

Society

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ANNUAL SPRING CAMELLIA EXHIBIT IS LARGE EVENT OF ROSEBURG CLUB

The 1945 camellia exhibit to be sponsored by the Roseburg Woman's club Friday and Saturday proved to be one of the largest and most successful to date. Mrs. E. L. Whipple and Mrs. W. H. Brown were co-chairmen of the affair and were assisted by Mrs. Armour Murdock, Mrs. Washington Hughes and Mrs. Harry F. Hatfield.

Hostesses for the two-day affair included: Mrs. Kenneth Ford, Mrs. A. J. Geddes, Mrs. E. A. Fenstra, Mrs. Velle Broadway, Mrs. H. O. Pargeter, Mrs. Frank Chase, Mrs. H. B. Carter, Mrs. J. F. Dillard, Mrs. O. S. Chambers and Mrs. Frederick J. Porter.

Miss Estelle Conover, cashier, was assisted by Mrs. E. L. Henninger, Mrs. T. H. Dunn, Mrs. W. E. Andrews, Mrs. Joan Everett, Mrs. Earl Ulrich, Mrs. Adeline Olsen, Mrs. Ella Fenley, Mrs. J. J. Eastling and Mrs. A. S. Coen.

In addition to the many beautiful camellias exhibited a large display of both primroses and daffodils were shown as well as great numbers of varieties of spring flowers.

Exhibitors included: Mrs. U. F. McLaughlin, Mrs. C. B. Wade, Mrs. L. L. Wimberly, Mrs. G. V. Wimberly, Mrs. L. Kohlhaugen, Sr., William C. Anderson, Miss Minnie Easton, Mrs. E. R. Metzger, Mrs. Harry F. Hatfield, Mrs. Kenneth Ford, Miss Lois Patterson, Mrs. Marion Moore, Peter Adams, Mrs. A. S. Coen, C. E. Moyer, Mary and Myra Kamp, Mrs. Edgar Lewis, Mrs. Foster Butner, Mrs. H. T. Hansen, Mrs. Harry S. Black, Mrs. H. O. Pargeter and Mrs. Frederick J. Porter.

Members of the committee have expressed their appreciation to gardeners throughout the county for their hearty cooperation in making this spring exhibit so successful. C. E. Moyer of Dillard has been especially helpful to the club for several years in making these exhibits possible by furnishing large quantities of camellia blooms from his nursery.

Peter Adams, bulb grower from Sutherlin, has assisted the club in a similar manner, by furnishing large numbers of varieties of daffodils and narcissi. With the help of the commercial growers, the gardeners are able to see the latest varieties obtainable and each year can improve in their own gardens by adding varieties desired.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held April 17 at 1 o'clock at the clubhouse. Annual election of officers will be held. Mrs. Len B. Fishback, chairman, Mrs. W. R. Brown and Mrs. Frank Chase compose the nominating committee. Red Cross sewing will be done during the afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Armour Murdock.

U. OF O. MOTHERS CLUB TO SPONSOR TEA ON SATURDAY

A very charming tea has been arranged by the University of Oregon Mothers club for Saturday afternoon, April 14, from two-thirty to five o'clock at the Civic club room of the Hotel Umpqua. All senior and junior high school students, their mothers and teachers are being asked as special guests. The public has been cordially invited to enjoy the tea.

Mrs. Golda Parkley Welch, dean of women of University of Oregon, will be guest speaker and guest of honor.

Mrs. Len Fishback club president, is acting as general chairman of the affair. Mrs. L. W. Josse, Mrs. H. O. Pargeter and Mrs. Velle Broadway will have charge of decorations and Mrs. L. E. McClintock, Mrs. W. H. Carter and Mrs. Charles Craig are in charge of refreshments and the entertainment will be in charge of Mrs. C. E. Wimberly, Miss Patricia McClintock, Miss Cecelia Watzig and Mrs. Eugene Powell. Publicity for the affair is in charge of Mrs. J. F. Dillard. Officers of the club will receive the guests.

PAST MATRONS CLUB MEETS ON MONDAY

The Past Matrons club of Roseburg Chapter No. 8 Order of the Eastern Star met at the home of Miss Gladys Strong on Monday evening with Mrs. W. E. Harris as co-hostess. A delightful dessert supper was served at tables centered with dainty spring blossoms and tall tapers. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Earl Plummer, with fifteen members responding to roll-call. The program consisted of recordings of famous artists and orchestra. A program from the large library of Miss Gladys Strong and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Eva May Ferrier on May 7.

BIRTHDAY DINNER IS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

An Easter dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Alta Arthur in Roseburg honoring the birthdays of Mrs. Arthur's son, Raymond, and her brother, Sylvan Baragar of Roseburg.

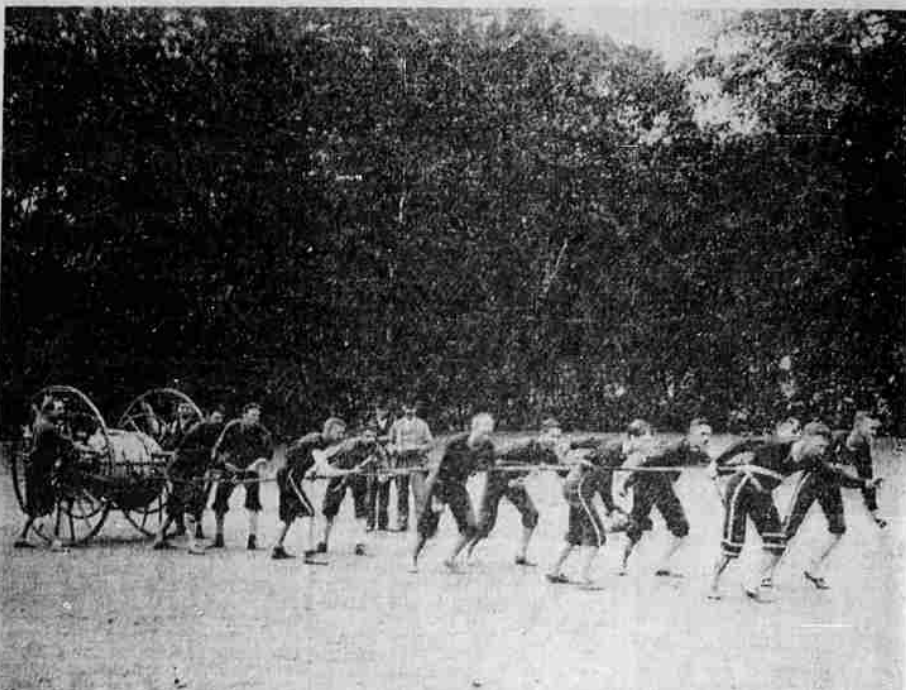
A lovely decorated birthday cake was presented to the guests of honor. Spring flowers were the floral decorations.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baragar of Roseburg.

FORSYTHE GUILD TO HOLD MEETING THURSDAY

Forsythe Guild will meet Friday night at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. Orlean Slattery at 220 South Main. A program has been arranged for the evening. All business and professional women of the First Presbyterian church are invited.

Hose Races of 'Gay Nineties' Between Teams Of Roseburg and Grants Pass are Recalled

By FRED M. WRIGHT
News-Review Reedsport Correspondent

Back in the "Gay 90's," when the horse and buggy, instead of the auto, was the popular mode of conveyance over the dirt and gravelled highways, most of the Roseburg fire department equipment was hand-drawn and only the larger cities had horse-drawn fire fighting engines, hose wagons and hook-and-ladder trucks. The southern Oregon towns, not then being classed as cities, were in the main poor class and many suits of clothes were ruined during the winter months when an alarm was sounded, and a fellow who was a member of the volunteer fire department had to grab the trailing rope, dash into the middle of an unimproved street, where the mud was from an inch to an ankle deep, and help drag the fire equipment to a blazing building.

In those days the fire hose was carried on a reel swung on an axle between two large wheels and was called a hose cart. The Roseburg and Grants Pass fire departments used to stage and annual "fire day," in which the hose race was the principal event and consisted of teams of twelve men, eight of whom ran on the extended rope from the tongue of the cart and each was equipped with a shoulder or breast harness with a ring in the back, which was slipped over the hook attached to the hauling rope; their arms were free, so that in case one should stumble or fall or be unable to keep up with the pace of the others he would come unhitched and be immediately freed from the moving vehicle. Two men were wheel "horses" and held onto the tongue of the cart serving to guide it on its course. Two other men were called hydrant men, who ran in the rear of the cart and held on to the back of it.

The distance run was presumed to be 266 yards; that is the start of the race was 100 yards distant from a water hydrant. When the running team had covered that distance, the two hydrant men

were to grab the loose end of the hose from the cart and, as the reel was loose, start to pull the hose off as the balance of the running team proceeded on its way. These men would drag the hose to and attach it to the hydrant and turn on the water. The running team would thus lay 550 feet of hose when the two men just ahead of the wheel or tongue men called "nozzle men," one of which carried a small hose nozzle, would drop out, uncouple the last length of hose and attach the nozzle to the main line and if the timing was right and the hydrant men knew their business, the nozzle was no more than in place until the water would be streaming from the end of the line. The team that ran the distance, laid the hose and got water in the shortest time was declared the winner. It was a stop watch affair.

I cannot remember that the Roseburg team ever lost a race. Probably at times they were not really the faster team but in thinking up tricks to beat running speed they or their chief or trainer appeared to be more clever.

Roseburg Method Wins

In the first race or event, which was run at Grants Pass, the home team was a very fast one, but our boys saved time and equalled their speed by a simple trick. The hydrant men of the "Pass" team both pulled the hose from the start together and swung from the center of the street to the side and the hydrant. In so doing the hose was off the ground for a short distance and the momentum of the fast moving cart carried or dragged the men several feet beyond the hydrant, and they had to pull the hose back by main force after several lengths had been laid on the ground, so they were delayed in turning on the water.

When our fellows pulled the hose from the cart, one stayed at the point where they stopped or freed themselves from the cart and held or played hose through his hands and arms while the other carried his end of the hose

to the hydrant, thus the hose was almost at right angles. When the carrier reached the hydrant, the other fellow who carried the hydrant wrench ran to the hydrant from the center of the street and, as the first man was attaching the hose, he was opening the hydrant and the water was closely following the cart to the finish line.

Crack Team Listed

In those days Roseburg had two hose companies. The Umpqua was quartered in the city hall and the Rose Hose company on Sheridan street near the corner of Mosier and almost opposite the S. P. freight depot. The "Rescue" hook and ladder truck was stationed in the city hall building. When the running team was made up men were selected from all three companies. As I remember it and according to the accompanying picture, our crack team was composed of the following men: Lead, Art Green and Bob Cochran; swing, Charles Fields and George Day; second swing, Charles Perry and Edward Hamlin; nozzle, Stanley Kidder and Charles Davis; tongue, William Carroll and Jack Rutherford; hydrantmen, Sheilah Carroll and Lewis A. Sanctuary. The latter was then the chief of the department and trainer of the team. In the picture beyond the team, Fred Wright and Harry D. McCallen, acting as timers, just for scenery.

This picture was taken in what was formerly called the Grove, which in those days was our community celebration grounds, and one can see in this picture the stately oak tree background on a sweeping knoll, which made these grounds so popular. The large oaks made a perfect shade and the falling leaves a soft springy carpet. It is regrettable that these grounds were not preserved as a parksite, but the greed for money caused them to be purchased from the Aaron Rose estate and cut into building lots. It was the dream of the founder of Roseburg that this grove of stately oaks be a permanent parksite.

EDENBOWER MOTHERS CLUB TO HOLD MEETING

The Edenbower Mothers club will meet Thursday at a 12:30 potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. H. Verrell with Miss Doris McWhorter, demonstration agent, giving a talk on the repair of electric appliances. All members are invited and are asked to bring a hot dish and their own table service.

SUNSHINE CLUB TO MEET ON THURSDAY

The Northside Sunshine club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Floyd Betts, all members are most cordially invited to be present.

GLENGARY SEWING CLUB WILL MEET ON THURSDAY

The Glengary Sewing club will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Floyd Betts. All members are most cordially invited to be present.

Tojo's Order Canceled Privileges for Mothers

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—(AP)—It took Tojo himself to put Mrs. Louise W. Harris and her two children in a prison camp. Mrs. Harris, whose mother—Mrs. J. S. Waddington—lives in Salem, Ore., was at liberty until Tojo visited Manila. He canceled out-of-camp privileges for mothers of children under two years of age on May 15, 1943.

Mrs. Harris arrived in San Francisco yesterday with more than 300 other civilians who were liberated from prison camps in the Philippines.

Hospital Closes When Last Nurse Resigns

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 10.—(AP)—Resignation of the only remaining nurse today has forced closing of the Klamath county isolation hospital.

Dr. Peter Rozendal, county health officer, said if he could obtain a nurse he probably could arrange for a suitable cook and reopen the institution.

Insley Brothers, Air Corps Officers, On Leaves Here

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Insley, Roseburg, are rejoicing in the return of two of their sons, both captains in the army air forces, from overseas duty. Captain and Mrs. Lewis E. Insley and 8 months old daughter, whom the captain had not seen until his return home, arrived in Roseburg last week, and Captain Robert Insley reached home Sunday following his second tour of duty in Europe.

Captain Lewis Insley has been flying with the 12th air force in Corsica, piloting B-25 bombers over enemy-held territory in Europe. He recently completed his 70th mission and was granted leave at home. En route he stopped at Akron, Ohio, where he joined his wife and daughter, who accompanied him to Roseburg. Following his leave here, he will go to the redistribution center at Miami Beach, Florida.

Captain Robert Insley, who was home in May 1944 after flying 23 combat missions in 8th air force fighter planes based in England, went back overseas in July and added 20 more missions to his string. He arrived in the United States Easter Sunday. After leave at home he will report to the redistribution center at Santa Monica.

Both captains are very proud of their younger brother, Theodore Insley, who was awarded his wings as a flight officer at Pease, Texas, last March 11. An older brother, Stanley Insley, who also served with the air forces as a ground crewman, recently received a medical discharge and is now residing at Union, Ore.

Early Rotonene Dusting Controls Spittle Bug

Early application of rotonone dust to control spittle bugs on strawberry plants or other crops

where they are serious is advocated by Robert E. Rieder, extension entomologist at Oregon State college. Around the first week in April is usually the time for first application in western Oregon, and later according to the season elsewhere.

Alfalfa Acreage Shows Drop in Western Oregon

A decline in alfalfa acreage in most western Oregon counties is revealed in reports to the farm crops department at Oregon State college, and is attributed to a number of causes. Among these are demand for river bottom lands for vegetable crops, unusual difficulties in obtaining alfalfa seed and lime, and some difficulty in curing the first crop of hay. Observers believe that the trend will be reversed after the war because of the proved advantage of alfalfa hay, particularly for dairy farmers.

Wool Output Slashed By Reduction in Sheep

Wool production declined along with sheep numbers in the United States in 1944 with production, both shorn and pulled, estimated at 418,094,000 pounds compared with 449,578,000 pounds produced in 1943. Average local market prices in 1944 were 42.4 cents per pound, however, compared with 41.6 cents per pound in 1943. Number of sheep shorn is estimated at 9% less than 1943 or 44,334,000 head.

Stocks of wool held by Commodity Credit Corporation on January 15 were reported at 301,832,864 pounds. About 2,250,000 pounds of domestic wools were sold to UNRRA recently for shipment to Poland where it will be used in homespun articles of clothing.

Meningitis Again Hits PORTLAND, April 10.—(AP)—Addition of an 11th case of epidemic spinal meningitis today brought Portland's 1945 total equal with last year's record at this time.

Your car may be a Booby Trap



Watch Out!

This innocent-looking easy chair conceals a half pound of TNT. It's the kind of Booby Trap our soldiers must watch out for after capturing enemy territory. That's why our troops receive special training in detecting them before an accident can happen.

Watch Out!

Hidden from sight in your car is a possible Booby Trap that you call a battery. Like the easy chair, it looks innocent. But Watch Out! It can cause a lot of grief. That's why Shell checks it carefully during Shelllubrication service... just as other vital parts are serviced and tested.

PLAY SAFE... Get a Safety Shelllubrication Today!

In every car are dozens of Booby Traps... ready to cause trouble, expense, even death for the unwary. To combat these dangers of wartime Stop-and-Go driving... to delay the day your car will become a "junker"... start the protective care of Shelllubrication service.

Shelllubrication goes much further than a mere "grease job." During the process of protecting vital parts with proper amounts and grades of approved lubricants, the operator tests and inspects for hidden Stop-and-Go

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W. S. OF C. S. TO MEET AT POTLUCK LUNCHEON THURSDAY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church will meet at a one-o'clock potluck luncheon Thursday at the church parlors with Mrs. J. B. Needham, Mrs. Lucien Cobb, Mrs. O. J. Rand and Mrs. H. A. Canada in charge.

Mrs. Bruce Melis will present the devotion at two o'clock and the afternoon's program talk on "The Church of Europe" will be given by Mrs. Paul Elliott. The regular business session will be conducted by the president, Mrs. A. J. Geddes. All ladies of the church are urged to be present.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY TO MEET ON THURSDAY

The Woman's Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Thursday at a one-thirty o'clock dessert-luncheon at the church parlors with Mrs. Willis Meyer, hostess chairman, assisted by Mrs. George Campbell, Mrs. George Sewell, Mrs. V. R. Hallcraft, Mrs. D. L. Chase and Mrs. Frank Bergh.

Mrs. Earl Plummer, president, will conduct the meeting and Mrs. Marie Flint McCall, program chairman, will present a Mexican travelogue and will be assisted on the program by Mrs. John E. Runyan and Miss Estelle V. Conover, who will wear Mexican costumes. Special Mexican music will be played by Mrs. Homer W. Grow. All ladies of the church are urged to attend.

MRS. McLAUGHLIN ENTERTAINS AT PARTY

On Wednesday evening March 28, Mrs. J. Elwood McLaughlin entertained at her home on Flint street. Those enjoying the evening with her were Mrs. Edna McLaughlin, Miss Ella Mae Cloake, Miss Jerrie Johnson, Miss Wynona Borgen, Miss June MacMillan, Miss Rubie Golden, Miss Georgene Johnson, Miss Grace Simpson, Miss Carol Crossland and Miss Karla McCown. "Costie" was played with Mrs. Elton McLaughlin and Miss June MacMillan winning prizes. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her mother and sister, Mrs. H. L. Lander and Sharon Faye Lander.



PIANISTS TO BE FEATURED ON KRNR PROGRAM THIS EVENING

Miss Gladys H. Strong, Roseburg piano teacher, will feature seven of her young piano students on Recital Hall of the Air over KRNR tonight at 8:30 o'clock. The young artists to present the program include: Judith Willen, and Patricia Finniger, Roseburg; Susan Stearna and Corlie Copeland, Clatskanie; and Patsy Wahl, June Young and Erna Martin, Sutherlin.

SPECIAL MEETING OF ROSE P.T.A. A WEDNESDAY

A special meeting of the Rose P.T.A. has been called for Wednesday afternoon, April 11, at 4 o'clock at the schoolhouse. The business meeting will be in connection with the new hot-lunch project recently started at the school. Every parent of Rose students has been requested to be present.

COEN'S LITTLE PLUMBER



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