

Crissey Speaks to Garden Club

The April 8 meeting of the Garden club was highlighted by an extremely interesting talk concerning backgrounds in the garden, presented by Mr. Crissey, who was introduced to the group by Mrs. Hibbard. Crissey stressed that the most important background for a garden is the experience which is gained through many years of gardening, and he then explained the material backgrounds which are used to enhance and emphasize the beauty of a garden. In choosing a background one should take into consideration the size of the plants intended to place before it. Crissey said, "add as well as beauty to a home and its grounds". He also urged planting of fuchsias and the other exotic plants in our area.

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He mentioned examples of the fuchsias growing entwined into cypress hedges and other trees.

Mr. Crissey pointed out the fact that a completely enclosed garden would appear much larger than one placed in an open area. He stressed the use of fences, hedges and screens as backgrounds for small or large gardens.

Mrs. Newton illustrated some short-cuts in flower arrangements, and she also gave some very useful tips for arranging flowers.

A "Quickie Flower Arrangement" was done by Mrs. Weideman after which tea, coffee and cookies were served.

Guests attending the meeting were Mrs. Warren Smith of Brookings, and Mrs. Reed of Crescent City.

Hostesses for the affair were Marion Hanscam, Rose Hibbard, Helen Hanscam, Alice Perkins, Jean Horst, Flo Anderson, Clara Kerns, and Eleanor Koehler with Viola Hanscam acting as chairman.

Taxes For Welfare Over \$3.5 Million

Curry county budgeted \$9,996 property taxes for 1947-48 welfare purposes. For the last five years \$50,878 was budgeted by the county, and since 1933, \$151,384.586 of federal, state (liquor profits) and county property tax funds were spent on all welfare purposes in Oregon, according to Oregon Business & Tax Research, the state taxpayer organization. All Oregon counties budgeted \$3,762,389 of welfare property taxes this fiscal year. This total may not coincide with actual expenditures, it was pointed out.

Total welfare costs for the past fourteen years, using public welfare commission data, were 29 per cent of the \$437,723,510 state highway expenditures in the 34-year period, 1913 to 1947.

Curry county levied 1.87 mills property tax in 1947-48, for welfare costs, which millage levy was 21.6 per cent of the county's total levy for all purposes, excluding roads. The taxpayer organization suggested that if welfare costs continue to increase and counties are forced to levy the full 4.5 mills maximum under a 1947 state law, more counties will have to submit special tax levies to the people for approval.

"Wendy Weeder" Writes:

Dear "Patsy Planter":

It's April! and regardless of the temperature, spring is here. And just as soon as the first breath of spring floats upon us from a cool breeze—we begin to think of our gardens. That's why I'm writing to you, Miss Planter. You and I are gardeners! I have some wonderful ideas for our flower and vegetable gardens. They are the sort of ideas we get as the sun streams through our freshly cleaned curtains on a bright and warm April morning. I plan to have a message for you each week, so if you'll carefully scan this newspaper you'll find me—and perhaps you'll find an answer to your current gardening problem.

All of us enjoy bringing the beauty of our gardens into our homes. A colorful bouquet adds so much cheer to any room, but even in picking flowers for your fragrant bouquet, there is an art in which many tricks are hidden. Do you know that roses cut in the afternoon last hours longer than those cut in the morning? Experiments at Cornell university prove that blooms cut at 4:30

p.m. lasted seven hours longer than those cut at 8:00 a.m. Being exposed to the sun all day the afternoon cutting has stored more sugar and therefore has more energy and endurance.

Other flowers as well as roses should be given equally as much care when cutting them for the bouquet. Gladiolus should be cut just as the first buds open; Peonies, as the outer petals unfold; and Oriental poppies, early in the morning. Most other annuals and perennials should be cut just before they reach full bloom. Always make a long slanting cut on the stem of the flower before placing it in a vase. This enables it to absorb more water and so insures a longer life.

Before I leave you this week, I want to remind you of the coming Azalea Festival and of course the great event for all we gardeners—the Azalea Garden club's Flower Show, which I expect to be a truly memorable affair. Plans have been laid and committees have begun their work. As yet, no specific date has been set, but I'll keep you posted as to the latest developments. I know you'll be as interested as I am. Happy gardening! 'Till we

meet next week. Love, "WENDY WEEDER"

Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
April 5	46	41	.60
April 6	50	36	.52
April 7	53	38	.01
April 8	53	40	.80
April 9	51	44	.52
April 10	49	43	.65
April 11	53	37	0

House guests over the weekend at the Roy Sunderland home were his mother, Mrs. W. Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil

Goldsberry and son, Douglas of Portland. Mrs. Goldsberry is Mr. Sunderland's sister.

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