

FARM and GARDEN

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'Slow Pruning' Advised By OSC

Go slow in pruning trees and shrubs injured during last fall's disastrous freeze, advises an Oregon State College horticulturist. L. T. Blaney says extent of damage to plants injured during the cold spell now depends on two factors—care in handling the plants between now and the time new growth gets underway and growing conditions next spring. Blaney advises pruning be delayed as long as possible, even until the next growing season. He explains that in a weakened condi-

tion, the plant might be set back further than if it were not touched, or might even be killed. He also suggested that gardeners not disturb a plant by moving it to a more protected area. And if the bark of a tree has been ruptured, he says it should be nailed or otherwise held in place to keep the inner layer of cambium from drying out. A mild winter and early spring would be a big help in aiding recovery of plants damaged by the low temperatures, he notes. However, Blaney recommends use of plenty of fertilizer and water next spring, in any event. A severe winter or prolonged spring could inflict additional damage to already weakened plants, he concludes.

FARM WAGES HIT NEW HIGH
Oregon's farm wage rates reached an all-time high on Jan. 1 according to Oregon State College agricultural economists. The farm wage rates, without board or room, averaged \$1.14 per hour in Oregon. This was topped only by Connecticut with \$1.18 an hour and Washington with \$1.17. It was tied by Rhode Island.

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WALTER WELKER, Roseburg, is the new president of the Douglas County Livestock Assn. He and his father, Ora Welker, have a livestock operation. Welker replaces Phil Strader of Glide. (Paul Jenkins).

IFYE Delegate Named Speaker For Rotarians



DONNA LINGLE ... back from Greece

An Oregon girl, who spent six months in Greece as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate last year, will be featured speaker at the Roseburg Rotary Club meeting Thursday.

She is Miss Donna Lingle, Borning, who returned to Oregon November of 1955. She was one of three state delegates under the IFYE exchange program.

Donna graduated from Oregon State College last spring. She had majored in youth agency leadership education. She traveled immediately to Greece.

In Greece, the attractive young woman lived with several farm families. She is now one of 125 IFYE delegates speaking to groups throughout America, relating her experiences with the Greek people.

She will be in Roseburg through Saturday. The exchange program is a project for rural young people. Its two main objectives are to bring about better understanding among people of the world, and to build a lasting peace.

The program is conducted by the national 4-H Club Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service. Mrs. Winnifred Gillette, state extension agent at OSC, is in charge of the Oregon IFYE program.

with the ... Garden Clubs

Today inaugurates the start of a column for garden club news. The column will be carried weekly on the Farm Page of The News-Review, which is published Mondays.

Those interested in having articles appear in the column should leave their items at The News-Review office by Fridays of the previous week.

There is now 290 members in Federated Garden Clubs in Douglas County.

List of Clubs, Days, Presidents
A list of all garden clubs in Douglas County, with the day of meetings and presidents follows:
Camas Valley Garden Club, first Tuesday, Mrs. Ted Wiley of Camas Valley, president; Days Creek Garden Club, fourth Thursday, Mrs. Richard Williams of Milo; President, Glendale Garden Club, Camas Valley Garden Club, first Tuesday, Mrs. Ted Wiley of Camas Valley; Days Creek Garden Club, fourth Thursday, Mrs. Richard Williams of Milo; Glendale Garden Club, fourth Thursday, Mrs. Richard Williams of Milo; Lookingglass Garden Club, fourth Thursday, Mrs. A. A. Jacoby of Lookingglass; North Umpqua Garden Club, second Thursday, Mrs. Phil Strader of Glide.
Oak Knoll Garden Club, Mrs. Howard Edson of Roseburg, president; Sutherland Garden Club, Monday, Mrs. L. F. Stearns of Oakland, president; Riverbend Garden Club, second Thursday, Mrs. Glen Clute of Roseburg, president; Roseburg Town and Country Garden Club, fourth Monday, Mrs. O. J. Felkamp of Roseburg, president; Sutherland Garden Club, fourth Thursday, Mrs. H. K. Halvorsen of Sutherland, president; Dixonville Good Earth Garden Club, second Thursday, Mrs. George Baldwin of Roseburg, president; Men's Garden Club of Roseburg, meets second Tuesday, monthly, Dr. B. R. Shoemaker of Winchester, president; Roseburg Rose Society, fourth Thursday, Dr. H. W. Mikkelsen of Roseburg, president; Garden Valley Garden Club, fourth Wednesday; Roseburg Woman's Club Garden Dept., second Tuesday, Mrs. Otho Gosnell of Roseburg, president; Azalea Garden Club of Azalea and Rainbow Garden Club of Winston.

Calendar Listings
The calendar listings for the week of Feb. 6 are as follows:
Camas Valley Garden Club, Tuesday, Feb. 7.
North Umpqua Garden Club, Thursday, Feb. 9.
Riverbend Garden Club, Thursday, Feb. 9.
Dixonville Good Earth Garden Club, Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Pine Grove Church.
Woman's Club Garden Dept., Tuesday, Feb. 14.
Oak Knoll Garden Club, Thursday, Feb. 2, 10 a.m. at Mrs. Nadine Stearns.

Resolutions
Resolutions for the gardener in 1956 are:
1. Resolved, to do a better conservator of organic matter and green material so as to return as much humus as possible.
2. Resolved, to do a reasonable good job of pest control.
3. Resolved, cooperate with other gardeners in furthering the value of gardening as one of the most complete and satisfying hobbies and forms of relaxation.
4. Resolved, to use your own gardening experience to help others who may have discouraging problems.
5. It's Leap Year, whatever a good omen that may be in gardening!

Sutherland Garden Club
Mrs. Dwight Beck, assisted by Mrs. Lloyd Moyer and Mrs. H. V. Church, entertained the club recently.

Following the meeting Mrs. Bard Kesner showed pictures of a recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands to the 18 members present.

Exhibits of green arrangements were made by the members. Mrs. C. J. Bielman gave a report on annuals for a colorful garden.

Garden Valley Garden Club
Twelve members and one guest were entertained Wednesday by Mrs. Joe Toman.

Hostesses and program chairman for the year were selected. Year books will be prepared by Mrs. Ray Young, Mrs. Emmitt Walters and Mrs. Leonard Lark, who will distribute them at the February meeting.

Mrs. U. F. McLoughlin read an article on planting by the signs of spring instead of by the calendar. Mrs. Graham Ewens showed color slides of Oregon and Alaska.

The next meeting will be Feb. 22 at the home of Mrs. Myron Leine with Mrs. Leonard Lark preparing the program.

Lookingglass Garden Club
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Jaycees Hunting Top Young Farmer

All the local Grange and Farm Bureau units of Central Douglas County have been asked to nominate young farmers for the area's outstanding young farmer of 1955.

The contest, a preliminary to state and national competition, is being sponsored by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce. The records of young farmers between the ages of 21 and 35 will be judged by a panel of agricultural leaders here.

To be eligible, according to M. R. Hisei, chairman of the project, a young man must derive at least two-thirds of his income from farming operations.

Hisei also pointed out that com-



RAY DOERNER ... winner in 1955

Mrs. Delbert Ollivant, Roll call was answered by 17 members and nine visitors.

Mrs. Lige Ollivant gave a talk on the "Toffee Bird." Mrs. Don Ollivant reported on "Freeze Damage To Plants" taken from the Farm Page of The News-Review.

The main topic for discussion was "Roses." Reports were made by Mrs. Neal Meyer, Mrs. Alvin Greer, Mrs. A. A. Jacoby, Mrs. Don Ollivant and Mrs. Delbert Ollivant, program chairman.

The meeting was closed by showing rose slide furnished by the slide chairman.

Winter Blooming Iris
Stylosa or Unguicularis
No other iris is so indispensable in the garden, for the Stylosas may be planted to bloom from October to March. They are perfect for bright spots of color in the garden and for cutting for winter decoration.

The Stylosas grow in any soil, preferably in sun or partial shade, and will bloom off and on all winter between storms.

Planting time is in the fall and they may be had in pink, lavender, white, marbled and lavender blue in color.

Things To Do Now
Check tubestras to be sure they are not drying out too much. Water lightly if needed. They can be transplanted late in the month in mild areas.

Complete all dormant spraying of shrubs and trees as soon as possible.

Start pruning roses after mid-February and finish before mid-March.

Take winter coverings from bulb plantings, but be careful to avoid injuring the new, tender shoots.

Dig or plow the vegetable plot and annual flower borders as soon as soil and weather permits.

Keep traffic off the lawn during frosty weather, and when the ground is rain-soaked.

Annual phlox, lobelia, nicotiana and other half-hardy annuals may be planted in flats or seed beds.

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Soil Bank Participation Seen As Voluntary Basis

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators reported this week they agree that farmer participation in the new soil bank program probably must be on a voluntary basis for the current year.

"Farmers already have voted approval of acreage allotments for this year's crops of wheat and cotton," Chairman Ellender (D-La.) of the Senate Agriculture Committee, told reporters.

"If the government tried to order participation in the soil bank acreage reserve it would violate that contract," he explained.

Ellender and others previously had urged mandatory participation in the soil bank program for paying cotton, wheat, corn and rice farmers not to plant part of their allotted acreage.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson has said the administration hopes to get 15 to 20 million additional acres of these crops voluntarily diverted from production this year.

The average net would be down even more if the number of farm operators in the state had not decreased, says Thomas. The census shows only 54,412 farms in the state in 1954 compared to 59,827 in 1950 and 63,125 in 1945.

Many farmers on smaller Oregon farms are supplementing their income with off-farm work. The economist believes such families will seek even more off-farm work in 1956 with job prospects and salaries more favorable. Mill and factory wage rates have risen steadily for several years and now average one-third higher than in 1949.

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