

Record Crowd at Flower Show

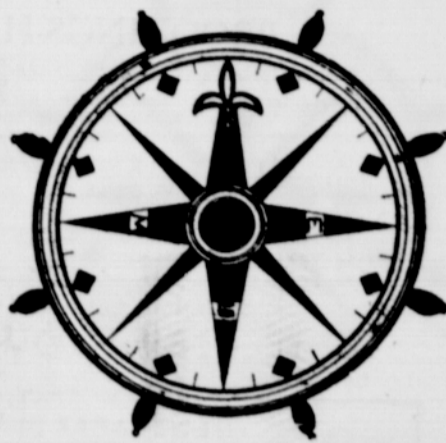
A record-breaking crowd attended one the finest Flower and Art Show ever presented by the Azalea Garden Club when the doors to the "Green Cathedral" were opened by Her Royal Highness and Court on Saturday afternoon. The stage of the High School Gym was transformed into a grove of stately redwoods banked by clusters of beautiful rhododendrons and azaleas, their colors glowing in the amber light filtering through the trees, and organ music drifted softly through the air sweetly scented the thousands of blooms on display. Tables were filled with an endless variety of flowers in many-styled arrangements, potted plants, terrariums, driftwood creations and dish gardens. Miniatures, picture and arrangement combinations and past president niches graced the walls, the latter being carried out in the theme of the show. Many beautiful blooms were exhibited in the horticultural section which was large and varied. Mrs. Ruth Bathiany was awarded the sweepstakes for the finest klower arrangements and Mrs. Elsa Ravekes carried off the sweepstakes in the horticultural section.

A popular feature of the show was the Art Room in which were exhibited some of the National Prizewinning photographic exhibit, its including colored photographs by Carl Starker, along with many fine examples of local art and craft work. The Junior exhibit was considered the finest ever seen in this locality with an amaz-

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Thousands See Festival

Wanted Man Gives Self Up

John Upmeyer, wanted for complicity in the theft of cattle for which two men were sentenced April 27, voluntarily surrendered himself last week.

Upmeyer was taken before Justice of the Peace Charls Schaal and waived preliminary hearing. He pled not guilty before Circuit Judge Dal King, and was bound over to the Grand Jury in lieu of \$2000.00 bail.

Upmeyer has been sought in conjunction with the theft of a cow and calf from the Whates-Ranch, for which two men have already been sentenced.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockland, former residents, now of Seattle, were in Brookings for the Azalea Festival.

SMITH RIVER, KLAMATH BOATS WIN RACES

A large crowd of Azalea Festival visitors lined the banks of the Chetco Monday to watch California boatmen sweep the river in the first annual Chetco River Races.

But they didn't go far toward settling the Smith River-Klamath feud. Walt Norman and I. Sarina of Smith River topped the class B race, while Bob Langford and Ken Frank of Klamath took the Class D.

An estimated four thousand people watched as mishaps took early leaders out of the races. In the class B, Bill Cronenwitt had Byron Scott of Gold Beach led for several laps, until they ruptured their gas tank. After speedy repairs, the two spilled on the upriver turn as they tried to gain back losvt ground.

Warren McNeeley and LeRoy Pollard, who had a firm hold on second place also spilled on the upriver turn as they tried to hold their position.

Bob Langford and Ken Frank ran away from the field in the Class D race, with 25 hp motors powering the boats. The two got off to a bad start in the Class B, and finished second after dropping a lap before they could get started.

It was a tough one for McNeeley and Pollard in the Class D, too. The Brookings pair held on to second place for 14 laps, only to have Pete Nesbitt and George McCovey overhaul them on the last lap to win by fifty feet.

John Hewitt of Hewitt's Anchorage had a short, unhappy career in the Class D Race. John's throttle control tore loose on the first turn. He tried to run without it but gave up after sticking his finger in the flywheel.

Leonard Fry and Fred Baumgartner were the only local contestants to score. They finished sixth in the Class D race.

The events ran smoothly under the direction of the Brookings-Harbor Lions Club, and plans are already being formulated to make the races an annual event.

GRADUATION SET FOR 8 TONIGHT

The Annual Commencement at Brookings-Harbor High School will be held tonight, Thursday, in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. with Dr. Elmo Stevenson, President of Southern Oregon College of Education delivering the Commencement Address.

Of the class of thirty students Jayce Baldwin has been chosen Salutatorian, and Diana Bowlin Valedictorian.

Charter Closed For Elk's Lodge

The Elks organizing committee which has been working hard for the past two months to form a new lodge in Brookings closed its charter membership at a well attended meeting last week. Frank Hise of Corvallis, Grand Lodge representative, was in charge of the session. The charter membership shows 160 new members and 61 present and former Elks for a total of 221. The institution and initiation date has been set for Friday, June 25th.

Due to school graduation exercises Thursday, June 3rd, this week's meeting was held June 1st at which time the nominating committee submitted its selection of new officers.

Election of officers will be held at the Thursday, June 10th, meeting in the Rod and Gun club building in Harbor. Probable other business will be discussion of a home for the new lodge as well as plans for the big institution night.

Likely additional applicants can still be initiated on June 25th by contacting Pete Lesmeister, chairman, or any Elk member.

OWEN McCRADY DIES IN WRECK

A Brookings boy was killed Saturday when the pickup truck he was driving overturned on a logging road just north of here.

The boy was Gene Owen McCrady, 17. He had tried to jump free of the truck as it overturned, and was pinned under it.

Owen was born at Carnation, Washington, on Sept. 3, 1936, and came to Brookings with his father and mother about four years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Community Baptist Church, Wednesday, June 2, with Rev. Charles Durden officiating. Concluding services were held at Ward Memorial Cemetery, with Brown's Mortuary in charge.

Surviving are his father and mother, Mrs. and Mrs. Gerhart Trostad, two brothers, Wesley McCrady of Brookings; and Virgil McCrady, who is in Japan with the armed forces; four sisters; Mrs. Anita Darting of Applegate, Ore.; Mrs. Shirley Fuengel of Hanford, Calif.; Sharon McCrady and Jessie Trostad of Brookings. His grandfather, J. W. Winters of Gerdon, Nebraska, also survives.

ROCKHOUNDS PLAN FIELD TRIP SATURDAY

Mount Emily Gem and Minealr Club members will visit the Hollar and Althouse districts Saturday, June 6. All participants are to meet at the Central Building not later than 8 A. M. on that date . . . and don't forget your lunch.

VISITORS AWED BY BEAUTY OF AZALEA FETE

Over 8,000 people visited Brookings this weekend to join the local area in the fifteenth annual Azalea Festival.

They stood quietly in Azalea park as Queen Gwen of Port Orford and her lovely court accepted their symbol of office from Mayor Robert Dimmick.

They bowed their heads reverently in the same park as they joined in an interdenominational church service, held among the Azaleas Sunday morning.

They danced and dined, and they stuffed themselves with prime beef as sweating barbequers fed over 2,500 of them at the fete's gigantic barbecue.

Mother nature gave the Festival a beam of approval as she turned on brilliant sunshine for most of the event—after first scaring everyone with a scatter of raindrops just as Queen Gwen's Coronation finished.

Azalea Park was never lovelier as the Queen and her five Princesses advanced slowly through the azalea arches held by Brookings-Harbor high school girls.

The Queen was preceded by flower girls Susan Martin and Yvonne Fox, and the crown was carried by Billy Brown, who gazed worshipfully at the Queen before sitting down on the steps for th remainder of the ceremony.

Th crowd was entertained by the Brookings High School girl's chorus, and by students of Bonnie Kay Mincer.

Later, Queen Gwen opened the garden show and the rock show, and reappeared that evening with her court for the Queen's ball and the Queen's banquet. She was guest of honor at Beta Sigma Phi's Royal ball, and later the court dropped in to watch the wranglers put on a square dance for their pleasure.

Sunday's church service, under the combined auspices of most of the Protestant Churches were impressive. They were held on the breathtakingly beautiful stage which had served for the Coronation. Under the direction of Rev. Hugh Bronson, the services included an invocation by Rev. Calvin Hartnell, a scripture reading by Rev. Charles Durden and a sermon by Rev. Ed McClain, followed by a solo by Fred Fox. Music was by the Chetco Choral Club, directed by Helen Rice, with Mrs. Zeretta Reed as accompanist.

Sunday afternoon everybody ate beef, except the Brookings Beavers who ate the Grants Pass Cavemen in both halves of a doubleheader.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Young, former residents are spending a few days in Brookings.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

BROOKINGS-HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

School Auditorium

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1954

8:00 P.M.

SENIOR CLASS

Diana Eloise Bowlin
Gene Edwin Weeks
Patricia Ann Herman
Jerome Ormand Nichols
Carol Ann Benson
Jerald Loyd Nix
Arline Marie Sanders
George Anthony Sullivan
Deryl Lloyd Hampton
Mary Sue Tierce
Nancy Lee Miller
Lois Churchill Chapman
Jeffrey Willmarth Kerr
Gerald Winfield Brewer
Lloyd Dicks Russell

Ronald Louis Westernen
Raymond Peter Westernen
Elaine Brinkerhoff Murry
Bonnie Kay Mincer
Lloyd Glenn Simpson
Anna Pearl Ritchey
Hugh Logan Dawson, Jr.
Laura Moffitt Gardner
Dennis Ray Phetteplace
Evelyn Joyce Baldwin
Robert Lynn Salmon
Vonna Elaine White
Faye Adkins Norman
Mary Lee Adkins
Richard Eugene McGinnis

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL Robert Dick
INVOCATION Rev. Hugh Bronson
SALUTATORIAN, "Welcome" Joyce Baldwin
"THE LORD'S PRAYER" Robert Lynn Salmon
VALEDICTORIAN, "The Door of Opportunity Lies Open" Diana Bowlin

PRESENTATION OF ROTARY AND P. T. A. SCHOLARSHIPS Dr. Richard Smith
"STARDUST" High School Girl's Quintet
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Lynn O. Hampton
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. Elmo Stevenson
President, Southern Oregon College of Education
PRESE...TATION OF CLASS Lynn O. Hampton
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS Virgil Goldsberry
RECESSIONAL Robert Dick