

For What It's Worth .

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

My sweet old grandmother in her later years had a little custom that caused much mirth among her relatives. Looking back on it now, I realize the dear lady showed much more intelligence than she was ever given credit for possessing.



Just as surely as the time approached for her birthday, all of her sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters, nephews, nieces and in-laws would each get a letter. Information contained in these letters was almost identical except for one small detail. Buried in among the news of her most recent activities would be an innocent little sentence such as "I do hope that someone sends me a new apron for my birthday." Just that one innocent little statement; no more, no less.

Of course, each letter mentioned a different gift she hoped for, and as a result Grandma never found herself with fifteen aprons for her birthday but no dust caps. No, her selections of gifts was carefully planned in advance and both the giver and the receiver found the arrangement an ideal one. While everyone chuckled when the annual letter was received and the desired requests were compared, the relatives always came through just as grandmother knew they would.

Now I am going to copy Grandma's technique somewhat. For nigh on to nine months I have been writing this weekly column but nary a card or a letter have I received from a reader. Like the speaker on the radio, I don't know whether anyone is tuned in or not. It gets sort of lonesome.

Since next week comes my birthday, I would consider it a wonderful day if anyone who reads this column would drop me a card or letter just to let me know that it is being read. No box tops are required nor are flowers in order. It is just that the editor and I are curious as to whether the space we are using is being wasted. My address is 2020 18th Avenue, Forest Grove, Oregon—and Thanks!

Tansy Control To Start in Vicinity

Tansy Ragwort control in this area is getting under way with Archie McVay doing the spray work. He is also weed inspector for Southern Curry, Cliff Jenkins told the Pilot.

The county sprayer will spray along the roads, as well as for farmers.

The cost is \$7 per hour for the

equipment and two men. The cost of chemical is additional. The county weed law requires that people who have tansy must control it to keep from spreading.

This weed is poisonous to cattle and may be identified now in the round bunch stage or later in the elongated stage when it has yellow flowers.

Jenkins pointed out that it is less costly to control now than in June or July when pulling is required.

Lily Growers Find Control 'Helpful'

Narcissus flies have started to emerge and spraying for fly control should start immediately.

The first fly was observed on April 16 by Harold Crump, while the first emergence was seen at Howard Candrall's April 19.

Toxaphene, one pound, and one gallon of light summer oil in 100 gallons of water should be applied four or five times at ten-day intervals, Cliff Jenkins, county agent, told the Pilot.

Lily growers in the county are getting economical control of aphid and weevil with benzene hexachloride. It may be applied with bordeaux at the rate of a half pound of gamma per acre or it may be applied alone, said Cliff Jenkins. Tindam, which is purified benzene hexachloride, may be used in gardens for aphid control as it doesn't have the unpleasant odor of benzene.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Strommen returned home last week after a three months combined business and pleasure trip through the southwest.

Mrs. Ray Struebing and Mrs. Diane Burrell. They were accompanied as far as Scottsburg by Roy Springer attended Mother's Day Week-End at Oregon State College last week-end, Mrs. Struebing being guest of her daughter Marilyn and Mrs. Springer visited Whitey's mother at Portland over the week-end.

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