

Little Lily Turned First Spotlight On Curry County Area; Flower Raising Still Big Industry For The Floral Specialists



Sometimes it's the little things that count!

Take the little Easter lily for instance—it was the culture of that much-desired flower that did much to put the first spot light on this area—and its possibilities. Lilies, grown in this temperate climate, were found to be in greatest demand by florists all over the east and mid-west when it came to producing better potted plants for the trade at Easter time. From that point, others over the country began looking at the area in a different way.

This area, which rarely ever has freezing weather, has become known as one of the foremost spots to grow winter flowers for the trade. Daffodils have been a profitable crop for years.

In this area, according to the county agent's office almost a million dollars yearly are realized

in the floriculture. That, along with other resources, makes the economy of Curry county interesting to prospective settlers. It is the stability of this area which will eventually win new residents who will come for the climate and the possibilities of making a good living.

Raising of New Zealand flax is an industry which should be in-

vestigated by prospective settlers for from this plant industry will gain a substitute for hemp in the manufacture of rope, twine etc.

Elsewhere in this issue will be a treatise on this subject. Much of the marginal lands of the area will lend itself to that culture.

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County Extension Service Offers Adult Education For Many Co. Home-Makers

Only five years old in Curry county the Home Extension program of Oregon State College has taken deep roots in the lives of many homemakers, according to Miss Wanda Gossage, County Home Demonstration Agent.

To these women extension means a monthly meeting with the extension unit in their community for a demonstration by the county extension agent or a trained leader on some subject pertinent to the latest developments in the field of home economics.

One can readily see improvements in the food, clothing, shelter and relationships of families reached by the educational program. Through regular meetings, work shops and special meetings women have learned to make lamp shades, footstools, draperies and slip covers. Principles of home decoration have been stressed. Typical food and nutrition projects have been "Freezing cooked and prepared foods," "Pressure saucepan cookery," an "Emergency meals." A series of workshops have trained over fifty women in the latest sewing techniques.

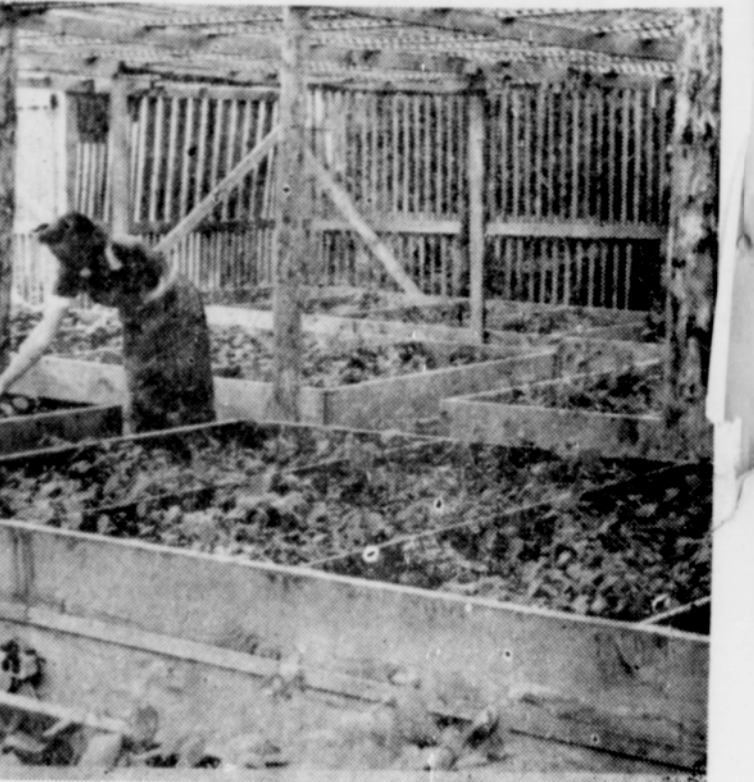
The training of women to lead groups in subject matter has been a valuable asset to the development of community leadership. These women, known as project leaders, give their time and money in order to pass valuable information along to others. Many women extend their leadership in the 4-H club program. The motto: "Each one, teach one," really describes the extension way of doing things.

The highlight of the year's work has been the homemakers festival in May. Exhibits of the year's work and an interesting program arranged by the women helps to unify the county program.

Valuable information on all phases of homemaking is available in pamphlet form in the county office at Gold Beach—free for the asking. The two county extension agents, Clifford Jenkins and Wanda Gossage, are avail-

able for office conferences and home visits. Residents of Curry county are reminded to take advantage of this free educational service of the co-operating federal, state and county governments. Home extension units are located in the following communities: Langlois, Sixes, Port Orford (2 groups), Ophir, Gold Beach (2 groups), Pistol River and Chetco.

Projects for the remainder of the year include the following: March: meat cookery; April, furniture arrangements; May: Salads and salad dressings. Special meetings have been arranged on sewing machine attachments, basketry and square dancing.



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