



# with the Garden Clubs

## Newsman Urged To Use Restraint In Reporting Trials

EUGENE (UPI)—A legal expert asked restraint on the part of newsmen in handling trial stories, and a managing editor suggested more compliance on the part of the legal fraternity in a conference on news coverage of the courts here Friday.

Robert Notson, managing editor of the Oregonian, criticized a Senate bill proposed by Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., which Notson said would choke off the right of the public to pre-trial information.

The bill would make release of any information except that on file with the court punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.

Notson said relatively few cases get to trial. In Multnomah County, he set the figure at 20 per cent, meaning that under the Morse bill 80 per cent of the cases would be disposed of without public knowledge.

Orlando Hollis, dean of the University of Oregon Law School, said self-restraint on the part of newsmen will be a major factor in continuing freedom of the press.

Hollis said there are few legal restraints left on news coverage and self-restraint by reporters is the only way by which persons before the courts can be assured matter of steady practice.

The conference is attempting to bring out the views of both readers with the workings of lawyers and newsmen in a series of panel discussions and law terms in their copy as a talks.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB**  
The October meeting of the Town and Country Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. G. G. Gossnell with 13 members present. Guests were Mrs. E. V. Renzen, Mrs. L. W. Gardner, Mrs. Russell Hummel, Mrs. Delmar Hoekersmith and Mrs. Jack Wilson.

At the business meeting presided at the business meeting during which there was a discussion concerning the suggested changes in scoring of awards for the garden plots of the various clubs at the county fair. The group voted to accept the proposed changes, with the suggestion that the clubs keep the plots assigned to them year to year. It was also recommended that the plots be kept level with no high fences or trellises.

Another suggestion made at the meeting was to the effect that florists and greenhouse operators be encouraged to put displays at the fair, but not in competition with the garden clubs. The establishment of a garden center in this area of the fairgrounds was also favored.

Mrs. M. L. Fletcher introduced the speaker for the evening, Russell B. Rummel, who gave a talk and demonstration on bonsai. Rummel also answered numerous questions concerning the best types of soil and containers to use in preparing bonsai. Using trees and shrubs brought by the members, he showed the proper methods of pruning, root cutting and wiring.

During the social hour following the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Gossnell and Mrs. Ernest Buell.

The November meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Robertson. Members are requested to bring two arrangements in color for display.

**CAMAS VALLEY CLUB**  
Twelve members of the Camas Valley Garden Club met Nov.

at the home of Mrs. Emery Thrusch.

At 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Clyde Spurlock gave the lesson on "Drying Materials for Arrangements" and the members made their own dried arrangements. Dessert was served at noon by the hostess. The business meeting was held at 1:30 p.m., presided over by the president, Mrs. Jack Wilson.

Plans were discussed for the Christmas show entitled "The Night Before Christmas" to be held Dec. 19 at the Grange Hall. Reports were given by the committee which attended the Fair Board luncheon. Reports were also given by the volunteers who visited the Veterans Administration Hospital last month.

Mrs. Wayne Schmidt, Mrs. Ross Halterman and Mrs. Guy Moore were appointed to visit the hospital next month.

Mrs. Ross Halterman won the prize given monthly from a contest conducted by Mrs. Clyde Spurlock.

**RIDDLE CLUB**  
Tuesday, Dec. 10, was set for the Riddle Garden Club Christmas Show with Mrs. John Durgin as general chairman, at the November meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Aikins. Members were requested to bring materials for a work day to the Dec. 3 meeting to be held at the Durgin home.

Mrs. Austin Wilson, club president, conducted the business meeting which was opened with the conservation pledge and the singing of the "Garden Wail."

Seventeen members were present—two newly admitted at the meeting, Mrs. H. W. Hard and Mrs. Norman Aikins.

Nov. 22 was set as the date for a hot dish supper to be held at the Tri-City Memorial Building for all clubs of the area who help send a local girl to Girls' State. A note of appreciation from the Days Creek Garden Club was read for the hospitality extended them by the Riddle club. It was announced that the potted fuchsia donated by the Riddle club as a door prize for the district meeting was won by a Riddle member, Mrs. G. J. Aspey.

Mrs. Gregg Hentges, hospital therapy chairman, set the fourth Tuesday of each month for club members to visit the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital, and named a series of committees to furnish cookies each month. Cookies may be left at the home of Mrs. Asa Lawson the day before intended delivery.

Mrs. H. G. Townsend and Mrs. Hardin Hollowell were named to attend a meeting at the Roseburg home of Mrs. Sid Domenico, district director, to make plans for the district Christmas sale on Dec. 13.

Mrs. Hentges gave an interesting talk on "Plants to Grow Indoors" and Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. H. W. Hiles demonstrated the method of making wall panels of dried materials.

**HUCREST CLUB**  
Mrs. Lee Wilson, landscape chairman for Umpqua District 16, Oregon Federated Garden Clubs, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Hucrest Garden Club scheduled for 1 p.m. Nov. 12, at the home of Mrs. L. L. Burr.

Guests and visitors are invited to attend. Mrs. Burr's address is 2114 NW Crest Court.

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## Time Approaches To Consider Digging And Storing Of Dahlias

With colder weather already here and a killing frost possible at any time, gardeners should be giving some thought to digging and storing of dahlia tubers. As a rule, dahlias should be dug between the middle of November and the middle of December unless a killing frost comes much sooner than that.

**Methods Vary**  
Procedures for cutting off the stalk and the length of time before digging vary. Some gardeners dig the entire bush with the tubers, cutting of the stock after the tubers are out of the ground. Others cut the stalk off anywhere from ground level to a foot above. Some cut the stalks off just as they dig and others from a day to more than a week in advance. Any of these methods is acceptable.

After the bush has been cut off a good practice is to put a tin can over the open end of the stalk to keep out the rain. In cutting down the plant, the label that was on the stake should be transferred to the base of the stalk. If it rains a good deal in November with no killing frost, the entire plant should be dug and let lay on the ground where it grew for a week or so, then the clump should be removed and the tubers washed, dried and stored as for an ordinary year. Most dahlia growers claim it is bad for dahlias to stand in soaked soil, especially if the drainage is poor.

Most growers agree that the spading fork is the proper tool with which to dig the clump of tubers. Digging should be done carefully so as not to break off or injure any of the tubers.

Some people cut off the dahlia plants, dig and wash the clumps and divide them all in one operation. This is a fine idea if you can't have too many to take care of at one time.

**"Eyes" Are Necessary**  
The eyes on dahlia tubers show up best immediately after digging. They begin to recede as soon as they are out of the ground, some varieties faster than others. Beginners should cut their clumps up as soon after digging as possible while the eyes can be seen easily as an "eye" is necessary for next year's sprouting.

A good way to wash the dahlia clumps is to place them on a frame covered with heavy wire mesh where they can be hosed off. This allows the dirt and water to drain away and also hastens drying. While other growers place their dahlia clumps on the lawn, concrete or gravel, all agree it is good practice to keep water out of the open end of the stalk by inverting clumps during the washing and drying period. If tubers are stored in the clump, sometimes they are not washed until dividing time in the spring. In either case they should be stored with the stalk pointing down for better drainage.

While the tubers are still damp after washing, the name can be written on the clump of tubers with a special gardeners indelible pencil. Later, as the clump is divided the name is written on each tuber to eliminate mistakes. Then the cut end of the tuber should be dusted with garden sulfur, which seals the end and discourages rot.

The most popular storage materials are sawdust, sand and a variety of mica-type insulation materials.

**Storing Advantages Shared**  
Dahlias in the clump do not dry out as fast as tubers that have been cut apart, which is something in favor of storing them undivided. However, the center stalk is soft in the fall and more easily cut than after it becomes woody in the spring. Dahlia tubers, whether divided or in clumps, keep best when stored in a cool and relatively moist location about 35 to 50 degrees. Many dahlia growers say they inspect their tubers several times during the storage periods while others never touch theirs until ready to plant in the spring. So if you have a method of digging and storing that has proved successful for you — don't change.

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## Retraction Of Statements On Wiretap Hit By Solon

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A Republican senator has called for the State Department to consider firing three of its employees who have retracted statements they made before a Senate committee.

The three originally had denied knowledge of wiretaps on the telephone of State Department security officer Otto F. Otepka.

Sen. Roman Hruska, R-Neb., said that to label the contradictions as "clarifications," "amplifications," or "misunderstandings" would be "an affront to the subcommittee and to the Senate. He said that "at a minimum the Department of State should wish to consider whether its officers who misled a committee of the Congress are suitable for further employment."

The Nebraska Republican pointed out that when a Department of Justice attorney admitted last week he lied regarding transportation of Negro integration leader Martin Luther King Jr. to an integration rally in a government-rented car "his resignation was promptly accepted."

"The inescapable conclusion" regarding the State Department employees, Hruska said, is that they "were less than truthful in their original testimony."

The contradictory statements were released Friday by the Senate internal security subcommittee as the latest development in the department-Senate clash over State Department security policies.

Otepka, former head of the evaluation division of the State Department's Security Office, was dismissed from his post on charges of conduct "unbecoming" a diplomat for allegedly giving classified data relating to the loyalty of certain employees to the subcommittee.

Otepka is appealing his dismissal.

The subcommittee made public testimony given under oath by the three State Department employees which appeared to clash with "clarifying" statements they later submitted to the subcommittee.

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