

Valley Society News

Extension Units Elect Officers

SHERIDAN—The annual ACWW meeting of the Sheridan and Mill Creek Home Extension Units was held jointly last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brandt. A panel discussion on Egypt was held with Mrs. Ernest Huntley, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. Fred Simonson, Mrs. Frank Morrow, Mrs. Frank Abderhalden and Mrs. Fred Rhodes on the panel.

Each group held a business session with election of officers. Mill Creek elected Mrs. Frank Abderhalden, president; Mrs. Glen Dickey Jr., secretary; and Mrs. Toivo Simonson, treasurer.

Mrs. Fritz Lenzburg was elected to head Sheridan's unit; Mrs. James Daeges, vice-president; Mrs. Frank Lux, retiring president; Mrs. Frank Miller, secretary; and Mrs. Frank Miller, treasurer.

Mrs. Miller Will Head Club

MACLEAY—The Macleay Women's Club was entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. Howard Ensor with Mrs. Tom Burton assisting. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: president, Mrs. Wilbur Miller; vice president, Mrs. Henry Plennig; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Magee.

Delegates elected to the Marion County Federation of Women's Clubs convention to be held in Salem April 30 were Mrs. Robert Harris, Mrs. Harry Martin, Mrs. Wilbur Miller, Mrs. Henry Plennig and Mrs. A. Spellbrink.

Mrs. Borden Elected

FOUR CORNERS—Extension Unit held an all day meeting Tuesday at the Community hall with Mrs. Dale Jeffries and Mrs. Ted Miller demonstrating Meat Cookery before 38 women. Elected as officers for the coming year were: president, Mrs. Frank Borden; vice president, Mrs. Clifford Reynolds; secretary, Mrs. Henry Plennig; and Mrs. Ted Miller. An auction sale brought \$46.95, proceeds to go to the Eleanor Trindle scholarship fund.

FOUR CORNERS—Mrs. Ray Osborn was a luncheon hostess on Friday honoring Mrs. Lee Wagner on her birthday anniversary. Covers were placed for the honoree and Mesdames C. L. Marcy, Henry Burnham, Lester Smith, Earl Kason, Fred Brown, Charles Lindblad, Maurice Townsend and the hostess.

Mrs. Russell Bentler, Mrs. Jess Earlywine and Mrs. Gene Kennedy were the committee for the regular luncheon of Salem chapter, OES, Wednesday noon at the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Ivan Stewart was the soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Larry Flag, members of Trinity chapter. Other guests were Mrs. Dorothy Haltman, Mrs. Hazel Nyhus, Mrs. Alzada Gash, Mrs. Walter Robinson and Mrs. Helen Dye.

FOUR CORNERS—Felicitation go to Mr. and Mrs. Jerald F. Smith (Betty Jo Sexton) on the birth of a second daughter, Kathy Jo, April 8, at the Salem General hospital. Greeting her were a sister, Shelly Ann, and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sexton, Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Four Corners, and a great grandfather Charles Thatcher, also of Salem.

FOUR CORNERS—Weekend guests in the Ray Osborn home were Mrs. Osborn's cousins, Mrs. Florence Schuchardt and Floyd Clasin of Eugene and Mrs. James Rolph of Astoria, Wash.

TURNER—Victoria chapter met Wednesday. Mrs. Katherine Treux, worthy matron of Rhododendron chapter, was honored guest. Mrs. Carl Booth, worthy matron, will serve as assistant grand warder at the coming Grand Chapter session in Portland in June. On April 23 the 56th anniversary of the chapter will be observed and past matrons and patrons will be honored.

LEBANON—Word comes from Klamath Falls of the birth there Tuesday of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elder of Summer Lake. The child has been named Robin James. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Elder of Summer Lake and Mr. and Mrs. John Ginter of Klamath Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ginter of Lebanon are welcoming their first great-grandchild, Dr. Mary Rowland of Salem is the baby's great-great aunt.

TURNER—At the regular meeting of Ideal Rebekah Lodge Mrs. Carl Graves was recommended as District Deputy. The following members were elected as delegates to the Assembly to be held in Corvallis the latter part of May: Mrs. Carl Graves and Mrs. Manuel Keene Alternates elected Mrs. Roy Hatfield and Mrs. Ben Wipper.

New Officers Named

AMITY—Election of officers highlighted the session when the Women's Society of Christian Service convened this week at the Amity Methodist Church. Named to executive positions were: Mrs. C. S. Holloway, president; Mrs. William Osborne, vice president; Mrs. M. W. Schuler, secretary; and Mrs. Gertrude Richter, treasurer. Plans were discussed for attendance at the WSCS state convention, scheduled April 24-25 at Medford.

Two Chosen for Girls State

SILVERTON—Norma Stumpff and Carolyn Larsen were chosen at the Wednesday night meeting of Delbert Reeves American Legion Auxiliary, unit No. 7, to attend the Girls State with Loree King as alternate. The Girls State will be at Willamette University in June.

The report of the Past President's Parley showed plans to complete more than 400 poppies for the annual wheel chair parade of Veterans of the Portland Facility in June. Mrs. Arthur Gottenberg will be host to Parley members Thursday night, April 24.

An invitation was accepted from the Mt. Angel unit to attend its meeting April 22. Initiation of new members of the local unit will be April 28.

Miss Graves Engaged

TURNER—The engagement of Miss Alice L. Graves to James Towery is being revealed this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves. Mr. Towery is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Towery. Both are graduates of Cascade Union high school. No date has been set for the wedding.

Terrific Move Back

HOPEWELL—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Terrill, who have been making their home near Dallas for several years, have moved back into the community and are living in the Tom Kirkwood house. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Polvi and daughter, Pamela, are making their home in Los Angeles. He is the son of Mrs. Esther Polvi and finished his graduate work in civil engineering at Oregon State College in March. He is employed in designs for dam construction in the Los Angeles area.

LYONS—Mr. and Mrs. Axel Elkhorn and daughters, Shirley and Carol, from Duluth, Minnesota are visiting at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gustafson. Additional weekend guests were Mrs. Jerry Gustafson, from Eugene, also Mr. and Mrs. Norman Christensen and five sons from Eugene.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Freda Brog had a family party when she celebrated her birthday anniversary at her Lincoln home. Present were her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brog, Steve and Alan of Coquille and Mrs. Brog's daughter, Mrs. Delores Johnston, Linda, Pamela, Curtis, Christine and Kim of Woodburn.

AURORA—Mrs. William Schaad was a special guest at a reception honoring her oldest granddaughter and namesake, Mrs. Virginia Wright, Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Myrtle Creek last week.

SHERIDAN—Guests of Superintendent and Mrs. Frank W. Smith were Mrs. Jerry Smith's four sisters, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Koenig of Longview, Wash., Mrs. R. J. Thomson of Tillamook; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Beebe of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Rinehart of Portland. It had been many years since the five sisters had been together. They have a brother who resides in Colorado.

MT. ANGEL—The Past Presidents Club met at the home of Mrs. Jerry Smith Tuesday night for a made M. E. memorial Poppy and wristlets to be worn by the girls at Girls State in June. At least 140 wristlets are needed and about 60 wreaths.

AMITY—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Manser were recent guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James M. Alley, while enroute to Yachats. Percy Manser, a distinguished landscape painter, disclosed plans to return to Amity this summer, during which time he will paint several Yamhill county scenes.

LYONS—The regular meeting of Faith Rebekah lodge was held Wednesday evening with Zola Sisco noble grand presiding. Helen Anderson was elected delegate to the Rebekah Assembly in Corvallis in May, with Hazel Lewis alternate. Hazel Lewis was elected vice grand to replace Jackie Harper who resigned. The Three Links club will meet at the hall Friday all day.

Post, Auxiliary Install Officers

SHERIDAN—Joint installation ceremonies for officers of the VFW Post and Auxiliary No. 4211 were held April 14. Post officers installed were Fritz Lenzburg of Sheridan, commander; Clyde Reed, Sr., vice-commander; Dave Reed, junior vice; Robert Small, adjutant; Paul Holt, surgeon; Ray Morrison, quartermaster and Murray House, chaplain. Fritz Lenzburg is the first commander of the Post to serve a second term. Auxiliary officers installed were Bernice Soules, president; Lilian L. Reed, senior vice-president; Dorothy Kruger, junior vice-president; Addie Curry, guard; Lilian W. Reed, conductress; Harriett House, treasurer; Beatrice Curry, secretary; Patsy Buswell, flag bearer; Helen Mawhler, Lucille Hutton and Marjorie Lenzburg, color bearers.

Mrs. Soules of Grand Ronde is the first president of the Auxiliary to serve a second term, having served her first term in 1955-56.

Former Valsetz Man to Wed

VALSETZ—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Valsetz of Paramout, Calif., formerly of Valsetz, are announcing the forthcoming marriage of their son, Robert Lee Bell, to Miss Aurelia Ann Neff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Neff of Freeburg, Ill. The wedding will be an event of August 19 at St. Michael's Church in Paderborn, Ill.

New Officers Named

FOUR CORNERS—At the meeting of the Fire Belles Auxiliary on Tuesday evening at the Fire Hall they elected as chief, Mrs. Warren Shrike; assistant chief, Mrs. Don Roloffson; captain, Mrs. Bert Lucas; lieutenant, Mrs. Donald Whitehead. An auction sale netted \$23.50 for the Four Corners Community Park fund. Guests were Mesdames Anthony Carmine, Earl Smith, and Arthur Wood.

GERVAIS—The Faculty Wives of Gervais Union High School gave a surprise shower in honor of Mrs. Clifford R. Girod at the home of Mrs. Albion Ringo in Woodburn. Hostesses were Mrs. Orward Hoye and Mrs. Albion Ringo.

WILLAMINA—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Telford, Pensacola, Florida, are the parents of a daughter, Marcia Louise, born March 15. Mrs. Telford is the former Eleanor Howell, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Emil Howell.

Decorator Says Most Men Prefer Gayer Bathrooms

When decorating your bathroom, include your husband in the act, advises Rose Wagner who with her husband Sherle makes a career of coordinating closet, boudoir and bath interiors. "Some women ignore the man of the house when decorating a bathroom, but his ideas usually can be as definite about that as anything else. Why not let him have a voice in the matter?" she asks. The tipoff she's found is when a man shops for his own decor he is more fastidious usually, than a woman, following up the most minute details of his decorating plan.

"One man wanted wood paneling in his bathroom, so we got it for him—waterproofed laminated plywood. Another man wanted a bathroom done in Mexican hues, the scheme devised from a ring he wears. Green and brown grained marble formed the nucleus of the color scheme."

Men Like Pink Contrary to popular opinion, men do not object to pink bathrooms, she says. They may act like they tolerate the feminine shade, but secretly they like it. Too many women, she says, stick to clinical white bathrooms, underestimating their husbands love of color. "We were decorating a bathroom for one couple. The wife selected a very conservative pattern for the walls, and was overwhelmed when her husband rebelled, preferring a more flamboyant pattern in gay reds."

You can never tell, she says, but a safe bet if you don't know your man's taste is black, gold and white. It's color combination that appeals to any man usually.

Mrs. Wagner says she is happy to say that peach, Nile green and powder blue, popular bathroom colors when she started in business 15 years ago, "are now virtually extinct."

Monograms are on the wane too, she says, and it is no longer considered chic to use "HIS" or "HER" motif. The most popular motif is the cherub. Nautical designs—fish, sea horses and seashells—appeal to sophisticated types, too. French designs such as Empire patterns have an irresistible elegance for people who have good taste.

Materials have been so water-proofed that anything goes in the bathroom. There are plastic-coated papers that look like leather, waterproof fabric shower curtains and carpeting.

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Tourists Already Flocking to Oregon Coast



This bit of scene is right north of Depoe Bay along U.S. route 101. Not too far away from this spot are the famous Spouting Horns which many visitors travel miles to view. Already this season there have been a number of lovely days at the coast—plenty warm enough for picnicking.

Specialty Groups To Show Gardens

Eight floral specialty societies will show individual gardens averaging 150 square feet each, at the fifth annual Multnomah County Parade of Gardens which opens at the Gresham Fairgrounds Wednesday, according to Mrs. Ted Raebel, general superintendent. The show runs through Sunday.

The specialty gardens will be in the floral building, one of seven Fairgrounds buildings to house the annual spectacular designed to show the average home owner how to glamorize his yard at low cost. The eight societies include American Begonia Society, Portland Fuchsia Society, Oregon Fuchsia Society, American Rhododendron Society, American Primrose Society, Primrose Study Group, Early English Chrysanthemum Society and Oregon Geranium Society.

Featuring more than \$250,000 in growing plants, trees, shrubs and lawns, the event is sponsored by the county in cooperation with the Oregon Association of Nurserymen, Landscape Gardeners, Inc., and the Oregon Florists Club.

--Travel Talks--

A Good Excuse—To get to the Scandinavian countries this summer is an interest in forest management. A study of modern forest management methods used in the Scandinavian forest industries will be held under the joint auspices of the Oregon State College School of Forestry and the Royal College of Forestry of Sweden.

Conferences and seminars in the field, and a series of meetings in Stockholm, will be held from mid-May to mid-June. Dr. J. R. Dilworth, professor of forest management at OSC, is in charge of the American delegation, for which travel arrangements are being made by Churchill Tours, Inc.

Do Tourists Pay?—Last year was an especially good one for tourism in Canada, in fact the best yet. Visitors to the Dominion spent \$82,000,000 which was \$25,000,000 more than the previous high year of 1956. United States travelers contributed \$328,000,000 to the total. But Canadians traveling outside the country spent more than incoming visitors, creating a tourism deficit of \$161,000,000 of which \$75,000,000 was spent in the United States. In 1956, Canadians spent \$82,000,000 here in the United States. "Maybe we should be spending some of our vacation time paying back these friendly visits?"

And We Tear Them Down—Here, across the continent, we've received invitations to attend a historical home and garden tour in Princeton, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 1, and one at Cape May, called the Old Home Tour, July 11.

There's talk of moving one of Salem's old historic homes out to the State Fairgrounds. "We always recall with dismay, the dismantling of Oregon's first brick house out on Wallace Road, on the Polk County side of Wheatland Ferry. . . . It used to stand in an attractive old orchard on a little knoll in a field. A lot of folk used to go out to visit it. . . . We like new things, too, and maybe we should be advertising summer tours of Oregon's 'most modern' day of any kind."

state buildings. We note all visitors here are quite intrigued with the Capitol Mall. . . . And we found one woman living within six miles of Salem who had never been in the capitol.

Anyone Would Like It—It's called the "Meet the Farmers of the World Tour" and it's scheduled for Aug. 3-Sept. 2. It covers Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, with optional 19-day extensions to Berlin, Vienna and other European cities. This tour emphasizes agricultural developments in Russia. Russia is supposed, you know, to be interested in other things than reaching outer orbits. For instance, in Moscow there is the USSR Agricultural Exhibition, a permanent World's Fair atmosphere displaying achievements of all the republics of the USSR.

For those not interested in agricultural developments, there are alternative sightseeing.

These Are Quicksies—If you don't have time to go to Russia or Sweden but want to get a little away from home, what's the matter with the Victoria Garden Festival or the California Flower show at Oakland, in early May? You can get to either one in a day. In Victoria, the festival provides for tours of many of the very lovely private homes as well as civic parks and other places of beauty the casual visitor might miss.

You Should Be Remembering Oregon—With the Centennial crawling nearer, we should all be learning more about Oregon. Pictured above is a bit of Pacific Ocean scenery just north of Depoe along U. S. Highway 101. Even from this spot shown here can the famous spouting horns be viewed. These send geyser of water high in the air during high tides and stormy seas. There's a special view point built along the shoreline, with parking places provided, from where the Spouting Horns can be seen. Last time we stopped here, we noted 15 cars from California, one from Washington, one from New York and one from Minnesota—and it wasn't a special day of any kind.

Answers To Garden Questions

Question—Can you tell me what this plant is, its proper care and what is wrong with it? It's a viney type that bushes out and prefers the window. If I move it to an inside wall the leaves die. Mrs. K.E.B.

Answer—There was such a little of it and so badly dried when I received it I couldn't tell just what it was. Perhaps if you'll send me a little larger piece and put it in a wax paper, I may be able to identify it.

Question—Are there any books dealing with amaryllis? We like them so much and so far have only found articles about them in other garden books and magazines. Nothing about them alone. P.O.

Answer—There seems to have been very little written on them other than in article form. However, investigation revealed that there is an "Amaryllis Manual" by Hamilton P. Traub stated for publication this month Macmillan is the publisher, and our advance blurb says it contains "a comprehensive text on its culture, ornamental uses, arranging, and exhibiting." Valley book stores will probably carry it, or will order it for you.

Question—Can you tell us where William Tell will be given in Europe and if we can see it if we are abroad in July? That's the only month we have off. W.E.

Answer—At the moment we have very little on William Tell but do know that one of the European tours slated for mid July has arranged to have its party view the performance on July 17-18. It is given at Interlaken, an elegant Alpine resort at the foot of the Jungfrau.

Question—Can you give us the dates of the agricultural fair in Copenhagen, Denmark this year? J.J.

Answer—We don't have one listed for Copenhagen, but do have one for Odense on July 4-6.

Question—What is Swiss Cheese plant? Saw one advertised long ago and ad said it was "very rare from high Alpine country." We got stung on one such ad and don't want to be taken again, but the plant sounded interesting. B.N.

Answer—Can't find this listed, but do know that one of the philodendrons (perisperm) is frequently referred to as the "Swiss Cheese Plant." Just why we don't know.

Question—How soon can we dig crocus bulbs? They are finished blooming and we want to move them as soon as possible. M.E.

Answer—Foliage should be permitted to yellow. However, if you want to use the space for something else, lift them up with soil clinging and set them into ground again in some place place to ripen off.

Question—Will heather—just the ordinary pink kind which is grown a lot around here—root from cuttings? Think you once said it would, but tried about 10 cuttings last fall and all of them died. S.R.

Answer—You didn't say what you did or how you tried to take cuttings so can't say what may have caused failure to grow. How-

Garden Gabbing

By GARDEN GADDER WHERE NOT TO GO—Flower picking along the highway while out on a Sunday drive. It's against the law. This isn't a new law, but it still holds. It was written into the books in 1931 that it was illegal to pick or dig flowers or shrubs on highways, rights of way, on public lands, on lands within 500 feet of highways or on privately owned land without written permission of the owner. That's what it says. . . . so if you have harbored any idea about going into the neighbor's garden or pasture while he is away, to dig yourself a few posies, don't do it. While it may not be considered just common stealing, there's still a law against it. A law which most of us at one time or another seem to break, but shouldn't.

WHERE TO GO—Today just drive around Salem again and view the many lovely trees and flowers in bloom. Don't forget Bush's Pasture. There are many trees still blooming in the northwest end of the park. The cherry trees on Willamette University campus are also good now. We've had several requests about the rhododendrons at the coast, but it is still too early to hit these at their peak.

On Wednesday and Friday there are two interesting events sponsored by the Portland Garden Club. One is the annual spring tour and the other is the annual horticultural sale.

The tour covers six Dunthorne area gardens including those of Mrs. Clarence M. Bishop, Mrs. Philip Hart, Mrs. James McDonald, Mrs. J. V. G. Posey, Mrs. Henry Wessinger and Mrs. Thomas Kerr Jr. The garden club furnishes cars to take persons on the tour. Tickets for the tour are available at the Portland Garden Club house, 1132 SW Vista Ave.

On Friday the club sponsors its annual horticultural sale at the club house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Among the items to be offered are rare plants and shrubs, native shrubs, bonsai, perennials, geraniums, potted cuttings.

IT'S AN IDEA—And it seems to us a rather good one, this that the city of Oswego has thought up. Launched by the Oswego Chamber of Commerce is a plan to sell all Oswego citizens on the idea of planting lilies in their home gardens and in all public areas, such as park, church and school grounds and in beds surrounding business buildings.

A Chamber of Commerce lily committee is in charge of plans for promotion and planting. There is hopes of Oswego becoming a lily capital. Anybody can grow lilies, says the Chamber members—which means that everybody can and should in the Oswego area.

Post office folk have caught the idea and there is now a lily oasis (not yet in bloom) in the desert of blacktop parking area. To grow with the lilies in this bed are annuals to give continuous bloom. We sort of miss the old pansy bed at the Salem City hall—yes there's a planting—but not the pansies that got bigger than anyone else's pansies we ever saw.

SPEAKING OF PANISIES—We always think of Cella (Mrs. R. A.) Fish at Silverton. She grows the most king-sized pansies we have ever seen. Starting this time of the year she usually displays a delightful bouquet of them in the Silverton Bakery, which she and Jack how does one get Jack out of R. A.? own. Cella sows the seeds in late summer each year, transplants them and in the spring here are these lovely pansies.

WE WISH THEM BETTER LUCK—Cork oaks are being given a trial by Floyd Jenks, Tangent, and Gordon Shearer, Lebanon. The men have obtained acorns from California and have planted these. Cork oaks, they tell us, are being grown successfully in California. Mature trees produce a very thick bark that can be harvested for cork without killing the trees. . . . But what we've learned is that although the harvest doesn't kill, our frosts quite frequently do. We've had some very nice little cork oaks which have all refused to do anything for more than two or three years in our Willamette Valley climate.

ROSES BLOOM IN WINTER TRA LA—So they tell us. Last Sunday we said a little about the rose which had been in bloom in front of the Statesman building for several days. Then the telephone began to ring and the mail man got busy. . . . just to let us know that here and there throughout the Willamette Valley roses have been blooming during the entire winter—and certainly a lot earlier than the little red Statesman Rose. . . . We thank you. We like to hear about these things. . . . We get around a lot but we can't get around all over and unless you tell us then, how'd we know?

ever, cuttings taken now and set in a light soil should grow readily. Have started heather cuttings at this time of the year in sharp sand quite successfully, and have also started them by sticking them directly into ground at this time. Heather roots quite easily, and frequently has a lot of roots on any branches which may have lain on the ground for some months.

Question—Bought a house which had plexiglass in utility room. Whoever finished the interior (it's a varnish finish on wood) scraped it off but made scratches in glass. . . . won't clean more until we hear from you. S.S.

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