

## Hedgehog Cactus

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ALMOST ANYONE can imagine from the name what a Hedgehog Cactus would look like. The botanists do not agree as to which plant the common name properly belongs. One standard book says that the name should be applied to a member of the genus to which the common prickly pear belongs. Most seem to think that the name should be applied to *Echinocerus engelmannii*.



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but one book gives the name *Calico Cactus* to that plant and another calls it *Saints' Cactus*. It is not appropriate that we here get into this argument.

Hedgehog Cactus is a loosely branched plant about one foot high with the cylindrical upward growing branches to three inches in thickness with 11 to 14 blunt ribs and heavily armed with spines that are to over half an inch long. There are some 60 species in the genus and of these at least a half may be found grown as ornamentals. In some of the plants, the stems sprawl while in others they are erect, not a few appearing more or less like a viciously spined cumber.

In some species the stems may be grouped to form a formidable plant.

The plant is relatively common in the deserts and ranges from Utah and Colorado through California, Sonora and Lower California. It is essentially a plant of the Lower Sonoran Zone and favors gravelly or stony hillside washes.

The flowers of the Hedgehog Cactus are approximately three inches across with a funnel-shaped base and widely spread petals. They are reddish purple and brilliant. They are about as long as they are wide. The fruits are about an inch long covered with spines and a woolly felt. They produce globular black seeds. The fruits are uncommon and some authors have claimed that some members of the group produce no fruits. In most members of the genus, the fruits are thin skinned and spiny though the spines are easily removed when the fruits reach maturity.

Unlike some cacti the flowers of the Hedgehog Cactus open in the daytime and close at night. The name *Calico Cactus* which has been applied to this plant refers in all probability to the many-colored spones. These are often curved or twisted and may be yellowish or brown.

So anxious are some persons who collect cacti as hobbies that many of the more attractive plants have been completely eliminated from their native regions. To protect against such depredations some states have laws and the National Wildlife Federation in its general policy is dedicated to the support of laws designed to protect harmless living things that are in danger of being completely destroyed.

The Hedgehog Cactus has no economic importance except to those who strive to get it established in their gardens as an ornamental.

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## LANGLOIS

By MARION BROOKS

The last honor roll for the first semester was posted at Langlois High School Wednesday with the following students taking honors: Those on the grand honor roll with straight "1" average are Mary Donaldson, Wilbur Jensen, Sadie Logan and Barbara Phillips. Those on the honor roll with a "2" average or above are Velma Ann White, Jeanette Thompson, Madelyn Johnson, Charleen Turner, Noel Martin, Arlene Kerber, Donna Longanecher, Dorothy Wigel, Betty Moad, Lewis Stankevich, Bobby Jean Sypher and Venedia Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mastropolitto left last Saturday for Los Angeles and various points in southern California. This was a business trip following a vacation to the same area over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Abney returned Monday from a trip to Santo Rosa, Calif. They had driven down to take a relative home and were held up about a week by the high water.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bjoig are the proud parents of twin boys, born Monday at Mast hospital in Myrtle Point. The boys were named Darrell and David. They weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and 7 pounds 10 ounces at birth. Mrs. Bjoig came home on Friday.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Fuller was taken to Mast hospital with a ruptured appendix. She is a very sick little girl.

Mrs. W. W. Brazel of Denmark returned this week from McAuley hospital in Coos Bay where she underwent surgery. She is recuperating nicely at her home.

Mrs. Jean Berger, Joanne Price, Mabel Holycross and Pat Holycross left Thursday for Camp Roberts, Calif. They will visit with sons and husbands and also other Langlois boys in training there. They expect to be gone a week. Joanne Price will remain as long as her husband is in training there.

Everett Smith is home in Reno from service in Africa. He has been serving in the air corps as radio mechanic and is on a 40-day leave. He expects to spend part of that time with his brother Paul in Langlois.

Joe Nilsen went out to Roseburg Saturday where he had a job of plumbing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDónald returned from Newburg Wednesday. They had been called there by the death of her sister.

There was a birthday party at Tanglewood Sunday, Jan. 25, honoring Harold Smith of Midway. He says it's his 39th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Steddum and Mrs. Harold Smith and oldest son attended.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boice attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Baird, at Myrtle Point Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Strain attended the wedding of Sandra McCurdy and Rodney Noah at the Methodist church in Coquille this past week.

Mrs. Everett Strain is teaching this week at the high school, relieving Miss Fisher, who has

gone to Seattle for medical care. Mrs. George Churchill and Mrs. A. E. Volck attended the Rho chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in Bandon Saturday evening.

Ruby Bird of Coos Bay is visiting her brother Jack and family at Floras Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Larry of Bandon and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crew spent a social evening with Mr and Mrs Al Volck Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Erwin of Denmark and Mr. and Mrs. Art Sweet of Sixes visited McKinley Grange Saturday evening. Before Grange they called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hutchinson in McKinley.

The Barbershoppers meet every Tuesday at the Port Orford High School for practice. They are anxious for every adult male interested in singing from this entire area to join their group.

The county has an extra crew working on the roads in the Langlois area. Slides up Floras creek had to be removed and a new bridge built where Willows creek made a new cut in the Floras creek road.

Mrs. Shoop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abney of Salem were visiting here this week.

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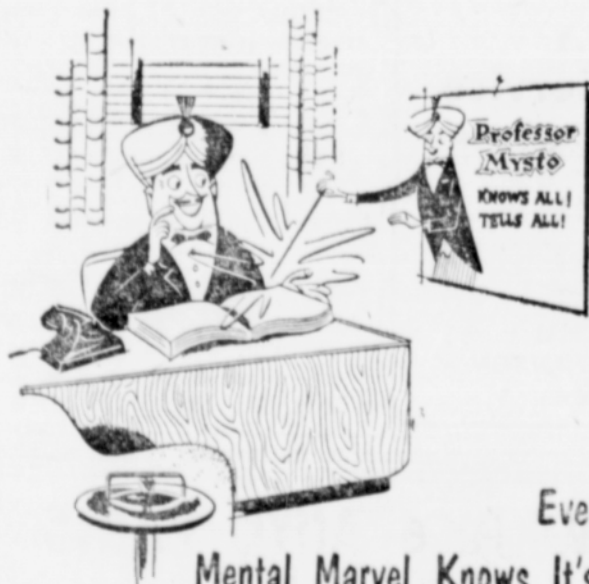
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