

## Homemaker's Festival Attended By 200 Unit Members, Friends

Over 200 Columbia county homemakers and friends commemorated thirty years of Home Extension work in the county at the Homemaker's Festival in the Rainier high school on May 11.

The day's program was opened by Rev. N. K. Kowalko of Rainier giving the invocation. The county chairman, Mrs. Earl Avis of Columbia City presided during the morning's program while Mrs. Charles Mikesch of Scappoose, newly elected county chairman, presided at the afternoon's activities.

Mrs. Ray Sheeder of St. Helens led the singing, with Mrs. John Rauch of Rainier as accompanist.

In her travelogue, the featured speaker, Miss Jessalene Mallalieu, recreation specialist, Oregon State college, told of her experiences in Korea with the Red Cross, and a bit of her trip around the world.

Eighty homemakers were recognized for having attended all



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meetings from October to May, while eighteen units received a seal or certificate for having met standard unit goals as set up by the Homemaker's county committee.

Mrs. Neal Girt of Lindberg was narrator for the dress revue. Members of the Lindberg unit modeled garments of the long ago. Then those in Centennial costume modeled their garments. This was followed by twenty-five homemakers modeling the garments they made in the better dress workshop during the past year.

Since this represents thirty years of Home Extension work in the county, Mrs. Ernest Harris of Yankton presented the highlights during these years.

A skit the "Wacky Sackies" was presented by the Deer Island unit.

Exhibits and displays told the Home Extension story of the 1928-59 program year.

The day's activities closed with installation services for the newly elected county committee members and unit officers.

## Seed Scarce In Corn Varieties

Increased corn acreage being planted in the state has resulted in a shortage of adapted seed corn for Western Oregon, reports Don Coin Walrod, county extension agent. Most of the seed of the preferred varieties Oregon 355 and Oregon 150 has been sold although local dealers report having some on hand. While Oregon 355 has been best adapted to Columbia county conditions according to trials, there are a number of other varieties that would prove reasonable satisfactory.

Growers who are unable to obtain the preferred Oregon 355 will find that the three Pfister varieties number 28, 32 and '33 (the latter is being discontinued) have performed nearly as well as the Oregon 355. Northrup King's KA-3 is also a possibility in that it performs in about the same manner. Two other Northrup King selections KS-5 and KS-6 are similar to the Oregon 150 selection which is approximately 10 days later than the Oregon 355. Another good variety for Western Oregon growers is Idaho 216. It is actually a few days earlier than Oregon 355.

Extension agents can provide additional information about corn varieties and yields for growers who are not able to find the varieties as they wish.

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## Certified Seed Gives Assurance Purity, Quality, Germination

The quality of the crop you harvest, or the kind of pasture you obtain, is determined to a great extent by the seed you plant, says Don Coin Walrod, Columbia county extension agent. Performance data and local recommendations should be checked, as this information will tell whether a crop is dependable and adapted for the particular situation and plans. Know about the variety you plant. Use only varieties recommended in Oregon. Extension offices can supply varietal information.

Certified seed, if available in the variety selected for planting, can offer the grower several advantages, indicates Walrod. Oregon certified seed is pure seed. It is the result of painstaking efforts on the part of seed growers to increase seed and keep it pure. Certified seed is proven seed with a known history. Seed certification in Oregon is used with crop varieties that contain superior qualities. Using such certified seed of the variety selected helps to assure success. If it is not "worn out seed" or seed that has lost its varietal identity.

Certified seed assures genetic purity and quality. It is impossible to distinguish between varieties of most crops by the appearance of the seed alone, states Walrod. Varietal purity is assured with the use of certified seed since it is inspected in the field before harvest to determine varietal purity. Seed fields must pass rigid growing requirements and seed from them is tested in the Oregon State college seed laboratory at Corvallis. Only those lots meeting high standards of cleanliness and germinations are finally certified.

Buyers selecting certified varieties to plant have several guarantees. By using certified seed

the risk is taken out of seed buying—the buyer knows what he sows. The certification tag is the stamp of approval. It signifies that the seed has passed rigid growing requirements and cleaning standards to meet high standards.

The only way to be sure of getting a particular strain is by using certified seed. Buy your seed from a reliable source. Poor seed can mean failure. So stop, look, and listen, says Walrod. Oregon seed dealers handle certified seed. Farmers desiring good seed can obtain Oregon certified seed from a reputable seed dealer in the area.

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## Mothers Day Chosen For Baptism of Siebel Babies

BIRKENFELD — Mr. and Mrs. Pat Siebel and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Siebel had their babies baptized at the St. Mary's church in Vernonia Sunday evening, May 10, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott are the godparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott and family of Hermiston spent the week end at the home of her folks, the A. J. Siebels.

Mrs. Lee Barlow, Mrs. A. J. Siebel and Mrs. Dave Crawford were in Astoria one day last week on business.

Mrs. Bruce Larson was honored with a birthday party last week. Those attending were Mesdames

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Fred Larson, George Bellingham, Lawrence Johnston and her mother, Mrs. Vic Norman of Jewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Durham of Springfield, Oregon visited at the Everett Johnston home Sunday. They returned to Springfield but will come back next week and stay for the summer with the Johnstons. Mr. Durham will help with the farm work. Mrs. Durham is a sister of Mrs. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garlock and family of Tillamook spent Sunday at the Fred Larson home.

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