

1947 Lily Program Outlined At Meeting Of Pacific Lily Growers Held Last Week

(Editor's Note: The writer of this article is vice-president of Pacific Bulb Growers Association, Inc., and secretary of the Croft Lily Growers Association, and is well known, so needs no introduction to readers. The Pilot believes there is "much food for thought" on the part of all lily growers contain in the following)

By H. T. JAMES

The writer has just returned from attending a meeting of the Pacific Bulb Growers Association, Inc., held at Gold Beach last Monday and Tuesday. This association is known as the "over all" association and its membership is made up of twelve affiliated associations in the states of California, Oregon and Washington. In fact there are only three groups of lily growers in these states who are not at present represented in the Pacific group and it is expected that these will join up soon after the first of the year.

Several matters of vital concern to all lily growers were discussed at the Gold Beach meeting. Two of these subjects are of such great importance that we have been asked by the editor of the Pilot to explain them in these columns.

Due to the fact that the writer and our associate delegate, Earl Carson, brought these matters to the attention of the delegates, we can give you, Pilot readers, a first hand and authentic account.

The first subject brought up the matter of foreign imports of Easter lily bulbs into United States. In 1945 over one million lily bulbs were imported from Mexico.

While no figures for 1946 are yet available, we assume that at least two million bulbs came in. Even Japan managed to import 21,000 lily bulbs this year. It is evident that unless steps are taken to remedy this situation the time is not far distant when we will have our American market flooded with cheap foreign lily bulbs. We all know that our standards of living are such that we cannot compete with his ruin-out foreign competition.

Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon recently stated that if our lily growers were interested sufficiently to assemble and compile the necessary data he would take this matter up on the floor of the United States Senate, and seek enactment of a protective tariff which would prevent the importation of lily bulbs, coming in to our country practically duty-free.

The senator must know three things: First—The number of commercial lily bulbs you raised this year; Second—the number you were not able to sell and lastly—the number of commercials you expect to harvest next year.

In furtherance of this purpose, we ask every grower to please send this data, addressed to H. T. James, Harbor, Oregon. (See questionnaire, page three).

We intend to get this data to Senator Cordon and all other senators and congressmen from the Pacific Coast states shortly after January 1, so please attend to it immediately.

The main point to remember is this: If we had a surplus of our own lilies this year (and there will be more next year), why import foreign bulbs?

The other matter brought up by the writer at the Gold Beach meeting pertains to the marketing of the 1947 lily crop. Some wit once remarked: "If our foresight was as good as our hindsight" we would all be millionaires. As to just how true this is many of us now well realize.

We can all look back and see if we had done this, or had done that, we would have been much better off: This is particularly true with those of us who were not fortunate enough to have sold all of our bulbs this year.

In the writer's humble opinion there is no logical reason for a surplus of bulbs. That there was

a "bottleneck" somewhere along the line is most evident. As to just where the bottleneck was is a disputed question but the writer believes it was caused equally by the grower, jobber and forcer.

To get an accurate picture, let's look back briefly to see what happened in 1946. Last May the newly-formed West Coast Bulb Growers Co-op held a meeting at Coos Bay to set bulb prices for its members. To this meeting had been invited numerous growers and representatives of growers to discuss this matter but unfortunately no jobbers had been asked to attend.

Possibly this was due to the belief that we still had a "seller's market" and could get about any price we chose for our bulbs. The result was the setting of a price which did not have the active support of the Jobbers so they made no effort to solicit orders for our bulbs from the jobbers' customers—the greenhouses.

Had we, the growers, been "half smart" and met with the jobbers early in the year and discussed prices, crop, markets, etc., we believe every bulb would have been sold this year. Due to this failure, greenhouses bought southern Easter lilies and other cheaper flowers.

But, be that as it may, "water over the dam" and such, there is no use crying over spilled milk now. The thing for us to do is not to make the same mistake twice—or again. For that very reason we propose to meet with the jobber shortly. The Pacific Bulb Growers Association is sending out requests to every jobber asking that they meet with us (or vice versa) at a time and place convenient to themselves. We'd like for them to meet with us somewhere here on the coast but if that cannot be arranged we will meet with them wherever it may be, Chicago, New York or Timbuctoo!

One of the most important things we must know is just how many commercials we expect to have in 1947. We propose to ask every member of the twelve affiliated associations in the Pacific group to send us his estimated commercial production for 1947. (The Croft Lily Growers Association and West Coast Bulb Growers Coop represent the Pacific group locally).

At the time we meet with the jobbers we shall furnish them with a list of the names of every grower represented together with estimated commercial lily crop for 1947.

As anyone can readily see, we intend to lay our cards on the table—face up, too. We shall tell the jobbers what our estimated crop is and discuss fully the matter of marketing it. We believe that by meeting with the buyers and their representatives, early in the year, and with all sitting down together, we can reach an understanding and obtain an orderly marketing of our entire commercial lily production that may not otherwise be possible.

The matters discussed herein are of vital concern to every lily grower. We know of nothing more important to our welfare than to obtain a tariff law for protection against foreign lily bulbs and meeting with the jobbers for marketing next year's crop. This can all be done only through organization and co-operation. Will you do your part?—so we may all truly have a merrier Christmas and Happier New Year.

Office Open All Jan.

During the month of January Dr. Stevenson will devote his entire time to denture work. He will feature transparent plates and cast partials, roofless dentures and one-color full natural plates. January is the month to have this work done.

Chetco Grange Installs Officers

The last regular meeting in this year was held by Chetco Grange was held last Friday with Master Herbert Payne in charge.

A proposed amendment to change the Grange meeting night was read and will be acted upon at next meeting. It is felt that the Friday meetings come of the same evenings that school affairs do, and many Grangers wish to attend both meetings.

Much favorable comment was heard about the newly-built seats in the hall, which are comfortable.

Officers for 1947 were installed, with Fred Adams, County Grange Deputy, as installing officer, with assistants being Sisters Johnston, Phipps and Adams, all of Ophir Grange. The newly-installed of-

ficers are:

Master—D. C. Jagers.
Overseer—Benjamin Jones.
Lecturer—Viva Johnson.
Steward—Raymond Asche.
Assistant Steward — Loyal Bates.
Chaplain—Bertha Moore.
Treasurer—Verna Asche.
Secretary—Ellen Jagers.
Gatekeeper—Benjamin Turner.
Ceres—Ethel Olsen.
Pomona—Ruby Harvey.
Flora—Tora Gustafson.
Lady Assistant Steward — Bernadine Steele.
Musician—Grace Edwardson.
Executive Committee: Charles Schaal, George Hiland and Walter Pearmine.

A pot luck lunch was enjoyed after which a Christmas program was held, under leadership of the lecturer, Verna Asche, and Santa Claus made his appearance to the sound of sleighbells. Dancing completed the evening.

Two big dances at the Grange hall this week. On Christmas evening music will be furnished by the Grange's own orchestra. On will play.

P.-T. A. Postpones Its Next Meeting

Because the school is taking two-weeks vacation, the local P. T. A. will hold its regular meeting on the second Thursday instead of the first Thursday as been announced.

The local P. T. A. is giving a \$50 prize to the room having the most decorations. For announcements will be made January 1.

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To expedite matters, we will be closed December 26 and 27 to take inventory. This is being done that we may not have interruption at that time.

It is our desire, at this time, to wish everyone in this Community all the joy and happiness of the season. It is also our desire to have again next year the same courteous relations of the past.

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By Ed and Mendy

Howdy, Folks: Christmas is here. Did you do your shopping early, or did you do it surly?

This season we all complain of the high cost of giving—didn't we?

Christmas is the time we give the kids something for father to play with.

It is the time when we all want our pasts forgotten, and presents remembered.

When Christmas comes, bills can't be far behind.

And it's a time when only Santa can go around with an old bag all night and not get talked about.

Lloyd Stefani left yesterday on a Christmas vacation. Said he plans to spend today at Coos Bay, some time at Gresham, and may go to Vancouver, B. C., if he has time enough. Now, we wouldn't like to be to presumptuous, but we wonder if he has money to do all that.

Mason and Edwards took off Monday for the week. Gosh, but how will we get that building up that way? Oh, well, they have earned all the time they get off.

Today, Mendy goes off the deep end into the sea of matrimony. Gosh, fellas, when they get back—let's have out the band—or gang.

Well, folks, we wish you all the happiness possible for this day of all days, and hope your future may be as bright as you hope it will. Remember, too, we are able at this time to make prompt delivery on our GAS and AIR.

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Roy and Faye Sunderland
Brookings Oregon