

Chats With Your Home Agent

'Watch the Girls Go By' Style Revue Theme Friday

By ESTHER KIRMIS
"Watching All The Girls Go By" is the apt theme of the 1962 4-H Style Revue to be held on Friday evening, August 24, the closing day of the Morrow County Fair in Heppner.

Staged in the outdoor arena over 50 girls will model the 4-H garment or costume they have constructed during this year. Libby Van Schoiack, nine-year club member, has written the script and will supervise the narration before proud parents, grandparents, and friends.

A decided change has been made in the 4-H clothing program this past year. Clothing has been divided into seven phases with each girl working on a "warm-up" article first and then going on to the main article which will be exhibited. Some lessons in grooming, buying, care and repair have also been added to give the girls a well-rounded schooling in clothing for their age level.

The main articles to be exhibited for each phase include: phase 1, Barbecue placemat or traveling kit; phase 2, An apron or a gathered skirt; phase 3, School dress or skirt and blouse; phase 4, also a school dress or skirt and blouse; phase 5, Skirt and weskit, jumper, or dress; phase 6, Tailored dress or date dress, and phase 7, Costume or dress showing advanced sewing.

Each phase will be judged in its own unit. For example in phase 6 the tailored dress and the date dress will be judged against each other, not separately as in previous years. Modeling for judging was done on Wednesday morning of the fair before judges Mrs. Russell McKennon, Pendleton, and Mrs. Ed Bohnam, The Dalles. The Revue on Friday evening is for the public's enjoyment and a way to acquaint them with the 4-H clothing project offered to all

girls between ages 9 and 21. A champion will be named in each phase in the county beginning with phase 2. Eligibles to model for State Fair in Salem, August 31-September 8, will be chosen differently, by the judges.

State Fair Style Revue

There will be two style revues at the State Fair this year, divided on the basis of age. Twelve through 14 will be the junior revue, and 15 and over will be the senior. (All ages are reckoned from January 1 of this year). Morrow county, because of its less than 500 4-H enrollment, is allowed one entry in each revue. There are plans to have the girls judge each other at the State Fair level.

Committees on Local Style Revue

Mrs. William Rawlins, Mrs. L. A. McCabe of Ione, and Mrs. Andy Van Schoiack, Heppner, are working on the staging of the local revue. All are clothing leaders in the county. Other clothing leaders include Mrs. Bud Marshal and Mrs. Bud Peck, Heppner; Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mrs. Edward Baker and Mrs. R. H. Davidson, Lexington; Mrs. Louis Carlson, Mrs. Bryce Keene, Mrs. Keith Rea and Mrs. Howard Crowell, Ione; Mrs. Earl McQuav, Mrs. Nathan Thorpe and Mrs. Bernard Donovan, Boardman; Mrs. M. E. Hadwick, Mrs. Fred Murtishaw, Irrigon.



Extension Unit Training Program Starts August 30

A "kick-off" for the 1962-63 extension unit program in Home Economics is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, with an officer training day beginning at 10:30 a. m. at the Pine City school, according to Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent.

"The Home Economics program is built around educational clubs, called Extension Units," explains Miss Kirmis. "They are like a class at Oregon State University in the community. The county agent is the teacher; unit project leaders are her assistants."

A woman's world is bound up in family living from the time she is pre-schooler, through adolescence, teen-ager, young married, child bearer, child rearer and luncher, "empty nester," and widow. Helping the women to meet the challenges and problems of family living in all these stages of the family cycle is the aim of the home economics division of extension work, she further explains.

Extension units give a woman in the county an opportunity to continue her education and to apply it in their own homes. Experience in leadership is also one of its goals.

Program for the year includes such lesson as poultry cookery, short cuts to hot meals, care of rugs and upholstery, buying ready-to-wear, facing widowhood, developing responsibility in children, care of the sewing machine, and furniture restoration. Other activities planned include a man and wife short-course on "Money Management" in January and a family camping evening in April. A workshop in tailoring is planned tentatively.

Officers and time of meeting of each of the six units in the county are:

Rhea Creek, first Wednesday of the month. Officers include Mrs. Walter Wright, Heppner, chairman; Mrs. William Bergstrom, Ione, vice-chairman; Mrs. David Bauer, Heppner, secretary and Mrs. Ray Wright, Heppner, treasurer.

Ione, first Thursday of the month. Officers are Mrs. Kenneth Palmer, Lexington, chairman; Mrs. Elmer Holtz, Ione, vice-chairman, and Mrs. James Pettyjohn, Ione, secretary-treasurer.

Heppner, second Tuesday of the month. Officers are Mrs. Keithly Blake, Heppner, chairman; Mrs. R. G. Watkins, Heppner, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Frank Connors, Heppner, secretary-treasurer.

Pine City, second Wednesday of the month. Officers are Mrs. Carl Rhea, Echo, chairman; Mrs. Willard French, Echo, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Leo Ashbeck, Echo, secretary-treasurer.

Irrigon, second Thursday of the month. Officers include Mrs. Richard Ryan, Irrigon, chairman; Mrs. Mary Adams, Irrigon, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Elmer Zehner, Irrigon, secretary-treasurer.

Boardman, third Tuesday of the month. Officers are Mrs. Earl Briggs, Boardman, chairman; Mrs. Phoebe Hayes, Boardman, vice-chairman, and Mrs. Bernard Donovan, Boardman, secretary-treasurer.



County Agent's Office

Vote August 30 On '63 Quotas

By N. C. ANDERSON

Wheatgrowers will vote Thursday, August 30, on marketing quotas for the 1963 crop of wheat. The referendum is being held at this late date because Secretary of Agriculture Freeman had postponed it hoping that legislation would come out of Congress which might affect the outcome of the vote. Because of the status of farm legislation the secretary announced that the referendum would be held for producers to determine if they want marketing quotas based on a 55 million acre allotment with price supports at not less than \$1.82 per bushel. This is the old program under which we operated for eight years. This program would be in effect if farmers approved marketing quotas by at least a two-thirds vote in the referendum. If farmers disapprove marketing quotas, support for the 1963 wheat crop would be based on the national average of not less than \$2.21 per bushel for those who stayed within their acreage allotments, with no support for non-cooperators. In the event quotas were rejected, the entire stocks of CCC wheat, amounting to about 1.1 billion bushels would be available for sale at \$1.27 per bushel. All eligible voters are urged to cast ballots in the August 30 wheat quota referendum. Those eligible to vote are all growers who will have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain in 1963.

Gaines Continues To Show Improved Yield

We have commented in this column for the past several weeks on the growth, harvest, yields and purity tests on fields of Gaines wheat scattered throughout Morrow county. We have done this because we believe that all wheat farmers should be interested in this new variety released last fall. It is back in the news again this week. Gaines at the Alvin Bunch and Kenneth Turner ranches have been harvested since the rain with a 37 to 38 bushel yield at both places. At the Al Bunch ranch this was a considerably better yield than the fields of other varieties grown in that community. A poorer stand and competition from cheat grass kept the yield lower than other varieties at the Kenneth Turner ranch. We are anxious to have the yield from the Melvin Moyer ranch as we are sure that it will be considerably above any of the Gaines yet harvested. This field and the last to be harvested at the Raymond French ranch should be completed by the end of this week.

A flurry of interest was generated in the Willamette Valley again last week which resulted in several calls to this office for sources of Gaines seed. A copy of a letter we received from Marion County Agent, Hollis Ottoway, announced that two growers had reported yields of 124 and 132 bushels per acre.

Minimum Dormancy Needed For Gaines Germination

There has been considerable interest and inquiry on the length of dormancy that Gaines must need to go through from harvest until seeding time. Little actual data from experience is available on this variety, however, we believe that recent seedings would tend to answer the question for everyone. Several ranchers have seeded Gaines, much of which is up. Among them are Oscar Peterson and sons, Newt O'Harra, Clell Rea, and Pat Cutsforth. To be able to answer the many questions coming in relative to lengths of time this new variety should be stored between harvest and seeding we checked a field of Gaines on August 17 which had been seeded on August 11 and 13. This Gaines had been harvested on August 2. In checking

we found a big percentage of the wheat coming up. That which had not yet come through the ground had a good long healthy sprout with good roots. We found only a few scattered seed not yet germinated, however, it was swelled and ready to send out roots. Reports from others who have seeded the new variety is that it is coming up well. This pretty well answers the question as to how long we need to wait between harvest and seeding time with this new variety.

Poultry Feathers Find Commercial Use

Once a costly disposal problem for poultry plants, feathers are now the basis of a growing \$12 million a year meal industry.

This new industry, which turns feathers into a high-protein, stable, friable meal useful in feeds, stems from studies begun 12 years ago by Western utilization division scientists in Albany, Calif. Further research by ARS and State agricultural experiment station scientists aided the development.

At present, feather meal is made chiefly from broiler feathers, but use of turkey feathers is increasing. Rendering plants process most of the feathers, as offal from poultry plants.

The annual broiler crop of about 5.5 billion pounds provides feathers for about 150,000 tons of meal. About 80% of the feathers, approximately 120,000 tons, is being processed into meal. Present market value of feather meal is \$100 a ton.

This value is increasing, so feather disposal is no longer an expense to poultry plants. Some renderers pay up to one-tenth of the value of the meal for raw feathers.

Best Grazing Rate Shows 12 Acres Per Cow Per Year

Long-time grazing trials conducted on the Southern Great Plains experimental range near Woodward, Okla., have shown that on heavily-grazed ranges calf weights decrease even though cow weights do not change enough to reflect grazing pressure.

In this study, the heaviest grazing rate was 12 acres for a cow year-long (12 months). Moderate grazing was 17 acres per cow and light grazing 22 acres per cow. Cow weights and condition varied only slightly throughout the study regardless of the stocking rate. There were, however, some very distinct differences in production.

Calf weaning weights from cows grazing 12 acres were 404 pounds, from cows grazing 17 acres—481 pounds, and from cows grazing 22 acres—512 pounds. In addition, calf crop percentages were higher for the cows allowed more than 12 acres. Cows allowed 12 acres had a calving percentage of 81 compared to 92 percent for the 17 acre grazing rate, and 89 percent for the 22-acre grazing rate. In addition, grasses and pastures grazed at the heaviest rate were severely weakened by the grazing. The researchers doing this work believe that if the stock get all their roughage from native ranges, that calf weaning weights may well be an index to proper stocking. It was pointed out that regular feeding of hay or creep feeding of calves would prevent calf weights from indicating range condition.

Hastings Named Paint Horse Show Honors Winner In Contest Won By Harryman

W. Carey Hastings, Heppner, was named one of the "Lucky Name" winners in the recent Boysen Paint Co. contest, sponsored locally through the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. His name was one of approximately 1350 chosen at random for telephone listings in various towns throughout the area. The promotion was in connection with the recent 33rd annual one cent sale put on by the company.

Mr. Hastings' free gift will be two quarts of the Boysen Rubber-glow paint.

Advertise in the Gazette-Times.

More honors were awarded Gene Harryman, Ione High school principal, and his quarter-horse stallion this past weekend, after competing in the lower Snake River Valley quarter-horse show in Emmett, Idaho.

Riding Mainline Junior, who placed well in the Treasure Valley quarter-horse show at Caldwell, Idaho, earlier this summer, Harryman won first in pole bending and second in the reining events at Emmett. Riders will undoubtedly see action by him in some of the horse show and rodeo events next week.

His son, Lewis accompanied him on the trip to Emmett.

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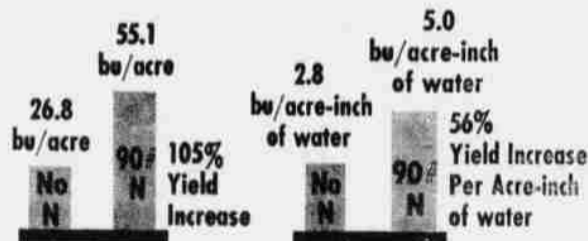


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