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Growing Poppies

In well-tended gardens, primroses and daffodils are blooming. Tulips are lifting up their cups of buoyant color, and hyacinths and wall flowers fill the air with fragrance.

But down in the rich brown earth are seeds that stir with promise of other later blossoms. Borders that are clothed today in modest green will some day put on festival frocks of fringed chrysanthemums, of fragile cosmos petals, the sturdy gayety of zinnia and marigold, or the nodding grace of poppies.

These are the pleasant harvests of normal outdoor gardens warmed by the pleasant sun and blessed by the kindly rains, but while this contented growth goes on, there are other gardens where flowers are being fashioned differently.

In these other gardens only pop-

pies grow. Pain and patience are the gardeners, and the seed was brought from somewhere in France, where poppies grow large and richly red, in fields made fertile with honor and sacrifice.

Slowly, carefully, awkwardly, the poppies take form, as weak fingers shape a scrap of colored tissue or twist a slender, green stalk. Even in happy, sunny gardens, it takes long weeks to grow a crop of poppies.

In the hospitals, where the days are gray with a wan monotony and the nights tortured by dark memories and empty hopes, it takes many months to make the poppy harvest that will one day flood the city's streets to remind us of brave men who did not return, and of these whose gallantry is so painfully prolonged as they came back to carry on a longer, lonelier fight against the relentless forces of pain and despair.

They came back, and now they make poppies. Today and yesterday, last week, this week, and for weeks to come, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow, tirelessly, changelessly, these hands that were strong once for spade and hoe, work on in this unnatural garden making mimic poppies.—Portland Telegram.

Students to Hold Class Night

Class night program is as follows: Class History, Margaret Gibson; Class poem, Clinton Martin; Class will, Margery Hutton; Key Oration, Henry Kopacz; Response, Dick Hammill; Class prophecy, Tom Able.

CHURCH NOTES

BAPTIST-CHRISTIAN CHURCH 10:00 A. M., Bible school. 11:00 A. M., Church service. Devotional period with Mr. J. A. Clark leading, preaching, "Christian Hunger."

HERMISTON BAPTIST CHURCH W. L. Wilson, Pastor. Sunday school, Mrs. Serrell superintendent, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Subject, "Unoffered and the Answered Prayers."

STANFIELD NEWS ITEMS The Ladies Aid will meet Friday, May 15, in the church parlors. After the business session a mothers' day program will be given which will be of special interest to mothers of young children.

Sunday school is held regularly at 10:00 o'clock each Sunday. There is a place for everyone. The Ladies Aid will present the play, "A Fool's Paradise" Saturday, May 16, at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. E. A. Hoosier. The last school baseball game of the season was played Friday with Umatilla with the final score being 5-1 in favor of Umatilla. The Stanfield high tennis team won the county cup at Hermiston Friday and Saturday.

The following students have received letters in sports: Tennis—Robert Starkweather, John Gibson, Stanley Green, Margaret Gibson and Helen Connor. Baseball—Paul Baker, Henry Kopacz, Robert Starkweather, Edward Kopacz, Clifford Hills, John Gibson, Dick Hammill and Herbert Gillanders.

Commencement exercises will be Friday evening, May 22, at 8:00 o'clock. Processional, invocation, Stanfield trio, Jane Gibson, Helen and Esther Fredrickson; Class speakers, John Gibson, Stanley Green, Alice Rhea; Address given by L. B. Gibson, superintendent of Hood River county schools.

ARLINGTON PREPARES FOR VISITING ELKS; ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY MORNING DEVOTED TO RECEPTION; REGISTRATION.

Heppner Lodge to Conduct Initiation Ceremonies; Former Herald Editor Heads Clown Band.

Everything is in readiness for the entertainment of the Elks and visitors when they assemble at Arlington Saturday, May 16, for the annual spring pilgrimage.

Business houses have been decorated, streamers and welcome signs adorn the streets and the town has taken on the air of a convention city.

The forenoon of Saturday will be devoted to the reception and registration of Elks and visitors with official headquarters established at the Arlington hotel.

At 1:15 o'clock, Raymond Crowder, Arlington newspaper editor, with his clown band, together with scotch bagpipers from Portland, will present the neophytes on the streets of Arlington.

At 2:00 p. m. ceremonies of initiation, under special dispensation to Heppner lodge, will be observed at the school gymnasium. Walla Walla

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lodge of Elks will confer the degree. During this time the lady visitors will be entertained at bridge and miniature golf. The local golf course has been retained for the afternoon for the benefit of lady visitors. Light refreshments will be served at the course. Also, an afternoon bridge party for the entertainment of ladies has been arranged at the Vendome hotel.

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