

Garden Clubs Work Throughout Year To Beautify Central Oregon

Women of Redmond and Vicinity To Make Hospital Landscape Plan

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"Teach us to see and appreciate not only the beauty of the flowers, the trees, the sky, but also teach us to look for the good and the beautiful in every soul."

This plea is stated on the fore page of Redmond Garden club's program booklet for the year, and no doubt each garden club of the 10 in Deschutes county, the 18 in the Cascade district, has a similar motto.

Garden clubs are dedicated primarily to the beautification of the land. One stated aim of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is "To aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources, and to promote civic beauty and roadside improvement."

Other objectives are the promotion and encouragement in the art of gardening and study of horticulture, creation of new garden clubs, cooperation among existing ones, and with other agencies that seek to conserve natural resources and promote civic beauty.

Redmond Hospital Is Example

The Cascade district which takes in the three Central Oregon counties, appears to be accomplishing these objective purposes. One project of civic improvement is the landscaping around the grounds of Central Oregon district hospital in Renolds Acres, Redmond.

Early in the spring of 1956 Mrs. Jess Tetherow, famed for flowers and gardens, proposed that several local garden clubs undertake this project. A meeting of club representatives was called. Leaders were Mrs. Tetherow, Mrs. Neva McCaffery and Mrs. Pearl Weigand.

The project was endorsed by the hospital board, the garden clubs involved and the county extension service. Don Martel, landscape architect from Oregon State College, met with the garden club members and discussed general plans.

Martel spent two days studying the hospital grounds and working out a detailed plan of landscaping. There was no charge for this service.

Clubs Begin Landscaping

The cooperating clubs in the hospital district area went to work. They were the Powell Butte, Smith Rock, Juniper, Triangle, Town and Country, Juniper Butte, Pleasant Valley and Redmond garden clubs. They bought petunias, lobelia and chrysanthemums and made an attractive planting on the east side of the hospital, just as a first-year project.

To raise money to buy the trees, shrubs and perennials specified in Martel's landscape plan, the eight clubs prepared for their second Christmas show. The first one had netted a small amount.

The 1956 show, held in John Tuck school auditorium, was successful again for displays and also because it produced funds from the sale of Christmas decorations and the tea table.

Mrs. McCaffery — another name long associated with gardening and civic projects — was chairman for the Christmas show each year, and also was chosen to head the hospital project. This spring her committee ordered and planted some of the trees. They estimate it will take about three years to complete the landscaping to Martel's specifications.

Many Varieties Are Planted

In the courtyard facing south are now three Amur maples, two Hopi crabapple trees and corner plantings. The last include Anthony Waterer spirea, marigolds and lobelia. Eventually there will be altogether in the courtyard the three maples, four crabapples, three white birch, an Austrian pine, Oregon grape and Pfizer juniper along the west and east walls, Meyer junipers in with the spirea and marigolds.

At the entrance to the hospital there is to be a red-leaved Japanese maple. A Mugo pine is already planted to the north of the entrance. Nepata will be in the wall border south and north of the entrance and along the south wall of each solarium wing, where the petunias and lobelia are again planted this year temporarily for appearance.

Women of the eight garden clubs cooperating in the project held a work day this spring to set out trees and flowers. With the exception of some foot work on the spades furnished by J. A. Schunk and hospital maintenance men, the women did all the work themselves. The Culver Green Thumb club, while not participating in the project, furnished a flat of petunias this spring.

There are corrugated metal strips sunk into the ground about four feet in diameter around the trees to prevent grass from creeping in.

Three Women Tend Project

In the planter strip south of the main entrance is a row of chrysanthemums, a gift from Craig Coyner of Bend. Martel has scheduled periwinkle (Vinca Minor) a low growing ground cover for that strip and the corresponding planter north of the entrance, but the chrysanthemums may remain because they are doing well. Coyner reserves the right to take cuttings from the plants. Persian lilacs, hawthornes, Vanhoutte spirea and another Mugo pine will be planted on the northwest; stagbom sumac, forsythia and Oregon grape along the back north wall, peonies and red-leaved barberry along inner north wings.

Mrs. Tetherow, Mrs. McCaffery and Mrs. Weigand go out to the hospital occasionally to loosen the soil around the flowers, re-plant where necessary, (they found volunteer lobelia had to be thinned this spring and that somehow a purple petunia had gotten in with the pink ones). They decide if the flower beds need peat moss, sawdust or fertilizer, remove an occasional dead plant, inspect the progress of the new trees, and stand back to visualize the completed planting as it will be in a few years.

Clubs Make "Desert Bloom"

Through the years the county garden clubs have planted flowers and shrubs in parks and school grounds, in cemeteries, around the Redmond airbase during world war two, have participated in anti-litter-bug campaigns, assisted with state roadside beautification and Blue Marker projects, held flower shows and plant sales, kept their own yards and gardens attractive, shared plants and ideas with their neighbors, conducted wildflower tours, sponsored "Arbor Days", and poster contests, have studied horticulture, aided conservation, and in many ways have helped to "make the desert bloom".

Through the efforts of Mrs. L. W. Franks — another name associated with gardening, and past state president of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs — a series of flower show studies was launched three years ago. The five consecutive courses in the series, one or two courses taught each year, are for general instruction of all gardeners, and the specific training of those wishing to become accredited flower show judges. Instructors for these schools are qualified teachers and judges. The fourth in the series was held August 6 and 7, in Redmond.

Federation Now 20 Years Old

The first garden clubs in the area were informal groups, starting around 1935 and probably even earlier.

The Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs was formed in 1937, the same year the National Council of State Garden Clubs was organized. Mrs. Franks, who was a state vice-president some years ago, and from 1951-1953 was state president, recalls that Bend Garden club joined the state federation about the time of its organization. Most of the other 18 clubs in the Cascade district have been organized in the years since then, and all but three are federated.

Mrs. Henderson will be chairman of the floral department, and Mrs. John Williams will be in charge of garden club booths at the fair. Mrs. Dee Rennels will supervise the women's building where horticultural specimens and other exhibits will be shown.

"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air."

So wrote Thomas Gray in his "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard", but garden clubs of the area are preserving much of that beauty and sweetness.



HOSPITAL LANDSCAPING PROJECT — Mrs. Jess Tetherow, Redmond, watches while Mrs. Pearl Weigand, Smith Rock, and Mrs. Neva McCaffery, of Powell Butte garden club, thin plants on the Central Oregon District hospital grounds. Eight garden clubs around the Redmond area are cooperating in an over-all landscaping project at the hospital. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

Culver Rolls With Punches And Wins, Writer Discovers

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Culver High School calls its athletic teams Bulldogs — and the whole town may well deserve that symbol of tenacity. For Culver has withstood the ravages of fire, the

confusion of name-changing, and even rolled with the punches when completely missed by the all-important railroad.

The town was first named Perryville, after an early settler, Perry Road. It was later dubbed Culver, for another pioneer, O. G. Culver. Then came the advent of the railroad and the running of the tracks a considerable distance from the townsite near Haystack butte. So the whole town just up and moved to the trackside.

Prelims Started At Crooked River

PRINEVILLE — Thirty years of effort on the part of citizens of Crook County and Central Oregon will be rewarded if the appropriations bill now before Congress for the Crooked River Dam is passed. Local people are taking an optimistic view for the approval of the bill and consider the construction of the dam will be the most outstanding development in Crook County in several years.

All preliminary engineering has been completed and the present appropriations will be used toward reimbursing property owners in areas to be flooded by the dam, and the letting of contracts as well as securing the required amount of repayment contracts.

The earth fill dam will cost approximately \$80,000. It will irrigate 20,000 acres in addition to having available water for industries and domestic use in the future.

A farm shopping center, Culver is situated in the middle of rich irrigated farmland, and during the ladino clover boom shortly after the arrival of the first irrigation water, much of the precious seed was shipped from Culver warehouses.

Culver is known throughout the state for sports. In any given year, it's a safe bet that a Culver team will be in the running for state championship honors in at least one sport, and much larger schools generally go down in defeat to the Bulldogs.

They went all the way this last year in six-man football, taking the state title without much serious trouble from other highly-rated contenders. And this happened in 1955, too.

Culver is a town which, though small, is progressive, alert, and justifiably proud.

Prineville Moves Ahead; Many '57 Improvements

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PRINEVILLE — The major project city-wide, and the most outstanding sign of progress in Prineville, is the new city hall, completed and occupied by the 40 city employees last December.

The \$163,000 ultra-modern structure houses the offices of recorder, superintendent, municipal judge, a large and attractive council room, the city police department, state police office, jail, and the volunteer fire and ambulance departments. A unique feature of the building is an indoor glass enclosed garden.

The new hall, however, is only one of the accomplishments realized by the city, its townspeople and employees, for the past year has been an impressive period of improvement and progress in the entire municipal program.

New Street Paving

Sixteen blocks of city streets have been paved and the second street improvement project is scheduled to begin soon with eight more blocks to be paved and curbed. The street improvement program for 1958 calls for 30 additional blocks, with the end result that 98 per cent of Prineville's streets will be paved and curbed. The city this spring also began a new program of street cleaning, where-in every city street is swept and flushed weekly.

A major street repair job costing \$32,000 was recently completed at 10th and Main streets. In September, the city will undertake construction of a new bridge across Ochoco Creek at Harwood Street and has budgeted \$13,000 for this job.

A cooperative project, Harwood street was paved by the county with the agreement that the city construct the bridge. Purpose of the project is to relieve Main street of the mill traffic congestion. The major equipment purchased this year was a \$13,000 750-gallon

pumping fire truck with American LaFrance equipment.

Drainage System Completed

A new drainage system at West Ninth street has been completed and begins the new program of storm drainage construction to help lower the city's high ground water table. A \$10,000 improvement project along this line is being contemplated for next year.

A survey is currently being made and plans formed for the re-

vision of the sewage treatment plant, providing for sanitation sewers which could be extended into the fringe areas of the city should those be annexed.

Landscaping of the south side of the new city park adjacent to the three-year old swimming pool was completed this spring, putting the final touches on the park project which was begun about two years ago.

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