Flowers for Home and Garden

BY A. GARDEN GROWER.

RHODODENDRONS, our handsomest flowering shrubs, will undoubtedly be at their best during the coming week, and, while it is not generally known, Portland has the largest single collection of these wonderful flowers of any place in the country, and this week I am going to drive out the Boone's ferry road to J. B. Pilkington's nursery, for by foresight he succeeded in getting the largest collection of rhododendrons, I believe, that has ever been gathered together at one time in any nursery or private estate. It will be recalled that the late C. W. Ward, when he established his proposed international garden and propagating station in California, searched the world over and gathered together a most remarkable collection of rhododendrons. This was before the plant quarantine regulations went into effect, and as rhododendrons can no longer be imported, this collection is really looked upon as this country's available supply of plants and from which many future plants will be propagated. When Ward's venture failed with his health Mr. Pilkington saw an opportunity to get this collection and he brought it to Portland with the idea of making this city the rhododendron center, the same as it is in other floral matters. There are somewhere between 8000 and 10,000 plants in the collection, and as they are now coming into bloom, a visit to see them will really be worth while. Mr. Pilkington has taken a number of the plants from the collection and has them in a cold storage, hoping to retard their development so as to bring them into bloom during the Rose festival and give Portland visitors a treat.

Possibly the finest private collection of rhododendrons in Portland is to be found in the garden of Mrs. T. B. Wilcox on St. Clair street. The banks surrounding the formal arrangement of beds are covered with rhododendrons and each one is a specimen plant. At many of the handsome estates on the highway between Portland and Oswego there are gardens in which rhododendrons are largely featured, while the various parks about the city have fine plantings.

To those who have this wonderful shrub in their garden a few suggestions as to its care may be of value, for from now on the care given rhododendrons will be reflected in next year's flowers and also the size of the bush. As soon as the flower wilts you should snap it out; that is, pick it off right at the base of the flower. Do not let the bloom go to seed, for otherwise there will be no opportunity for the bush to make its summer growth. It is during the summer when the plant grows, as you will notice, that immediately after you snap out the flower new leaves will form and this will be followed by new growth, which will end in a terminal bud, and this will be next year's bloom.

No one should attempt to grow rhododendrons in a soil that has lime in its composition or where the water used in irrigation is hard and has lime. This is one reason why in a number of sections in southern and eastern Oregon rhododendrons will not thrive. They like a leaf-mold soil and no manure or fertilizer should ever be used on them. When John S. Bradley, the veteran timber man, lived on Portland heights, he had a wonderful stand of rhododendrons surrounding a large fir tree, and he informed me that he got his wonderful results first by careful planting in a leaf-mold soil and then putting around his bushes all the leaves he could gather. If you will simply put leaves all over the bed and let them rot you will find that your rhododendrons will thrive. The bushes seem to thrive on a soil which contains a good percentage of magnesia, and if your soil does not contain this, strange as it may seem, a dose of epsom salts will do them good, as it will supply the magnesia which may be lacking. Give them a dose three times a year, once in the early spring when you are working over the bed, again just before they come into bloom, and the third dose in August, when they are putting on their summer growth and need a stimulant. Each dose should be about a handful scattered over the ground.

A warning that should be given everyone is relative to moving rhododendrons, as the greatest care must be exercised, and it is usually the best plan to get some one experienced. The plants have to be moved with a large ball, and if they are old-established plants you may lose them unless they are handled by an expert. I believe that F. J. Cole of Seattle is the best posted man anywhere on rhododendrons, and friends have told me that he has a theory that a certain kind of plant bacterium, which has not yet been identified or classified, is essential in the successful growing and also moving of plants. I believe he always has on hand a stock of soil which he has gathered from the mountains where the rhododendrons grow wild, and whenever he plants or moves a rhododendron he always puts in a small quantity of this soil, only a handful or so, the theory being that this soil contains the bacteria that are essential.

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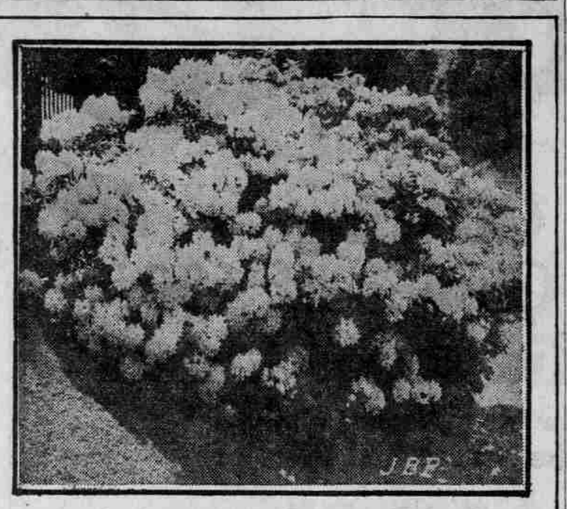
If you have not been out to Laurelhurst park during the week my advice is not to delay, but go out and see the wonderful educational display of tulips which Park Superintendent Keyser has put in there this year. The majority of the single tulips were in bloom during last week, but there is still sufficient to get an idea of the display. Each variety is properly labeled so that you can make up your planting list for the fall. More than 30 varieties are shown in the plot near the Laurelhurst clubhouse, and then there is one bed containing about 2000 of the Clara Butt variety, which was a wonderful sight a few days ago. It would be impossible to give a complete list of all and description of all the varieties shown, but among those I noticed and which took my fancy, aside from Clara Butt, was Marconi, a large bloom of purple violet with a conspicuous white base. Another, and which I know is a favorite with many growers, is Pride of Harlem, a brilliant deep salmon rose, shaded scarlet. Rev. H. Ewbank, silvery lavender and heliotrope, was also striking, but I want to tell you about it later on in another section of this department. Painted Lady, a creamy white, which I really think is the finest white tulip, was a striking feature of the display, and much admired. Valentine, a violet purple with a blue center, was another novelty. Professor Rauwenhof, a bright cherry red, shaded salmon, with the inside a lighter shade, is one that will make a wonderful garden display. A brief listing of some of the others which attracted my attention were Love Loveliness, satiny rose pink; Farncomte Saunders, rose scarlet; Gustave Dore, rose pink with a silvery edging; Bleu Aimable, bluish lilac with very large flowers, Bartigon, fiery red; Ouida, fiery scarlet with a pale blue base, and Whistler, crimson scarlet with a blue base edged white. Not only is the tulip display well worth a visit to Laurelhurst park, but the other plantings are worth studying. Superintendent Keyser has had nearly all the shrubs labeled so that one can easily ascertain the name of any plant admired. The tulips were especially imported from Holland by the Routledge company.



Handsome Rhododendron In Wilcox Garden.

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If the spirit of prophecy should come over me I think one of the first predictions I would make would be that before many years pass we will see the Willamette valley one of the greatest floral centers of the country. Seeing what I did, with many thousand other Portlanders at Salem during last week on a visit to the new plantation of the Oregon Bulb company, I feel I have ample grounds for such a prediction. But there are more supporting facts which the average visitor did not have the opportunity to get. Some years ago W. C. Dibble, who for years had been an amateur flower grower in Salem, specializing somewhat in sweet peas, began a series of experiments in propagating tulip bulbs. These experiments demonstrated that the section around Salem could produce bulbs which could be cured naturally and would successfully stand shipment. He made vain efforts to interest Salem people into making a demonstration planting on a large scale, and about the only one from whom he received support was W. F. Franklin, who owns a farm just across the river from Salem. Mr. Franklin was willing to give the use of his land and services in making the demonstration, but still funds were needed to obtain the supply of parent bulbs. Finally this help was obtained from Portland. As I came away from the demonstration farm last week and knowing what I did of the struggle Mr. Dibble made to interest his fellow townsmen, I have wondered what these fellow townsmen now think and what they will think in a few years when the value of this enterprise becomes really known. Last year Mr. Dibble and Mr. Franklin had their first crop. While persons in Salem may not have been awake to what the quiet work of these two men means, I want to say that the importers and growers of bulbs in Holland were awake to it and that is the one reason why Oregon this spring has been visited by not merely agents of the two greatest bulb-handling concerns of Holland, but in one case by the president and in the other by the general manager. These gentlemen did not make a trip all the way from Holland to Oregon except for the reason they wanted to see what Messrs. Dibble and Franklin were doing and study the results they have obtained. This is the one reason why also the department of agriculture has kept in such close touch with the Dibble demonstration and why Dr. David Griffith of that department, and possibly the greatest bulb expert in the country, has paid several visits to the Franklin farm the last two years. It must be remembered that one of the greatest industries of Holland is the growing of bulbs, and if another country can produce as good a bulb as does Holland one of its industries is threatened and the men who manage that industry must enter a new growing field. It would not surprise me to see in the next five years or so prosperous settlements of Hollanders in the Willamette valley engaged in bulb culture. That, I think, will follow unless the Japanese growers get in first. While the Willamette valley has climatic conditions right for bulb culture not all soil is right. In fact, the right kind of soil is very limited. Not only do I believe there will be successful tulip bulb farms in the Willamette valley but I also believe there will be farms for producing lily bulbs. In fact, I know of one man who has finished his experiments and so successful were they that this spring he purchased 50,000 lily bulbs from florists and is now propagating them. The production of lily bulbs has been something which the growers in Japan have enjoyed for years and not only are the government experts watching with interest this lily bulb demonstration but you can rest assured that the Japanese also have their ears close to the ground. I intended when I started this part of my week's contribution to tell you about the wonderful tulips I saw growing at Salem, with stems from two feet to 30 inches long, but the possibilities of what hangs on the Dibble and Franklin demonstration appealed so strongly that I will have to wait until next week to tell you about the flowers.

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The postponement of the Rose festival until June 20 was welcome news for the rose growers, as it will mean there will be plenty of blooms. The fine weather of last week has certainly made the bushes put on a wonderful growth, but the flower buds are still miniature and many of them will not show color for three weeks. Not only was the postponement of the festival welcome news to the rose grower, but the announcement that the show would be held in the armory instead of the auditorium also made a strong appeal. While the auditorium is a more handsome and ornamental building, it has its disadvantages as a place in which to show flowers. Usually the blooms have to be staged in the two wings, which have comparatively low ceilings, and a mass of persons surging through makes the place so warm that the flowers either wilt or lose their brilliancy. The armory has a lofty dome and the air circulation is perfect. It has the added convenience that it is all on the street level, therefore more convenient, and the show can be staged as a unit instead of being divided between two rooms. While the dome of the armory is unattractive, I feel that the florists, who will have the decorating of the show room this year, can so trim it and the overhanging balconies into floral displays that will long be remembered. Some will remember the transformation the florists wrought in the armory during their big mid-winter shows several years ago. And with the wealth of flowers and greens at their command at this season the matter of hiding the unattractive roof trusses can be left to the decorative skill of the florists. Plans for the rose show are being completed. Mrs. S. S. Montague, chairman of the committee in charge of the classification, has revised the entry list, so as to give plenty of opportunity to new growers and persons with small gardens to enter the competition. There will be three classes for amateurs who have never won a prize, and there will be two classes for persons who have not more than 50 bushes. These classes have been inserted to aid the timid, who, while they know they have good roses, are sometimes afraid to compete among those more experienced in showing. My own advice is that if you have roses worth showing put them in the class in which they are entitled to exhibit and you will soon learn how good your roses are and will also learn by comparison how poor they are. It is a great educational proposition. There are hundreds of gardens in Portland which have just as fine, if not finer, roses than shown at the show, but the owners are apparently afraid of their judgment or too apathetic to make a display. If some of these growers of good roses would make the plunge and get into the competition they would learn what a fascinating game it is to show roses and other flowers. Mrs. W. C. Seachrest, chairman of the committee on prizes, is completing the work of that department. While there will be a number of silver vases and similar trophies, I understand that the majority of prizes to be offered this year will be utility prizes, such as the new type of pruning shears, which holds the flower after it is cut, spraying outfits, the finest illustrated books on rose culture, subscription to flower magazines and similar prizes, which will be of real value and use to the winner.

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Of the many interesting visitors Portland has entertained recently I know of none more so than Peter Bisset of the department of agriculture. Not only has Mr. Bisset a wonderful personality but as a scientist and conversationalist he is most interesting. For years Mr. Bisset has been in the office of foreign plant introduction and it has been through him that this country has imported many novelties in flowers, shrubs, trees, fruits and grains. He has been the one man who has kept in close touch with the plant explorers who have been searching all parts of the world for new things and these he has followed through from the time of their discovery until they have been propagated or discarded as useless. At present he is in charge of all plant experimentations and on a tour of all the experimental stations stopped off in Portland to see the work which the park bureau is doing in the nursery at Mount Tabor park and also to study the progress of the international rose test garden. When last in Portland the garden had just been projected and he has been keenly interested in its progress. While here he took opportunity to renew his promise to Superintendent Keyser and to the officers of the Portland Rose society to see that the botannical section of the test garden is equipped with all the species of wild roses which have been discovered. Upon his return to Washington he will take steps for their propagation and further promised that if Portland heard of any rose plant it desired and it was not available in the government's supply he would see that it was obtained from abroad. While in Portland Mr. Bisset gave me much valuable information which will be of use to amateur gardeners and from time to time I hope to give some items of real interest and value which he imparted. So keen is Mr. Bisset's interest in Portland rose growing that he took advantage of the opportunity to enroll as a member of the Portland Rose society.

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During the last week I have had several calls asking for information regarding Bishop's Weed, which I some time ago recommended as suitable for planting where the soil is poor or in shady places. If you have never seen this plant or made a study of it you will find it interesting. I think possibly the best information regarding it is to be found in Bailey's Encyclopedia of Horticulture, which, in describing it, says that Bishop's Weed, Bishop's Hat, or Barrenwort, as it is sometimes called, is really Epimedium, found originally in Media and its name came from the Greeks. Continuing, Bailey's book says: "This genus contains some of the daintiest and most interesting plants that can be grown in the hardy border. Epimedium macranthum, particularly, is as distinct, complicated and fascinating as many of the rare, tender and costly orchids. . . . There are 11 species, all natives of the northern hemisphere, but some are found as far south as North Africa. There is none native in America. The plants retain their foliage all winter, especially in sheltered spots under trees. . . . Epimediums thrive best in partial shade and are particularly well suited for rockeries and the margins of shrubberies. Almost any soil will answer. The peculiar bronze tints of the young foliage contrast well with the variously colored flowers. Propagation is by division."

In one eastern plant catalog I find seven varieties of epimediums listed and for the information of my readers I give them: Alpinum, reddish yellow; grandiflorium album, large pure white flowers; lilacinum, lilac colored flowers; luteum, bright yellow with red center, resembling an orchid flower; macranthum, large white flowers; musschianum, double white flowers; p'nnatum elegan, golden yellow flowers.

Efforts to modify the provisions of the plant quarantine which regulates the importation of plants from foreign countries is opposed by the Oregon growers, for when the executive committee of the Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen met in Portland last week they passed resolutions opposing any changes. For some time the jobbers and plant importers have been endeavoring to get the quarantine modified so they could bring into the American market the productions of cheap European labor. The government officials have found so many diseases affecting foreign plants since the war that they have been very active in curbing importations. Nurserymen are permitted to import sufficient stocks to propagate and the government is giving them earnest co-operation so that the public can get the novelties which the foreign plant breeders produce, and by thus confining the imports the government is able to control the diseases and plant pests. It is pointed out that the San Jose scale, the citrus fly, the gypsy moth, the browntail moth and the chestnut blight are all traceable to importations and have cost this country millions of dollars. Unless the imports are controlled and confined to areas there is no telling when some new pests will invade this country. The quarantine regulations only aim to prevent the broadcasting of plants direct from foreign lands, but the jobbers and brokers who find they cannot reap the profits they formerly enjoyed are endeavoring to get the regulations modified. The plant experts of the government, knowing the dangers which lurk in indiscriminate importations, are opposing these moves, and as the Pacific coast nurserymen do not want their stocks ruined or damaged by diseases or pests which may come from Japan or Europe, have joined the government experts in fighting the jobbers of the east. In answer to the claims which the jobbers and others make that they are deprived of getting the new English productions, I can cite the experience of the international rose test gardens in Washington park. To get new roses from Europe and other countries so their value may be determined, the government experts give every aid, with the result that the garden receives all the new roses which any foreign producer desires sent to Portland for testing. While some modification in the plant quarantine may be desirable, so the average amateur who wants to get direct from Europe some new novelty may be desirable, I believe it is safe to leave such matters in the hands of the government experts and that it is not necessary to throw open wide the gates as some seem to want, and let in a host of pests.

Notes of the Garden.

George W. Fowler of 469 Halsey street has just finished planting a choice collection of dahlias, including such varieties as Andrew Carnegie, Baron de Grancy, Methus, Phenomene, Miss London, Oregon Beauty and Harbor Light.

W. A. T. Bushong had added to his aquatic plants in his pool at his home, 821 Hawthorne avenue, a collection of water lillies in white, pink and yellow shades. In addition he has put in a planting of pink rhododendrons and other shrubs, including English laurels, flowering dogwood and smoke trees. To his perennial garden he has added a collection of 12 delphiniums, in addition to gaillardia and phlox.

J. A. Ferguson of 1728 Clarendon street will feature in his garden this year a large planting of geraniums, including such varieties as Alice of Vincennes, Madam Chapotan, Mrs. A. Blanc, Mrs. J. M. Garr, Alphone Ricard, Golden Dawn, Madam Barney, Madam Recamier and S. A. Nutt.

S. H. Jobse of Wilsonville has put in a large planting of dahlias, including the Freda Newman, Baron de Graney, Yellow King, Oregon Beauty, Polar Star, Schwan and Van Dyke varieties.

I. Durick of 55 East Buchtel avenue has improved his garden with a planting of enonymous, in both the green and variegated types.

The grounds surrounding the Jason Lee Memorial church at Salem have been improved by a well-arranged planting of white birch, English laurels, snowballs, spirea and holly.

Mrs. Hamilton F. Corbett, who is always improving her gardens, has made additions to her perennial gardens by a large planting of forget-me-nots, delphiniums and Michaelmas daisies.

The Chewelah park commission has placed orders with a Portland nursery for a number of hydrangeas and flowering crabs, in addition to roses with which to start a park rose garden.

Frank Owens of Medford, whose garden is always attractive, is devoting considerable attention this year to bedding plants and among the features installed is a planting of 100 sweet williams, including the Newport pink, as well as garnet and shaded varieties.

C. H. Pearson of Trout Lake, Wash., has increased his collection of shrubs by a planting of daphne, juniperius sabina and native azaleas.

Mrs. C. O. Mikle of 489 East Fortieth street North is making a large border in her garden this spring, in which will be featured an edging of erica vagans, or Cornish heather.

Dr. T. J. Rederick of Vancouver, Wash., has added a planting to his perennial garden of columbine, scabiosa and bleeding hearts.

Mrs. MacCormick Snow is making a number of improvements to her garden near Beaverton and has just finished planting a collection of sweet williams and hollyhocks, in which the light colors predominate.

Dr. Samuel C. Slocum of 322 Summit avenue has added to his shrubbery a planting of reninispora, or Japanese cypress in three varieties, among them being the thread branch in both green and gold. He has also planted a selection of Chinese juniper and tamarix.

Mrs. M. E. Root of 5735 Sixty-seventh street Southeast has put in an attractive corner planting in which evergreen azaleas, rhododendron Wilsonii, dwarf veronica, English yew, Swedish bell and cotoneaster pannosa and horizontalis are featured.

A. Thrane of 1020 Bryce avenue has added to his rose garden such varieties as Ophelia, Madam Herriott, Juliet, Hugh Dickson and Lady Hillingdon.

Mrs. G. M. Weister of 755 Stanton street, has arranged an attractive planting of cotoneaster and laurel this spring.

Mrs. L. R. Wheeler of 501 Montgomery drive has added a number of new things to her garden this spring, in which the Elizabeth Campbell variety of phlox is featured.

Mrs. Grey of 661 East Forty-sixth street North is featuring snapdragons, perennial phlox and canterbury bells in her garden this year.

Problems of the Garden.

Recently I separated and transplanted my daffodils ready for next year's blooming. From your article of last Sunday I judge this was wrong. Should I dig them up now and put away in box of dry dirt until fall or just leave them where they are? McMINNVILLE GROWER.

Answer—You will note that I advised that bulbs other than daffodils and narcissus should be cured. Daffodils and narcissus can be planted immediately after dividing, but before digging them you should have allowed the foliage to die down. If you cut off the leaves you have in all probability damaged a number of the bulbs so they will not flower next year as they should. Never cut off the foliage of bulbs until after it has wilted and died down.

About one-third of my tulips came up with only one leaf and did not bloom. Can you tell me the trouble? I may have dug them a little early last spring, but buried them in the ground. Should I plant the bulbs that did not bloom?

OVERTON-STREET GARDENER.

Answer—Possibly you dug your bulbs too early before the foliage ripened and you may have removed the foliage, which would prevent the bulb from ripening. If you are careful this year and follow the directions given in this department last Sunday your bulbs may be back in blooming shape next year, but you must realize that the damage they received last year was quite a shock, and it may take longer than one year to recover.

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I notice in your recent article you mention yellow geum, or orange, rather. Will you please inform me where I can order seed? I would like heldreichii or double orange geum. As I seldom force my perennials to bloom the first year, it being late spring will make no difference, as I prefer to sow later and have good strong plants for the coming year. Can you tell me of any perennials running in shades of lavender or blue or purple or all these. Some such flowers like anemone japonica, coreopsis or geum, something single or semi-double? I have anemones in white, pink and red. I would like something to match in blue shade. I have larkspur, scabiosa, Australian lace flower and aster in blue shades, but entirely different in flower from what I want for my purpose. What is the difference between anemone japonica and St. Brigid's anemone?

VANCOUVER AMATEUR.

Answer—As you sent me a stamped envelope I have informed you where to get the geum seed. Your second inquiry as to some flower similar in shape and size to the Japanese anemone I am going to refer to the readers of this department and ask them to send me suggestions and hope they will solve your problem. St. Brigid anemones come in various colors and forms, some of them resembling asters. They are also dwarf in their growth, while the Japanese variety is classed as tall growing. If you have never raised any St. Brigid anemones get a packet of seed, raise them and I am sure you will find them most interesting, not only because they are easy to raise, but because of the variety of color and shape you will find when the plants come into bloom.

Real Love Stories

IT WAS at the end of the first semester, during my sophomore year, when I flunked in mathematics and science for the second time, that dad decided some drastic measures must be taken. One day he came to school and had a long conference with our mathematics prof, old Strassie, as we called him behind his back. I discovered later it was during this interview that Strassie told dad, among other things, that if I put as much time and attention on the inside of my head as I did on the outside, I might be able to get my grades. This was intended as a sarcastic allusion, no doubt, to my coiffure, which, if I do say so myself, always looks as if I had just come from the beauty parlor.

I knew when I entered dad's study that evening that an ultimatum had been reached, hastened, undoubtedly, by old Strassie's unkind thrust. I was to be sent east, dad informed me, to become a member of the household of an old college friend of his, for six months, who would instruct me in all the studies in which I was backward. This man had never married, having an invalid sister, who was dependent on him.

At first I was inclined to be rebellious and refuse to go, but then I remembered how set dad was upon having me obtain a college education and I thought perhaps the work might be made more interesting for me this way.

When I arrived at Professor Kent's home I was not sorry I had come. The professor was a handsome man, and although I did not anticipate a flirtation with him, he being dreadfully old, all of 40, I should imagine, he was most fascinating and I enjoyed my lessons with him. I soon discovered that some one else found him fascinating. That was Miss Lake, who acted as companion to the professor's sister. The professor, apparently, was entirely occupied with his teaching and his invalid sister. The affection between them was quite touching to see and made me think constantly of the beautiful devotion which existed between Charles and Mary Lamb.

But one afternoon I had the surprise of my life when I discovered that a man may be an expert at trigonometry and Euclid and still not be impervious to Cupid's shafts. I was to take my lesson at 2, instead of 3 that afternoon, as the professor was to attend a committee meeting. He had evidently forgotten he told me to come an hour earlier, for as I entered the study, I found him gazing at an emerald brooch, which I knew belonged to Miss Lake, who had been in there a few minutes before and evidently dropped it. The look in his eyes and the start which he gave when he saw me were evidence enough for one with the acumen in such matters which I possess. Here was a pretty kettle of fish, I told myself. The professor in love with Miss Lake and Miss Lake in love with the professor, but with no hope of marriage, for the professor feared his sister would not take kindly to the idea.

But I experienced the second surprise of my life when Miss Fannie, as every one called her, said to me a few days later, "Isn't Miss Lake a girl of wonderful character and beauty? How I wish Horace would take to her, for I know my stay on earth can't be long and then I would feel that Horace would have some one to watch over him.

Here, I said to myself, was an opportunity for me to use tact and ingenuity in handling a delicate situation and bring two lovers together. I was sure even father would not grudge the time and thought I gave to such an end. But fate intervened and made my efforts unnecessary.

Some days later Miss Lake was going down the little flight of stairs which led to Miss Fannie's room. In some way her foot slipped and she fell the entire flight and lay a little crumpled heap at the foot of the stairs, unable to rise. The professor, who was seated not far away, sprang up and lifted her up in his arms, and apparently oblivious to his surroundings, poured forth the most fervent love phrases, as he bent anxiously over her. Miss Fannie was seated at the window and heard everything, and you should have seen the expression on her face.

Miss Lake was not seriously injured. When I went up to see her, she had the most radiant face. But Miss Fannie, I really believe, was the happiest of the three. D. A.

City Duds Ernest Monument.

PARIS.—The community of Clarente has recently erected a monument to its sons killed in the late war. In order that they themselves might not be forgotten by future generations, each member of the municipal council has had his name engraved on the monument, alongside of the departed. The families of the former combatants, profoundly shocked at the action of the municipal council, have taken the matter up with the minister of the interior, who has replied that he has no power to act in such a matter. Meanwhile, the members of the municipal council refuse to remove their names from the monument in spite of the protests of the inhabitants.

News of Portland Boy Scouts

What's Doing.

May 24—4:15 P. M., band practice, Atkinson school.

May 27—9 A. M., examinations, Lincoln and Jefferson high schools; 1:15 P. M., band practice, armory; 4 P. M., swimming lessons, Couch school tank; 7 P. M., swimming, Couch school tank; 7:30 P. M., radio class for beginners, East Side library, East Eleventh and East Alder streets; 7:30 P. M., radio class for advanced Scouts, Scout headquarters.

May 29—7 P. M., tests for working boys, headquarters.

June 3—1 P. M., field tests, Rose City Park speedway.

June 10—1 P. M., field rally, Multnomah athletic field.

July 5—Start for summer camp at Wahtum lake.

Have you registered?

Radio.

The scouts all over the city are showing an immense amount of interest in the radio classes that we are operating, one for beginners, at the East Side library, and one at scout headquarters for advanced scouts in radio, these being held at 7:30 P. M. each Saturday. The advanced class has for its instructor, J. B. Weed, president of the Shipowners' Radio company, who is considered the best expert in the northwest on radio, as he has spent 18 years in this work. The interest shown in the class last Saturday determined Mr. Weed to give at least five or six more nights to this work, and his instruction will be of tremendous value to all who attend.

This class is not only for the advanced scouts, but each scout is permitted to bring one additional boy, as we want everybody possible to have the advantage of these lessons. A listing of all the radio scouts has been made and it is found that two-thirds of the scouts in the beginners class have crystal sets, ranging from $1 to $10 in price, while two-thirds of the scouts in the advanced class have Audion sets, ranging all the way from $1.20 to $200. Our executive committee expects to install at Wahtum lake a sending as well as a receiving set for our use this summer, the receiving set having a magnibox, so that all scouts who attend camp will be able to get the music and messages from Portland.

Exams.

Perhaps all scouts know that we are trying very, very hard to push as many of the second and first class scouts over the finish line of their grade before the field rally, and, in order to give scouts the greatest opportunity to complete the work, we had special examinations for them yesterday at both Lincoln and Jefferson high schools, but we will have the regular examinations next Saturday at 9 o'clock, at both Jefferson and Lincoln high schools. The demonstrations of first aid will be given at 10 o'clock. We will have examinations for working boys the following Monday, May 29, at scout headquarters, from 7 to 9 P. M. Field tests will be held at the Rose City Park speedway, June 3, at 1 P. M. We are hoping that a large number of scouts will complete their grades at these examinations. We will not expect any scout who has not taken advantage of these examinations to ask for special examination periods so that he may get through his tests. We want to do everything reasonable for scouts, but we expect them first to do something for themselves.

Thrift Stamps.

For the last two years scouts of the city have been saving their money by means of a thrift stamp, cards being issued upon which 20 5-cent thrift stamps might be placed, these stamps being obtained from the scoutmaster at each meeting, with possibility of also getting them at the bank and at scout headquarters. Through this means scouts have been enabled to save sufficient money to buy their uniforms and, also, to pay their way to the summer training camp. Many a dime that would have been spent after troop meeting for ice cream or candy has, because of this opportunity of thrift stamps, been saved for something more important for the scout. These stamps were obtained at the State bank, but all scout accounts are now transferred from the State bank to the Ladd & Tilton bank, and every scout who has thrift stamps should go to Ladd & Tilton bank and be registered with them.

When a scout has filled one of these cards, and thereby has one dollar saved, the card is taken to the Ladd & Tilton bank and a savings account started, a savings book being issued to the scout and interest is paid upon such deposit. Every scout in the city who has a savings book issued by either the Peoples or State banks should, at once, take these books to the Ladd & Tilton bank and file signatures with the bank and be properly registered. We owe a good deal to the Ladd & Tilton bank for taking over all of these accounts at their face value, and we are hoping that all scouts and their parents will co-operate in making these accounts as large as possible, both on behalf of the scouts and the bank. The bank is making arrangements with troops by which an entire troop is, on a specified day, taken through the bank and shown the way the business of the bank is done, from the taking in of the money to the paying of it out. This is an extremely interesting and educational trip, and we are hoping that the scoutmasters will see that their troops have this opportunity.

Sea Scouts.

At a recent meeting of the naval reserves, held in the American Legion clubrooms, a committee headed by A. B. George was appointed to co-operate in establishing throughout the city ships of sea scouts. This committee is actively at work and is now planning a water trip for sea scouts and their eligible friends for June 17 and 18, the plan being to take the sea scouts and their invited eligibles on a river trip and delivering them on Rock island, where camp will be made for Saturday night and Sunday, the scouts being carried from the island late Sunday night. Through the co-operation of the naval reserves and the Portland Rowing club we expect to see a large increase in the membership of the sea scouts. Any boy of the city between 15 and 21 years of age, who is not in the land division, may enroll in the sea scouts by leaving his name at scout headquarters.

Field Rally.

Our field rally was first set for May 27 but it was thought that we might co-operate with the Rose Festival, which had planned to have the exhibition early in June. The date was held up, waiting for a decision by President Harding as to whether he would be in Portland or not, and the date had to be changed eventually to June 21-24 on account of the lateness of the rose season. This date is a week after school closes and many of our scouts get to work immediately at the close of school. It has been decided to have the field rally the afternoon of June 10 at Multnomah field. This will give opportunity for a further development of the rally activities and will give opportunity for the regular examinations at the end of this month. It ought to make our field rally very much more effective than it has even been. The rally will be in charge of a committee of our officers consisting of C. E. Grelle, E. C. Sammons, J. M. Dunne and W. B. Mackay. Judges have been selected and the rally is all ready to start. We hope that the scouts and troops are equally prepared.

Health Exhibition.

We have accepted an invitation to participate in the Oregon health exhibition, which will be held in the city auditorium October 1. A committee of our officers, consisting of Homer D. Angell, F. L. Shull and J. K. Gill, has been appointed to co-operate with the state board of health in the promotion of this health exhibition. It is expected that when the exhibition is held the scouts will have a space 50 feet in length and ten feet deep in which to demonstrate their health programme.

Memorial Day.

Letters have been sent to every troop in the city asking participation in Memorial day observance. This means the elimination of the noise-making elements frequently attending this day and means the assistance of all scouts in Memorial day exercises. Every troop has been asked to assist in cleaning up the cemeteries, giving help to the veterans of all wars, in taking care of their comrades' graves and, when this is done, co-operating in the cleaning up and decorating of neglected graves. There is a large amount of work of this character to be done in every cemetery and the scouts will, as usual, give their splendid services along this line.

In addition to cleaning up the graves, scouts are asked to bring flowers to the courthouse early in the morning of Memorial day, so that they may be distributed to different cemeteries. Buglers are being provided for the grand army at the courthouse for the exercises at Lone Fir cemetery and at other places. Scouts should see that their flags are exhibited during the day and, if possible, also see that flags are displayed by citizens and business houses.

Swimming.

There are a great many scouts in the city who do not swim. Sometimes they let it go so long that they are ashamed to come and learn. Every scout ought to know how to swim and we give him a splendid opportunity for on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month we have swimming lessons at the Couch school tank, between 4 and 6 in the afternoon. James Burke is in charge of the lessons and he is absolutely the best swimming instructor we have ever known. He will teach you to swim in one lesson if you will come to these swimming periods. It is a disgrace for a boy not to know how to swim when this splendid chance is given. Every scout going to summer camp ought to learn to swim before he goes.

Summer Camp.

A considerable number of registrations are coming in for the summer training camp at Wahtum lake. More registrations have been filed already this year than have ever been received at this time in previous years and we are looking for a record-breaking crowd. No one, who has seen the moving pictures of our activities at summer camp will expect to stay at home. We will give opportunities for parents to see these pictures. A large meeting for this purpose was held in Library hall a week ago last night and a very large gathering of the parents in the Irvington section was held in the Irvington club Wednesday night. All of the parents in the Mount Tabor section are to gather at the Mount Tabor Presbyterian church Friday night, when the pictures will be shown and knowledge of what is done at the camp will be presented. Arrangements are being made for the showing of the pictures at St. Johns and other sections as we have asked every district commissioner in the city to see that the pictures are shown at least once in every district. Registration cards for camp may be obtained at headquarters and we are hoping that they may be sent in at an early date.

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Troop 13.

We now have in the troop seven second-class scouts and we will have about four more on the rally. Some of our second-class scouts have passed more than half of their first-class requirements and we expect to have two or more first-class scouts in the troop by the time camp begins. We have four patrols organized, and although the fourth lacks two members we have more than enough candidates to fill the vacancies.

Troop 60.

We have just picked out our semaphore team, and we want you to look it over: Melvin Moore and Harold Charters, senders, and Lawrence Wills and Elton Strahorn, receivers. Every scout received a letter of encouragement from our deputy commissioner, R. H. Thomas, at our last meeting. It makes a fellow want to "dig in and work," as it were, when he knows we have officials who take an interest in our work.

Tuesday night Bennie Cochran was presented with his tenderfoot badge and Melvin Moore and Theo Elkins received the second-class badge.

A "feed" was prepared and greatly enjoyed. Almost every scout was an hand and the second-class scouts were the K. P.s.

Troop 75.

You may be feeling gloomy,
Everything may seem to be,
Just the way you don't desire it, but then
If you sit and think it over
And use wisdom, you will see
That the only thing to do is—grin again.

If the dough-god's in the fire
And the pup tent's floppin' 'round
While the sun comes up at midnight by "Big Ben."
Then just fry another dough-god;
Pick yourself up from the ground,
And as you chew your breakfast—grin again.

Sometimes this old world seems to be
Against you every time.
You almost wonder if you have a friend.
Then the only thing that sets you right
And makes you feel alive,
Is the thought that you can always—grin again.

Now as you read these musings,
They may strike you rather queer.
They're not magnif by any means, but when
You read these very simple lines,
I hope they bring you near
To the attitude which makes you—grin again.

Troop 20.

Our troop went to Oswego lake Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, and had a fine day. Everyone had a little too much boating. The scenery was very artistic.

Our next hike will be to Larch mountain the first Saturday in June. We will do our traveling in an auto, which will add sport to the trip.

Troop 66.

With the coming of spring, troop 66 has begun to change the routine winter meetings and to plan hikes and outdoor activities. We have been slowly gathering momentum ever since Dr. J. Earl Abbott became our scoutmaster early in April. We are now ready to start our spring programme with an abundance of pep. Almost every member of the troop is interested in wireless and it is hard to do business with everyone talking wireless.

Every member who possibly can is planning to go to camp. Although this troop has been practicing during the winter, the good weather has at last given an opportunity to start our outside field rally practice. We will not have as strong a team this year as last, owing to the dropping out and transferring of several older scouts. However, we will enter every event and will do our best to put a well-balanced team in the field. The most promising fact is that every member of the troop is determined to show the rest of you that 66 is still up and coming.

Sign of Weakness.

Dr. A. H. C. Morse, member of the Court of Honor of the Denver council, says: "Do you know what a boy does when he swears? He does ten things at once: He breaks the commands of God; he violates the law of the land; transgresses the tenets of good manners; outrages the standards of decency; insults all good people; profanes sacred things; shows a bad bringing up; dishonors his parents; does what he is ashamed of at the time and what he will bitterly regret upon reflection."

"Profanity is not the sign of strength but of weakness. Man swears because he wants to make up in wind what he lacks in courage. One of the pathetic things about swearing is the readiness into which the inmates of an insane asylum lapse into profanity when aroused.

"A blasphemer is morally profane. By which I mean he has deliberately broken down all the moral defenses about the temple of his soul and has made his life an open common cross which every evil thing may roam—and will.

"Show me a man who is openly profane and I will show you a man in whose life every evil thing can appear. Don't do it! Better bite out your tongue than swear."

Think Right.

Think smiles, and smiles shall be;
Think doubt, and hope will flee.
Think love, and love will grow;
Think hate, and hate you'll know.
Think good, and good is here.
Think vice—its jaws appear.
Think joy, and joy ne'er ends;
Think gloom, and dusk descends.
Think faith, and faith's at hand.
Think ill—it stalks the land.
Think peace, sublime and sweet,
And you that peace will meet.
Think fear, with brooding mind,
And Failure's close behind.
Think this: "I'm Going to Win!"
Think not on what has been.
Think "Victory," think "I can!"
Then you're a Winning Man.

Prisoner Left in Doubt.

Judge—De evidence am insufficient to convict de prisoner, so I daffo declare him not guilty.

Prisoner—Thank you, jedge. What must I do wiff de watch—keep it or give it back?

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