

Purple Ribbon Award Result of Careful Planning and Co-operation By 'Club'

Azalea Garden club now has the distinction of being up "amongst the best of them." The proof is tangible—a purple satin ribbon medalion with beautiful gold lettering—the Purple Ribbon award for our 1950 flower show, say officers of the club. "We plan to frame it and will ask permission of the Chetco Community Library to display it in the library until such time as the club has its own quarters."

The 1950 flower show was held while Mrs. Bradley Page was the president, however, Mrs. Clara Kerns, 1951 president, had the honor of accepting the award at the recent state convention at Hood River.

Azalea Garden club deems the winning of this award an honor worthy of much publicity. At the chamber of commerce business meeting, Mrs. Roy Weideman, the chairman of the 1950 show, so proudly displayed the medallion and explained that only one was awarded each year in the whole state, emphasizing that it took combined efforts of the townspeople as well as club members to produce such a calibre show.

Looking to and living in the future is better than digging up past records and achievements, but this seems to be a proper time to give an added "pat" to those who were not members of

Azalea Garden Club, yet thought the flower show project well worth their time and effort.

"After the theme: "Consider the Lilies"—had been set, there was still much more to be done. The replica of an old stone church and churchyard predominated the show. The beautiful lily garden with old fashioned benches and paths created by Mr. and Mrs. George Funk; the stonework of the church so very real done in grey and lavender chalk and skinned bits of the fingertips of Mrs. Alice Rausch, Mrs. Marie Funk, and Mary Lou Berger; the simulated stained glass windows the center a life-size figure of Christ, painted by Katherine Hardesty and the two rose windows by Mrs. Alice Rausch.

All combined this was a thing of beauty when finally set up, but the pulling, hauling and tugging that goes on behind the scenes at a flower show takes more strength than most garden club women can supply and Erskine Miller and Bill Weideman were more than generous with their time and strength.

It takes more than a stage setting to win a Purple Ribbon—there is the publicity to be presented to the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs which was the responsibility of Mrs. Roy Rice, awards chairman, to gather clippings and compile the data on the participation of club members, junior displays, educational exhibits, percentage of horticultural specimens and suitable photographs.

Then there is the schedule—how many club members take time to go over a Flower Show schedule even sketchily? Every word was checked and rechecked by the committee compiling it in

charge of Mrs. Charles Grayshel, and Mrs. Max Brainard.

Mrs. George Eisenhauer, state president, was sufficiently impressed with it to ask for extra copies to be sent to various clubs throughout the state.

In looking back over the flower shows that have been presented by the club, many beautiful things can readily be brought to mind and more than likely anyone of them were good Purple Ribbon material with perhaps exception of horticultural specimens which must be at least 60% of the show, but the 1950 show was the first to be presented for competition for the ward. For the benefit of future flower show chairmen there is a valuable little book in the library: "Handbook of Flower Shows," put out by the federation. Azalea Garden club is not eligible to compete in 1951, but there is another year just beginning for the club, which may again make a bid for the Purple Ribbon award in 1952.

Ronald Akers Had Fun at Boys' State

While he never won any election for himself but school board member, Ronald Akers was a candidate for state representative and city councilman, at Beaver Boy State, Corvallis, last week. "A boy from 'my town,' was named governor of Boys' States, and will go to Washington to Boys' Nation."

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Oregon, American Legion, Boys' State is an annual affair to instruct boys in the theories of civics and politics, and is open only to members of the junior class in high school.

"Boys are kept on the go from 6 a. m. until 10 p. m. in a well-scheduled program which has a lot of interests. It was so hot last week at Corvallis, that a lot of the boys had difficulty in staying awake in classes.

"It's a wonderful experience for a fellow, and I am glad I had that opportunity. The boys there are from all over Oregon, and generally are a fine bunch."

Wranglers Name New Officers

Meeting at the Wilson Freeman home, Friday night, Chetco Wranglers elected Roy Brimm president for the coming year.

Other officers are:

Vice-President—Art Crook.
Sec.-Treas.—Clarice Crook.

After a business meeting the group gathered at the partly-finished Chetco store for square dancing. The organization will sponsor a booth at the Lily Festival to raise funds toward a new riding stable. The group will be host to the Port Orford band when it appears here Sunday.

Incorporation Will Be Voted, Tuesday

Next Tuesday, from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., bona fide residents of the community of Brookings, residing within the proposed boundaries, will vote on the proposition of incorporation.

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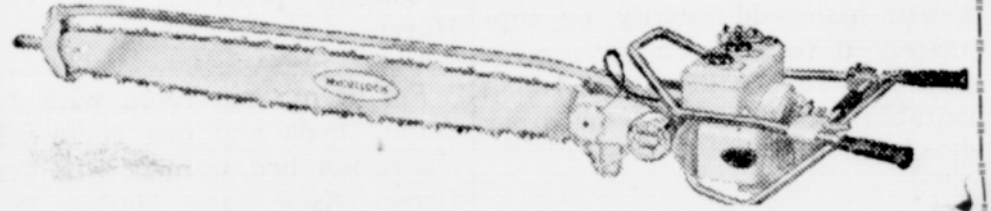
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