



Award winner 'Black Dragon'



'Best Lily' in international show

Local nursery wins award at international lily show

A Sandy firm that produces flower bulbs for the wholesale market recently won the top award in an international competition.

The "best lily in the show" award went to The Oregon Bulb Farm, which operates its nurseries on Lusted Road near Dodge Park.

Ed McRae is the firm's hybridist and devised the new hybrid species which won the award. McRae apologetically explained that the new lily had not as yet been named but he described its background and its horticultural pedigree.

The flower is a cross between the lily known as "pink glory" and a Japanese species called *L. nobilissimum*. McRae explained that the "nobilissimum" in the term is a reference to the flavor of the bulb, which is the sweetest among all lilies.

"In Japan, the lily bulb is eaten as a delicacy," McRae commented. "This species is considered to have outstanding flavor."

The flower is almost extinct in Japan, and McRae noted that the local firm is almost the only supplier of its bulb in the world. "We're the only people who have *L. nobilissimum* in any quantity," he said. "In fact, we have even received requests for it from a university in Japan, which is rather amusing, since the species originated there."

McRae noted that it is not only the Japanese palate which appreciates the *L. nobilissimum*. In large stands of lilies grown in the Canby area he finds that "Clackamas County gophers also find the bulb delightful, and seem to prefer it to the other species."

McRae walked through the extensive greenhouse complex and described the qualities of each aromatic flower he passes. He admits to knowing each of their names.

"They're like my children, you know," he said. And with a near-fatherly pride he noted that his nursery supplies more lilies to world buyers than any one except the Dutch.

The hybridist explained that even most varieties grown in Holland were originated in this country. In the recent international show, held by the North American Lily Society in

Mansfield, Ohio, the local nursery won two distinctions. In addition to the "best lily" award, for the Japanese hybrid, they were also cited for excellence for their trumpet lily "Black

Dragon."

McRae explained that the society plans to hold its 1981 competition in Portland, the first time the show has been scheduled for the west coast.



Hybrid of 'L. nobilissimum'

Prizes won at sporting dog meet

The annual David Hudgeons Memorial Water Race was held recently by the Mt. Hood Sporting Dog Association. A drawing was conducted during the event in cooperation with Sandy merchants.

Among the drawing's winners were Dave Burch,

Phil Tanelman, James Marshall, Hollice Wilcox, Ron Searls, Dot Price, Brenda Truesdale, Larry Hudgeons and Joanne LeDoux.

Also winning prizes were Nancy Zimmerman, Jamie Hendricks, Rosemary Johnson, Matt Castor, Clyde

Adlen, Dave Wingfield, Bob Poirer, Roger Fields and Pat Paterson.

Other winners were Dan Doty, George Jones, Stan Wright, Paula Cassidy, Lloyd Carroll, J.W. Hubbard, Arlen Baller, Johnny Young, Dan Weaver, Nina Hudgeons and Kim Ray.

Multnomah fair prizes go to county breeders

Clackamas County breeders of beef animals were top scorers in beef judging as the 1978 Multnomah County Fair concluded Sunday, Aug. 6 at the Expo Center in North Portland.

Holdner & Delano, with the Delano half of the partnership based in the Oregon City area, won the ribbon for grand champion Hereford bull and Knapp Angus Ranch (Knapp & Clymore) Sandy, took the grand champion award for Angus bulls.

Jerry Fee, Oregon City, showed the grand champion female Hereford and Jim Massey, Washougal, Wash., the reserve champion.

Danny Meeker, Salem, beef cattle judge, said that while the quantity of beef animals shown in the Multnomah Fair was below average the quality was exceptional, exceeding that of animals he has judged in other county fairs this year.

Melba Shaw of Sandy won the reserve championship in the dairy goat competition.

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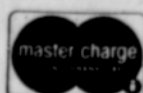
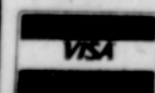
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Weekend blaze

SANDY FIREFIGHTERS were doubly hot Sunday, when they suited up in spite of near-hundred degree temperatures to combat a brush fire. The blaze broke out at Iseli Nurseries, owned by Warren Iseli of 38254 Berg Lane, and involved mostly sawdust. The fire, which covered 1/4 of an acre, caused a \$200 property loss. No nursery stock was destroyed, and firemen are unable to determine the exact cause.

Staff photo