

Days Creek Garden Club Plans Events

A host of events are planned for the April meeting of the Days Creek Garden Club.

Officers will be elected, plans for a flower show will be made and two special reports are slated. Mrs. Oneda Hendrix will discuss Rose culture. Mrs. Glenn Dodge will tell of botanical names and preparation of exhibits. The meeting will be held in the home economics rooms of the Days Creek High School with Mrs. W. A. Moore as hostess. No meeting time was announced.

The March gathering of club members featured a discussion on landscaping by M. A. Cooper of Coopers Gardens. The speaker noted the changes in the past years in the planning of foundation plantings and saw a trend toward naturalization "rather than the former formal plantings."

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper were made honorary club members. Club hostess Mrs. Archie Ferguson told of various types of heather. For her report, she received some heather plants from the Coopers.

Correspondent Jean Yoder said a shrub is given monthly by the Coopers to a club member making a special story concerning the plant of the month. Members report orally and give a written report to the Coopers.

Mrs. Bud Gaulke has been appointed flower show chairman. She replaces Mrs. J. F. Roy.

Special guests at the club meet were Mrs. C. J. Bielmann, district director, and Mrs. L. F. Starnes, assistant director of the Umpqua District Federation of Garden Clubs.

A club project has been a litterbug campaign, directed by Mrs. Oliver Malmu. She recently exhibited litter bags made by primary school students.

Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Gaulke and Miss Georgia Gardner were named to a committee to prepare a club exhibit at the 1956 Douglas County Fair.

State Announces New Regulations For Livestock

The State Department of Agriculture has just announced regulations governing inspection of livestock brought into Oregon which will become effective on April 10. The regulations bear the signatures of J. F. Short, director of Agriculture, and M. E. Knickerbocker, animal division chief.

Under this new regulation no livestock or poultry affected with or recently exposed to any disease, or originating from a quarantined area, can be transported into Oregon until granted department approval. Exceptions are animals affected with diseases approved for interstate shipment by the federal department of agriculture.

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"GOTTA CHAW, CHUM?"—Bambi likes tobacco. Every chance she gets the year-old doe sticks her muzzle into the tobacco pouch of her owner, Y. M. Offret, to get a sniff of snuff or a cud for chewing. She also gobbles up cigarette byproducts often tossed to her. But Offret, who farms near Provo, Utah, says he's rationing her before she becomes a hopeless addict. Bambi was rescued, nearly drowned, from a mountain stream last July by a ranger and turned over to the Offrets to raise.

Rainbow Garden Club Slates Officer Election

By ROSA HEINBACH

The Rainbow Garden Club of Winston-Dillard met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Connie Nelson. Plans were introduced by Mrs. Nancy Linna and discussed for planting trees and shrubs at the Winston Community Club grounds in accordance with the planning board for that purpose.

A check was made of rose bushes planted by the club members in March. The total was 50 bushes.

A discussion was held on decorating a booth for the "Landscape For Living," a show of artistic flower arrangements May 10-13 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This flower and arrangement show is being presented by garden clubs of Douglas County in cooperation with the Douglas County Fair Board. Mrs. L. E. Adams is chairman.

Mrs. Nancy Linna was appointed to contact chairmen. She will make arrangements for sponsoring a decorated booth. Each member was asked to draw up a design for presentation at the field day picnic April 24, scheduled for the picnic at the Umpqua Park.

President Mrs. Linna appointed the following nominating committee: Mrs. Debra Taylor, Mrs. Eleanor Shigley and Mrs. Rosa Heinbach. Election of new officers will be at the May first meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary White on Highway 99.

Tentative plans were discussed for holding the fourth annual anniversary dinner party at Idlewild May 15. An auction of plants and bulbs was held in the yard. Refreshments were served by the hostesses and then the group departed for the Winston Community Club to view the site of the proposed landscaping project. There, they discussed the idea of a possible Rose garden in the park.

Preparation Of Garden Soils Noted In Leaflet

"Garden soils need to be worked at the proper time and given some fertilization in order to produce a crop." That's the theme of a new circular published by the Oregon State College extension service.

The new circular, "Preparing and Fertilizing Garden Soils," tells how to determine when garden soil is ready to be worked and lists the best methods to use in tilling and fertilizing the soil. Kinds of fertilizer and rates of application are also discussed.

Copies of the circular are available from the Douglas County Extension office in Roseburg.

Vegetable, Fruit Growing Contests Listed For Youths

Growing vegetables and fruits for canning or processing plants could pay extra dividends to some Oregon young people this summer, according to R. Ralph Clark, extension horticulturist at Oregon State College.

He reports that Oregon members of the Northwest Canners and Freezers Assn. have put up additional cash prizes in the canning crops section of the state production and marketing contest sponsored by the National Junior Vegetable Growers Assn.

The contest is open to youths between the ages of 14 and 21 who have completed at least one year of horticultural project work.

The contest is divided into two sections—a canning crops section and a fresh market section. Each section has subsections on soil fumigants and quality, and yield of comparative varieties. Entries in each section may include vegetables, small fruits and tree fruits, or both vegetable and fruits.

In addition to the cash prizes, participants will have an opportunity to win wrist watches, jackets, and various medals and ribbons. Winners on the state level will be eligible to compete in regional and national contests.

Winners entering the national contest will also be able to compete in the NJVGA national demonstration contest, and the national judging, grading and identification contest. Prizes will also be awarded winners of these contests. Clark emphasized that growers do not have to be 4-H Club or FFA members to enter the contest. Full information and official enrollment cards are available from local county agents, FFA instructors, or canner fieldmen.

Pomona Grangers Meet In Sutherlin

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Pomona Grange met March 31 at the Sutherlin Grange Hall. A potluck supper at 7 was followed by a business meeting. Howard Cracroft, pomona master presided. Ten new members were given the fifth degree.

Fair Oaks Grange had the largest attendance. Pomona lecturer Nina Johnson, of Azalea Grange, announced plans for a jubilee meeting in August. Eldon Norris discussed the death benefit insurance of the grange.

It was announced that the Camas Valley Grange was giving a Smorgasbord on Sunday, April 15. Charles Stabaugh was elected as a delegate to attend state grange. The next Pomona meeting will be held at the Evergreen Grange Hall on Saturday, July 28.

Azalea Grange Silver Anniversary April 20

The silver anniversary of the Azalea Grange will be celebrated at the grange hall Friday, April 20, according to correspondent Mrs. G. B. Fox of Glendale.

A special program is scheduled, and six or seven 25-year members will be honored. A 7 p.m. potluck dinner will be followed by the program.

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Incentive Payment Applications Due By May 1, Wool Growers Reminded

Incentive payments under the wool program for the year ending March 31 should average around 40 per cent of the average price growers have received for their wool, a current U.S. Department of Agriculture report indicates.

According to the report, prices during the first 10 months of the year averaged 44 cents per pound grease basis. Since most wool eligible for 1955 payment had been sold during this period, the average price for the year is not expected to be materially different when all reports are in. If this average holds for the full year, the individual grower may estimate his incentive payment at approximately 40 per cent of the price he received for his wool, the report reads. And, on this basis the payment for lambs slaughtered with the wool on will be about 70 cents per hundred pounds of live weight. The estimates are based on the announced average incentive price of 82 cents per pound for wool, grease basis.

The report indicates that wool sold during the earlier months of the year moved at a considerably higher price than the wool sold later. By mid February the price was about 40 cents per pound, and even though the price had fallen to 35 cents per pound, and even though it was 1.1 cents above a month earlier.

Chairman J. F. Bonebrake, Douglas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, points out that even though the payment may vary slightly from the estimate based on the 10-month period, the payment will be substantial. Based on current estimates it will be about 40 per cent of the average price received for the wool.

He reminds growers, however, that the payment to the individual grower will be based on the national percentage needed to bring the average return from wool to 62 cents per pound. The grower who sold his wool at a below average price will receive a correspondingly smaller payment per pound of wool.

The chairman stresses that growers must get their applications for payment on last year's wool sales in to the county ASC Office, 214 Douglas County Court House, Roseburg, before May 1, to be sure of their payment this year. Furthermore, payment cannot be approved unless all the required information is submitted with the application, he concluded.

Grants Pass Man Tells Show Points To Rose Growers

The president of the Grants Pass Rose Society was featured speaker at the last meeting of the Roseburg Rose Society.

Ernest Vehrs discussed growing of roses for shows. He charted points to look for and discussed the culture and growth of the flower for exhibition.

Following his comments, local rose grower John Carrigg, of Garden Valley, demonstrated "How to prune a rose bush for planting." Dr. H. W. Mikkelsen, club president, introduced a contest—"Know Your Roses. Prizes were won by C. H. Friday and Mrs. Rosa Heinbach.

During the business session Dr. Mikkelsen summarized the new rose annual and the rose magazine which comes with membership to the American Rose Society. Members voted to give the books to the public library.

The next meeting place for the Roseburg Rose Society will be in the social rooms at the new Hutson and Monroe Medical Clinic. It was suggested members come to the April 26 meeting, in a "come as a rose" costume. The hospitality and refreshment committee appointed were Mrs. Margaret Burt, Mrs. W. J. Mess, Mrs. Mayme Manske, and Mrs. Helen Mikkelsen.

Plans were announced that the society would hold its first rose show in front of the J. C. Penney store in Roseburg June 19.

The officers attending the executive board meeting held recently at the home of the president were Mrs. Nancy Linna and Mrs. Rosa Heinbach of Dillard, Howard Weyel and Mrs. Aethal Oliviant of Roseburg.

U.S. total farm income has dropped 25 per cent in the last four years.



Garden Clubs

(Editor's note: This is the second of two articles on fertilizer prepared for The News-Review by Mrs. A. A. Jacoby of Look-Ingliss. Mrs. Jacoby helps prepare garden information for the newspaper.)

FERTILIZERS

Potash is needed for robust plants.

Necessary for the manufacture of sugars and starches, it also enhances the plants ability to resist cold, certain diseases and other adverse conditions. Potash also helps to increase succulence in soft stemmed plants, and brittleness in woody ones.

The commonest chemical source of potash is Muriate of Potash which is mined strictly out of the ground. Wood ashes are a source of potash but a teaspoonful of Muriate of Potash contains more of the chemical than a roaring log fire leaves in the grate.

Calcium is needed for cell growth. It exerts an influence on plant and soil. Normal cell growth can't proceed without adequate calcium. It overcomes harmful effects of excessive amounts of aluminum or iron salts, favors manufacture of beneficial soil bacteria and aids in making nitrogen, phosphorus and potash more readily available to plants. It's source is gypsum.

Chlorophyll is all important. Magnesium helps to move phosphorus through the plant. The key element in Chlorophyll is the green pigment collects the sun's energy, and makes all life possible. The plant can't get any food without it.

Iron is also essential in formation of chlorophyll. Though only very small amounts of iron are needed, plants will show striking discoloration when it is unavailable. In neutral or alkaline soils, iron becomes insoluble and thus is unavailable. Plants lacking this element exhibit yellow (anemic), undersized leaves. Sulphur is a constituent of plant proteins and is available in calcium sulphate (gypsum) and ammonium sulphate.

Minor elements are copper, manganese, boron, zinc and molybdenum. These are needed only in very small amounts, but each one is vital to the health and well-being of plants. As a rule sufficient quantities of minor elements are present in nearly all soils. The only exceptions are in very sandy soils (low in organic matter) or in soils which have received an overdose of hydrated lime.

There is more to feeding plants than merely scattering some chemical nutrients here and there over the soil. Roots do not have the ability to search out the various elements. The better the distribution of plant food and the more extensive the root system, the more efficient the chemical fertilizer.

A little bit goes a long way. Like salt on food, they should be spread evenly for best results. Because of danger of burning, fertilizer should never be placed in a trench directly beneath plant roots. If possible, scatter fertilizer before soil is spaded. When that is not possible, place along rows or around individual plants—not too close. Do not broadcast over plants as it will burn.

Most vegetables like a soil a little on the sweet side, more toward the neutral. Root and vine crops require a little more potash than leafy crops. If only one is used, a 5-10-5 is best. Side dress the rows about once a month after the plants get a good start.

Bulbs need very little nitrogen. Manure will supply plenty, but phosphoric acid is a must. Bone meal will supply plenty, or give them a little super-phosphate. Raw bone meal is better than processed, even though it works slower as it will not give the plants the boost they need at blossom time. They also need some potash. Most soil contains enough potash for initial root growth, and it can be applied with the general fertilizer in the spring.

Whatever fertilizer you use, read the directions carefully and follow them. If you are using a chemical fertilizer, don't over-do it. And remember that humus in the soil helps to make the food available to the plants.

Bird House Winners

A bird house contest sponsored by the Glendale Federated Garden Club last week brought 15 entries. The first prize, \$3, went to Steve Johnson, sixth grade; the second prize of \$2 went to Charles Fox, sixth grade; and the third prize of \$1 went to Ronnie Haggard, fifth grade. Because he felt the first and second graders were handicapped in competing with the older children, Millard Gilbreath, elementary school superintendent, provided money for two more prizes for the younger children. First and second graders went to Ben Troxel, second grade, second and 50 cents went to Billie Doyle, second grade.

Garden Club Speaker
Mrs. Bynan of Canyonville was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Glendale Federated Garden Club at the home of Mrs. Laska Miller recently. Mrs. Bynan discussed rockeries and invited the local group to visit her yard when they have opportunity.

Hostesses Mrs. Laska Miller and Mrs. Lela Smith served dessert.

Riddle Organizes
Organization of the Riddle Garden Club progressed at a second meeting held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Stillie Nichols with 31 present. Mrs. C. J. Bielmann, Umpqua District Director of Federated Garden Clubs explained the steps in forming a garden club and becoming a federation member. She was accompanied by Mrs. Nadine Stearns of Oakland, assistant district director.

Temporary officers presiding until the regular June election are: Mrs. Stillie Nichols, president; Mrs. J. B. McGuire, Myrtle Creek, vice president; Mrs. Robert Linder, secretary. Mrs. E. P. Blundell, treasurer. Directors are Mrs. E. E. Mollard, Mrs. J. L. Akins, and Mrs. Austin Wilson. Twenty-eight of those present signed for membership.

A tentative meeting date has been set for the first Wednesday of each month, with a luncheon meeting in May at which time Mrs. Nichols will appoint committee chairman.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served by Mrs. McGuire, Mr. M. E. Agee and Mrs. Robert Lilly.

Camas Valley Garden Club
The Camas Valley Garden Club met April 3, at the home of Mrs. Hazel Thrush with 16 members present. Clara Munch, Delphia Wheeler, Ruth Wiley and Margaret Crouch were appointed as a committee to plan the "Landscape for Living" entry for the spring Home and Garden Show in May. Mrs. Hazel Thrush announced that the annual Hand Craft show will be held April 27 in the school cafeteria. The club will also sponsor the canned drive again this year.

The nomination of officers for the coming club year took place at this meeting. An all-day meeting with potluck lunch was planned to be held at the Grange Hall May 1.

Tells Appreciation
Mrs. Ted Wiley, secretary of the Camas Valley Garden Club, writes her appreciation of the Garden Club Column and tells of her success with three common types of Anemones, termed by many gardeners as temperamental.

She reports success with digging up the clumps every other year and breaking them down, cutting out any suspicious looking tissue. You will be amazed, she reports, at how small a piece will flower and she finds that blooms are larger when handled this way. Her success is with DeCaen, St. Bridget and Fulgens.

Garden Helps
Peonies will do better if given two cups of non-acid liquid fertilizer.

FARM and GARDEN

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Hardy Plants Developed

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—A new variety of strawberry and a new raspberry, both winter-hardy and able to grow in heavy-textured soils, have been developed by Washington State College, the school said Thursday.

Dr. Mark T. Buchanan, director of the agricultural experiment station here, said the new strawberry has been named the "Puguet Beauty" after the Puget Sound country where it was developed.

The raspberry will be called the "Summer" after the city of that name in the Puyallup Valley, the state's red raspberry center.

He said the new strawberry appears to be less subject to winter freeze damage than the Northwest variety. It has shown greatest promise on heavy-textured, poorly drained soils, he said.

The new berry plants will be made available this year to commercial growers through the Washington State Crop Improvement Assn., Buchanan said.

lizer as the buds form. Give stocks one tablespoon of balanced fertilizer now. Cansas are heavy feeders and should be fed at two week intervals.

As Christmas cactus starts new growth, give it a feeding of complete fertilizer as well as some bone meal and charcoal.

Chrysanthemums like sun but not wet foliage. Put plenty of slug bait around new divisions and cuttings and keep shaded until rooted.

A good rule for feeding fuchsias is to feed little and often. Feed azaleas early with cottonseed meal or other acid fertilizer.

Now is the time to prune those flowering shrubs that are in bloom. Some of the spiraeas are not bloom yet, so wait until they bloom.

North Umpqua Club
North Umpqua Garden Club members met Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. S. (Alma) Evans. Plans for the club booth at the coming spring garden show in Roseburg were made. A report of the recent district meeting was made. Roll call was "my, resolution for my spring garden." An exhibit of favorite garden tools was shown.

A program on fuchsias was presented by Mrs. G. W. McClure. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lloyd Evans. President Mrs. Phil Strader presided.

Oakland Garden Club
Members of the Oakland Garden Club will meet April 23 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Edith Dunn. Mrs. Ruth Bunch is co-hostess. Meeting topic is conservation and pictures will be shown.

June 30 Deadline Set For Farmers Seeking Flood Aid

June 30 is the closing date for farmers to seek flood damage assistance through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

ASC Office Manager Robert G. Murray this week pointed out President Eisenhower has approved an emergency flood fund of \$397,000 for Oregon. It is to be used by farmers to restore flood-damaged farmlands.

Financial assistance is available for: Removal of debris, shaping, grading and filling; re-establishing permanent cover, restoration of dikes, riprap or revetment work, restoring stream channels, restoring dams, pits or ponds; and restoring irrigation ditches and other permanent installations, except diversions.

Murray said such assistance is limited to damage caused by the 1955-56 floods. It does not apply in cases where damage is not in excess of normal winter run off.

The county ASC office was recently moved to Room 214 in the court house, Roseburg. It had been located in the Pacific Building.

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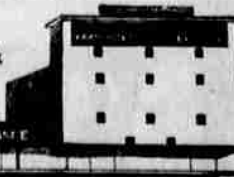
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