

National Iris Growers Are Making Tour of Valley Soon

By ANNA POWELL

Silverton, May 10—With the weather man cooperating for the remainder of the week, the display acre-area of the Cooley-Kleinsorge Iris Gardens near the receiving and distributing office and the show room, promises to be in full and glorious bloom for the Saturday, May 14, visitation of members of the annual convention of the American Iris Society as a one-day trip to Silverton of the three-day sessions and trips, May 14 to 16, of the "Westward Ho!" meeting when the Pacific Northwest will play host to hundreds of guests from over the nation.

One of the best known hybridizers and propagators of new varieties of iris is Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge. Rhollin Cooley, manager of the Cooley gardens, is among the first in the world's largest commercial growers. On the 60-acre farm of Rhollin Cooley near Silverton, acres and acres of one-year plants are making a place for themselves in the hearts of iris lovers.

The super-artistic catalogue just ready for mailing shows bouquet arrangement in color as a special feature. The usual single blossom in color—display has its place. Many of the finest blossoms pictured are the result of the scientific of Dr. Kleinsorge in creating new types of great loveliness.

The January issue of the bulletin of the American Iris Society published quarterly at Nashville, Tenn., features a picture of Portland, the South Falls of Silver Falls State park, Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood sections and gives a special story of the immediate convention over the coming week-end.

Valley Gardens Tagged
The travel itinerary will cover visits to America's most noted scenic places in the northwest areas, a distance of nearly a thousand miles planned for the members of the society.

The scheduled line of visitation out of Portland is listed to include for Saturday, May 14, buses leaving Portland at 7:30 a. m., half the departures for Schreiners Gardens north of Salem and the other half to Cooley-Kleinsorge Gardens at Silverton.

At noon the buses from both places will meet at Silver Falls State park for an out-door barbeque luncheon. Following the luncheon all the buses that visited Schreiners in the forenoon will go to the Cooley-Kleinsorge Gardens in the afternoon, and vice-versa.

A large in-door show is to be at both places, open to the public.

On Sunday, May 15, the departure is to be at 7:30 a. m. for National Iris Gardens on Cooper mountain near Beaverton, thence to Corvallis, the Oregon State college site, for luncheon at the Memorial Union building to view the outstanding campus and the rhododendron plantings. In the afternoon the iris gardens of Fred DeForest at Alpine, specializing in commercial plantings and new seedlings will be viewed. Returning via Salem, the

Oregon State Capitol grounds and buildings will be visited.

Special Trains Due

The Monday, May 16 trip will be by the Mount Hood loop with stops at Walter Marx's gardens at Boring and at DeGraff's Oregon Bulb farms near Sandy. Luncheon will be served at Timberline lodge on the slopes of Mt. Hood. After two hours the tour will return to view the garden of Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Riddle where tea will be served. At the Portland evening banquet, Sidney Mitchell of Berkeley, Calif., well-known iris breeder and author will be speaker.

Special trains from the east and middle west are carrying members of the society to the three-day convention. Those driving their own cars are asked to visit the Eugene Wilbur Weed gardens as well as gardens in Yakima, Walla Walla, Ellensburg, and other iris gardens in the Seattle-Tacoma district.

Local folk and the regular concourse of Cooley-Kleinsorge visitors, are pronouncing the immediate display garden at the headquarters grounds the loveliest in plans and color than ever before. The many varieties of lilacs are still gorgeous, and promise to be so for the week. Scores of varieties of trees, evergreen and seasonal, form a background for azaleas, rhododendrons, dogwood in pink and white, with borders of pansies and tiny hyacinths, for the extensive close-clipped lawn paths.

Japanese plum trees with their red-brown leaves are among the groupings furnishing a somber sense among the more brilliant variety of blooms.



Blanco Directs Liberty Club

Liberty — The Liberty Community club met at the hall when Wayne Blanco took the chair of president; vice president, Roland Seeger; secretary, Mrs. Joe Vanek, and treasurer, Mrs. Letitia Clark.

Mr. Johnson, school principal, announced that the May festival will be held at the school May 13 and the budget at Leslie school on May 20. Mrs. Don Griffith reported the progress of the fire district committee and a collection was taken for the cancer drive.

A membership drive will begin with the fall meeting, it was announced, with Henry Kamings and Mrs. Paul Wishart as captains. The losing team will serve a dinner to the winning team. Mrs. Harold Rosebraugh was named as chairman of the entertainment committee and Mrs. Roland Seeger chairman of the refreshment committee.

The program was in charge of the Girl Scouts. They wrote their skit and acted it out with Sheriff Denver Young appearing in the skit in person. Scouts in the skit were Bernice Beala, Betty Lou Harrison, Wilma Billings, Patricia Emery, Janice Wirth and Sally Kuebler, Lindell Beck, Jane Collins, Jacqueline Welch, Lorraine Peterson, Yvonne Poole, Lucy Stout, and Phyllis Emery. Lorraine Peterson and Betty Lou Harrison played a violin duet, Joan Lutoff tap danced two western dances, and Wilma Billings and Bonnie Mae Hudson did a tumbling act.

The next meeting will be June 3 with a covered dish dinner at 6 o'clock followed by a baseball game.

Albany Bank Reports Additions to Staff

Albany—Two new employees have joined the local branch of the First National bank this week. D. H. Breneman, branch manager, reports.

Gresham branch of the bank took over Monday as chief clerk. Imper replaces Royal Cox who has been transferred to the bank's installment loan department.

John Melchior, formerly of the Klamath Falls branch of the bank, took over as teller, replacing Lee Stewart, who resigned last week, Breneman said.

The Greeks and Romans believed that rings had charmed properties.

Mother of the Year—Mrs. Richard Loeffler (above) of Weymouth, Mass., was named the Catholic Mother of the year by the National Catholic Conference on Family Life. Ten of her 12 children are living and six are in religious work. Five of her sons are priests, three of them foreign missionaries. (Acme photo)

Club Giving Concert

Stayton—A spring concert is being planned by the Santiam Choral club which will be presented from the high school auditorium Friday evening, May 13, according to an announcement made by Felix French, director of the group. The club is busy rehearsing number which it will present.

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