

Woodruff Honored By Garden Clubs

At a recent meeting of the Azalea Garden Club, Leslie Woodruff was nominated for the



By Ed and Mendy

Howdy, Folks: Today we are confronted with many mistakes a bunch of us made while in our younger days—shall we say our school days. We can remember when Val wrote on his paper that the government of England was a limited mockery.

Eddie, as you know, was in the navy during the war. One day his wife told us that Ed was talking in his sleep one night and stated that the part the navy played in the last war was "Star Spangled Banner." His wife said she didn't know the key.

Remember back when you was studying the "Tale of Two Cities?" Do you remember what the book said was the watchword? Bob Perkins told us the thought they were: "Liberty, Equality and Maternity." We can't say to that, we never got that far between naps in class.

Remember what Paul Revere said at the end of his famous ride back in Revolutionary times? Dewey, that sage of the Pilot, said it was "whoa." That's the thing we want you to do while driving this way—anyday!

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State Horticultural Award that is given each year by the State Federation of Garden Clubs for the outstanding achievements in Horticulture. Woodruff has had international recognition for his hybridizing in the begonia and lily fields and is prominent in his field. The nomination had the written endorsement of the members of the club. The awards are not granted until the close of the garden year in June. Oregon is the first state to establish such a record and this will give an opportunity for outstanding horticulturists to leave a record with the State of their achievements. In this instance it will be an honor to our community, to the Azalea Garden Club and to our outstanding horticulturist, Leslie Woodruff.

Profits in 4-H Club Work

4-H club projects pay their own way, and leave a nice profit for the members, besides, states L. J. Allen, State Club Leader. He just completed a summary of last year's record books.

The total value of work done by 4-H members—livestock and poultry raised, gardens and crops tended, food preserved and clothing made—amounted to \$701,769.38. The total cost to club members was \$429,758.65. This leaves as the value above cost, or labor value, \$272,010.73. These figures are for the 1946 program.

Yes, 4-H work pays off in money. But even more important, 4-H work pays off in what it teaches boys and girls about farming, about work habits, and about health habits. The result as Allen pointed out is that club work makes better citizens of today's 4-H boys and girls.

Sixty Days In Japan

By Arthur F. Raper, Social Science Analyst, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The time, in May and June, was too short to be sure of anything. But I did get many rather definite impressions about current conditions among the farm people. I spent from two to three days in nine rural villages in various parts of the islands. Accompanying me were three of Japan's leading rural socialists.

I was especially impressed with four things: 1. The smallness of the farms. 2. the excellent care most of the farmers take of their land. 3. the general absence of farm machinery, and

Over-production Must Be Reduced; So Monday's Meeting Points Out

The future of the lily industry, it was forcibly pointed out, Monday evening at the meeting held at the Grange hall, depends largely upon a unity among lily growers—and avoiding over-production.

To eliminate some of this over-production a few rules were submitted to the group:

1. Each lily grower to report number of bulbs he wishes to market each year, so estimates may be made of the total production;
2. All agree not to cut the price under any consideration (This means every grower in the industry.
3. Be loyal to the grower group and sales agency which may be established in the area;
4. Join the Pacific Lily Growers so a better study and organization may be worked out for the improvement of conditions.

About half raised their hands, but may forget before next year. Adherence to this principle, all agree, will make next year a good year for the lily industry, otherwise it may be sunk..

Rugged individualism, it was pointed out, was in vogue when the forefathers came westward to settle this country. Today, conditions are not as simple—in fact, they are quite complex.

From the lily industry, growers should assist the chamber of commerce in establishing a cut flower industry through trade channels, in the east. Such co-operation will mean prosperity.

4. the strong tradition the Japanese farmers have of working together. The average size farm is 2.5 acres. The main crop is rice. Practically all of the cultivatable land has long been used intensively and skillfully, giving to much of the farming areas the appearance of well kept gardens.

4-H Sheep Shearing School Planned In County

Another sheep shearing school is being planned for 4-H club members according to Cal Monroe, assistant state club leader. Tentative dates have been set for February 23 to 28. If enrollment in southern Oregon justifies, one school will be conducted in Medford as well as Portland. Interested 4-H'ers should write the county agent for more information.

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