

Rare Floral Beauty Reigns At Canyonville Area Home

Although the Canyonville Centennial celebration will be highlighted by a wide array of entertainment, exhibits, parade entries and contests, Canyonville citizens themselves have been in the Centennial mood all year and have enjoyed reminiscing with the few "old timers" still remaining in the area. The interview which follows is typical of the information collected.

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR
Canyonville Correspondent

On a sun-dappled mountain slope south of Canyonville, among choice plants from all over the world, bends a willowy lady who has devoted some 40 years to her garden. Mrs. Julius Byman, whose 77 years have just lately begun to "slow her down," is a recognized authority and collector of Alpine plants. She is known especially for her propagation of the Lewisia, an Alpine plant native to the higher altitudes of the Siskiyou Mountains. Beside the Alpines, Mrs. Byman has complete collections of plants

whose names are familiar — primroses, primulas, azaleas and rhododendrons. Her collection also includes exotic and beautiful plants from all parts of the earth. In its native locale, the Lewisia is a pink-striped flower which grows in gritty soil among rocks, its long roots searching out the leaf mold and bits of top soil upon which it feeds.

Mrs. Byman's pride is the Lewisia Heckneri, a pure pink queen of the species. She has eight to 10 varieties in all shades and combinations between pink and white. Some are striped.

25 Years Of Propagation

An authority on their propagation, Mrs. Byman brought her first seed to her some garden 25 years ago. The seed was gathered on a horseback mountain outing with her grandson, Gene MacDonald.

Since then, she has received and gathered other seeds and planted them side by side, letting them cross-pollinate and propagate. Her membership in the Alpine Society of Europe has resulted in an interesting correspondence with dealers from whom she has purchased the many plants. As she

grew seed brought from the Alps, she found many plants in her own yard which were supposed to be native only to the Alpine locale. A common feature of the Alpine plants, which range through all the

colors of the rainbow, is their habit of growing close to the ground and seeking out the rich soil between rocks. Plant Variety Unusual Among the unusual plants in her

garden is a wild rhododendron imported from Asia and bloomed nearly 30 years ago. It bloomed just this year, exhibiting waxy, bell-like, wine-colored flowers. Other unusual plants include the dwarf Japanese magnolia, the Magnolia Selangeana; a tulip tree (offspring of the magnolia); the Darlingtonia, native only to special spots in southern Oregon and northern California; lotus plants from the Andes and Asiatic primroses. Also sprouting in Mrs. By-

man's Alpine seed bed are some plants brought to her as seed from Alaska by a friend. Asked how she supplemented her proverbial "green thumb" in acquiring the knowledge to successfully grow such a wide variety of plants out of their native setting, Mrs. Byman replied, "Now you know, I just never read novels. I spend all winter with my feet in the fireplace reading flower books."

A native Oregonian, Mrs. Byman was born at Milton and lived at Rogue River before moving to her present home south of Canyonville on Highway 99.

The State Industrial Accident Commission has been ordered to grant Fred Szwczak, former Ridge plywood worker, permanent and total disability as a result of a January, 1954, accident. A circuit court jury before Judge Charles S. Woodrich found in favor of the plaintiff who claimed injuries suffered more than four years ago while working for the Harbor Plywood Co. had been aggravated.

Monday, Judge Carl E. Wimberly signed the judgment and order in accordance with the jury finding. The Commission late in 1957 had denied his application to reconsider the case. Szwczak was hurt in a fall against an iron bar, injuring his back.

And the reverse often is true, too. Many whose main interest is pie and coffee find themselves touring the gardens.



MRS. BYMAN is shown with her dwarf Japanese Magnolia which, though some 40 years old, still is only about 10 feet high. It bloomed for the first time this year.



LUSH GROWTHS of azaleas abound in Mrs. Byman's garden. Shown are some golden-yellow beauties. Others are in various shades from white through yellow, coral and red.

Schedule Of 4-H Club Home Economics Entries Listed

The schedule of 4-H home economics club entries, judging and demonstrations at the Douglas County Fair, Aug. 21-24, was announced today by Jane Gates, county 4-H extension agent.

Miss Gates said all exhibits are to be entered at the fair by 5 p.m. Aug. 20, the day before the opening day of the fair.

The 4-H schedule will be climaxed Saturday, Aug. 23, at 1:30 p.m., by the annual style revue in the pavilion at the Fairgrounds. Another popular feature, the dollar dinner contest will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the pavilion with junior and senior club members competing at the same time.

Miss Gates said boards will be furnished for the Just So Girl and Sew, It's Fun exhibits. The rest of the exhibited clothing will be displayed on hangers. White paper plates will be furnished for food exhibits.

Approval Given Capital Improvements Measure

PORTLAND (AP)—The City Council has given its blessing to a multi-million dollar package proposal of capital improvements to appear on November's election ballot.

The controversial \$39,555,000 bond issue-tax levy will be filed for final ballot referral by the council next week. It will provide for a variety of public works and recreational projects.

Critics of the measure protest the public has not been given sufficient time to study the proposal. Mayor Terry Schrunk said the proposal was "not something pulled from a hat."

"All of the needed projects contained in it," he said, have been in the process for at least 18 months of my own knowledge."

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses

Orian N. Wallace and Ellen J. Batman, both Roseburg.
Donald L. Hadley and Twila A. Bishop, both Myrtle Creek.
Charles L. Clarke, Denmark, Ore., and Donna J. Baker, Roseburg.

Divorce Decrees

Herbert Luther from Flossie Ann Russell. Defendant granted custody of one minor child and \$50 a month support.
Marie from Frank Nelson, a decree only. No children involved.

Glide Woman's Sister From California Visiting

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY
Mrs. Nettie Gibson and grandson, Larry Kingsley, of Van Nuys, Calif., arrived Friday for a visit with Mrs. Gibson's sister, Mrs. Harriet Gallegly.

The Rev. and Mrs. Elvis Goss and Sue returned home Tuesday from a trip to their former home Springfield, Mo. Their daughter Barbara, who is employed in Kansas City, Mo., returned home with them to spend her vacation here. Mrs. Goss and Sue made the trip to Kansas City with a friend in June. Later they were joined by Goss and visited friends and relatives in Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri.

Mrs. Jack Randall visited in Seattle during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Page from Othello, Wash., are visiting this week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Richard Duncan and her family.

Mrs. Alice Brown is in Roseburg

caring for her daughter, Mrs. Edward Geary, during the latter's illness. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cellers drove to Drain from Fall Creek last Sunday to take Mrs. Lona Cellers, Mrs. Sarah Cox and Stanley Cameron back to Fall Creek where they attended a dinner honoring Fred Cellers' birthday.

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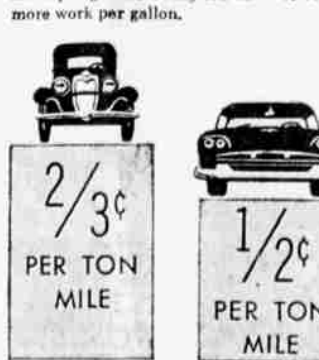
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