

FLOWER STORES LEAD OTHERS IN EASTERN OREGON

Two Greenhouses and a Nursery Are Noted for High Class Blossoms

CLARK'S FLORISTS
MEMBER OF F. T. D. A.

Rohan's Shop Observing First Birthday—Milne's Nursery Also Features Trees, Shrubs.

La Grande may well be proud of her flower shops—two in number—which carry rank among the finest and most modern of any city in the state. One of the companies is a member of the Florida's Florists' Association, a national organization through which local florists are able to make deliveries in any part of the civilized world. Total membership of the organization, which has during the last few years grown rapidly in prestige and size, numbers 4,000. That La Grande has a firm florist, Clark's Florists, belonging to the service is a credit and source of pride to the whole community.

The older company in the city is the Clark's Florists, which, since July, 1925, has been owned by Robert Clark and operated by Mr. Clark's sons, Ralph and Clyde Clark and daughter, Miss Blanche Clark. Mr. Clark purchased the business from Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cherry, ending for Mr. and Mrs. Cherry a business career stretching over a period of 15 years.

15 Years Old
The business was originally begun, however, about 15 years ago by Emil and Conrad Niesderer, both of this city today, who sold their interests to Mr. Cherry two years after opening the company. Since the original greenhouse constructed by the Niesderer brothers, five additional ones have been added, making a chain of six modern greenhouses and occupying, together with over half a block of gardens, one full square block. The buildings are located near the hospital on William and Adams avenues. Ralph Clark, manager of the productive end of the business, has a bachelor of science degree in greenhouse work which he received at the completion of four years work at the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr. Clark is equipped with the experience and executive ability to take care of his business. He is assisted by his brother, Clyde.

The retail shop, located in the Hotel Foley building on Adams avenue is operated by Miss Blanche Clark, who is particularly suited to that branch of work, having attended Chicago art schools where she studied interior decorating and designing, both of which fit her for the artistic branch of the work in which she is now engaged. Besides her educational training Miss Clark has had experience as an instructor in the La Grande schools and as a member of the Oregon normal school faculty. Miss Clark makes a specialty of floral designing and enters to table decorations, weddings, corsages and funeral designs. The managers take a special pride in the window display which wins much favorable comment from passers-by.

The shop itself is attractive, having walled gray oak finishings, mirrors, bordering the walls on both sides add much to the appearance while a large refrigerator extending over the back end of the room, has a beautiful mirror at the top. Gray wicker furniture is provided for the comfort of the customers. Flowers are stored in the refrigerator which keeps the blooms at the same temperature at which they were raised in the greenhouse. A line of attractive baskets, flower and plant baskets and floral ribbons is also a part of the shop's equipment. Miss Blanche Clark is bookkeeper and assistant to Mr. Clark. A review of the business would not be complete without mention of "Polly," the very talkative parrot which belongs to the shop. Polly has a host of friends who often enjoy a pleasant "chat" with their feathered acquaintance.

Rohan's Shop Celebrating
The young florist shop, Rohan's has its first birthday this week. To the owners, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Rohan the birthday celebration is an unexcitable one, because of the success which they have had in their new undertaking. The greenhouse, completed only last August, is progressing splendidly under the supervision of their son, Donald Rohan, and an experienced and competent assistant.

Plans have been completed for the second greenhouse, which will be erected in September or October. It will be on a large site, 40 feet and will be a modern structure in every way. A special feature of the new building will be a potting shed and boiler room, both individual buildings separate from the greenhouse.

The flower shop is located in the New Foley building and is managed by Mrs. Rohan. Attractive furnishings of light maple and soft green are used in the shop which includes a modern refrigerator used to store the flowers. Mrs. Rohan carries a complete line of flowers with her. Window displays are a feature of the company and will assist in the attractive presentation of the stock. Mr. and Mrs. Rohan have developed, in a remarkably short time, an extensive business in plants and flowers direct from the greenhouse for individual gardeners. They also do some wholesale business. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rohan are enthusiastic about the future of their concern. They declare that their beginning has been even more successful than they had hoped.

The Milne nursery, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Milne, located

THE HEALTHFUL MEDICAL SPRINGS RESORT



The above picture shows one of the two cottages at Medical Springs, the health resort owned by Danham Wright and managed by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Powers. This cottage besides housing the large dining room, kitchen and lounge, contains the bath and sleeping apartments for seven patients. This cottage was built shortly after the fire destroyed the large hotel. Plans are completed and will very soon be put into execution for the erection of a number of very striking features which will make Medical Springs one of the most popular resorts in the country, its managers assert.

Hay Is One of Valley's Important Crops—Oats, Barley, Corn Succeed

While wheat has been usually considered as being the largest crop raised in Union county, there are large acreages in other grain and hay crops. The average in hay last year, including the wild hay—estimated at about 4,000 acres. This figure is even greater this year when the additional acres of sweet clover are included. Oats this year covered possibly 15,000 acres, barley about 3,000 acres, hay including wild about 47,000 and corn something less than 1,000 acres.

Hay and Grains
County Agent Harry Avery is authority for the statement that the most outstanding thing in crops grown this year is the progress made in the hay and grain crops. In 1925 the county agent brought into the county one car of hand plow, a fertilizer for alfalfa, 800 lb. of alfalfa, with the use of this material, has come increased yields of the hay and this year when the use of the fertilizer was most generous, the reports are of an unusual return, with a heavy first cutting of the alfalfa, a fair second cutting and good prospects for the third.

With this not more than the third year for the planting of sweet clover, in Union county, the results have been most remarkable. Not only in the matter of a large hay crop, the production of certified alfalfa seed for export from the county has grown to quite considerable proportions. The county agent reports that this is the only important seed producing section in Oregon and he has sold through five other county agents and also directly to farmers in other counties, Grimm alfalfa seed, running up into the tens of thousands of pounds.

The planting of sweet clover is not more than three years old in this county. Upon the investigation of the county agent, a very few farmers made plantings two years ago, that number was greatly increased in 1926 and this year it was estimated at the beginning of the year that the average in sweet clover would be no less than 1000.

Oats
Maclean Oats (about proof) are the latest experiment in the way of oats to be tried by local farmers and the results in this section have been so very satisfactory that the acreage is increasing rapidly. This is the third year that this variety has been planted here, and farmers are reporting that the yield this year will be from 15 per cent to 20 per cent greater than since 1921. Hugh Haron, Clyde McKenzie, Frank Johnson and others were the first to plant three years ago and they have been followed by others of the county's progressive farmers who have had equal success with them.

In speaking of his experience with these oats, Mr. Haron says that he favors them because they are white their name suggest, small proof, and do not require the treatments which other varieties do. He also has had a heavier yield from this variety, also they do not attract. Mr. Haron sowed his oats at the same time that he sowed his hard red wheat, and he also sowed them at the same time this year. It had been argued that these oats might be too through the coming, but that has not proven to be true. Mr. Haron's experience has been duplicated by others. Clyde McKenzie had a field of oats a couple of weeks ago, possibly 30 acres all told, one piece of which stood from five to six feet high and was an splendid specimen of growing oats as one would care to see.

Last year there were about 10,000 acres in oats in Union county with an average yield of 30 bushels.

Barley
Ten thousand acres is coming to be the variety in predominance in this county, having previously since its introduction, produced a higher yield than any other variety in this class also. It has been estimated that the yield will be about 15 per cent to 20 per cent greater than in previous years. Union county had 8,000 acres in barley last year, with an average of 25 bushels, bringing a total production of 190,000 bushels.

Corn
The corn crop is the last of the crop of the county and it is growing in a large field in the town of La Grande, in a large field of ground and doing an extensive business in alfalfa, plants and trees. Mr. and Mrs. Milne have been engaged in the business since 1921 when they took it over from the late E. L. Kiser. Their business has grown from a small one in the last six years. Mrs. Milne is active manager. An office is located on the grounds of the nursery. During the last few years, Mrs. Milne has built up a large trade in perennial plants and shrubs along with the shrubbery and trees.

All these are growing and prospering institutions which are constantly being improved by modern equipment and supervision.

County Granges Are Active In Progress Work

Among the most active organizations in Union county are the granges and their central body the Union County Grange. Their interests are the farmers' interests and they strive in every way possible to improve conditions.

The first granges were organized in Union county in the year 1873, one being at Grange Hall, near La Grande, one at Union, and one at Hinesville. These granges functioned for a number of years but finally became inactive, and the Farmers' Alliance came in, taking their place.

The present 30th Mountain Grange of the Grange (the district was organized in 1904 by J. J. Vorhees, of Woodburn, with C. D. Huffman as master, Deane Salvo as secretary and Miss Ruth Gekko as lecturer).

Mr. Huffman held the position of master for 12 years. The Mt. Pando grange was organized in 1904 by W. H. Gekko and the Medical Springs and the Pleasant Grove granges a few years later.

County Agent Paul Spillman and C. D. Huffman organized the Pleasant Grove grange in 1912 and the Pando grange was organized in 1919.

The granges of Union county have been active in many of the progressive movements in the county. The granges are the organization to work for the establishment of an experimental station in the county and for the education, also the securing of a county agent.

For several years active committees have been maintained in local county fairs work as well as to hold meetings, continuously. For several years the business of the county were given credit on institute work for attending the educational days in the granges.

Present Officers
J. A. Nier, of North Powder, is present county master, and also county deputy. Edward Gekko, of Elgin, is secretary. County Agent H. G. Avery is chairman of the agricultural committee, E. D. Jansen, of Alsea, of the legislative committee, and Mrs. H. A. Masterton, the relief committee. The Rock Wall and the Mount Pando granges are the two youngest granges of the county, both being about a year old.

LIK IN PERIL
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North Powder Chamber Of Commerce

Dalton & Denning Garage

Farmers' State Bank