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GARDEN CLUB CHATS

A record attendance of Garden club members and guests enjoyed a talk by Mrs. George Mitchell of Pendleton at the meeting last Monday. After a short business meeting the speaker was introduced by Mrs. H. K. Dean, chairman of the horticultural committee. Mrs. Mitchell's talk was on the subject, "Shrubbery in Home Beautification." Mrs. Mitchell is the wife of the superintendent of the Pendleton field station. Mrs. Mitchell has made a study of this phase of garden planting, as well as practical work along this line at the station, and her talk was very helpful to the amateur gardeners in the audience. Notes taken at the meeting prove too voluminous for this column, but she spoke on foundation and boundary planting, continuing bloom throughout the season, and shrubs and perennials suited to this locality, as well as

giving a valuable list of books, magazines and pamphlets.

Members of garden clubs in other cities were guests at the meeting and presidents of these clubs spoke briefly on the aims and accomplishments of their various groups. Mrs. Earl Thompson, Pendleton, Mrs. A. C. Ebert, Echo, and Mrs. W. T. Reeves, Stanfield, were presidents from their respective clubs, and Mrs. A. E. McFarland of Umatilla, who was unable to be present, was represented by Mrs. Harry Hull.

The regular table decoration was by Mrs. M. P. Cassidy. Pink and white flowering almonds and lilacs were used. Many other bouquets of spring flowers were placed about the room.

At the next meeting the sending of a delegate to the state federation of garden clubs at Forest Grove, May 15, 16 and 17, will be discussed.

In an endeavor to catch up with the unusually early season the flower show committee is considering advancing the date of the show. This will be decided upon and announced later.

Spots to serve as focal points for the pilgrimages announced in the program books will be stated in next

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week's issue.

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We now believe in Santa Claus, even if he did come to us when it was 87 in the shade. His gift to the community took the form of a check for \$10.00 from the Pendleton Men's chorus, as their unsolicited donation toward the expenses of the concert a few weeks ago. It was one of those fine things that occasionally happen and we are sure that the community will show their appreciation when the chorus returns to entertain us next year. This makes a total of \$35.35 secured from the concert for the park kitchen fund.

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Take a tin can to the garden with you about one-third filled with coal-oil, and flip beetles and worms into it as you go.

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If you wish choice dahlia bulbs, get in touch with Mrs. Joe Udey. She has finished her planting and will dispose of her surplus at a trifling cost.

TOWNSEND FLASHES.

The Townsend club meeting was well attended last Friday night. Many important issues were discussed and several committees gave reports. A report from headquarters was read stating that our bill is soon to be put before the finance committee of the Senate—also a report that Oregon has put in 8000 new members into their club since January 1.

Miss Mumma, piano teacher, gave a very pleasing piano solo. Mr. Hatfield's 4-year-old son was very clever in answering Townsend questions.

The next meeting of the club will be held April 28 at 7:30. All members are urged to be present to elect a delegate to send to the fourth Townsend national convention from June 22 to 25 to be held in Indianapolis, Ind. Committee presidents are asked to make reports at this meeting. A program will be furnished by the newly elected committee of Mrs. Morehouse, Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. Prindle. A jitney lunch will be served by the auxiliary ladies at the close of the meeting. The public is always invited.

GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENTS CITED

If a person has an earnest desire to commit suicide while driving his automobile, a time-tested method is to drive upon a railroad track in front of a roaring passenger train, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Yet while a high proportion of fatalities result from accidents in which locomotives strike automobiles which drive in front of them, approximately half of all grade crossing accidents result from the automobile's running into the train. This type of mishap is especially common at night when visibility is poor.

Last summer a truck driver was crushed to death and his truck badly wrecked when he drove it into the side of a train of flat cars which was standing at a crossing, after dusk. The year before another driver was killed when he drove past 13 automobiles stopped at a grade crossing and crashed into the side of a slowly-moving freight train. This accident also occurred at night.

Watchfulness and caution should be the rule at grade crossings, because trains which are moving fast cannot be stopped in time to avoid trouble, even though the engineer may see the approaching automobile.



Variety of Metals Mark

Marriage Anniversaries

Married couples who reach the happy time when they have been married 25 or 50 years celebrate these two anniversaries as their silver and their golden wedding, respectively, and the husband is supposed to give his wife a present of the metal named. Other metals are deemed suitable for lesser anniversaries; the longer the length of time the more valuable the metal.

The first year's anniversary is the iron wedding, the fifth the copper, the tenth the tin. As the supply of metals won't go round, other substances are chosen by those who like to celebrate almost every recurring marriage date, observes a writer in London Tit-Bits magazine. So we have paper for the second, leather for the third, wool for the seventh, and silk for the twelfth, the fifteenth crystal and the twentieth china, pearl and ruby for the thirtieth and fortieth, the diamond is the sixtieth anniversary, and the platinum the rarely-reached seventieth.

Queen Victoria was, on one occasion, asked to mark the seventieth wedding anniversary of two old subjects by conferring on them some mark of royal favor. She refused, however, saying that she considered 75 years the diamond period.

Not everyone agrees on the appropriate gift; many call the first anniversary cotton, the fifth, wooden; the fifteenth, copper. But all are agreed about silver and gold.

Large, Valuable Forests

In the Northern Section

There is a great land mass, 10,000 feet high or over, in the region of the South pole, whereas around the North pole there is water or ice surface at sea level. In general it is colder at the South Polar region than at the North Polar region, because of this greater elevation, both the average temperatures and the extreme temperatures being lower. The area of Antarctica or the Antarctic regions is estimated at over 5,000,000 square miles, or equal to Australia and Europe without Russia.

The Britannica contrasts the North and South Polar regions thus: Within the area north of 60 degrees latitude live more than a million human inhabitants and countless land animals. Some of the largest and most valuable timber forests are north of this line, and not a few industries connected with lumber, mining and fishing flourish. In the similar area in the southern hemisphere, there is not a single permanent human inhabitant nor a single human animal larger than an insect. There are no trees and few plants of any kind. The sole industry is whaling, carried on a few months of each year. Probably less than 100 square miles of this vast area are free from a permanent covering of ice.

Gibbon Roosts in Tree

The gibbon is the most two-legged of the anthropoids. Proportionately, his upright gait, leg length and posture are more nearly like ours than are those of the other apes, although his top weight is usually about 14 pounds and there is nothing human about the way he travels when speed is the essence; he can swing across a 40-foot space between trees with a precision and timing that only wings could improve. His usual night roost is a crotch in a tree, but unlike other apes he clasps his knees after he gets his back settled against the trunk. One of the commonest instinctive gestures of man is to barely close one hand and draw the back of it laterally, lightly, across his lips. This is exactly the manner in which the gibbon drinks; he wets the fur on the back of his hand and uses it as a drinking sponge.

Frogs Make Long Hops

Any ordinary frog can hop 18 inches, but it takes a trained jumper to do better than 10 feet. For some reason American frogs hop farther than those of Europe, says the Washington Post. Usual training methods are simply to make croakers jump frequently, develop their hind legs. But they are temperamental, often refuse to perform in a contest. An old one, the sport was especially popular in early Western mining camps. Prospectors often wagered thousands of dollars on a single leap.

A Famous Dungeon

One of the most famous dungeons in history is in the Chateau de Chillon on Lake Geneva in Switzerland. Between 1530 and 1536, says Collier's Weekly, it was the prison of Francois Bonivard, a politician and the hero of Byron's poem, "The Prisoner of Chillon." Since that time, countless tourists have visited the cell and thousands have inscribed their names on its walls, among them being Byron, George Sand and Victor Hugo.

Lincoln at Prayer

The statue called Lincoln at Prayer is in the Washington cathedral, Washington, D. C. It was executed by Herbert Houck of Harrisburg, Pa., and presented by his sister, Mrs. William T. Hildrup, Jr., of New York. Houck was inspired to make the statue by hearing his grandfather recount his experience of coming upon Lincoln on his knees. The figure in the statue is kneeling on a blanket of leaves.

Girls Of That 'Uncertain Age' Get Life's Answers Early

ONCE a month the teen-age girls of Bethlehem, Pa., gather in the high-school auditorium "to find out." The doors are locked; not a boy is in sight.

Life grows more pleasant, living more gracious because of these meetings; for here the girls unburden their minds of questions they would not ask even the most sympathetic mother—questions of morals and manners.

The Bethlehem Girls' Council came into being three years ago. A group of enlightened women heard of a plan dealing with the problems of high-school girls and set about putting it into effect. They succeeded so well that the National Council of Women now has adopted the Bethlehem Plan and stand ready to sponsor girls' councils all over the country.

The plan is simply this: to let the girls teach themselves, rather than be lectured to, through their own dramatizations of playlets of morals and manners. There is a question-box into which the girls drop any questions they choose. They do not sign their names. From these questions the monthly plays are chosen. Members of the women's committee prepare a rough script and turn it over to the girls for polishing. Teen-age language and atmosphere, of course, are employed.

Helen Welshimer, who was sent to Bethlehem by Good Housekeeping to make a first-hand study of the plan, relates her impressions in an article called "The Questions They Ask" in the April issue. She reports that all of Bethlehem agrees the plan is "the best thing that ever struck this town."

The playlets range in theme anywhere from the problems of smoking, drinking and petting to how to acquire charm, poise and personality. The following are a few of the

questions already successfully answered:

How should you handle a boy who tries to get fresh?

Should you leave a boy when he has had too much to drink?

What do you think about going on blind dates?

How do YOU rate at a dance?

Is it right, when you have gone out with a boy a few times, to let him kiss you good-night?

In addition to these dramatizations, there are personal-appearance clinics and pre-marriage and pre-business classes, usually reserved for senior girls. Famous women physicians lecture on hygiene and health; then the girls hand in unsigned, written questions—the frankest sort of questions—which the lecturer answers in equally frank language.

Thanks to the Bethlehem Plan, girls of that "uncertain age" are going to have an easier time of it. They will be able to meet the world with greater assurance, knowing that what they have been taught will help make them better wives, better mothers and better citizens.

The National Council of Women is going to act as a clearing house for communities throughout the country, providing them at cost with detailed outlines of the Bethlehem Plan. The National Council of Women, Inc., may be reached at International Building, Rockefeller Center, New York City.

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