

ONE-WOMAN ENTERPRISE AND ONLY BASIN CANDY MANUFACTURER



BIG PRODUCTION — IN SMALL BATCHES is the method of operation employed in Vera's candy kitchen, 1006 Main, the only candy manufacturing plant in the Basin. Vera Rutquist, owner, uses the term "own-make," because she personally makes all the candy sold in her store, with the exception of the hard, Christmas types. Above, she demonstrates one of the initial steps taken to produce a batch of peanut-brittle. Best results are assured in quantities limited to five pounds, is her opinion. Plenty of local creamery butter and choice peanuts will be in the completed batch just started. That brush in Vera's right hand is an indispensable tool in making brittles. Dampened with water, it is used as above, to "wash" as the trade says, the sides of the copper candy kettle, to prevent syrup from collecting and crystallizing. Without the washing, the result is grainy textured and non-brittle. The copper candy kettle is bubbling most of the time these days, with Valentine orders pushing production to a seasonal peak. But for Vera it's a full time, early morning, often late evening job to keep the reserve shelves adequately stocked for daily sales. — Photo by Milly Ramsby.



THE END OF THE PRODUCTION LINE — is the professionally packed Valentine box of Vera's own-make assorted chocolates and other candies. The entire selection in that heart was made by Vera — including the hand-dipping of the chocolates. When the lid is on the heart — it will make its last move from the kitchen at the back, to the display cases in the candy store up in front. — Photo by Milly Ramsby.



THAT CANDY'S STILL HOT — so gloves are worn by candy manufacturer, Vera Rutquist, in this step. Just seconds before the picture was taken, the boiling syrup and nut mixture was poured onto the marble slab and spread with a spatula before stretching, as demonstrated above. In the foreground is a pile of the basic mixture for hand rolled centers for chocolate creams. The hearts are marshmallow and will be hand-dipped in chocolate. Vera makes all of her own candies at 1006 Main, and has only a part-time assistant to wait on customers, while she is busy in the candy kitchen. — Photo by Milly Ramsby.



YEARS OF TRAINING and practice are back of every expert chocolate-dipper's skill. Vera Rutquist, in her candy plant and store, 1006 Main, demonstrates almost machine-like efficiency in this phase of candy manufacture. Of course, a one-woman operation with the output necessary to meet the store's sale's volume calls for economy of motion. The hand-rolled chocolate covered cream centers are made of pure whipping cream and sugar in 15 to 20 pound batches, which are later divided into smaller portions of different flavors. She makes her fudge of pure whipping cream and butter in four or five pound quantities. A trip through Vera's plant clearly shows that it's no place for an amateur. — Photo by Milly Ramsby.

Mount Shasta Girl Reveals Engagement

MOUNT SHASTA — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schmid have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Sally, to Roy Alfred Waepli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Waepli of Castro Valley.

Miss Schmid is living in Palo Alto where she is employed by the Anglo California National Bank. She is a graduate of Mount Shasta High School where she was

active in band, drill team, GAA, Girl's League, Pep Club and was secretary of the student body.

The future bridegroom is employed in San Leandro. He is a graduate of Hayward High School and a sergeant in the Air National Guard. No wedding plans have been announced.

**Take it from me
girls... stay
Smart and
Healthy**

By Bessy, the Basin Bossy
Waterspots and coffee stains are easy to come by and hard to get rid of in m'lady's wardrobe, no doubt. But upcoming soon is something which may do away with a lot of spot and stain worrying.

Being offered for spring, among others, are wool suits and raincoats with water and stain-resisting silicone finishes. We'll be hearing a lot about silicones this year.

"Peel off" parts are upcoming in springtime fashions, too.

Klamath aprons, as we all know, aren't as much spring as we often wish they would be, and sometimes the fashions worn in our country get a little ahead of the weather because of that.

But "peel off" may fix that up pretty nicely. Among the versions which will be appearing on our streets this coming season is a sleeveless cocktail decollete covered by an embroidered white linen bolero, in turn covered by a cropped bolero of silk faille to match the dress. Navy black and brown are favorite colors.

Building up the old internal resistance to colds and springtime illnesses can make the forthcoming year much more enjoyable. I'd love to suggest one good way — and that's to make certain you drink at least three good glasses of milk every day.

If your family is prone to springtime health troubles, too, you should make certain they are getting at least those three glasses. Of course, if they keep suffering, or if there's anything serious crops up, the family doctor is an awful nice fellow to give a call.

But it never hurt — that ounce of prevention — and if your family has the milk habit, you've got that ounce built right in. Bessy

AAUW Annual Spring Musicales

The Klamath Falls Branch of the American Association of University Women offers another annual spring musicale to local music lovers on Sunday, February 19, at 2 p.m., in Mills School Auditorium.

The 1956 program, one of many presented through the years, as a cultural gift to the public by the organization, has been arranged by Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt.

Dennis Hannan, who was a foreign language teacher on the staff at KUHS last year, and is presently a professor of foreign languages at Southern Oregon College of Education — makes his first public appearance in Klamath Falls as a musician next Sunday.

He will be featured on the AAUW program as violin soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Hannan, his wife. Many in the audience, who hear him for the first time as a violinist, will be interested to know that he was, for many years, concert master of the Seattle Symphony.

The KUHS a cappella choir, considered by top music critics as one of the nation's best, will also be a star attraction on the program under the direction of Andrew Loner Jr.

Two outstanding pianists, Ruth Lobaugh and Mrs. Sam Mushen, will play a group of two-piano compositions. These local musicians are a popular team with all Klamath Basin audiences who have heard their dual-piano interpretations.

16th Birthday

MERRILL — Dorris Bredeen celebrated her 16th birthday Saturday, January 28, with a party given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bredeen, at their home. Guests were invited from 7 to 10 p.m.

A spaghetti dinner was served to the following guests: Those attending the affair were: Myra and Doug Evertson, Johnny Rogers, Donna Conner, Mary Ann Johnson, Dick Cantrill, Darlene Daniels, J. D. McMorrey, Raymond Mattison, Perry Laney, and her sisters Noreen and Mary. Dancing and games provided entertainment for the evening.

ENGAGEMENT TOLD

WEED — Mr. and Mrs. Byron House, Weed, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ann, to Harold David Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cook, Mount Shasta.

A graduate of the Weed schools, Miss House is employed at the Weed Mercantile. Her fiancé attended the Dunsuir elementary school and graduated from high school in Washington. He is employed with the Long-Bell Lumber Company, Weed.

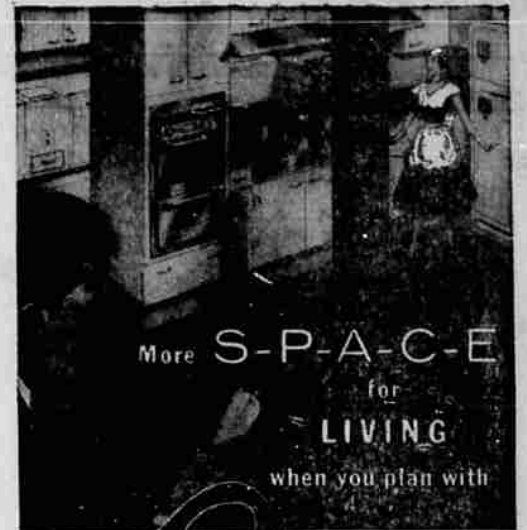
No date has been set for the wedding.

ENGAGEMENT

YREKA — Mr. and Mrs. Carroll D. Montgomery recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Anne, to Colleen Cruikshank, a student of the school of dentistry at Seattle. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cruikshank.

Miss Montgomery is a graduate of the University of Washington and has not announced her wedding date.

FRUIT CAKE
If you are fortunate enough to have some of the holiday fruit cake left, keep it tightly wrapped in aluminum foil and it will stay fresh and moist for months. It is wonderful to have on hand for a go-along with afternoon tea.



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WEED — Mrs. Mildred Wilmarth, district deputy president of Rebekah Assemblies, will make an official visit to the Weed Atlanta Rebekah Lodge on February 22, it is announced by Mrs. Harry Hedegren, noble grand.

A reception of local officers will follow the visitation.



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