to Lemhi or Federation spring wheat or areas where adapted winter wheats are recommended.

The new white spring wheat strain equals the high quality and yield of the old Idaed. In addition to having stem rust resistance, it is also resistant to mildew and stripe rust.

Idaed-59 was developed mainly in Idaho but has been tested extensively in spring wheat areas of Oregon during the past two years.

The new strain also carries the characteristics of stiff straw and early maturity that has made the parent variety, Idaed, a preferred spring wheat in some areas of the Northwest.

Idaed-59 performed well in Northwest milling tests and is considered a special wheat for certain millers due to its good properties for cake flours.

Phone Exhibit Invites World Fair Visitors
Heppner visitors to the Seattle World's Fair are invited to take the weight off weary feet and relax in the lounge area of Pacific Northwest Bell's exhibit building there.

The invitation came from Dale Slusher, local manager for Pacific Northwest Bell, who said that just the trip through the phone company exhibit will make a rest welcome.

Bell System displays are housed in a unique structure two-thirds the size of a football field. They are co-sponsored by Pacific Northwest Bell, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Western Electric.

The theme of the Bell System exhibit lies in the legend fixed to the side of the building: "Communications—Key to Universal Understanding."

Man's struggle to send messages and his ultimate triumph over distance with the harnessing of electricity is the theme of the story told inside the amphitheater. The drama moves along over thousands of years of history, from the earliest means of communications to the complex world-wide systems of the present.

Testing Trucks Move Into Eastern Oregon

The state department of agriculture's weights and measures test trucks have moved into eastern Oregon for the annual check of metered trucks, and warehouse, vehicle, livestock and other scales.

Five of the state's fleet of six large test trucks will be working in eastern Oregon most of the time until September, says Walter B. Steele, supervisor of weights and measures program.

Steele says heavy duty scales and petroleum meter testing in western Oregon has been completed until late fall, with condemnations running slightly less than a year ago.

Brand Inspection Hearing Stated

A reconsideration of the State Department of Agriculture's recently promulgated cattle brand rule calling for animal brand inspections at each change of ownership is scheduled in May, according to a letter received from State Director J. A. Short.

Weatherford had requested the department to reopen the issue and hold additional hearings on the new brand inspection program which he said had approached very controversial proportions in Gilliam and Morrow counties.

Weatherford said a number of stockmen had protested the change, declaring it to be both a nuisance and unnecessary expense burden.

Director Short announced that the hearings would be held in Condon on May 31; Ontario, May 8; and Salem, May 24.

The rule revision calling for brand inspections at every change of ownership was made by the State Department of Agriculture in compliance with recommendations of the Oregon Cattlemen's association and endorsement by the Livestock advisory board. The rule had been sought by many leading cattle producers of eastern Oregon as a stock theft preventive measure.

Weatherford said he was contacting the livestock associations in his district and other interested groups, in order to obtain expressions from them on the rule change. The present rule has been set up on an experimental basis, Weatherford said, and automatically terminates in 1963.

The rule could then be enacted into law or discarded as experience gained from the pilot program would indicate, Weatherford concluded.

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Monument News

By MARTHA MATTESSON (Held over from last week)
MONUMENT—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and daughter and Mrs. Dianna Ogle and daughter left Friday morning for California. Mrs. Ogle will visit her sister, Bertine Gates and family at Chico. The Martins will visit their other daughter, Carolyn Williams and family at Sacramento for a week.

Leo Flowers drove to Heppner on Thursday and Sunday to visit his wife, Clara, who is a patient in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matteson drove to Pilot Rock Thursday on business.

Darrell Dulany of Izee took Harold Reynolds to Heppner Monday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Martin and three children of Salem were recent visitors with his parents, the Henry Martins.

The Freshmen and Sophomore classes presented the play, "Headin' For The Hills," on Saturday evening. In the cast of the hillbilly comedy were Judy Cavender, Daria Drees, John McInnes, Ruthanne Capon, Cheryl Cork, Judy Davis, George Hill, Dixie Stubblefield, Sonja Sweet, Donna Farrens, Gail Enright, Sam Howell, Vernita Cork, Bob Cox, Glenda Hills and Francis Chittock.

The Monument Savages started baseball season the first of March. On the team are Willie Farrens, Francis Chittock, Gene Hunt, Gail Enright, John McInnes, Don Capon, Sam Howell, Andy Vandetta, Dan Gienger, Bob Cox and George Hill. Games yet to be played are Dayville Monument on April 20, Monument at Spray on April 27, Monument at Mt. Vernon on May 4, and Monument at Ukiah on May 11.

Miss Dixie Stubblefield and Miss Dorinda Farrens, accompanied by Mrs. Cora Stubblefield, were in John Day where they were entrants in the annual Oregon Dairy Princess contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott and son Robert Dale spent the weekend in Vale where they visited his mother. She is a patient in the hospital there following surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matteson of Monument and son Dale of Milton-Freewater spent Saturday in Heppner on business and were luncheon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farra.

Walter Williams came from Pasco, Wn., to spend the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Williams.

Stanley Boyer spent Monday in Portland on business.

Stella McCarty drove to Prineville to meet her son Virgil Reynolds, who is home on leave from the navy base at San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead Gilman drove to Boise, Idaho last week for the services of her brother,

W. C. "Bill" Foss, vice-president and general manager of J. A. Terteling and Sons, Inc., of Boise.

Chester Rounds returned from Boise, Idaho, where he was visiting his sister and family, the Bill Foss's. He was there when his brother-in-law had his fatal heart attack on Monday, April 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Holmes were also in Boise for the service of her father, Bill Foss.

The MMM club held its regular meeting April 5 at the home of Mrs. Bud Engle. Ten were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris has moved from the Theron King ranch to the Alton McBride ranch near Long Creek. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gienger have moved to the Theron King ranch.

Mrs. Robert Gienger accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Murphy to Richland, Wn., Friday where they attended the Jehovah's Witnesses convention.

Mrs. Lewis Corley and family of Hamilton visited Monday in Courtrock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Vaughn.

Mrs. Linda Roberts and two daughters have moved into the trailer house belonging to the H. W. Scotts.

Dr. McMurdo Back From Las Vegas Meet

Dr. and Mrs. Archie McMurdo and Mrs. Frank Turner returned to Heppner March 15 after going to Las Vegas, Nev., where Dr. McMurdo attending the four-day scientific meeting in the Las Vegas convention center. More than 3,000 family doctors from 50 states registered for the annual American Academy of General Practice meeting. It is composed of more than 27,000 family physician members and is the nation's second largest medical association.

Dr. McMurdo heard 27 top medical authorities discuss aging, facial injuries, allergies, measles vaccines, diabetes, backaches, "electronic" medicine and other subjects. There were 154 scientific and 185 technical exhibits on research results, new drugs, instruments and equipment.

The three Heppner residents enjoyed the trip, which they made by train, but Dr. McMurdo was not impressed by the attractions for which Las Vegas is famous. He said he had no time for them.

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