

## Bulbs & Bulblets

### Official Croft Lily Growers News Items

#### Growers Asked To Saturday Meeting

Plenty of fireworks and fur-fly-ing are promised for next Saturday evening, May 4, when the Croft Lily Growers Association meets at the Harbor Grange to discuss prices for this year's Easter lily crop.

Heretofore, these meetings have always been productive of some lively discussions—to put it mildly, and this year should be no exception. For some time there have been rumors, reports and strange and rather weird stories circulating hereabout of what this grower or that grower was supposedly doing in offering his crop for this or that or some other price. As the old saying goes: "Murder will out," however, so there is likely to be some family skeletons dragged out into the open during this meeting.

In an exclusive statement to the Pilot, Judge A. E. Sandbo, president of the association, declared: "The Croft Lily Growers Association is a democratic organization which believes in encouraging every member, whether he has ten acres or only one-tenth of an acre of lilies, to stand on his own feet and declare himself in open meeting on any matter affecting the bulb industry. It is just such things as these that have given us a national reputation and recognition by the entire industry. It is a mark of distinction and prestige for every lily grower in this community to join our association and share its

privileges and responsibilities—with his expected friends and his neighbors. We regret that due to the large turnout expected at the May 4 meeting, and to the limited seating capacity of the Grange hall, it will be necessary to restrict attendance for members only. However, any lily grower interested in joining the association may contact either R. C. Brooks, treasurer, at Brookings, or H. T. James, secretary, at Harbor."

Mrs. Mabel Streubing, who has just returned from an extended marketing survey of the mid-west, covering some 5000 miles in which she contacted many large jobbers, nurserymen and florists, in the interests of our Croft lilies, and as official emissary of the Croft Lily Growers Association. She will give a complete report and an expert analysis of actual marketing condition and possibilities. This will be one of the outstanding events of the year and will be worth many times the nominal cost of membership in the association. Judge Sandbo emphasized. The meeting will get under way promptly at 7:30 p. m.

#### "Good Reports" Were Received of Crofts

Mrs. May T. Stafford has received several encouraging reports on the Easter lily performance this past season. Good performance, especially in the larger bulbs, was noted.

One of Mrs. Stafford's dealers stated in a letter to her that, "We, too, heard many complimentary remarks about

the 'beautiful Crofts' with their enormous, well-developed flowers—with the average bud count satisfactory on the larger sizes, but not on the 6s and 7s."

Mrs. Stafford stated that it is her experience and is interesting to note that most dealers favor a 15c difference in price between the 7- and 8-inch bulbs.

#### Port Orford Man Shoots Wife And Commits Suicide

##### Wife Had Started Divorce Proceedings, It Was Reported

Harry B. Steiner, prominent rancher of Port Orford, shot his wife four times, and committed suicide, Wednesday afternoon. The scene of the shooting was not learned at time the Pilot went to press.

Mrs. Steiner, daughter of Dr. W. A. Cartwright, of Gold Beach, was shot through the head and stomach, but was still alive late Wednesday evening. Steiner, after shooting his wife, then turned the gun on himself and was killed instantly.

Steiner and his wife had been separated for some time, and she had started divorce proceedings. There seems, however, to be no motive for the tragedy. Steiner had previously threatened his wife, it was reported, but she did not swear out a complaint against him.

In the 1944 primary election, Steiner was a candidate for state representative from Coos and Curry Counties, but was defeated by Fred Adams of Gold Beach.

Steiner was active in Grange affairs at Port Orford and was interested in gorse control.

Other details were not learned by the Pilot at press time.

#### Port Orford, Gold Beach Want Money

Gold Beach and Port Orford have followed Brookings' example in raising "match money" for the money budgeted by the county for advertising. The original county budget set aside \$900 for advertising purposes, with \$300 going to each of the communities if and when they matched it with an equal amount, collectively.

At the meeting of the county court last month, both Gold Beach and Port Orford declined to take advantage of the county's proposal. At that time, the Brookings Chamber of Commerce delegated Luther Tisdale to appear before the court and request that \$300 be allocated to the three communities, separately contingent upon their raising the matching amount. This proposal was accepted by the court, with only Brookings taking advantage of it.

At the county court meeting yesterday both Port Orford and Gold Beach requested of the court that they be allowed to accept the proposal; and stated that the matching amounts of \$300 each had already been raised.

The court order was made authorizing payment of the money upon proof that each community had matched it. This will be done by the secretaries of the two chambers writing a letter to the county clerk stating that they have raised the required matching money.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Stoaks recently purchased and moved into the former Drake home on the corner behind the Brookings Market. Chet Stoaks is local agent for Central Transfer, and has his office at his home.

Dr. R. M. W.

Salem are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hassett. Mrs. Waltz is a sister of Mr. Hassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lesma are visiting friends in Klallam Falls.

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With Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake — and

"Wildfire"

a technicolor with Sterling Holloway, Wm. Farnum, Eddie Deen and Bob Steele.

Sunday-Monday, May 5 and 6—

● Matinee at 2 p. m. Sunday ●

THE MUSICAL HIT OF THE YEAR

"Swing Parade  
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with Gale Sotrm, Phil Regan, The Three Stooges, Conee Boswell, Louis Jordan and his Tympany Five, plus Will Osborne's orchestra in plenty of tunes.

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