

Gardening Today

By Lillie L. Madsen
Flower talk indicates that the Oregon state fair flower show is going to be one of the best in history. Mrs. Verle Goode, Stayton floral superintendent, says all available display space is gone and that more garden club than ever before are planning to exhibit.



There is a report, too, that the Chase Gardens at Eugene will bring up an exhibit of orchids, although it may not be so elaborate as that of 1946. But any orchid is "elaborate."

The garden federation has also arranged a nice program for its booth each day of the fair. I was very happy to receive a copy of this and it includes the following:
Monday (September 5), 2 p. m., Mrs. Thomas Tharolon speaks on culture of fuchsias. Hostess, Mrs. William Morris. At 7:30 Dr. E. J. Kraus talks and shows slides on early chrysanthemums. Hostesses, Mrs. R. S. Lusk and Mrs. Kern Mills.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. P. H. Brydon will show slides and talk on camellias and rhododendrons. Hostesses, Mrs. Hunt Clark and Mrs. Mills.
Wednesday, 2 p. m., Mrs. Leander Anderson and Mrs. Howard Ritter, demonstration on cossage making. Hostess in morning, Mrs. Clara Brunk; afternoon, Mrs. Charles Cole; evening, Mrs. H. Rehon.

Thursday, 2 p. m., Mrs. Hazel Bartlett will demonstrate arranging flowers. Hostesses Mrs. Frances Colgan and Mrs. Kern Mills.
Friday, 7:30, Ollie Schendel will talk on care of roses. Hostesses in the afternoon, Mrs. Howard Hunsaker and Mrs. E. L. Herrill and Mrs. B. Rathgen; evening, Mrs. Mills.
Saturday, 2 p. m., Lucille Kahs will demonstrate feather corsage making. Hostesses for the afternoon, Mrs. J. B. VanCleve and Mrs. Mills.

Sunday, September 11, 2 p. m., Al Clark will talk on begonias. Hostesses, Mrs. H. E. McWain and Mrs. Mills.
Leslie Woodruff G. Harbor, a hybridizer of begonias and lilies has been invited to speak at the September 11 meeting of the Salem branch of the American Begonia society. The group will meet at 8 o'clock at the YMCA, Ellen Quail, secretary reports.
Questions and Answers
H. E. T. asks how early she may divide oriental poppies and how many years after dividing until they bloom.
Ans.: The poppies may be divided this month and if this is done

they should bloom next June. Work the soil deeply and incorporate some bonemeal and a little leaf mold or compost. The crown should be about three inches below the soil surface. Good drainage is important.

This is also the time to plant new ones and some lovely new shades are being offered this year. H. O. writes: "I am stupid, I know, but at some flower show or other I wrote down 'microphylla superba' and made the notation 'be sure to get.' Now I haven't the faintest idea what this is -- whether a shrub, a perennial or just plain what. Could you help me?"
Ans.: We are all apt to do this. I got a very nice rose bush that way when I had rather thought I was ordering a narcissus bulb. The name to which you refer is a daphne lilar, a shrub with pinkish red buds in truss form. The fragrance of this is one of its attractions. It is really a worthwhile shrub.

Mrs. F. R. asks where she can get a Belle Etoile, one of the new mockoranges. If she will send me a self-addressed envelope I'll send her addresses where they can be had. It is one of the French varieties created by Lemoine, and is also very worth while.

Mrs. E. C. E. says she "wants something new for the garden this fall. Seems like I have grown the same old thing forever and ever and I am getting weary of it. If I don't get something new I'll be quitting gardening and as I have gardened for 10 years I just can't do that either."

Ans.: Now I am puzzled. She doesn't say "what the same old thing" is and whether the new shrub is a perennial, an annual, a shrub or perhaps a rose.
If it is a new rose she craves, she might try Capistrano, Sutter's Gold or Mission Bells. If it is a new tree there is the Norway maple, Crimson King, or the new giant hybrid, Crimson Glory. Has she grown the pure white flowering quince Nivalis (this is one of my favorites)? There is also the new Coral Sea flowering quince.

Perhaps she should try some different daffodils? They need not be new introductions if they are new to her? There is the Hera, a beautiful one not seen too frequently. Or Thalia (one again to which I am partial). It has an ethereal quality difficult to describe. Usually it comes three blooms to the stem--white drooping flowers. Or Diane Kasper with its creamy yellow perianth and small yellow cup margined with orange.

CANCER CENTER
SAN ANTONIO, Tex. --(INS)--San Antonio will become one of the nation's greatest cancer research and treatment centers as a result of the Pan American Cancer Foundation's plan to establish a 250-bed hospital in the Alamo city.

He Helps Get State Fair Ready



Johnny Graber's big grin is for good reason -- it soon will be state fair time. Graber has been connected with every state fair since 1916 as chief plumber, a tremendous task on the 167 acres of fairgrounds. For nearly 40 years an active plumber in Salem, Graber now comes out of retirement only every summer to supervise new plumbing construction and maintenance at the state fair.

Hieber, Barbara Spent, Pete and Clara Hiebert, all of Dallas; Eld Gerber, Paul and Pearl Steiner Schaad, Ralph Alvina and Marlin, Salem; Albert Eggman, Silverton, Pete and Sara Hofstetter, Pratum, Dan J., John D. and Ann Hiebert Steiner and Elizabeth Hiebert, Silverton.

EXEMPTIONS
BALTIMORE, Md. --(INS)--The property of fraternal institutions and organizations is now on the Maryland tax exempt list, provided it is not rented for a commercial purpose. To be eligible for exemptions, organizations must be non-profit.
The barracuda is able to change its color to conform to its background.

John D. Steiner was elected president for 1950 and Norma Wenger, secretary-treasurer. Present at the reunion were Ferd and Alma Zurcher and Wilbert, Mrs. Norma Richard and Howard Wenger of Salem; Phyllis Lehman, Pandora, Ohio; Lawrence and Jim Baer, Mrs. Lavina Wedel, John and Lillie Steiner and Marie Harder, Salem; Vern and Beulah

Oregon Prune Price Status Still Undecided

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
The status of the prune. Oregon's most widely known fruit away from home, is questionable at this time, both processors and growers admitted last week. It may be, unless the market improves, that travelers on railway diners may have to eat other fruit, processors said.

Even if not many prunes are canned, approximately 12,000 tons of green prunes will be dried in Polk county this season, Frank Neufeld, president of the Polk County Prune Growers association, states. Approximately 20,000 tons of prunes could be harvested in Polk county. What will become of the 8,000 is still unknown. The drier operators state they are only interested in the larger prunes and will probably take nothing smaller than the 17-to-a-pound size.

Just what will be paid to the growers by the drier operators has not yet been decided. Growers are hoping for \$25 a ton. Twenty drier operators will go to work in early September against four operators last year.

Drier operators paid \$32 a ton dockage for canning prunes is last year. Canners offered \$40 but heavier than for the dehydrated grade, growers stated, making the actual difference in price not so great as it might appear.

Woodburn's cannery which at one time processed a large quantity of prunes, will, for the second year, not handle them this season, company officials said. They admitted that "it is too bad because the prunes this year are very good and are plentiful, but prices offered to canners are neither."

The Kolstad Cannery at Silverton, also a heavy prune processing plant at one time, may process 100,000 cases, or it may process none this year, L. E. Kolstad, manager stated.
"Prices are so weak we don't know what we will do yet. The question may be if growers will pick them at the \$18 to \$20 a ton which looks as if it may be all we can pay. Chicago (Oregon's big processed prune market) offered only \$1.65 per dozen on the No. 2 1/2 sized cans of the extra fancy, and \$1.57 1/2 per dozen on the fancy this week," Kolstad added, explaining this wholesale price "works out at about \$20 a ton to the grower."
--Canners in the Salem area, too, were reluctant to make any state-

Five Survivors Set to Attend 'Taps' for Gar Encampment

By William L. Madigan
INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 27--(AP)--Five fragile centenarians assemble here Sunday to sound taps for the Grand Army of the Republic.
The aged survivors decided a year ago to hold their last encampment in the city which was host to their first convention 82 years ago. The encampment will be from August 28 to 31.
Two hundred eighty-eight young delegates from 11 states were on hand for the initial meeting on Nov. 20, 1886. No formal minutes of the gathering were kept, says Miss Cora Gillis, GAR secretary. She has arrived here from Washington to make arrangements for the 83rd annual meeting of the once - powerful organization.

State Official Host
The state of Indiana will be official host to the Civil War veterans and some 2,500 members of five affiliated corps: the National Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their auxiliary.

The five surviving members of the organization, which in 1890 boasted a peak membership of 408,489, planning to attend are: Theodore Penland, 100, Portland, Ore., the national commander - in - chief; Albert Woolson, 92, Duluth, Minn., national chief of staff; Robert Barrett, 102, Princeton, Ky.; Joseph Clovese, 109, Pontiac, Mich.; and James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N. Y.

One Negro Member
Clovese is the only living negro member of the group. Hard, who is blind and deaf, is expected to be bound to the encampment.
Still hoping to attend is Charles R. Chappel, 102, Long Beach, Calif., who is reported recovering from injuries suffered in a fall from a peach tree.
Miss Gillis says there are 18 surviving GAR members throughout the country.

Stamp collectors and dealers will be on hand for the encampment this week, although they indicated they could not pay the \$25 requested by growers. Growers interviewed remained adamant in their refusal to sell at a lower figure.
With growers paying 15 cents a box for picking, little fear of insufficient pickers was felt.

Growers and processors (the latter of whom they really would like to take the prunes this year if they "could come out on them financially") hoped that the prune situation might clear a little by the first of the month. No one, however, seemed too optimistic this week.

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Gerber - Geiger Reunion Held At Clear Lake

CLEAR LAKE--Thirty-three members of the Gerber-Geiger clan met last Sunday at the home of Paul and Pearl Steiner Schaad.

President Ferd Zurcher was in charge of the meeting and program which followed the dinner. John D. Steiner led the devotions and Ferd Zurcher presented two numbers on the accordion and Marlin Schaad sang.

Highlight of the program was a talk by Paul Schaad describing his seven-weeks trip to Stuttgart, Germany.

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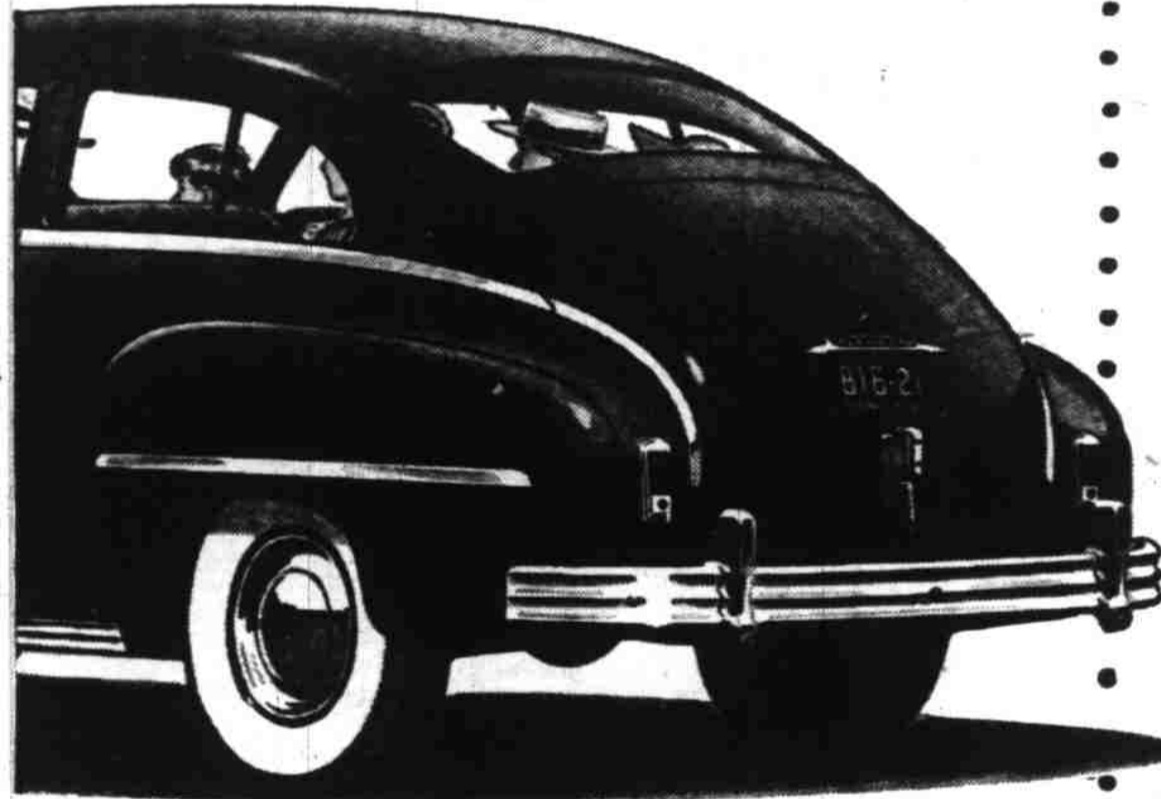
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