

Girl Scout Councils Study Merger Proposal

Representatives of five Girl Scout councils in central and southern Oregon and northern California have been discussing a proposed merger in the past few months. The latest of a series of study meetings about the proposal was held recently in the Girl Scout center, 431 West Ninth street. The merger idea came from national Girl Scout headquarters.

The meeting held here was the last to be held by the area-wide study committee before the separate councils vote on boundary lines suggested in the proposed consolidation.

The Rogue valley delegate council will vote at a meeting April 10. The other four councils involved are scheduled to vote by April 20. The five councils are Rogue Valley, Western Waters, Lake County, Three Rivers and Juniper council.

If the majority of the councils vote in favor of the enlarged council, an organizational committee will be formed to consider recommendations which the study committee has developed at three meetings. If a council votes against the enlarged council, it has the right to appeal to the national board of directors.

Geographically, the area being talked about for merger includes the counties of Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Joseph, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook in Oregon and West Siskiyou, Del Norte and Modoc counties in California. Similar merger programs are being considered in northwest Oregon southwest Washington and eastern Oregon.

The moves toward merger are part of a national Girl Scout program called council coverage which aims to provide total coverage of the nation by contiguous councils. Council representatives who met in Medford were reluctant to speak for their council.

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Ground Hog Day Means Sausage

Ground Hog day is designated on the calendar as February 2. This year, it will be on Saturday, a time when most persons, especially the school children and students may gather with their families for more leisurely breakfasts.

Whether the furry little animal will see his shadow and thus return to his den as a prediction of many weeks of unfavorable weather, will not be known until the day arrives.

But we can predict that groundhog sausages, a popular dish for observing Ground Hog day, will make a hearty, winter breakfast.

Country sausage with Fried Apples are sure to please, or Sausage-Corn Fritters will have everyone asking for seconds.

SAUSAGE AND FRIED APPLES

Two pounds country-style sausage; two tablespoons water; six red apples; one-third cup sugar.

Cut country-style sausage into 4-inch pieces. Place sausage and water in cold frying-pan. Cover tightly and cook slowly five minutes. Remove cover and brown lightly. Remove to warm platter and pour off all but one-fourth of the drippings. Quarter and core apples and brown in sausage drippings, turning occasionally. Sprinkle with sugar, cover and cook slowly until tender. Place apples in center of platter and arrange sausage links around apples. Six servings.

Sausage-Corn Fritters

One-half pound pork sausage; one tablespoon water; one and three-fourth cups sifted enriched flour; two teaspoons baking powder; three-fourth teaspoon salt; one cup milk; one egg, slightly beaten; one cup drained whole kernel corn; lard for deep-fat frying.

Place sausage and water in cold frying-pan. Cover tightly and cook slowly five minutes. Pour off drippings. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Mix milk with egg, and stir into sifted ingredients. Add sausage and corn.

Drop by tablespoons into deep hot lard (360° F.) for four to five minutes or until golden brown. Yield, 15 to 18 fritters.

Tips on Clothing Qualities Given

University Park, Pa.—Bernice J. Tharp of Pennsylvania State University says knowing how to check workmanship can be a big factor in determining quality of clothing.

No amount of alteration can fix a garment that is not cut on the straight of the fabric, Miss Tharp said. Stripes and plaids should run true and be matched at seams. The nap of pile fabrics must go in the same direction on each part of the garment.

Straight and smooth stitching, not puckered or too loose, and threads fastened at points where stitching ends are signs of quality workmanship.

Fasteners, trimmings, belts and buckles that can be cleaned and ironed at the same as the garment cut down on time and cost of upkeep. A color-fast lining and one that can be cleaned the same way as the outside fabric are good signs of quality.

Discussion Group Has Style Show

Yreka—The Pre-Schoolers Discussion group gave a fashion show during the January meeting held in the Pacific Power and Light company social room.

Mrs. Jerome Churchill Jr., was commentator. The young models were Julie Churchill, Janet Grace, Kathy Stockton, Barbara Clayton, Lenny Sayles, Keith and Kersten Bachman and Joseph Lavagnino.

After the show, Robert Reynolds, superintendent of the Yreka Elementary schools, spoke about the school override tax bill which will be brought before the voters on February 19.

TOP THIS?

New York—(AP)—The biggest painting in the world? It was done by a pre-Civil War artist named John Banvard. He did many sections of the Mississippi river. Then he put them all together to make a panorama of three miles of canvas!



New York City—Sanae Nijo makes the biting test to check that the cultured pearls are genuine. Cultured pearl necklaces may be purchased for around \$30, officials of the Cultured Pearl Association of America report. (UPI)

Mass Pearl Production Is Now Growing Industry

By GAY PAULEY
UPI Women's Editor

New York—(AP)—The feminine love for pearls plus man's ability to turn oysters into mass producers of the gems have combined to create a multi-million dollar industry.

And, it grows larger each year, says Joseph D'Elia, president of the Cultured Pearl Association of America. D'Elia said that exports from Japan, which produces better than 90 per cent of all cultured pearls, totalled \$47 million in 1962, a gain of 30 per cent over the previous year. This is the wholesale value.

U.S. importers take 52 per cent of the culture pearl production. There are about 80 importers in all.

All of this big business is an outgrowth of something the ancient Chinese learned, and the Japanese commercialized.

Started in 13th Century

A U.S. Fish and Wildlife service publication on pearl culture in Japan (it was issued during the U.S. occupation) says that the Chinese found the 13th Century A.D. about that an oyster could be irritated into creating a pearl.

But commercial production of the gems really began in the early years of the 20th Century in Japan.

The Japanese to succeed first with large-scale commercial production was Kokichi Mikomoto, and today the name Mikomoto and cultured pearls are synonymous.

But there are numerous other large and small producers, D'Elia, whose firm deals in cultured pearls only, said the two main growing areas are the old Ago Bay waters of the Mie Prefecture and since World War II, as demand for the gems has increased, the waters around Hiroshima, Kyushu, and Shikoku.

Some also are grown by Japanese methods in Australia and Burmese waters.

Oysters are Farmed

Oysters are "farmed" just as carefully for pearls as, say, chickens are for eggs. Divers, most of them women, collect oysters from bays where they grow naturally. Or, they are grown from the spat (oyster larvae) collected from the waters with a patented cage technique. The cage is inserted in the sea during the spawning period, which in Japan is from July to September.

The spat-collecting cages remain in place until November, then the infant oysters are transferred to rearing cages. These, which protect the young oyster from its natural enemies, are either distributed over the sea bottom in sheltered areas or suspended into the water from rafts.

The age at which the oyster is ready for insertion of the pearl-creating irritant varies, but usually it is ready

by the time it is three years old, says the publication on pearl culture.

Skill of a Surgeon

Described in the simplest of terms, technicians operating with the skill of a surgeon, open the oyster shell slightly, make a slit in tissue, insert the irritant, then add a live skin graft from another oyster.

The graft eventually heals, and the oyster starts producing the nacre to surround the irritant which in most instances is a bit of shell from the pig-toe mussel taken from the Mississippi river, D'Elia said.

It takes an oyster from two years on up to develop a pearl, and growers will sample beds to see if the pearl has reached the size they want before they start a harvest.

After the harvest comes grading and sorting, for form, color, luster and perfection of surface. The cultured pearl has a special texture, D'Elia said a woman can give the pearl the tooth test to tell the difference between it and the simulated one with glass or plastic bead beneath. Rub the pearl against the front teeth—the cultured pearl feels uneven, not absolutely smooth. And of course nothing rubs off.

Natural Pearls Noted

Natural pearls are formed in exactly the same way, but the oyster as an act of self-defense against some tiny, but accidental intruder.

D'Elia said that a cultured necklace could be purchased for around \$30—anything sold as cultured pearls for less is "trash," he contended. And the price range goes right on up, depending on size, quality and matching of pearls. Last year, one double-strand necklace while D'Elia had assembled for a Fifth ave. jewelry store sold for \$140,000.

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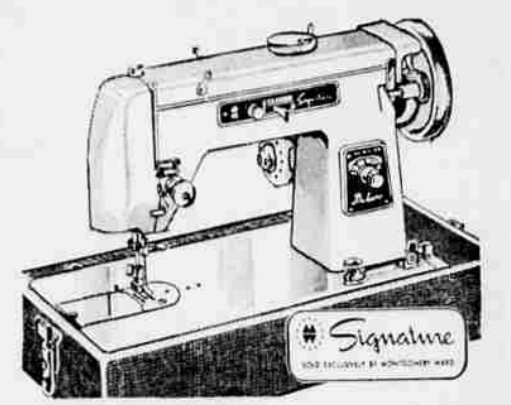
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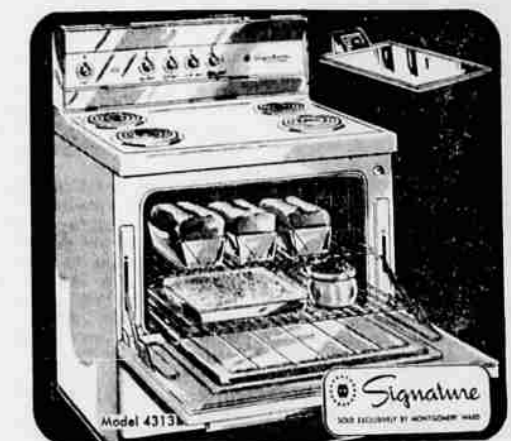
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