

Lily Industry Reviewed By Mkt. Committee

The Lily Market Investigation committee is getting inquiries as to what is doing this year. It is thought best to put a report in the Pilot so all will get it alike. There are reasons to believe there will be a surplus again this year. Not a thing in the world can be done to save our lily business unless we definitely do something to take care of the surplus.

Last year while the good jobbers did all they could to help us to keep the business right-side up, a few other jobbers took advantage to make themselves some big money and ruin the market.

According to reports from some of the unfortunate growers one jobber got a large percent of his bulbs for an average of six cents. Of course it was business for this jobber to get his bulbs just as cheap as he could according to his way of business. If the growers would do their part in getting together to take care of the surplus this could not have happened.

It was the lily business that

brought Brookings to life and gave Crescent City and other localities a boost. It concerns the whole community. It was Tony Olson and his wife who first conceived the idea of making this a bulb country so we all could make a living and pay our taxes from our land. Many of us remember well that very few of us could raise our taxes from our land 15 years ago. The Olson idea was for the community to pull together. The association was originated on that plan. But unfortunately there are not enough of the Olson kind.

The jobber who bought the bulbs for six cents put them on the market at the price ethical jobbers paid the growers who tried to hold things together. He goes about among the growers spreading discord, then he goes back to his place of beginning and has many a good laugh over the poor hayseed growers and how easy they are to handle, gullible to get all the gossip they can about one another. The fact of the case is the growers ought to wake up and pull together. The good jobbers could pull with us, but, as is, all jobbers and growers can see no future for the lily business until the growers take care of the surplus problem. We all know that the capacity of the lily bulb market is about 6,000,000. That is all the market will

V.F.W. Installs Year's Officers

A joint installation of officers was held Wednesday, April 1, by Curry County Post 966, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Auxiliary to the Post, with Walter Thatcher, post commander, and Harriet Baker, past district presi-

dent, as installing officers. The officers for Curry County Post 966 for the coming year are as follows: Commander, Al Phillips; senior vice commander, Ralph Wallace; junior vice commander, W. L. Webb; adjutant, George Nelson; quartermaster, Howard Wallace; chaplain, Don Bingman; three-year trustee, Homer Brown; surgeon, Sid Luce; post advocate, Milton Foster, and officer of the day, Ezra Ross.

The officers of the auxiliary to Curry County Post 966 for the coming year are as follows: President, Bertha Whirry; senior vice president, Henrietta Dill; junior vice president, Eleanor Kohler; secretary, Mary Wallace; treasurer, Clara Bowlin; chaplain, Ermadee LaBarge; conductress, Frances Bingham; musician, Alice Beem; patriotic instructor, Kathryn Foster; historian, Mary Olsen; trustee, Gladys Brainard; color bearers, Margaret Phillips, Helen Arlandson, Florence Davis and Harriet Baker.

The past post commander's pin was presented to Julius Kohler, the outgoing commander; a past president's pin to the outgoing president, Gladys Brainard, and a musician's pin to Alice Beem in recognition of the three years' service she has given in that position.

The auxiliary group later held charter draping services in memory of Mrs. Verna Asche, one of their charter members, who recently passed away in Portland. During the installation, past commander Thatcher read a special letter from the state commander to Koehler for bringing his membership away past that

of last year. A letter from the state highway department was read in reference to installing a long culvert on the east side of the veterans' property and bringing the present ditch area up to grade.



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