

### Class Leaders Are Announced

AUMSVILLE — Joe Lewis and Lorene Swartout won scholarship awards in the Aumsville high school, with R. E. Hough, principal, announced Lewis as valedictorian and Miss Swartout as salutatorian for commencement set for May 26. Fourteen students will receive their diplomas, with Dean Lemon of Oregon State college as commencement speaker.

Three graduates, including Lewis, will enter the armed services at once; two others are Jack Kellinger and John Hooper.

No resignations from teachers have been received, and salary increases are announced at about 20 per cent for next year.

### Gervais Pastor Goes To Portland Church

GERVAIS — Rev. James Aiken Smith, who has been supply pastor of the Presbyterian church for the past three years, has resigned effective May 15.

He has been called to be assistant pastor of Westminster church in Portland, a church of over 1700 members. He will speak at Gervais May 7 and 14. He and Mrs. Smith will move to Portland, where they will reside.

## Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

Dahlia planting time has arrived. Planting may be done almost anytime this month.

Choose a sunny location for the dahlia bed. These plants should have at least five hours of direct sunlight each day. Longer will be better.

While dahlias are tolerant of a mildly acid soil, better results are obtained, in ground rich in humus, if lime is added at the rate of one pound for each 20 square feet.

The soil should be well prepared, and not fertilized prior to planting. It has been found, dahlia experts report, that dahlias grow most effectively when fed from the surface. They prefer a well-drained loam, and if the soil is heavy, some sand should be worked in. They dislike wet feet and if there is a little slope to the ground into which they are planted, so much the better. Good drainage is absolutely essential to good dahlia culture.

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Bonemeal is the recommended fertilizer. A commercial super-phosphate is also good. In normal times, when one could walk into a store and ask for, with some assurance of getting, what they want in the line of fertilizers, one pound of muriate of potash and five pounds of raw bonemeal, mixed, to each 100 square feet of soil and raked into the soil, was considered ideal for dahlia growing. Now, one does the best that one can and is happy that one can do at all. But when one can, it is a good plan to apply a top dressing early in August. For every ten plants, apply 2 pounds of raw bone meal and 1/2 pound of the potash, keeping it six inches from the base of the plant, and raking it into the surface of the soil. Fertilization of dahlias must always be practiced with some restraint, but if large dahlias are desired, it must be done, nevertheless. Too much feeding, results in very poor roots which as a rule are not useable the second year.

All weeds should be kept away and out of the dahlia bed. Weeds, besides sapping the soil of its dahlia food, will also harbor insects and diseases, and dahlias, like some children, are rather good at picking up insects and diseases.

It is best to stake all but the very dwarf varieties of dahlias and driving of the stakes should be done before the planting of the tubers. Choose stakes which are an inconspicuous as possible, or you will ruin the effect of the dahlia bed. Then place the roots horizontally, eye upward and towards the stake. The hole should be about six inches deep. Cover only two inches at first, and continue the covering process as the shoots grow. Do not allow more than one, or at the very most, two shoots to develop.

Dahlias like plenty of water during the blooming season. But watering should be done deeply, soaking down at least a foot. It is not necessary to water this way but twice a week unless the weather is exceedingly dry and hot. In the very hottest part of the season, the plant seems to be thankful when its foliage is gently sprinkled off toward evening. No strong water force should be used on it.

Among the more popular varieties are: large-flowering: Jane Crowl (buff-orange), Jersey's Beauty (pink), Thomas A. Edison (purple), Treasure Island (apricot-gold), Lord of Autumn (canary yellow), Satan (scarlet), Kathleen Norris (rose), Amelia Earhart (salmon-scarlet), White Duchess (white), Gallant Fox (scarlet-red), Adirondack Sunset (scarlet with old-gold edges).

Popular pompoms will include Little David (russet-orange), Sunny Daybreak (lemon-yellow, tipped cardinal), Bronze Beauty (golden apricot), Atom (fiery red), Joe Fette (white), Tom Thumb (garnet red), and Johnny (maroon).

Ministries Baby Royal (salmon pink), Corna (white), Pink Pearl (rose), Bishop of Landaff (brilliant red), Garden Love (salmon rose), and Little Jewell (peach-blossom pink).

Coldness Gem, a bright red, is one of the most popular dwarf single varieties. Of the taller singles, some of the most popular are, Newport Wonder (raspberry), Scarlet Century (bright scarlet), Crawley Beauty (maroon), and Purity (white).

Remember that aphids are responsible for the spread of disease, and should be carefully guarded against.

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### Eight Receive Diplomas When 5 Schools Unite

UNION HILL — Eight received their eighth grade diplomas Thursday night when joint commencement exercises were held by five districts at the Union Hill grange hall.

The graduates were Laurence Fischer of McAlpine, Lucille Jaquet and Jeanne Darby of Victor Point, Guy Scott, Bill Kastenborder and Betty Mollet of Silver Cliff-Union Hill, Catherine Hostetter and Dorothy Patterson of Valley View.

Janice Johnston of McAlpine played a piano solo; Harold Hostetter of Valley View gave a reading; Norman Qualey, Merlin Darby, Elden Jaquet, Janice Miller and Dale Miller presented an Uncle Sam skit, from Victor Point and the Silver Cliff-Union Hill school sang "Vacation" and "Home, Home on the Range."

Rev. Almie of Silverton gave the address and the invocation. Verry Scott presented the diplomas to the graduating class.

The stage was decorated with flowers.

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### Red Hills Grange Will Observe Family Night

LIBERTY — The Red Hills grange will observe "family night" Tuesday night in the grange hall here. Covered dish dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., followed by the program. A tribute to "mother" or "father" will be expected for rollcall.

### Lebanon Plans For Music Week

LEBANON — Music week will be observed in Lebanon by the schools and by several social and service organizations. The Junior Women's club has issued invita-

tions to a public tea at the Presbyterian church May 11 at 3 p.m., when the songs of Mrs. Nellie Seeley, Lebanon song writer, will be a part of the program.

In charge of the tea and program are Kay Bullard, Marie Alvin, Stella Lemery, Ruth Foss, Thea Vrooman, Marjory Blodgett, Oral Childs and Betty Curtis.

### Visits With Mother While on Vacation

MT. ANGEL — Miss Theresa Flicker is here for several weeks' visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Flicker, and other relatives and friends. She has been employed in San Francisco for the past year.

## Wise or Otherwise

By Ethan Grant

By an intricate system of calculations involving the Ides of March, Mr. Daniel DeFoe and a hint of frost on the morning of April 27, I have discovered that today is the birthday of Robinson Crusoe. Further computations disclose a suspicion that since he was born in the year 1632, he would have now been, had he lived, about 312 years old. Don't ask me how I do it, for not even a mathematical genius can explain the mysteries of supermentality.

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Rob next became an explorer and surveyed his island kingdom from end to end. His purpose was to take the first census and find out how many subjects he had. The project was a disappointment. The only inhabitant he found was an old goat with a kid. He shot the goat and the kid, mistaking Rob for portable "divy," followed him home, and he had to raise it.

After a great deal of profound thought, Rob finally concluded that he ought to relinquish all other ambitions and settle down to farming. In this venture he enjoyed a notable career, for it must be remembered that he had the benefit of neither a county agent nor a seed catalog. In fact, he had to begin from scratch and without any seeds. His success in agriculture was particularly remarkable in view of the fact that, according to the London employment service records, his entire work history had been that of a deep-sea sailor.

Because he had no watch, Rob never knew what time it was. Not that it mattered much, since he wasn't going anywhere, anyhow. But he did know the day of the week. He'd started keeping track of the days right from the beginning; which was a lucky thing, for he knew it was on Friday that he captured his man Friday. If it had been on a Saturday, he couldn't have called him Friday, and you can readily see how that would have mused things up.

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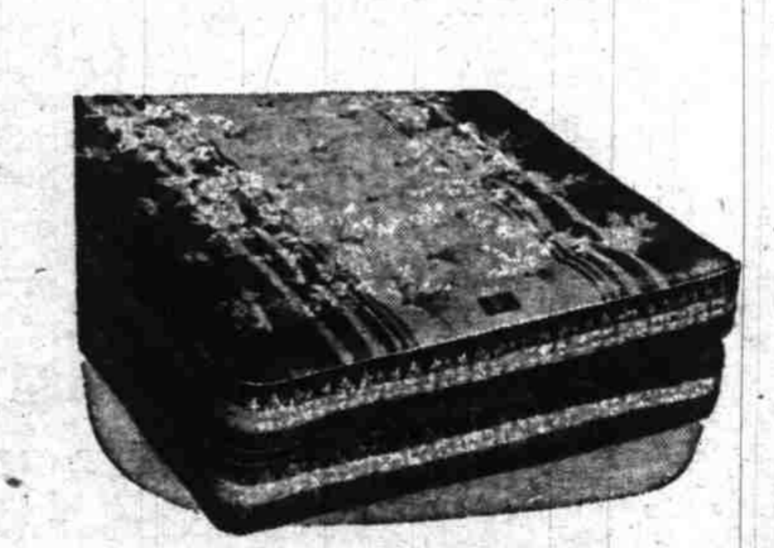


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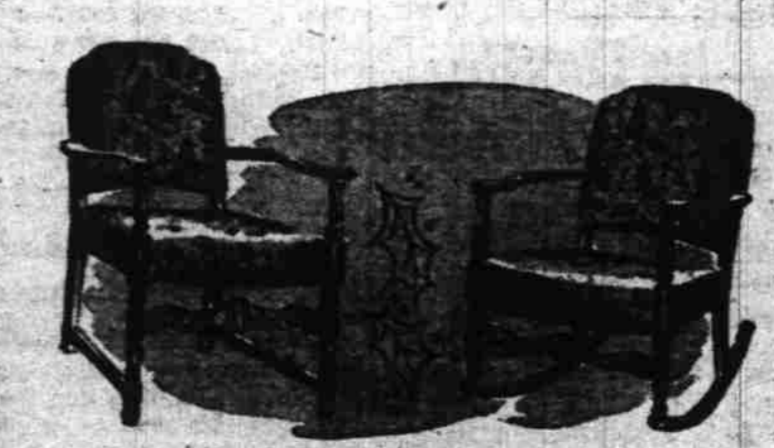
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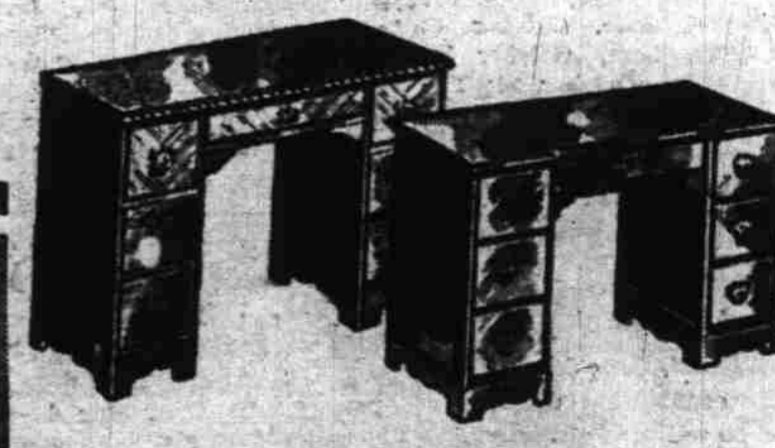
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