



CROFT LILY MONUMENT HISTORY; WORK ON PROJECT TOLD IN STORY

The Croft Lily Monument that has been lying on its face in front of the new Allenby home in Harbor for many months was moved to the Harbor Chetco Grange hall yard last Saturday by the Grange committee of Bert Brooks, Robert Chambers and Earl Carson. Murray Motors donated the time and wrecker to move it.

Now folks want to know about it. On March 21, 1947 the Eureka Art Stone Works put in a ten inch cement base on the side of U. S. highway 101 in the corner of the Stafford Lily Gardens, where Sydney Croft had the main part of his Croft Lily bulbs planted (and that for the last time), and erected the rock that has become known as the Croft Memorial.

Of course the location did not suit all, but the location and all about the Memorial was left to three women. They did the best they could but the cement base weighs 1000 pounds, and the rock 1500 pounds.

The monument cost \$530. The much respected state nursery inspector, Chas Cole, made the suggestion that it be placed where it could be easily seen from the highway. Before the highway was changed many tourists stopped there and climbed the bank to get a better look, and too, the gophers made the base and bank their home until it became necessary to put a retaining wall in front of the rock. That was done

on April 25, 1949.

The wall cost \$116.25. Carl Blynn and Earl Dodge did the work. The highway dept. donated the rocks.

The design on the north side was made by a fourteen year old girl who lived in Smith River. An artist in Coquille made the south design gratis.

There are three names on the Memorial, all of whom had a definite part in originating the Croft Lily bulb and business. Dr. David Griffith, U. S. D. A. had the idea of originating an American Easter Lily. He collected choice lily plants wherever he could find them in the U. S. and Bermuda, for hybridizing purposes.

In 1917 he had enough small bulbs that he could give Louis Foughton two suit cases full to try out on the West Coast. He was very liberal with his bulbs. He gave some to any one who would try them.

It seems that a neighbor got the bulbs that came to be known as Croft and Estate. Eventually this neighbor gave a bulb of each kind to his neighbor, and that neighbor replanted here for the first time and gave all her leftovers to her neighbor Sydney Croft, at that time the mayor of Bandon.

Mr. Croft saw money in them. After the great Bandon fire in 1936 he brought them to Harbor. So after many events and several

In any event, a party of several or a family group, the Elks Smorgasbord is always a happy affair. The group to the left is a contingent from Gold Beach, while the family at the right is Brookings' own Paul Fauerso treating the wife and children to a dinner out. (Pilot Pic)

years this Memorial to the three originators of the Croft Lily bulb was dedicated July 4, 1947.

That was the first Lily Day. The parade came from Brookings to the Memorial. The Rock was covered with a sheet that had 2000 lily blooms sewed on it—it was very beautiful.

Now the question is—where did the money come from

Sydney Croft died after he moved to Harbor. Soon it was reported that his wife, Ida Croft, was left in very hard circumstances. The income from the Croft Estate ceased at his death. One of the jobbers for lily bulbs, who regularly visits the town where Mrs. Croft had gone in Kansas was asked to investigate. He reported that Mrs. Croft was living in pinched quarters and circumstances, and it was no credit to the Lily Growers that the widow of Sydney Croft, who had brought so much to them should be forced to live so poorly.

So at once the lily growers and buyers started the Ida Croft fund. The money was put into the Curry County Bank in Gold Beach, and the check book was sent to Mrs. Croft and the bank book was left here so the committee could keep adding to the fund as fast as she drew.

Not long after that Ida Croft died. She had drawn only \$401.20 from the fund.

The banker notified the group that there was \$386.98 left in the Ida Croft Fund and that only the secretary of the group who donated the money could draw it. The money was used to buy the Rock that now sits in a proper place in front of the Harbor Grange Hall.

Those that contributed first to the retaining wall in front of the rock. Carl Blynn and Earl Dodge did the work. The highway department donated the rock. The cash required for the sand cement, Mr. McNeely boss, and labor came from the following people.

Croft Lily Growers Association \$12.83; Thor Ask \$5; Hendricks Furniture \$3; Bert DeMoss \$3; Haggertys \$3; Williamson's Bakery \$2; P. N. Tygart \$2; CurDel Cleaners \$2; C. H. Grayshel \$3; Moore's Variety Store \$3; Chetco Home and Appliance \$3; Han-

scam's Store \$10; Louis Stroller \$2; and the Stanford Lily Gardens \$62.42.

The following list is some additional donations to the Croft Memorial fund:

Louis Stroller, Harbor, \$2; K. Hurlbert, Warrentown, Ore., \$2; American Bulb Co. \$50; Corp of Chas Meyer, N. Y. \$50; S. S. Skidelsky, N. Y. \$50; Fred Gloeckner and Co., N. Y. \$50; Andrew Pototnick, Harbor, \$50; Dr. E. Potts, Detroit, \$25; United Bulb Co., Woodland, Wash \$25; Elsie Amadon, Arcata, \$25; Bert Carlson, Harbor \$25; K. Adolphson \$1; and Herbert Payne, Harbor \$15.

M. N. Hamilton, Brookings \$10; Fred Gustafson, Harbor \$10; Bertha Duffield, Arcata \$10; Agda Benson, Harbor \$50; Walter Pearmine, Harbor \$15; E. E. Hanscam \$10; Kyle Guy, Klamath \$10; J. Frazier, Brookings \$10; Mr. Stowers, Brookings \$10; Mr. Ayers, Crescent City \$5; Mr. MacPherson, Harbor \$5; Mr. Pharr, Crescent City \$25; Andrew Pototnick, Harbor \$57.70.

Chas White, Harbor \$12.84; A. C. Thompson, Harbor \$5; Henrietta Wilder, Harbor \$5; Friends \$3; James Frazier, Brookings \$5; Stafford Lily Gardens, Harbor \$50; L. G. Stafford and Kenneth Van Pelt \$10. Total \$788.18.

Added to what was left in the Ida Croft Fund were the following:

Ida Croft Fund \$386.98; Croft Lily Growers Ass'n. \$55.90; G. E. Finnerty, Cottage Grove \$10; So. Lane Co. Lily Ass'n. \$10; Chetco

Professorship has Been Established

Oregon Medical School working together with the Executive Committee of Oregon Heart Association have set up a new Professorship at University of Oregon in cardiovascular research, it was announced by C. Edward Dempsey, the local chairman of the association.

Oregon Heart Association will provide \$19,500 on an annual basis to pay for salary and equipment necessary to support a scientist capable of conducting on a high level original heart research in Oregon. The scientist selected for this position must be capable of inspiring young medical students in such a manner that they will be better equipped to prevent and reduce disability and death due to diseases of the heart and blood vessels. This grant is in addition to the several others that have been operating in past years, Mr. Dempsey said. This is particularly important to all of us since 56.4% of all deaths are caused by heart diseases.

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Grange, Harbor \$6; Del Norte Co. Lily Ass'n., Calif. \$36; Stafford Lily Gardens, Harbor \$25.12. Total \$530.00.

Now is the Time For Soil Testing

Now is the time to take soil tests if farmers and ranchers are planning to make pasture seedings on cultivated land this spring under the A. C. P. program, says Lou Oester, County Extension Agent.

The Agricultural Conservation Program will pay up to fifty per cent of the cost of establishing a permanent pasture or hay crop if it is planted according to the conservation regulations set up by the county committee. One of the first regulations is that a soil test be taken and fertilizer and lime applied in accordance with it. Oester says this can save money because it shows the actual amount needed rather than an estimate. Soils vary a great deal in their needs for lime and fertilizer.

The soil testing is done by the Oregon Soils Laboratory in Corvallis and cost for lime requirement, ph, phosphate, potash and a calcium test is \$2.50 per sample. One sample can be taken from a field up to 20 acres in size if the soil type and cropping history is the same on the entire field.

Complete instructions for taking a soil test can be secured from the county extension office. Tests can be made on garden plots as well as fields. It takes about 3 weeks to process a soil test so the test should be taken well in advance of planting time.

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Notice of Nonhigh School District Budget Hearing

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BUDGET					
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS					
1. Estimated available cash on hand at beginning of the year for which this budget is made				\$4,000.00	
2. Estimated receipts from delinquent taxes				800.00	
3. Amounts received from other sources				2,000.00	
TOTAL				\$6,800.00	
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES					
ITEM	Expenditures for three Fiscal Years Next Preceding the Current School Year			Budget Allowance for Six Months of Current School Year	Estimated Expenditures 1957-1958
	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956		
1. Tuition	\$1,959.26	\$1,730.25	\$6,060.18	\$12,825.00	\$ 7,650.00
2. Transportation	1,992.60	2,419.20	2,396.00	5,000.00	3,200.00
3. Personal Serv (Clerical-Legal)	90.00	90.00	90.00	100.00	100.00
6. Election and Publicity	27.75	27.75	49.59	40.00	40.00
7. Travel	116.50	395.50	235.50	300.00	100.00
10. Emergency				500.00	
TOTALS	\$4,186.11	\$4,472.70	\$8,831.27	\$18,765.00	\$11,090.00
Summary of Estimated Expenditures, Receipts, and Available Cash Balance and Tax Levy					
I. Total estimated expenditures	\$11,090.00				
II. Deduct total estimated receipts and available cash balances	6,800.00				
III. Amount necessary to balance the budget	4,290.00				
V. Balance to be raised by taxation	4,290.00				
VII. Total estimated tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year	4,290.00				

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/S/ John E. Seger, clerk Joseph J. Scherer, chairman Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee February 12, 1957

/S/ John E. Seger, Secretary, E. L. Thornton, Chairman Budget Committee Budget Committee