

Herb Tea Will Feature Herb Tasting Bits

LEBANON, July 20—The Lebanon Garden Club, assisted by the Lebanon Herb Tea, will complete plans this week for the annual Herb Tea, which this year will be between 3 and 5 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at the Earl Michelson home, 881 Park St.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the tea, which since its inception in 1907, has attracted more than 6,000 persons from all parts of Oregon and many visitors from various sections of the United States.

Coming back into the history of the Lebanon Herb Tea, we find four members of the Lebanon Garden Club, including the late Joel Mayer and Mrs. E. E. Gundersen. Mrs. Oliver Gundersen and Mrs. Phil Lanning, upon returning from a flower show at Wood, were discussing the event. Mrs. Gundersen then started the study of herbs, suggested a local club promote an herb tea.

The first such event was arranged in the Mayer garden through the years many of Oregon's best known garden and herb societies have appeared on the tea program. In 1948, the Lebanon Garden Club was given recognition by the National Garden Club organization for its 1947 and exhibits. Among those who have figured prominently in the tea have been Mrs. Gundersen, Mrs. Jack Rasmussen and Mrs. Peter F. Smith, who is again acting as president of the Lebanon Garden Club.

Highlights of the 1957 herb tea include talks on herbs and plant subjects by Mrs. Gundersen and Mrs. Lester Muntz of Sweet Home.

Arranged about the Michelson garden, which slopes to the water's edge along the Lebanon power ca-

nal, will be rare Biblical charts, medicinal apothecary, herb scrapbook, spices and pot-pourri exhibits. There will be an herb tasting table, punch table and an herb refreshment center.

Herb products may also be obtained such as lavender bags, jellies, herbs for cookery purposes. Flower arrangements and gladiol displays will also be featured.

A post tea tour is being arranged to herb gardens at the homes of Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Gundersen and Mrs. V. E. Wilson.

Good Place for a Spot of Tea



LEBANON, July 20—Two busy women at Lebanon this week are Mrs. Peter F. Smith, current president of the Lebanon Garden Club, and Mrs. Oliver Gundersen, one of the originators of the Lebanon Herb tea to be held here July 25.

Right Color Adds Beauty To Any Home

The accent is on color in the home today. Everything from the bathroom tiles to the baby grand comes in color today and this trend has led to clever selection of materials and decorative arrangements on the part of the modern housewife.

The current trends in furniture are to warm, mellow browns with a touch of the grain or oil finishes. The beige-to-ochre family comes as an important color group in soft coverings, while charcoal combination with pink and wood tones dominate the smooth surface color coverings.

Burnished metal colors, such as bronze, silver, old gold, copper and pewter, are popular accents right now.

Colors in china, too, are keeping pace with the trend. While there are plenty of blues, more turquoise, rich brown, burnt orange, light green and celadon, there is also sandalwood and beige among the currently popular china colors.

The Statesman Garden and Home editor happened into a very attractive yellow dining room this past week, where blue dishes were used. The yellow was a pale lemon yellow and the dishes were of the not blue, very cheerful breakfast atmosphere.

Color Harmony Vital in Home

Harmony of color within a home is always desirable, but it is particularly important in new homes where one room seems to blend into another—as they do, for instance, in modern split-level and ramblers.

If the dining room opens directly from the living room and is plainly visible from it, it is wise to pick up the predominant dining room color from one of the secondary colors used in the living room.

If yellow and blue are your favorite colors, they can be worked together in the two rooms. It should be yellow and pink in the kitchen, don't try to make one room pink and the other yellow and have them open into one another.

In the yellow and blue combination the yellow might be a secondary color in the living room. A blue and mulberry living room tends itself very well to a dining room in which the opposite color predominates in the dining room from that which highlights the living room.

Garden Luncheon Club to Organize

The organization of a Business Gardeners Luncheon Club for the purpose of a meeting of all gardeners interested at a luncheon set for Monday noon at the Motor Hotel.

Sponsors believe this will be the first luncheon club type of garden organization in the northwest. Civic beautification will be a part of the program.

Garden Work

Water beat grass lawn early in the morning during warm weather to prevent fungus attacks.

Make war on crabgrass. Use chemical killer as directed.

Dust aphids with rotenone.

Start pansy seed for next year.

Little Sweet Williams, delphiniums.

Feed fuchsias. Wash them off with fine spray from hose. Some special sprays are obtainable for fuchsias.

Keep faded roses cut. Ditto delphiniums, forget-me-nots.

Where to Go

HELMICK PARK is our suggestion for the week. It is close to the central Willamette Valley. Helmick park lies on the south bank of the storied Laclacumie and is located by the Pacific Highway West, 4.71 miles south of Monmouth. It was one of the first gift areas to the state for park purposes and long before being state owned, was a locally popular picnic and swimming site. There are picnic tables, stoves and other facilities.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- July 21—Evergreen Picnic, Evergreen School 2 miles south of Silverton on Stayton Road, 1 p.m.
- July 22—Lebanon Herb Tea, Lebanon.
- July 23—Salem Garden Council Picnic, Bush Pasture, Mission St. Entrance, 6:30 p.m.
- July 24—Dallas Smoker, Joseph.
- July 25—Chief Joseph Days, Joseph.
- July 27—Agate Show, DeLak.
- July 28—Nehalem Bay Garden Club Flower Show, Wheeler Community Hall. Admission: Silver offering.
- July 29—Picnic for rose lovers, Salem Rose Society, at Fred Edmunds River Ranch Nursery, 1/4 mile east of Wilsonville, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 1—Multnomah County Flower Show, Gresham.
- Aug. 1—Shakespearean Festival, Ashland.
- Aug. 2—Salem Begonia Show, Meier & Frank Auditorium. Show Hours: Admission: Free.
- Aug. 3—American Begonia Society Show, Seattle, sponsored by Seattle Park Department and Puget Sound Fuchsia Society. Loyal Heights Fieldhouse, 21 N.W. and 77th.
- Aug. 4—Mary's Peak Shrine Trek, Corvallis.
- Aug. 4—Silverton Pioneer Picnic, Coquidge & McClaine Park, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 5—Oregon Fuchsia Society Show, Meier & Frank, Portland store.
- Aug. 10—Cannon Beach Flower Show.
- Aug. 10—Gladiolus Festival, International and local, Grants Pass.
- Aug. 17—North Santiam Gladiolus Society show, Mill City.
- Aug. 17—Sou Waster Garden Club Standard Flower Show, Gearhart School. Theme: This is the Life. Tea, 2 to 9 p.m. each day.
- Aug. 20—Annual San Francisco Flower Show, City Hall, San Francisco.
- Aug. 23—Polk County Flower Show, Rickreall.
- Aug. 24—Oregon Gladiolus Show, La Grande.
- Aug. 25—Jay C. Elite Flower Show, Silverton.
- Aug. 31—Sept. 7—Oregon State Flower Show, Salem.
- Sept. 14—Portland Dahlia Society Show, Masonic Temple, Portland.
- Sept. 19—North Marion County Flower Show, Woodburn.
- Nov. 2—Portland Chrysanthemum Society Show, Masonic Temple, Portland.
- Nov. 2—Study Club Chrysanthemum Show, Portland Chamber of Commerce Information Center.

Answers to Your Garden Questions

Question — Enclosed two sprigs of evergreen I would like identified. Are they easily started from cuttings? I have a hot bed. Mrs. E.H.

Answer — The sprigs are cedar but I couldn't tell you which one. The sprigs were rather dry when they arrived, and there are so many cedars so similar that they are difficult to tell apart from small sprigs. I do not believe they

are one of the three true cedars—the Cedar of Lebanon, the Atlas or the Deodar, but one of the many so-called cedars.

Cedars can be started from cuttings, if the small shoots are selected which spring occasionally from the old wood.

We enjoyed your note and hope you write again. We aren't always this slow at answering, but so many questions get piled up this spring.

Question — What is wrong with enclosed leaf of palm? These little white bumps have appeared on all the leaves and they seem to be drying up and dying. Would you like to save this palm as we gathered the seed for it ourselves out on the desert? F.E.P.

Answer — Mealy bugs. Can wash off with soapy water and sponge but be careful to rinse this water away. If this does not do the trick spray with nicotine sulphate in soapy solution or use light-medium summer oil emulsion spray. Sprays should not be used on palms unless other measures fail. Sometimes just a spray of water will rid the plants of the mealy bugs.

Question — Am having trouble with pinks. Does very well until about half grown, then leaves turn brown and die from bottom up. What to do. T.R.W.

Answer — Leaf blight for which there is no known cure. Would destroy plants, sterilize soil and re-plant with non-susceptible varieties.

Question — I'm enclosing some dogwood leaves... could you tell me what is the matter with tree? I was told that it might be over-watering or that it could be peach leaf curl. It had abundant pink blooms this spring. The tree was put in last fall. A.C.W.

Answer — It is difficult to tell from the specimen you sent me but I'm sure it is not peach leaf curl. It looks more like the dogwood blight sometimes caused by too much moisture in late spring. Usually the tree recovers during the summer without control measures.

Question — Am having trouble with the foliage on my iris. Brown spots appear first, then gradually all the foliage turns brown and dies. What can I do to keep this from spreading further. G.B.

Answer — Sounds like iris leaf spot. When plants are crowded and

shaded and the season is wet, the spotting appears and is more damaging. Usually the disease is more serious when the soil is deficient in lime. Usually it is sufficient to remove and burn all leaves at the end of the season. Sometimes shearing back spotted leaves in midsummer is helpful. Spraying Bordeaux mixture is usually helpful.

Question — Have some cedar shavings. Was going to use it around rhododendrons but neighbor says it is poisonous to them. Is this so? B.C.

Answer — No, cedar shavings make good mulch if it is dug into

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Flower Society Meets Tuesday

The Salem Camellia and Rhododendron Society will have its first annual outdoor meeting Tuesday night at 8:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown, 2433 Trade St. A no-host dinner, with ham

Award Won

JERUSALEM, July 20 (AP)—Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir will receive one of the four annual Stephen Wise awards of the American Jewish Committee next week for outstanding service to her country.

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