

FARM

Your Home Agent

Workshop Leaders Now in Training For Reupholstery

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A vacant house east of Boardman is echoing the sounds of hammers and tack pullers as a group of women remodel living room chairs.

They are workshop leaders from Irrigon and Boardman communities who are being trained by Donna George, county extension agent. Mrs. Rachael Harnett of Heppner, who was previously trained in another workshop by the agent at Heppner, is assisting. The women will, in turn, hold similar workshops to teach other persons who have already enrolled and selected projects.

The women receiving training as leaders are Mrs. Wm. Seehafer, Mrs. Martha Baker, Mrs. Bob Sicard, Mrs. Gunnar Skoubo, Mrs. Anna Warren, all of Boardman; and Mrs. Louise Shade and Mrs. Dean Acock of Irrigon.

Three different workshop groups are now being taught in the Heppner area by volunteer leaders trained in January.

How To Try On A House
Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could try on a new house like you do a dress before you buy it?

Next best thing, according to Bernice Strawn, extension home management specialist at OSU, is to figure out all the questions you need to ask when you look at houses.

Are there any obnoxious fumes or wastes in the direction of prevailing winds relative to the neighborhood?

Is the house located on the high part of the lot for good drainage toward the street?

Is there waste space in the

Richards Reports On Snow Survey

Snow depth at the Arbuckle Mountain course was 39 inches on February 28, according to Ralph Richards in his February snow report. This compared with 39.9 inches at the same time in 1965 and with 38 inches in 1964.

Thirteen-year average for February is 30 inches with a high of 51.2 inches and low of no snow in 1963.

Water content this year was 12.16 inches as compared with 14.8 inches in 1965, the high for 13 years, and 10.3 in 1964. Thirteen-year average is 9.18 inches.

Density of 31% was reported for this February as compared with 37.5 in 1965 and 27.5 in 1964. Thirteen-year average is 28.5% with a high of 50% in 1957 and low of none in 1963.

house?

Is the foundation on solid ground or filled land?

If there is crawl space does it have a vapor barrier and adequate ventilation?

Is insulating glass or double glass used for large windows on exposed sides?

Are windows and doors weather stripped?

Do the taxes and maintenance costs seem reasonable? This should not be over 3 to 4 percent annually.

You'll also want to ask more questions about the location, the lot, design of the house, floor plan and traffic pattern, bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, living room, activity areas, utilities and the structure.

Ask your County Extension Agent for the free Fact Sheet, "What to Look for When Shopping for a House". This will give you 96 questions every shopper should ask. Perhaps you will think of some more that apply especially to you.

Tell the advertiser you saw it in the Gazette-Times.



AS WESTERN STYLED baked products become every increasingly popular in India the demand for bakers increases. The Guild of Service of Madras has recently introduced a 10 months bakery training course for girls at the Seva Samajam Girls' Training Institute. Donald Howe, Western Wheat Associates Board member, along with Mrs. Mary Jadanov, honorary secretary, Guild of Services, admires bakery products shown by three trainees of the Institute.

Indian People Learning to Use American Wheat

The Oregon Wheat Growers League has been informed by its Western Wheat Associates office in New Delhi that its baker training schools are having heavy impacts on changing the Indian people to consume more U. S. wheat, western style.

The latest bakers training course had 384 applications with 45 of these interviewed. From this number, 19 were enrolled with five of these dropping out as they could not keep up with the training course. These baking schools are a cooperative project between Wheat Associates and the Institute of Agriculture in India.

In the past, most of the students who have received training at the Institute have gone into the baking business and some have successfully started their own bakeries. Western Wheat encouraged with the response has agreed in principle to continue its support for these baking schools.

L. R. Kandhari, assistant W.W.A. director in New Delhi, has just returned to India after a three months advanced baking training course at the American Institute of Baking in Chicago.

Baking Contest Rules Announced

The Oregon Wheat Growers League this week announced the rules for its 1966 State Cake Baking Contest, which is open to residents of nine Eastern Oregon wheat-producing counties.

Mrs. Jessie Pattee of Condon, chairman of the committee sponsoring the contest, said that this year's entries will be limited to a chocolate layer cake with a chocolate frosting. Judging of the cakes will be a major event at county fairs in Baker, Gilliam, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wasco and Wallowa counties.

Contestants must be residents of these counties, 21 years or over, and may be either women or men. Professional bakers are excluded. Recipes for cake and icing will be found in the premium books at each county fair. The cakes should be displayed on foil-covered cardboard or similar surface.

Mrs. Pattee announced that, as in previous years, winners of the county competitions will be invited to compete in the state "bake-off" to be held at the Wheat League's annual meeting. The event this year will be in Portland on December 12, 13 and 14.

The winner of the state title will receive a cash award of

Freeze Branding Session Slated At Canyon City

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Several weeks ago, this column featured an article on the complaints of the hide industry concerning hot iron brands on cattle. Also at this time was mentioned several possibilities of new methods of branding. Any interested person is invited to attend a session in Grant county, Monday, March 21, to see a sample of freeze branding. The developers of this system claim:

1. It is always visible (it takes the pigment out of the skin and the hair comes in white.)
2. There is no pain to the animal.
3. There is no scar damage to the hide.

The session will start at 1:00 p.m. in the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City. Dr. Keith Farrell, DVM, of Washington State University will present a slide review of "Cryogenic Freeze Branding" which will cover all the work done on this project to date. Dr. L. M. Koger, also of Washington State will cover another new system of tattooing or "artificial pigmentation." Double muscling in beef animals, an inherited characteristic that may play a part in developing high cut out animals will be discussed by Dr. Henderson, Dean of the Dept. of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State.

The day will conclude at the Phil Kuhl ranch on Indian Creek between John Day and Prairie City. Here will be shown the results of branding done on December 20, 1965, and Dr. Farrell will demonstrate the new branding techniques. This should prove to be a real "eye opener" to many of us. This

\$100, while county winners earn \$3, runners-up \$2, and third place contestants \$2. If a county winner is unable to compete in the state tourney, the second place winner may represent the county.

Complete rules and cake recipes will be found in the county fair premium books.

would be a very worthwhile trip alone or could be combined with the Squaw Butte Field Day which is the following day.

Beef Cattle Field Day Set at Squaw Butte Station

The annual Squaw Butte Field Day will be held on Tuesday, March 22, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Poison Creek Grange hall two miles east of Burns on highway 78. Some topics to be discussed which should be of interest to each of us are:

1. Slaughter steers from range feed. R. J. Raleigh will discuss feed costs, carcass data and dollar returns from producing good and choice slaughter steers by supplementing range forage.

2. Hormone treatment for artificial insemination of range cattle. A new approach to controlled estrus will be presented by Roy Novotny, County Extension Agent.

3. Nutrition and management of first calf heifers. The effects of various levels of protein, energy, and animal exercise during pregnancy is under study. Joe Wallace will review calving difficulties, production data, and conception rates.

4. Economical rations for weaner calves. Safe levels of urea as a protein substitute,

proper formulations with other nutrients and economics of the program will be summarized by R. J. Raleigh.

5. Cattle diseases, new and old. Dr. Tom Gray, D.V.M., will discuss practical animal health problems and new and old measures of coping with them.

A lunch will be served at the grange at a nominal charge. The research station at Section 5 will be toured in the afternoon. Here will be shown the facilities used in the studies discussed in the morning along with others such as: controlled intake of weaner calves, late calves, verses small calves, and runts, performance tested bulls, fall calving herd, digestibility studies and many others.

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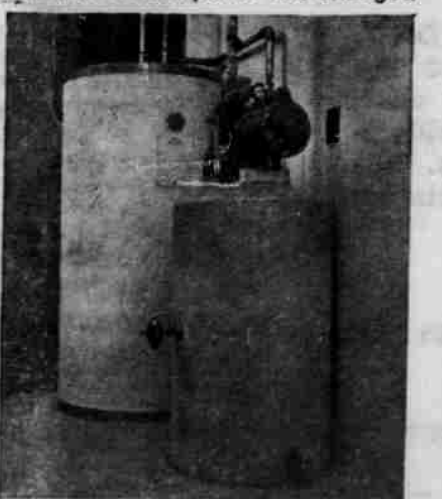
Modern living makes countless uses of water. It is of major importance to your family's health and comfort. But getting water to the right place at the right time was formerly a big problem. It is estimated that a farm housewife, without an electric water system, walks 70 miles a year between the hand pump and



the house... carrying over 70 tons of water! The average family spends nearly 40 minutes a day carrying water by hand. This means a year's supply requires about 240 hours... or 24 full working days of 10 hours each!

And still an old-fashioned hand pump denies your family of all the water they need for proper bathing facilities; for cleaning or laundry.

Rural electric power has changed



all that. A modern, electric water system is relatively inexpensive. Many families do much of the work themselves, in their spare time. Here are a few simple steps which will help bring running water into your home:

1. Be sure your water source is safe and adequate. Your county agent or health department will be glad to help you check it. You might use a well, spring, cistern or a combination of all three. If a cistern is used, it should be big enough to provide all your watering needs during the normal dry seasons.

2. Plan your plumbing in advance. Avoid turns wherever possible. You'll



save money by grouping outlets as close together as possible.

3. Consider your future needs. If you plan to pipe water to out-buildings sometime in the future, it will be wise to install larger diameter pipes which can carry future loads. Otherwise, it might be necessary to install another piping system instead of merely adding to your existing one.

4. Leave room for household needs. It will cost you less in the long run if you allow for future purchases such as a clothes washer, an extra bath or an electric water heater. This costs so little when you install with the original piping but could be expensive should you add the same piping later.

Water helps you increase your income

Running water greatly increases farm production. Tests prove that dairy cows increase milk production from 10 to 22 percent when water is



available at all times. Beef and pork production can be increased 10 to 20 percent when there is plenty of water. Even egg production climbs 10 to 20 percent after automatic poultry waterers are installed!

Running water is also a great aid in maintaining sanitary conditions for milk production. It helps you upgrade your dairy so you get more money for every hundred-weight of milk.

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