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### MYRTLE POINT ITEMS

Mrs. Gordon Medford, of Powers, was operated on the first of the week at the Mast hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McCracken, of Canby, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Roberts.

Mrs. Lily Dement, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Henry and daughter, of Powers, attended the congregational dinner at the Presbyterian church Friday night, spending the night with friends afterwards.

Mrs. Robert Redell returned last week from Newhall, Calif., where she has spent several weeks at the home of her son, Robert Redell.

Mrs. Harold Hatcher and son, of Coquille, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barker.

R. C. Dickey, of Brisby, Arizona, has been visiting at the home of his aunt, Mrs. N. G. W. Perkins.

Miss Minette Bell, of Marshfield, spent Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jimmie Albee.

Mrs. Olga Laird spent the week-end at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Strom, of Marshfield.

Miss Annie Smith spent a few days visiting in Bandon the first of the week.

Joseph Murphy, of Roseburg, was a business visitor here on Monday.

Mrs. Amanda Widby, of Langlois, has been visiting friends here for several days.

Mrs. R. L. Wagner, of Port Orford, has been visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward, of Catching Creek, have moved to Myrtle Point, where they have bought a home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leep, of Roseburg, are spending the week-end at the Arthur Bennett home on the Coquille road.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown and Miss Aileen Osburn drove to Gold Beach on Thursday.

A tea will be given at the Presbyterian church parlors April 13, honoring Miss A. C. McIntyre, of Pendleton, state president of the Federation of Woman's Clubs.

The choir of the Presbyterian church honored Miss Marie Clinton with a handkerchief shower last week as she was leaving to make her home elsewhere. She will be missed by members of the choir.

Charles Gilroy returned on Thursday from Los Angeles, Calif., where he had spent the winter.

Mrs. Duward Druliner entertained the Thimble club on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ray Epperson entertained a number of children on Sunday afternoon for her little son, who was six years old.

The Myrtle Point high school was represented at the girls' league convention in Corvallis last week-end by Miss Alice Belshaw and Miss Mary Dye. Mrs. Paul Breuer and Miss Fern Boyles went with the girls.

Mrs. Clarence Bartlett and sons, of Roseburg, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dennison.

Mrs. Harold Carver entertained the Junior Woman's Club Monday night at her home. The program was in charge of Miss Fern Boyles.

Mrs. Katherin (Grandma) Arnold was honored on her 83rd birthday, April 1, by some of her friends, who gave her a surprise party.

The county interpretive reading and extemporaneous contest was held at the Myrtle Point high school last Friday night.

Donald Trigg represented Myrtle Point in the future farmers' speaking contest held at Grants Pass last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moller entertained the Wednesday contract club on March 30. High score went to Mrs. Raleigh Greene and Ralph Kring. Refreshments were served at a late hour to Mr. and Mrs. Flentge Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Sembert, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kring, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Greene and the hosts.

Last Thursday and Friday the grade and junior high school students enjoyed a two-day vacation.

Mrs. Emma White, mother of Dr. White, is leaving this week for Payette, Idaho, after a visit of several months at the home of her son and family.

Professor and Mrs. Floyd Summers spent the week-end in Eugene.

Miss Blanche Baker visited in Independence over the week-end.

Miss Velma Austin spent several days in Portland last week-end.

Carl Morse, of Roseburg, is spending a few days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Harris are the proud parents of a son born Monday morning, April 4. This is their fourth son.

### County School News from

#### Mrs. Martha Mulkey's Office

**Teachers Elect Officers**

In a short meeting preceding the general session, the following officers were elected: for the Intermediate Teachers, Alfa Bang, Coquille, president; Mrs. Winifred Ray, Broadbent, vice president; Curtis Beckam, Remote, secretary-treasurer. For the Primary Teachers: Stella Holt, Eastside, president, and Mrs. Dorothy Keating, Empire, secretary-treasurer.

**Teachers to Remain in Coos**

Teachers in a recent balloting by mail voted to remain in Coos county for the county institute for 1933, rather than to go to Albany or Ashland. The vote was as follows: Yes 121, No 87.

The teachers, however, voted 163 to 39 to attend a joint institute at Eugene in 1933, should it be arranged to hold an institute in that place regularly each year. Many ballots were not returned.

**Alcohol and Narcotic Teaching Required**

Teachers are required by the Oregon law to teach the harmful effects of alcohol, narcotics and stimulants. Oregon Code 1930, Section 35-2401, in enumerating duties of the teacher, states that he must give instruction in physiology and hygiene with special reference as to the effects of alcohol drinks, stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system. The law states that this instruction must be given as thoroughly to all pupils as instruction in arithmetic or geography and provides penalty for neglect of same.

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### The Pioneer Methodist Church

Howard L. Graybeal, Pastor  
Services will continue each evening this week at 7:30, with the pastor preaching. Special music and program Sunday. The Sunday morning sermon will be, "The Man Who Is Passing By," and the evening subject will be "The Power of Endless Life."  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Ernest Purvance, superintendent.  
Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Margaret Purvance, leader.  
Union Good Friday Service in Pioneer Church, April 15, from 12 to 3 p. m., in which the churches of the city are uniting.

**Methodist Episcopal Church**  
Evening preaching 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
Scriptural, spiritual preaching. Everyone welcome.  
G. A. Gray, Pastor

**Coquille Tabernacle**  
Second and Heath Streets  
Rev. R. D. E. Smith, minister  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship at 11:00 a. m.  
Christ's Ambassadors at 6:30 p. m.  
Evangelistic Service at 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m.  
Bible Study Friday night at 7:30.

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

Coquille, Oregon  
Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.  
Sunday Service at 11 a. m.  
Subject for next Sunday, "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?"  
Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.  
Free public Reading Room open in Church Building every Tuesday and Friday afternoons except holidays from two to five o'clock.  
The public is cordially invited to attend our services and to visit the Reading Room.

### Cactus

By Mrs. F. G. Wilson

The word, "cactus," came from the Greek word, "kakkios," meaning a prickly plant. All plants belonging to the cactus family have five characteristics in common:

1. Each seed has two cotyledons; this means that the seed is composed of two halves like a bean. When the seed germinates these halves, which are seed leaves, open at the same time.
2. The fruit is a berry inclosing the seed. This berry is one-celled, having no cross membranes to divide it into sections, as in the orange.
3. Spine Cushions (Areoles) are always present. In some kinds of cacti the spines are absent but the cushions are there. Cushions are usually armed with spines, or with fine hair that has barbs on the ends (glochids) or with both spines and glochids.
4. All plants belonging to the cactus family live year after year, for this reason are called perennial.
5. The flower is always attached to the top of the ovary or fruit. Many plants have some of these characteristics but they must have all of them in order to belong to the aristocratic family of cacti.

The cactus family is divided into three groups, known as tribes. The members of each tribe have not only the characteristics of the family but they have other characteristics in common, which set them apart from the rest of the family.

1. One of these tribes, the Pereskiaea, is composed of plants native only to the tropics. Members of this group do not usually thrive in colder climates even under glass, but although not generally cultivated, it affords the amateur much satisfaction to be able to recognize them when encountered. This tribe is the smallest of the three groups. They have broad flat leaves, the flowers are borne on stalks and the plants have no barbed hairs or glochids. The large leaves found on this tribe are interesting because they are found on none of our native species. This tribe resembles an ordinary tree, shrub or vine, according to the habit of growth of the individual species.
2. The tribe, Opuntiaea, contains some of our most common and best known cacti. None of our native cacti belonging to this group have leaves which persist throughout the season. Some have tiny awl-shaped leaves on the new growth, which drop off within a few weeks and since they are so small, few casual observers know that they ever existed. Our common prickly pear is a member of this tribe. The large flat pads of these plants, so commonly considered leaves, are only joints of a great modified stem, which do all the work of regular leaves. When first the tiny true leaves drop off the new growth, they leave a leaf scar where appears the cushions, which have felt-

### St. James' Episcopal Church

Cor. 3rd and Elliott Streets  
Rev. George R. Turney, Vicar  
8th (Palm) Sunday, April 16th  
8 a. m. Holy Communion.  
9:45 a. m. Church School.  
11 a. m. Morning Service and Sermon.  
Monday—4 p. m. Class of Instruction for Church School; 7:30 p. m. Class of Instruction for Adults.  
Wednesday—Guild meetings, 2 p. m. Parish house. Reading: Rural Work and the Church.  
At St. James' Episcopal Church special services will be held during Holy Week. Rev. Geo. R. Turney announces the following services:  
Monday before Easter, 3 p. m.  
Tuesday before Easter 10 a. m.  
Wednesday before Easter 7:30 p. m.  
Maundy Thursday, 10 a. m.  
Good Friday 7:30 p. m.  
Easter Even 7:30 p. m.

**Emanuel Baptist Church**  
Fourth and Elliott Sts.  
Bible School, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.  
W. A. Stephens, Pastor

### Church of God

Corner Seventh and Henry Sts.  
L. E. Neal, Pastor  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Behold the man." St. John 19:5.  
Evening service, 7:45 p. m. Subject, "Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:8.  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:45 p. m.

### The Holy Name Catholic Church

Coquille: 1st Sunday, 10:30 a. m.; 2nd and 3rd Sunday, 8:30 a. m.  
Myrtle Point: 2nd Sunday, 10:30 a. m.; 4th Sunday, 8:30 a. m.  
Bandon: 1st Sunday, 8:30 a. m.; 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a. m.  
Powers, 4th Sunday, 10:30 a. m.  
Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Pastor

like wool and the barbed hairs, called glochids. Also the spines grow and some times the flowers from the leaf scars.

The flattened stem or pads are so common in the group that some may easily forget that this is not one of the distinguishing characteristics of the tribe. Some members have stems that are more or less cylindrical and are described by the term, terete.

1. Leaves (except in Pereskiaea), very small, cylindrical or awl-shaped, remaining on the plant but a short time.
2. Flowers without stalks, directly attached to stem of plant.
3. Flowers without definite tube.
4. Glochids always present (except in malheureux).

The third tribe, the Cerceae, contains all other cacti. The characteristics used to distinguish them may be given as follows:

1. Usually no leaves on the vegetative parts except the first two seed leaves on the seedlings.
2. No glochids are present.
3. Flowers have definite tubes (except in rhipsalis).
4. Most of the forms of cacti so dear to the collector's heart belong to this group. Many of them are weird, fantastic, grotesque. Some have such beauty of structure and glorious bloom that no other plant can rival them.

The tribes are divided into still smaller groups, each one known as a genus, (plural genera.) Genus indicates a class of greater extent than species. The members of the genus resemble each other much more closely than do the members of the tribe. Although they have all the characteristics distinctive of the family and of the tribe, each one has additional characteristics common to all other members of the genus. There are 125 genera of cacti which are generally recognized by botanists. The genus is composed of groups of individuals designated as species.

A cactus is merely a plant claiming superficial interest until the species to which it belongs is known. Immediately it becomes more than a cactus, it becomes an individual. It assumes a personality, it becomes a friend. Its identification opens a field rich in knowledge and interest. The plant has a native home, it has developed in certain ways to meet the adverse conditions of that home. Therefore there are close relatives to be studied and their methods of coping with life's problems compared with those of the little friend at hand. All of this helps the owner to care for this plant with that understanding and sympathy so necessary for their successful culture. Some are native to dry heat, tortured deserts; others to wooded mountain slopes; still others seek the heat and moisture of dripping tropical jungles, where they clamber luxuriantly in the tree tops.

The Epiphyllum, commonly called the orchid cacti, queen of all for the gorgeous blossoms, are hardly

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squallied in the whole plant kingdom. Brilliant reds, molten coppers, silvery whites, electric blues shading into scarlets, bright pinks and soft yellows, they run the gamut of the color scale. In size some are as large as dinner plates, with petals fresh as china silks. They rival orchids in their beauty.

They are epiphytes, that is to say, they grow perched high up in the tree tops, living in the vast tropical jungles that stretch from Mexico to Brazil. Now knowing the plant, we will take up culture. Growing in tree tops, naturally they aren't a native to dry heat. They are unlike most of our common cacti. They like plenty of water during the summer and even in winter should never become bone dry. Of course, give them scattered shade. Pot them in soil composed of equal parts of loam, woods soil or peat and coarse sand.

Now I take up the Crabs Claw Cacti, Zygocactus or Christmas Cactus. They thrive in the shade and like a rich, well drained soil, similar to that of a common fern, should be treated much the same as a fern, keeping them moist at all times, as they do not like the drought. It comes from Brazil, where it grows in the cool Organ mountains, growing up in the trees to share the misty sunlight with the popcorn cactus, (rhipsalis cassutha). Now, of course, the rhipsalis cassutha would want the same treatment or care as the zygocactus truncatus, or Christmas cacti. (I received this knowledge from research and study.)

Desert cacti, the barrel cacti, (botanically echinocacti). Over the thousand of miles of our desert range, they stand guard, silent sentinels of many a mountain flank. There are countless varieties, some but an inch high, others the height of a tall man, with a girth of three feet, great reservoirs of water that have saved the life of many a desert traveler. They range from Nevada south through Central and South America to Patagonia. Some seek the sun, clinging to the tortured flanks of Death Valley, where the heat devils dance on the black volcanic rocks; others are at home in cooler, moister regions; some ascending mountains to the snow line, others being happy within sound of the ocean.

Culture: Barrel cacti from North

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