

Western Horticulture

Outstanding Men Given Recognition
By State Federation Garden Clubs

By MAXINE BUREN

Seth Llewelling, pioneer of 1850 and J. G. Bacher, of the Swiss Floral company, Portland, were chosen by the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs to receive the first citations to be given by the federation for outstanding horticultural achievements. These are the first of two annual awards to be given for such achievements, and were created last year by the federation. The awards were given at a banquet which closed the annual convention, held in Portland on Tuesday.

The following material was taken from the biographies which, according to provisions of the Federation's project, will be filed in four places in the state, for general reference and for preserving the information about those who receive the citations each year.

Early Orchardist

Seth Llewelling was a pioneer nurseryman and orchardist, who came to Oregon in 1850. It is generally agreed that the story of Llewelling's life in Oregon is also the history of early horticulture in the west, for he not only propagated and hybridized many fruits, but established a nursery in Milwaukie, Oregon, for its stock.

When Seth Llewelling's brother, Henderson, left Iowa in 1847, he hauled an assortment of fruit trees, planted in boxes, in two wagons across the plains. Some of his trees were destroyed en route, but he arrived in Milwaukie in November with about half of his original stock in good condition.

One of the stories told, is that Indians, coming upon the wagons, saw the trees in bloom and fearing Llewelling was a great medicine man, did not molest him.

As far as is known, these were the first domestic fruit trees brought to the coast (except citrus trees brought by the mission fathers) and this was the first nursery.

By the fall of 1851, William Meek and Seth Llewelling had joined Henderson in his nursery business and they had 18,000 fine trees for sale. The apple trees sold for \$1.50 apiece. Branch nurseries were started in Salem, near Spring Valley and near Albany. After 14 men had spent the season grafting, the firm had 100,000 grafts by 1853.

Seth Becomes Owner

Within a few years the two withdrew from the firm, leaving Seth as the sole proprietor. He was greatly interested in propagation of new fruits.

In 1859 he sold strawberries for 75 cents a pound in Portland, in 1860 originated the Black Republican and Lincoln cherries and had soon originated the Llewelling rhubarb, Llewelling grape and later the golden prune. He later originated another cher-

ry which he named "Bing" for his Chinese superintendent.

At the Philadelphia centennial, he took world's premium for finest and largest cherries and pears, after having paid \$8 express charges for six pears from a single bloom bud. Forty-four of his cherries weighed a pound.

By 1892, Llewelling had 50 acres in orchard at Milwaukie and 60 acres at Conley, a few miles further up the river. He set out the first Italian prune orchard in Oregon, near Milwaukie. He was active in promoting the state fair and was for many years a moving spirit in the Oregon Horticultural society.

The family home was built where the Waverly Golf course now stands.

About J. G. Bacher

John George Bacher was chosen as the living man who has contributed most to horticulture in Oregon. He is founder of the Swiss Floral company in Portland, and has been an important influence in horticulture in Oregon since his arrival in 1906.

Bacher was born in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1882 and graduated from the National School of Horticulture in 1901. He immediately went to work as a mountain gardener for a hotel high in the Alps. Arriving in the United States the next year, he worked in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Missouri and in 1906 came to Portland.

In partnership with Charles Welty, a former Geneva classmate, Mr. Bacher founded the Swiss Floral company, becoming sole owner in 1917. The greenhouses remained at 1920 SE Seventh street, but a nursery was purchased at SW 26th and Holgate to take care of stock for the landscape division.

Bacher was one of the founders of the Men's Garden club of Portland in the early 30's, a club which has grown to be one of the largest men's garden clubs in the country.

Always interested in the introduction of new material, he developed cynoglossum amabile (Chinese forget-me-not) and received a gold American Home medal for introducing the South African Gold Star, ornithogalum aureum, now famous in California.

Work on Rhododendrons

When the Arnold Arboretum and University of California sent to China to gather seed of the

Chinese rhododendron, and Mr. Bacher was entrusted with a collection of the seed for experiment.

The precious seed and plants grown from it have had continuous attention of a single expert from the time of their arrival to the present time, a condition believed to exist in no other place in the United States. Changes in personnel at the University Horticultural gardens have resulted in the loss of some plants, and mixed labeling of others. About half the seedlings were lost in the Bacher collection in 1937, and some may not bloom for another ten years, but many have already bloomed. These rhododendrons will contribute much to the variety of available material in American gardens and will give new blood for hybridizers of rhododendrons.

Since 1938 Mr. Bacher has interested himself in promoting more outdoor use of fuchsias in Oregon, resulting in the greatly increased use of them in regular planting.

On a trip to Europe in 1938, he took a horticultural study trip and caught splendid records of the great flower show of Europe with his color camera, leaving Portugal after war was declared.

In petunias his great creations are The Pride of Portland, Elks Pride, Lila Beauty, Heliotrope, Ruffle, White Beauty and others. He originated the double flowering primula obconica, Portland Beauty which won the classification of "most unusual flower in the show" in St. Louis. Japanese azaleas have received improvements in color under his experimentation.

Bacher is intensely interested in wild flowers, and introduced the campanula rotundifolia Olympian, a wild type from the Olympic range. His immense collection of slides and color photographs have always been at the disposal of garden clubs. Since 1924 he has taken over 10,000 color photographs.

Is Author, Too

As an author and writer on gardening Bacher has many achievements to his credit. He is co-author of the "Garden Guide," was for many years correspondent for the Florists' Exchange, he has contributed to many garden magazines and wrote often for Portland newspapers. Mr. Bacher has been a strong supporter of the Hoyt Arboretum and champion of Portland park improvement.

Mr. Bacher is highly active and Oregon garden lovers look forward to the many new introductions which Mr. Bacher will make in the coming years.

Mrs. H. Lawrence Lister has invited a few friends to luncheon on Wednesday afternoon at her home on Jefferson street in honor of Mrs. Jay H. Stockman, who is leaving for Astoria to reside. Covers will be placed for eight and bridge will be in play during the afternoon.

Don't Look Now...

but... aren't we in a whirl of sororities thought! These installations make us feel pretty pert again, even though our sorority pin was so old the moths had been gnawing on it. But we will reveal that we were among the first group of initiates to be taken into the Beta Chi house when it was on Court and Winter streets. Our congratulations for getting nationals on the campus, all three local houses have kept up a high standard for many years, and deserve rewards.

Everybody's telling... stories about the invasion news, so here's ours. We were sleeping soundly when suddenly we awakened (we suspect the church bells, although we only faintly remember hearing any) immediately we turned on the radio (not a

habit of ours in the middle of the night either) and there it was, just waiting to be told to our pearly ear. We listened and dozed until about 4 a.m. That is the reason for the dark circles under our eyes when we became official photographer for the Jersey Cattle club show on Tuesday.

Speaking of picnics... They had a covered dish luncheon at the show that day, and oh my—our figure! Chicken, beans, macaroni dishes, meat loaf, cold meats, (no beef roast), potato salad, fruit gelatine, cake, coffee, pie, ice cream and dozens of cute little half pint bottles of milk. Such things as this, my dears, are the compensations awarded a reporter-photographer-at-large.

...Maxine Buren

Vows Taken
At Silverton
Ceremony

SILVERTON — At a candle-light ceremony at Trinity church Saturday night at 8:30, Miss Charlotte Goplerud, daughter of Mrs. John Goplerud, sr., became the bride of Mr. Haakon A. Larsen, son of Mrs. Hjalmar Olsen.

A reception was held, following the ceremony, in the church social rooms. Pouring were Mrs. E. S. Goodwin, Seattle, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. Elea Olsen, aunt of the bridegroom. Mrs. Andrew Haere and Mrs. John Goplerud, jr., cut the bride's cake. Miss Sylvia Haere had charge of the punch bowl. Assisting around the rooms were Mrs. Mildred Clifton, Miss Clara Fhermedal and Miss Evelyn Turcotte all of Tacoma. Mrs. Clifford Nybakke, Mrs. Raymond Reed, Mrs. Orin Smedstad, Mrs. Chester Hedberg and Miss Althea Meyer.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Goplerud wore a two piece navy blue with white accessories and a corsage of gardenias and rose buds. Mrs. Olsen was gown in turquoise with white accessories and an identical corsage with Mrs. Goplerud's.

For going away the bride chose a navy suit and white accessories with a turquoise post coat worn with white orchid.

Following her graduation from the Silverton high school, the bride attended Willamette university and later was graduated from Pacific Lutheran college. For the past few years she has taught in Tacoma schools.

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Eleanor Breiwick of Tacoma, in deep rose brocade satin, and Mrs. Norman Burmark of Tacoma, in lavender taffeta.

Pte. Glenn Berg of Tacoma was best man for Mr. Larsen and Mr. Norman Burmark and Mr. Allan Clifton, both of Tacoma were ushers.

Wedding music was played by Miss Peggy Goplerud, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Leon Erickson of Tacoma, sang, preceding the ceremony, "O Perfect Love" and "Together Life's Pathway."

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Luncheon for
Miss Harbert

Miss Gladys Harbert was the honor guest at a noon luncheon on Wednesday at the state house coffee shop when employees of the secretary of state's office and governor's office entertained. Miss Harbert, who has been secretary for many years to Carl Gabrielson of the motor vehicle division, is leaving Salem for Riverside, Calif., to make her home with her mother.

Covers were placed for 71 guests and the luncheon table was U-shaped. The table cen-

terpiece was a crystal bowl filled with red Hoover roses and blue delphinium and other bouquets of Paul Scarlet roses and white roses decorated the tables. At the head table cards marked places for Miss Harbert and the oldest employees.

Miss Harbert was presented with a corsage of orchids and gift from the employees of the motor vehicle division.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Giles, former Salem residents now living in Portland are spending the weekend here with friends.

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