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YOUR COUNTY AGENT

CONTINUES SHADE TREE DISCUSSION

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Our attention this week is concentrated on the popular shade tree, Deodar cedar, oak trees, and availability of certain types of trees to rural dwellers from the state forestry board.

First, our discussion will concern the Deodar cedar which is one of the fastest growing evergreens. This is one of the true cedars of which there are only three or four species, the others being the Atlas cedar and the cedar of Lebanon. These true cedars rather closely resemble each other, but the Deodar has some special characteristics which set it apart.

It has a regular pyramidal shape and graceful drooping branches clear to the base of the tree. It will grow to 100 ft. tall, but it will take a long time doing it. The lower branches on the Deodar are persistent and will remain on the tree throughout its life.

The cone tips of the Deodar fall off intact and are quite ornamental when used as corsage material. The needles are an inch to an inch and a half long and light green in color. It is a native of the Himalayas and does very well in this area. In Ashland there is a specimen in the library lawn, but it has a rather bent top. There is a very nice specimen on Nursery street off N. Main.

Oaks Described

The next topic of discussion will be some of our oak trees. The common oak in this area is the white oak. This is a native tree which is grown widely in the valley but requires soils which are very dry in the summertime. Summer irrigation and high water tables frequently kill out the native white oak trees. There are some other oaks which will stand more moisture.

One of these is the pin oak. This tree actually prefers summer watering and, as a consequence, would be much better suited to our irrigated areas. The pin oak is a very fast growing oak and will reach a height of 80 feet. It is not as spreading a tree as the white oak, being rather narrow and pyramidal in shape.

One disadvantage of an oak tree planted in the lawn is its indiscriminate dropping of acorns. Fortunately, these oaks generally do not produce acorns in any abundance until they become 15 to 20 years old. The Indians used to extract the tannin from the acorns and then press the rest into a cake which is claimed was quite nourishing. If a person could learn to look upon this as delicacy, then it might no longer be a chore to gather in the acorns.

Seedlings Available

Finally, and in line with our weekly discussion of a particular shade tree, I would like to point out the availability of trees from the Oregon state

board of forestry. These seedlings are available either as a farm planting or for windbreaks, but are available only to rural people. They have quite a selection of different varieties of firs, pines, spruce, arbutus and cyprus.

They also have some broad-leaf trees including black locust, ash, Russian olive and Russian mulberry. The trees are not given away, but the cost is very moderate, ranging from five to ten dollars per thousand. There is a minimum charge on one order of 75 cents. Anyone interested in ordering these trees can obtain an order blank and a descriptive leaflet from the county agent's office.

CHIROPRACTORS CONDUCT MONTHLY MEETING HERE

Dr. E. N. Terrill, 308 N. Main, presented statistics showing the growing importance of human nutrition as related to public health at the monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon Society of Chiropractic Physicians Monday evening.

The business meeting took place in Dr. Terrill's office following dinner at Omar's cafe. A paper was read on "Chiropractic Proctology," by Dr. C. W. Campbell of Grants Pass. Plans for a Christmas party to be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bray, Medford, have been completed by the society auxiliary.

CIVIC DRAMA GUILD BOOKS 3 COMEDIES

Three successful Broadway comedies will be presented in the 1950-51 Civic Drama Festival, again being sponsored by the Medford 20-30 club.

First performance will be "Harvey," direct from four years in New York, to be presented at the Medford senior high school auditorium Wednesday, November 22. "I Like It Here," the 1946 success by A. B. Shiffrin, will be given February 21 and "Born Yesterday," also direct from Broadway, will be staged May 16.

Members of the sponsoring organization said reserved seat season tickets may be secured by writing P.O. Box 781, Medford.

The 1950 edition of "Accident Facts," the National Safety Council's statistical yearbook, points out that accidents cost the nation a minimum of \$7,500,000,000 in 1949. That figure is out at \$14,000 a minute around the clock.

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Grizzly Schedule Books Ten Games For Local Court

The Ashland high school basketball schedule for the 1950-51 season has just been released by Frank O'Neil, director of athletics for the public schools.

"For the first time," O'Neil said, "Oregon has limited high schools to a 22-game schedule prior to a state play-off." The schedule released is as follows:

Dec. 6, Eagle Point, there
Dec. 9, Coquille, here
Dec. 12, Eagle Point, here
Dec. 14, Vernonia, there
Dec. 15, Scappoose, there
Dec. 22, Myrtle Point, there
Dec. 23, Coquille, there
Dec. 29, Myrtle Point, here
Jan. 5, Klamath Falls, there
Jan. 6, Klamath Falls, there
Jan. 12, Central point, there
Jan. 13, Central point, here
Jan. 19, Grants Pass, here
Jan. 20, Grants Pass, there
Jan. 26, Medford, there
Jan. 27, Medford, here
Feb. 9, Klamath Falls, here
Feb. 10, Klamath Falls, there
Feb. 16, Grants Pass, there
Feb. 17, Grants Pass, here
Feb. 23, Medford, here
Feb. 24, Medford, there

PTA to Entertain State President

Mrs. Jennelle Moorehead, state president of PTA, will be entertained by the Ashland PTA city council tonight at a reception to be held in the junior high gym at 9 p.m.

The reception will follow the regular 8 p.m. meeting. Mrs. Carl Peterson of the Ashland PTA city council urges all that can to attend the reception.

Cuban Observes Spanish Classes

Senor Sergio Alberto Gomez of Cuba, a student at S.O.C.E., is seen quite often in one of Mrs. Biegle's two Spanish classes here in Ashland High School. Dislikes Chewing Gum.

This short, brunet, unmarried man who will celebrate his twenty-ninth birthday sometime in November, has a surprising dislike for our American habit of chewing gum, and he thinks that some of our American girls are entirely too forward. Mr. Gomez says that in Cuba girls of our age always have to have a chaperone.

Mr. Gomez saw his first football game here at Walter Phillips field and declared in his quiet way that he enjoyed it very much. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and has visited both the Masons and Jobs Daughters here. His hobbies are reading and writing; he likes to dance very much. You really have to know him in order to appreciate fully the good sense of humor of this interesting personality from another, not too distant, land.

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STATE RECORD HONORED . . . Oregon's outstanding 1950 forest fire season won attention at the Pacific Logging Congress session last week in Portland when Gov. Douglas McKay was presented with a "Smokey Bear" poster by Bruce Morchead, president of the congress. Portland's mayor, Dorothy McCulloch Lee, joined in congratulating the hundreds of Keep Oregon Green committee members and citizens of Oregon for their work in preventing man-caused fires.

Toastmasters to Make Winter Plans

All former members of the Toastmasters club have been invited to attend the regular meeting of the group next Monday evening at 6:30 at the Lithia hotel dining room. President Abe M. Neslin announced today.

Plans for three phases of the club's winter program will be completed at the meeting, Neslin reported. Radio programing in which local Toastmasters will participate is one of the activities to be outlined.

Achievement and progress reports on the art of Toastmastering will also be formulated and a membership drive will be organized.

"Anyone interested in learning about the Toastmasters organization and its work is invited to attend any of the meetings," Neslin said.

SKERRYS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Skerry Jr., returned today from a Portland trip where they attended the 25th annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities. Skerry, city attorney, gathered information on the legal aspects of civil defense for the Ashland area. The convention met November 13-15.

Youth Named on Car Theft Charge

A search last Tuesday for a stolen car belonging on the lot of the von Kuhlmann and Ward service station, 1305 Siskiyou, ended in 15 minutes when the car was found in the possession of a 14-year-old youth.

The boy told authorities that he had taken the car to "go for a ride." There was no damage to the car when it was returned. His parents are expected to be contacted in settlement of the case.

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Kiwanians Elect Dr. John Schulz Club President

Dr. John Schulz was elected president of the Ashland Kiwanis club for the coming year at the club's weekly meeting at the Elks dining room Monday noon. Other officers elected were Abe Neslin, vice-president; Walt Bosshard, the Rev. Earl Downing, Allan Harris and John Yaple, board of directors. The new officers will begin their terms of office January 1.

Monday's meeting marked the first use of two dinner bells by the club. Last Thursday evening the bell of the original Ashland Kiwanis club was given to the present organization by George W. Dunn, last president of the old group which disbanded in 1933. Both bells have been mounted on the same base.

Members also had an opportunity to examine a plastic gavel presented by Ray Fletcher, YMCA secretary and Mrs. Fletcher, head of the Y craft program. The gavel, which was made by members of the craft class, was given to the club for their annual support of the YMCA activity.

Entertainment was furnished by a cornet trio from the Ashland senior high school band,

accompanied by Nancy Dunkenson. The group, composed of Bob Myrick, Harvey Woods and Jerry Elliott were introduced by Roland Parks, high school principal, and Clarence Wiggins, band director. Johnny Johnson, band drum major, was also introduced. He wore one of the new uniforms recently purchased for the band by the city PTA.

Jim Glenn, a former Kiwanian, was a guest at the meeting.

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