



Rowboating on Roof—Accumulated rain on roof of five-story Madison Square Boys club in New York, makes a handy rowboating pond for club members. The water is being saved for ice-skating if it ever gets cold enough. (AP Wirephoto)

American Beauty Roses Not Found on U. S. Flower Markets

By Harman W. Nichols
Washington, Feb. 20 (AP)—Harry R. Barker, a local florist, shocked a customer the other day. "No, we have no American Beauty Roses," said Barker. "There is no such thing any more."
The customer got mad and said, by Golly, he had bought a dozen in another shop a week before and why didn't Barker have 'em?
Harry, an honest and patient little guy, qualified his statement a little. He explained that there has not been a real American Beauty rose on the commercial market for over a decade. Not one that you or I could buy, anyway.
"There are a couple of dealers in the country who put out a token amount each year—but they cost you a pretty sawbuck. Or more," he said.

All of this sent me to see Granville Gude, chairman of the National Flower and Garden show, which will be held in Washington late in March.
"Sure," he said, with proper dignity, "you can buy an American beauty. But you can't get one at the corner florist. None of the regular dealers has any. There isn't one in Washington, and very few any place."
Gude said that even in the days when you could buy the American Beauty they cost from \$18 to \$36 a dozen. They grew from 38 to 60 inches in length and the stems were as big as your thumb. Nurseries now sell bushes to be grown in your back yard.
"The bloom," said Gude, "is as big as a cabbage."
The real American beauty, he added, wasn't red, anyhow, but was kind of an old rose.

"If you wanted to buy a couple of bushes right now and sink them in the back yard," he said, "you could have flowers this summer. But you'd get only about four roses off each bush a year. That doesn't make any sense to the commercial man, who can plant an ordinary rose bush and get 36 blooms off each bush. Even if he only gets \$3 a dozen, it's better than playing nursemaid to something that might not produce anyway."
Gude said that about 60 per cent of the florists in business today never saw an American Beauty in their lives.

Sheridan Legion Units Hold Annual Banquet

Sheridan—The annual American Legion post and auxiliary past presidents and commanders banquet was held with Alkie Wisner acting as chairman.
Four boys from Linfield college sang for the group. Legion Commander B. J. Miller, Sheridan, was a speaker, Sara Bea Williams, Sheridan, played the piano, Frank McClure sang, and Melvin Agee, Sheridan, was toastmaster.
Attending from Willamina were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Skophammer, Mrs. O. K. Brock, Jr., and Mrs. John Wanless. Mrs. Denton is president of the Legion auxiliary.

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Army Exercises In Arctic Halved

Donjek River, Yukon, Feb. 20 (CP)—The first half of the joint Canadian-American exercise Sweetbriar, a test of men and weapons in the Arctic, is over.
The first five days demonstrated that development of northern equipment is a top defense effort. Progress has been made, but there still is a long way to go.
Out of the maneuvers will come a primer for northern fighting that will be enlarged and perfected by later Sweetbriars. The first relay of senior

Sweetbriar observers is heading back to the "outside" today, and another relay, including the heads of army commands, promptly took over.
The field reports coming in told of an American infantry company being ambushed by the enemy last night in the cold wastes across the Donjek river. The rapid advance of the Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry on the left flank forced the enemy to withdraw.
The two units advanced side by side for the first time and today were north of the river with Americans as the forward elements.
In the air war, the Canadian-American air force was accorded air supremacy after two days of duelling with Alaska-based enemy planes in brilliant skies

over the mountains. The enemy now is reduced to surprise tactics.
Willamette Holiness Rally at Lebanon
Lebanon—The Women's Society of World Service was hostess at the Evangelical church for a district missionary rally of the Willamette Holiness association. Speakers for the day were Rev. James Bishop of India and Rev. and Mrs. Carrol Tamplin of Bolivia.
Mid-day dinner was followed by an outline on the work and needs of the mission in Bolivia. In the evening, Rev. Tamplin showed colored slides of the country, picturing the scenery, the native Indians and the mission stations.

Thalia Lodge Has Ceremony

Hubbard—Mrs. George Leffler as treasurer and Mrs. George Zeek as right supporter of the vice grand were installed at the meeting of Thalia Rebekah lodge by Mrs. John Morrison, district deputy president, and Mrs. A. L. Murphy, deputy marshal, with Mrs. C. L. Welch as deputy treasurer.
Reported sick or in distress were Mrs. C. R. Duncan, who is ill, and Miss Frances Weaver, who is recovering from a broken shoulder bone. The lodge voted to serve the dinner for the Pythian Sister district convention

to be held here May 20. Thalia will give the tribute to past chairmen at the Rebekah district convention to be held in Scotts Mills March 11. During Good-of-the-Order, Mrs. Ora Morris read "The Qualifications of a Good Rebekah." The "unwritten work" was given by Mrs. Peter Hunt. Visitations reported included those to Molalla, Silverton and to Portland. Mrs. Pebble Brusven, noble grand, Mr. and Mrs. George Leffler, Mrs. Merl Banyard, Mrs. Ella Becker and Mrs. George Rogers visited Multnomah lodge in Portland on Thursday evening. Refreshments were served. Prize for breaking a balloon first by sitting on it was won by

Mrs. George Rogers and Mrs. Banyard for making the best sentence from motto hearts. Mrs. Ora Morris and Mrs. A. L. Murphy served.
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Party for Firemen Plan of Auxiliary

Willamina—The auxiliary to the Willamina Fire department met at the fire hall, for their monthly meeting. The business meeting was interrupted by the fire siren. The party for the firemen will be discussed at the March 14 meeting.
Luzelle Benefiel and Meredith Webb had charge of entertainment, and hostesses Jessie King and Blanche Yoast served refreshments. At the next meeting, Emma Shipley and Amy Fox will be in charge of entertainment and Lee Mitchell and Doris Shetterly will serve refreshments.
Present were Luzelle Benefiel, Maxine Endres, Doris Felton, Rose Griffin, Jessie King, Peg Lash, Lee Mitchell, Elfrieta Myers, Sara Myers, Dottie Plinick, Emma Shipley, Meredith Webb, Gene Vann and Blanche Yoast.

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