

Heppner Garden Club hosted first district meeting Sat.



Heppner Garden Club members prepare display for district meeting. From left to right: Julia Hill, Theta Lowe, Justine Weatherford, Irene Swanson and Jane Rowlins.

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD
The Heppner Garden Club, the youngest of the three federation clubs in this county and one of the newer of the twelve clubs in the Blue Mountain District, hosted its first district meeting on Saturday, Sept. 25, in St. Patrick's parish hall.

The district officers and visiting club members rated the meeting as "beautiful" and "most outstanding" and the local members were pleased that their planning was appreciated.

Connie Tellefson, the district director, presided at the business session which began with an invocation by Rachel Jackson, immediate past director and district chaplain. The assembly repeated the flat salute and the conservation pledge before Heppner's President Theta Lowe gave a short welcome. She stressed how much having the district clubs here meant to Heppner members who enjoyed the anticipation, the preparation, the communication and finally the participation.

District officers and various committee chairmen were introduced and gave reports. Director Tellefson distributed awards from the state federation meeting. Elaine Belts presented an interesting paper on Chinese Flower Arranging and described some of the principles which were demonstrated in the lovely Chinese arrangements being displayed by members of the Arrangers Guild.

Members were informed about several new projects worthy of their support: the High Desert Museum near Bend, the new herb garden and gift shop near the Whitman National Monument outside Walla Walla and the state federation's campaign to preserve the Columbia Gorge.

Two instructive workshops were conducted before and after the luncheon served by the Altar Society. One-half of the group attended Dr. Wolff's presentation on gladiolus and one-half enjoyed Bill Rawlins' instruction on dahlias; the groups reversed their attendance during the second workshop periods.

Dr. Wolff used projections of diagrams and cartoons and many bouquets of various colors and sizes of gladiolus as well as numerous plants and

parts of plants during his lecture. He said that gladiolus originated in Africa and were brought to Holland and England in the 16th century from Capetown. Most of the popular varieties, however, have been developed in the last thirty years.

He carefully described proper soil preparation and planting, cultivation and watering. He cautioned that the emergence of the stem is a critical time and that when the first two leaves form the grower has to be there pretty constantly to see that the spikes develop in perfect shape. He told of the 13 primary diseases gladiolus are prone to and said that up to as many as one-third of the corns may need to be discarded.

He answered many questions about the proper storage of the corns and about fertilization and care of the plants. Dr. Wolff explained to this reporter that the noun "gladiolus" is officially both singular and plural name for these exciting glowers.

The eager students who entered Teacher Bill Rawlins' classroom gave out many "Oh's" and "Ah's" as they admired the great display of brilliant dahlias, all Rawlins grown, in many sizes and forms, including one poor handicapped, cross-eyed, bad example. They learned that the dahlia is a native of Mexico and that the ancient Aztecs grew them to perfection. Presently growers are again producing flowers equal to those the Aztecs had.

Dahlias come in every color except blue. They have a great variety of forms and range in size from extremely large to very dainty. Seedlings are all different, and any grower can thus originate a unique specimen.

Rawlins told of planting and growing the flowers. In this area he suggested that they be planted about May 1 so that they will begin to bloom about August 1 and will continue blooming for about six weeks. Those planted earlier should be planted a little deeper than later plantings. "Dahlias love sunshine, not shade. They need six hours of full sun daily. An east-south exposure is best for them."

He carefully discussed the digging, storage and dividing of the tuberous roots. He recommended digging soon

after the first freeze, washing, storing where they don't get wet and watching the air circulation. He cautioned that rot and over-drying (shrinking) are the most common difficulties.

During the registration and coffee time before the meeting was called to order and during breaks in the schedule, members shopped at the country store where plants, preserved foods, garden produce and assorted items were being sold to help bolster the district treasury. Several times during pauses in the meeting lucky persons were directed to choose door prizes from the collection of crafted items offered on a display table.

Club members from Ione and from Condon were especially helpful to the Heppner members during the busy day. It was announced that the Spring District Meeting will also be held in Morrow County at Ione. The two garden clubs in Pendleton will soon have their turn to host a state federation meeting.

The masses of gladiolus and dahlias displayed at the workshops were generously given away by Wolff and Rawlins to individuals, churches and to the hospital. Some of the flowers that had gone to church on Sunday morning were enjoyed again at the Historical Society meeting at Lexington that afternoon.

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Annual Soroptimist rummage sale a success



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4th Lamb Pool sold Sept. 16

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The fourth pool this year for Northeastern Oregon and Southeastern Washington sold on September 16. A total of 638 head of mixed fat and feeder lambs brought 49.50 cents per pound for both fats and feeders. Thirty-three producers from northeast Oregon and southeastern Washington gathered 215 head in Fossil and 433 in Hermiston for the fourth sale of the season, according to John P. Nordheim, Morrow County Extension Agent.

The lambs were graded by weight and finish by Frank Furrer, Hermiston; Ted Gilliland, Pilot Rock; Ken Killingsworth, Fossil; John Nordheim, Heppner; and Frank Williams, Walla Walla into the two grades. Tom Watson, C2L, Hermiston, was the high bidder, with the lambs being delivered September 24.

The lamb pool is sold by telephone, a "Telo-Auction." The telephone livestock auction is simply a telephone conference of buyers with the auctioneer representing the producers. This type of auction helps to stimulate buyer interest in other areas of the U.S. since they are bidding on a truck load of lambs. It also helps the buyers locate and assemble lambs for their needs. This helps the local producers receive the national price, and also gives similar prices to the small producer and the large producer.

The lambs were graded Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday prior to the Thursday sale date. The total marketing fee is \$1.60 per head to cover grading, scale and corral use and to cover sales costs. The PNW Livestock Producers Marketing Cooperative, Inc. receives part of the \$1.60 for its role in

coordinating loads, selling the lambs, receiving and distributing the money. PNW donates 10 cents per head to the representative state sheep organization to promote lamb. A lifetime membership of \$5 is also deducted from a producer's first check.

Animals not "drylotted" at the point of shipment are subject to shrink: four percent for those coming less than 35 miles; three percent for 36-50 miles; two percent for 51 to 70 miles, and no shrink for those coming over 71 miles.

This was the fourth and final sale for this year. The first load sold June 10, 1982 for 60 cents for fats and 55 cents for feeders. The second load sold June 24th, 1982 for 54 cents for fats and 49 cents for feeders, while the third load sold July 15 for 50.75 straight. Producers

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Ione Topic Club learns of tax changes

Inheritance Tax Changes was the subject presented by Ann Spicer at the meeting of the Ione Topic Club on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Lorraine Ladd assisted the hostess, Katherine Lindstrom.

Spicer said that changes in the last five years have helped women, small business and farmers. She stated that wills made before 1977 should be reviewed to be sure they allow for the new law.

Oregon will phase out the inheritance tax by 1985 but this income will be supplemented by return of federal inheritance tax monies. At the present time federal inheritance tax varies from 38 percent to 75 percent but by 1987 it will probably be 50 percent overall, she explained.

Guests for the day were Geneva Palmer, Helen Crawford, Louise Mortensen, Dol Halvorsen, Monica Swanson

and Margaret Troedson. Lorraine Ladd, librarian, announced that the Ione Public Library had returned to winter hours, from 3 to 5 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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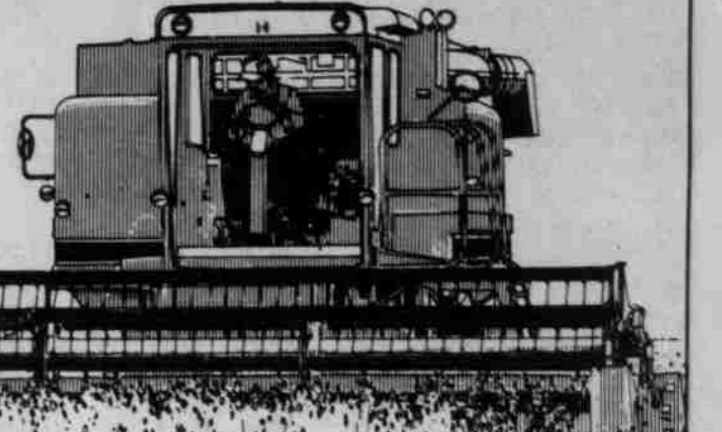
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