

Science Students Invited to Enter Fair Next Spring

Portland—Science students in Medford and Jackson county grade and high schools have been invited to participate in a regional science fair for students next spring under the auspices of the Oregon museum of science and industry, the Medford school system and Jackson county grade and high school science faculties.

Winners in the regional fair will be invited to the fifth annual Northwest Science exposition at Oregon State College, Corvallis, April 13-20.

At a recent meeting at Southern Oregon college in Ashland, educational board advisory committee members set up a plan for the regional fair, in which entries are divided into junior and senior categories, from grades 1 to 12.

Senior Division
Senior division entries may be in physical sciences, including demonstrations and applications of physical laws, physiographical and biological sciences. Junior division entries will be in physical or biological science classifications.

Committee members, attending were Jane Jeldness, Delphi Co. Ruth Gray, Arthur Scott and Peter Berg, Medford high school; Mel Johnson, Ashland; Leslie Weigart, Lloyd C. Morrow, Cecil J. Pettit, Robert A. Farrand, Russell L. Werner and W. J. Evans, Grants Pass; Irene Hollenbeck, Ken Bartlett, Wayne W. Wells, Floyd Taylor, Lloyd D. Pennington, Marcus Mitchell and J. R. Dawson, Southern Oregon college; John Paisley, Rogue River, and Clarence Miller, Crater High school, Central Point.

4-H Club News

Talent Sewing Club
The Talent 4-H Sewing club (Nimble Fingers) met Monday Dec. 10, at the Howell home. Eddie Haikkala told us what we did at the previous meeting. Our meeting will be held every second Monday in a month. Ten members were present.
Linda Hazelton, Reporter.

Syria Asked To Let West Repair Pipeline

Washington—UP—The United States is reported to have asked Syria to let the West repair the sabotaged oil pipeline running from Iraq through Syria.

Informed sources said the request was made recently in Damascus. They said Syria's reply has not reached Washington yet. Exports estimate that the pipeline could be restored to handle between 30 and 40 per cent of its capacity in about two months.

Ballot Title Given Tax Commission Act

Salem—UP—An initiative petition that would limit to advisory only the powers of the State Tax Commission in the valuation or assessment of property was given a ballot title and descriptive summary today by the attorney general's office.

At the same time, the State elections Bureau sent out the first petitions for circulation to Frank I. Kinney, Eugene, sponsor of the initiative.

County assessors now assess property under supervision of the State Tax Commission.

Kinney must obtain 38,514 signatures before July 1958 in order to get the measure on the 1958 general election ballot.

The proposed measure, titled "Limiting powers of State Tax Commission" was described:

"To limit supervisory powers of State Tax Commission over county tax officials in the valuation and assessment of property, in securing uniformity of assessment and equality of taxation, to advising and assisting such officials. Repeals joint state-county property tax reappraisal program. Repeals procedure for state administrative and judicial review of acts and omissions of property tax officials."

Logging Firms Charged With Fire Responsibility

Salem—UP—Oregon Pulp and Paper Company, Salem, has sued two logging firms and a lumber company for \$730,811, alleging they were responsible for the 15,000-acre Sardine creek forest fire above Detroit dam in 1951.

Feeding the Family

By ZOLA VINCENT
Food Editor

Gourmet Seasoning Tricks For Holiday Vegetables

More entertaining will be done in the next few weeks than at any other time of the year. So, naturally, you want to serve your guests food that will make them say, "How did you get this wonderful flavor?" This is particularly flattering when the ever-present vegetable is being prepared.

Modern recipes usually tell you how much seasoning to use, but since they are designed for the majority, or "average" tastes use your own judgement as to how much to use, keeping in mind that rarely should the seasoning be decreased. Here are some suggestions for spicing-up your holiday vegetables.

Broccoli with Brown Butter-Nut Sauce. To give this a real Christmasy appearance decorate with slivers of pimiento. Combine three tablespoons melted butter or margarine with two tablespoons chopped butternuts or other nuts of your choice. Saute until butter is lightly browned. Add one-sixteenth teaspoon ground nutmeg, one-sixteenth teaspoon ground allspice (optional) and salt and pepper to taste. Pour over 1 1/2 pounds hot cooked broccoli.

Cabbage with Whole Caraway Seed. Shred one medium head cabbage. Place in saucepan with one-half inch boiling water and one-half teaspoon salt. Cover. Cook, quickly just until tender, removing lid once or twice to allow gases to escape. Drain. Add three-fourth teaspoon crushed whole marjoram leaves two tablespoons butter and one teaspoon whole caraway seed. Serve hot. Sprinkle with chopped pimiento or a dash of paprika to give it that festive look.

Spinach with Nutmeg. Put cooked spinach through the grinder; add a little stock and nutmeg and thicken ever so lightly in the re-heating. Make tiny cubes of day-old bread. Fry them in bacon drippings or other fat, drain and sprinkle over the pureed spinach.

Fried Green Pepper Rings. Truly something to remember. Cut rings about half an inch thick. Season well with salt and paprika, coat lightly with flour and fry until tender.

Scalloped Potatoes Oregono.

Always party-popular Scalloped Potatoes take on new appeal when a suspicion of Oregono (Mexican sage) is added to your usual recipe. Also good in mashed potatoes.

Dutch Style Carrots.

Season cooked carrots with butter, salt, pepper and a dash of cinnamon or cloves for something delectable.

Many Christmas Uses For Aluminum Foil

Christmas wrapping time is upon us, particularly of those packages that must "travel." So here are some suggestions utilizing our year-around kitchen helper, inexpensive, glistening aluminum foil for packaging and for beautiful Christmas decorations. Foil will dramatize important gifts, make modest ones look impressive.

Aluminum Foil Fobles

Aluminum foil is fine "as is" but it is even more interesting when crushed, pleated or hammered for package wrappings and for decorations. For soft effect, crush foil by crumpling very gently first in one direction and then in the other.

For pleating, press together, using medium hot iron, two sheets of foil with waxed paper between. This gives strength, smoothness and body to foil and makes it easy to use. For pearly effect, press one sheet of foil with waxed paper. Arrange in any width pleat desired. For hand-hammered effect use eraser end of pencil, pressing and twisting gently into foil surface. Good for edging and for design-making.

Package Wrapping. Decorating Ideas

Cut out foil initials, monograms, silhouettes and paste them on gift boxes.

Roll a bottle of toilet water or a lipstick in a piece of foil, bring ends together at top, press firmly, cut ends into fringed tassels.

Make pert little pouches for candy, dainty envelopes for hankies, nylons or gift checks.

Spread foil under a lace tablecloth—it catches the glimmer of candlelight; protects your table, too.

Cut cardboard stars, angels, Santa Claus or other traditional Christmas shapes and cover both sides with foil. Hang on tree or use as window-shade pulls.

Arrange gay table centerpiece by using crushed foil either alone or in a shallow bowl. Add greens, colored tree ornaments, candles.

Spread shimmering foil under tree. Non-flammable, it molds perfectly into hills, caves. Add greens, artificial snow, figurines. It protects the floor and reflects lights beautifully.

Make snowflake reflectors for tree lights. Fold three inch squares of foil in four, cut out hole for center, designs on side. Unfold, place around light socket, press firmly, screw in bulb.

Fill Your Market Basket With Food for Christmas Giving

Groceries make fine gifts, castor to gourmet appetites, flatter the recipient because of your awareness of their special liking for cheese, for fine fruits, or perhaps for fancy fish and shellfish, smoked poultry or other food specialties. For the cheese lover an assortment of softer types such as Leigerkranz, Camembert, Limburger, Roquefort and/or Bleu will be remembered long into 1957. For family giving, particularly for families with numerous progeny, nothing beats an assortment of fresh, dried or candied fruits. Sweet-jucy winter pears, Bosc, Anjou and Comice, will be on their best behavior during the holidays. Dates stuffed with nuts and rolled in powdered sugar are always a treat. But, then, fresh California dates are delightful in any form. Fill a nut bowl with a selection of seasonal west coast crop of walnuts, filberts, almonds or whatever. Don't forget to include a nutcracker. So, shop your grocery store and you'll probably come up with some wonderful and thoughtful gift ideas. While you're about it, you might pick up a couple of rolls of metal foil for easy elegant wrapping.

Cook Books are always a welcome gift for today's busy homemaker. Consider any of the many fine west coast cook books usually offered in a special department at your book store. For instance with outdoor cookery increasing in popularity you might like "The Complete Book of Outdoor Cookery" by Helen Evans Brown and James Beard. We found it full of new ideas.

Fruit Buys. Fresh, tart cranberries are just right. Pears, to be bought firm then ripened at home, are in good supply. A variety of crisp, juicy apples both red and yellow are of good quality and price. California dates, the candy that grows on trees, are plentiful and reasonable. A wide choice of seasonal nuts and of dried and candied fruits for holiday baking are well priced. Bananas, citrus fruits and grapes continue at reasonable prices.

Vegetable Buys. Cabbage, cauliflower, onions, Bell peppers, potatoes, celery, squash, and sweet potatoes are all well priced and should help make planning easy.

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