

County School Superintendents View Present Curriculum Needs

The Oregon Association of County school superintendents held their annual workshop in Portland July 22 to 26. The superintendents are making a critical study of the curriculum now being offered and used this workshop to begin an extensive study. They want to know if revisions or additions should be made so as to fit the students for the world which is now rapidly turning to automation and electronics. The whole program was geared to a study of automation and the electronic age and focused on youth and their needs for living in today's mechanized and scientific world.

Dr. Helen K. Mackintosh, chief, elementary school section, U. S.

office of education, set the pace for the conference with her opening address "Curriculum Visioning in a World of Change". A study of educational TV included a trip to KGW-TV's studio where the group watched the broadcasting of the great books discussion. The Tuesday program, "Visioning in Transportation," included a tour of Boeing Aircraft Corporation in Seattle. The group was transported to the aircraft factory in air force C47 plane, service style, including parachutes. "Visioning in the Use of Energy" also proved to be fascinating. Don Kepler, personal director, Tektronix, Inc., talked of democratic practices in factory operation and management. A demonstration of electronic cooking was given by Miss Jane Robison, home economist, Portland General Electric company. Addresses on "Processing and Preserving Foods" by Dr. H. M. Schultz, Professor of Food Technology, Oregon State college, Corvallis, and "Power from Cosmic Space" by C. E. Seavey, public demonstrations supervisor, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., Portland, provided much information and suggested probable changes in our daily living patterns. "IBM's Place in Education" will undoubtedly prove to be very important. This interesting demonstration and lecture was given by Don Blundell, IBM's special representative for state and local government.

Discussion using the topic "What Does the Future Hold for Schools" gave the group a great deal to think about and indicated many important plans and additions for the curriculum. Entertainment during the week included a barbecue at the home of Errol C. Rees, Multnomah county school superintendent, and boating on the Columbia river, courtesy of Don Byers, past commander of Portland Yacht club.

Rebekah Member Given Surprise

Mrs. Wm. Shafer was given a surprise addendum last Thursday evening at the regular meeting of the Mt. Heart Rebekah lodge. The date, July 25, was the 53rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer so under the good of the order, she was escorted to the altar and as the wedding march was played, the members all marched around the room and showered her with cards and handkerchiefs.

Much of the business of the evening was the completing of plans for the official visit of the assembly president for which a special meeting was held last evening.

During the social hour, refreshments of ice cream, cookies and coffee were served by Mrs. Frank Lentz, Mrs. B. J. Horn and Mrs. LeRoy Cook at tables beautifully decorated with sweet peas and nasturtiums.

Local Boys Win Honors



OREGON WINNERS in the 1957 Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition designed and built these miniature dream cars. Upper car was built by Dick Rice, Portland. Lower car was created by Bob Carter, Hillsboro.

Methods For Preserving Flowers For Winter Use Given By Agent

Did you know that it is possible to preserve the color, texture and sometimes even the fragrance of some of your choice flowers and thus be able to enjoy them next winter?

The technique is not very difficult, says Margaret Allyn, county extension agent, and here is how it is done:

BURYING IN BORAX OR SAND
BORAX — Covering flower heads with sifted powdered borax is a dehydrating process that preserves the color, texture and sometimes even the fragrance of such flowers as roses, zinnias, chrysanthemums, marigolds, pansies, etc.

Materials needed are: a sufficient quantity of borax, small air-tight plastic freezer bags, cardboard box, soft string, florist wire, and kitchen scissors.

1. Put an inch of borax in a plastic bag.
2. Pick the flowers at or just before they reach their peak of bloom. The moment they pass it they begin to die. Gather a few flowers at a time. Immediately slip them into a dark brown paper bag to keep away from the light until they are actually processed. Do not try to preserve flowers that have been touched by spring or fall frosts. Such cold injuries will show up in brown or spotty petals.

3. Cut the flower stems short and make new stems by running wire through the swollen base of the flower. Bend down both ends of the wire and twist together.

4. Place the flower face down on the borax and gently cover it with more sifted borax to the depth of at least an inch. Add another blossom and more borax. Repeat until the bag is comfortably full, but do not put more than four flowers in each bag before gently squeezing out the air and tying the bag. Place in a box with a cover.

5. Cover the box where it will not be disturbed for at least three weeks (four or more weeks is good for chrysanthemums and other large flowers).

Experience will teach you many variations in drying time. Daisies and jonquils, which are light in texture, require only about a day and a half drying time. They cannot remain in borax for long periods after they are dry because they burn and brown spots appear. Occasionally remove a flower head to see how it is drying. Lillies, because of their weight, must have 3 to 5 weeks. Colorful autumn leaves and maple leaves may be preserved by this method.

Place twigs lengthwise in a borax lined box of adequate size. Sift borax over all. Leaves will pretty well keep their colors and only require about three days to dry. The same borax may be used over and over.

The following dry well in bor-

ax: bleeding heart, candytuft, canterbury bells, daisies, delphinium, dogwood, marigold, pansies, pom-pom chrysanthemum, flowering quince, snapdragons, spirea, stock, roses.

6. At the end of the drying period remove the plastic bag from the box and open carefully. Gently spoon out the borax until near the top of the bloom. Remove the flower carefully with the fingers and dust off the borax with a very soft water-color brush. The delicate tissues of the blossoms will be thinner, but firm, not wrinkled, though somewhat brittle, and as durable as those of freshly picked blossoms.

White, pink, yellow, roses and many blue flowers dehydrate the best. Red flowers often turn too dark and are not recommended. Ivy and violet leaves may be dried the same way. After the borax is dusted off the leaves they may be wiped with a tiny bit of oil on a wisp of cotton. The wire-stems may be wrapped with brown or green pliofilm or with green tape.

SAND — The same procedure may be followed using clean white salt-free sand. Fine white aquarium sand available through pet store, may be used for this method. Ordinary ocean beach sand contains too much salt which may sear some delicate petals. Clean white river beach sand may be substituted if it is first sifted and washed. If washing is necessary, however, the sand must be thoroughly dried by putting it in an oven. Stir frequently during the drying. Never use a damp sand or flowers will be spotty and show signs of spoilage.

Eddie Sutton Observes First Birthday July 18

The first birthday of Eddie Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sutton, was observed with a small party attended by relatives Thursday evening, July 18 at the home of his parents. Guests were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sutton and Mrs. Marie Frazer, and an aunt, uncle and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sutton, Sandra and Sherry.

A decorated birthday cake with one candle was the feature item of the refreshments.

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Caneberry Care Advice Is Given

After harvest care of caneberry plantings in 1957 will improve the berry crop in 1958. Practices include removing fruited canes, irrigating, sowing cover crops, controlling field mice, and possibly training a portion of some of the trailing berry fields, reminds Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent.

Cutting out the old canes should be done as soon as possible after harvest is completed. Although old canes start turning yellow before harvest is completed, the fact that ripe berries may be found several weeks after organized picking has stopped means that some nutrients are still being used by the older canes. Removing the old canes eliminates this diversion of plant food and forces the entire supply into the new canes from which the 1958 crop will be harvested.

Physical removal of old canes is a tedious job. Even though extra effort is involved, it still pays to cut the old canes off as close as possible to the ground level. The spindly new canes can be removed at the same time. The old canes can be windrowed and chopped mechanically or removed from the field and burned. Although chopping doesn't eliminate a source of infection from certain diseases and insects, Walrod believes the soil building qualities of chopped canes is more important. For this reason, returning the canes to the soil is preferable to burning them.

Irrigating after harvest will give sturdier canes for the next crop. Irrigation also allows earlier seeding of cover crops than is possible in non-irrigated fields.

Out of Town Members Attend Picnic Sunday

Forty-four members and families attended the annual Eastern Star and Masonic family picnic held at the Vernonia city park Sunday afternoon.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and son Allen, Warren; Mrs. Leona McGraw, Banks; and Mr. and Mrs. Duell (Ivy, Masters), Olive and Florence Masters and Mrs. Jean Crawford, all of Portland.

Softball, games, swimming were arranged by picnic committee chairman, Jayne Shaw, and enjoyed by the group.

Melody Corps of '54 Picnics at Rogers Park

The Melody Corps of '54, the group of worthy matrons and patrons who had served Eastern Star chapters in Portland and vicinity during 1954, held their annual picnic at Rogers Park last Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Brunzman, members of the group, were in charge of arrangements and were very pleased to have more than 50 in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steele of Seattle who came for the event were week end guests of the Brunsmans. Other guests at their home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Perry of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winters of Oregon City.

Baptist Women's Group Hears Lesson on Prayer

Members of the Women's Missionary society of the First Baptist church had as their guests at the meeting held at the church Tuesday, Mrs. Carrie Moore, prayer chairman for the association, and Mrs. C. F. Neville, both of Portland, who presented a very interesting study of a book on prayer.

A potluck luncheon was held before the meeting.

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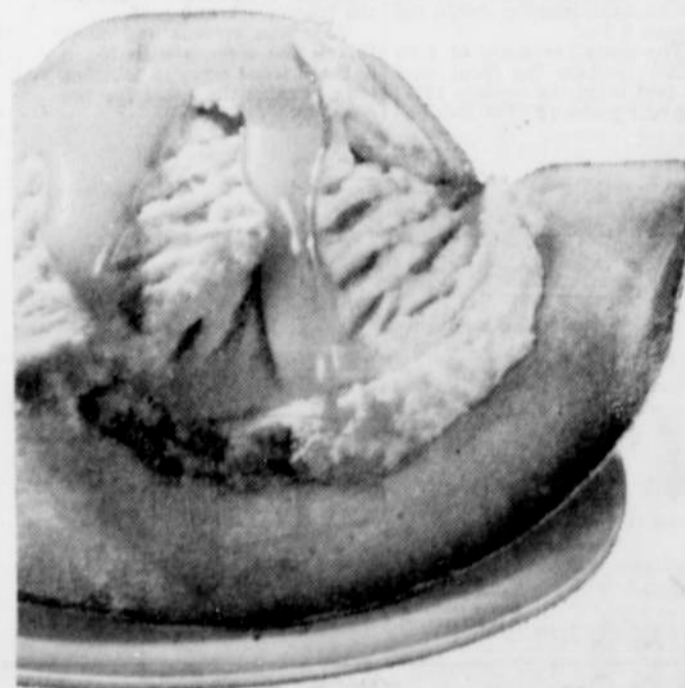
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