

Rare Tree Planted as Memorial To Sarah Whitman Andrus, Pioneer

Retired Forester John Gribble dedicated a rare three-year-old metasequoia tree from China in a ceremony before Medford Garden club members and guests at the northeast corner of Hawthorne park, Tuesday. The tree was dedicated in honor of Mrs. Sarah Whitman Andrus, member of a pioneer Jacksonville family.

Mr. Gribble, introduced by Mrs. Mr. Gribble introduced by Mrs. garden club's living memorials committee, discussed the characteristics and history of this type of tree. The metasequoia trees were discovered in China in 1945 after being considered extinct for some 60,000,000 years, and are almost the exact counterpart of fossil trees which flourished in Oregon millions of years ago.

New officers of the garden club for the forthcoming year were installed after the dedication at a special meeting at Girls Community club. Mrs. W. A. Freeland, director of the Siskiyou district, Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, served as installing officer.

Mrs. E. M. Wallin was installed as new president of the club. Other officers include Mrs. Jack Crump, first vice-president; Mrs. John J. Brugman, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles C. Stearns, recording secretary; Mrs. L. P. Rentschler, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Earl Bradfish, treasurer and Mrs. LeRoy F. Cline, historian.

Mrs. Tom Ginn, retiring president, and the new officers were presented corsages and Mrs. Freeland presented Mrs. Ginn with a past president pin.

Seven charter members were special guests at the dedication and meeting which marked the close of the silver anniversary year of the organization. Mrs. Frank Blaer, program chairman, presented corsages and boutonnieres to the charter members, the club's first president, Miss Jane Snedcor, Mrs. Edith Bundy, Mrs. J. W. Jacobs, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Mrs. A. R. Hedges and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Beach.

Committee chairman for 1952, named by Mrs. Wallin, include Mrs. Tom Wray, civic; Mrs. Neil Davidson, horticulture; Mrs.

Minnie Ball, remembrance; Mrs. Dale Franklin, magazine; Mrs. John J. Brugman, program; Mrs. E. B. Price, publicity; Mrs. John Litster, bird; Mrs. Dee Hendrickson, prize; Mrs. Fred Lawrence, Camp White; Mrs. J. R. Bartus and Mrs. R. J. Reinling, conservation; Mrs. H. L. Eker, corsage; Mrs. Harry Olson, plant sale; and Mrs. W. H. Dyer and Mrs. Lee Williams, flower arrangements.

Mrs. Wallin and Mrs. Brugman, delegates to the convention of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, gave their report of the convention. Mrs. E. W. Jer-

mark, Ashland, state recording secretary, Mrs. R. T. Nichol, state program chairman and Mrs. Freeland, Siskiyou District director, were introduced and presented corsages. Mrs. Helen F. Watson was also a special guest at the meeting.

Mrs. Hendrickson was tea chairman, assisted by Mrs. J. W. Howes, Mrs. W. H. Vaughan, Mrs. A. H. Hansen, Mrs. Earle Bigelow, Mrs. Carrie Milnes, Mrs. Clark Walker and Mrs. J. W. Ostrander. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Clark Walker and Mrs. Tom Ginn.

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Styles in bride's gowns may change from year to year, but for the most part, tradition and convention play a great part in weddings. The traditional bride's gown is of white, and of course, there must be the something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Many a bride wears a penny in her shoe, she cuts the first slice of the wedding cake, feeding it to her new husband (one of these days we must take time to find out where all these traditions started) and she throws her bouquet to her attendants, tradition having it that whoever catches the flowers will be the next married.

At two recent Medford weddings the custom of drinking a toast was observed, with the bride and bridegroom then breaking their glasses. At the wedding of Dixie Coutts to James Edwards Jr., and Margaret Ruth McCormick to Ray Donald Bostwick, both couples drank the traditional champagne toast and then struck the glasses together, shattering them to bits. At both receptions there was also dancing, with the newlywed couples having the traditional first dance together.

It's also the bride's privilege to introduce some new ideas at her wedding. Miss Coutts' wedding dress had the ankles decorated with tiny seed pearls, and her attendants wore on their slippers miniature nose gags which matched those they carried. At the Bostwick-McCormick reception the bride, who has a high sense of humor, introduced a new note by declaring she would auction her bouquet to one of her attendants.

The wedding of June Bosworth to William George Hughes was not only filled with the traditional touches, but brought a note of sentiment and nostalgia to many of the guests since the bride's parents have lived here and in Klamath Falls since their wedding and many of the wedding guests have known the bride since babyhood.

The reception brought back many memories to Mrs. Robert Hart, for her marriage to the late Mr. Hart took place in the garden at 211 Genesee street where the Hughes-Bosworth reception was held last Sunday. Mrs. Hart, whose marriage was held 22 years ago this month, (June 30) then lived next door with her parents, Mrs. Eugene N. Vilim and the late Mr. Vilim. The ceremony was performed by Father Hamilton, for many years the beloved rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

The house and garden at 211 Genesee street were then owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Swigert, who now live in El Monte, Calif. Mrs. Swigert had planned the garden with great care, not only laying it out but working out a color scheme for the borders and beds, and since that time it has been one of the show places of the city. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Eden, the present owners, lavish much time and care on the garden, and generously allow friends and groups to use it for picnics, parties and other gatherings.

Mrs. Eden reminded us that

the house is rather an old one—re-done by the Swigerts and subsequent owners, and she called attention to the huge poplar tree growing at the edge of the front lawn. The tree bears many sets of initials, carved by mischievous boys and love-struck young men, and these, enlarged and distorted by time and the tree's growth, can now be seen high up the trunk. At one time there was a twin poplar, but disease forced the Edens to cut the second one down.

The new Mrs. Hughes will have one rather unusual wedding present. Her brother, Bob, student artist, began a portrait of his sister in her wedding dress during the days which preceded the wedding and when completed, it is to be her wedding present from him.

The bride's mother contributed one special touch to the wedding. Mrs. Bosworth has a pretty decided idea about what constitutes good food, and she disapproves of the beautiful bride's cakes, made with white flour and white sugar. So Mrs. B. sent to California for special fruit, candied it herself, and later made it into a huge bridegroom's cake, using whole wheat flour and raw sugar, all filled with lots of vitamins and other good nourishing elements. This was then served, along with the usual white bride's cake.

There was an air of genuine happiness and friendliness prevailing at the Hughes-Bosworth wedding and reception that cannot always be found at modern weddings, beautiful and gay though they may be.

One could not say of this wedding and reception, as one Medford woman recently remarked, "modern weddings are getting to be too much like something a Hollywood mortician would dream up."

A recent story from San Antonio, Texas, told how "for the first time in American educational history an entire university with over 2300 students was moved, lock stock and barrel, to a new campus, five miles away, between dawn and sunset." It was Trinity university, San Antonio.

The release told how 500 students, faculty members and alumni pitched in to load a hundred vans, trucks and trailers, then raved to the new campus ahead of the caravan to be there for the unloading.

An honorary "degree" of "Doctor of Moving" was solemnly conferred by Jack Stotts, president of the Trinity student body, on T. W. Longino, president of Motor Carriers, under whose leadership 45,000 books, 1,600 chairs, 20 couches, 160 tables, 115 office desks, five safes, 100 filing cases, 100 bookcases, 50 steel lockers and many other similar items had been moved to their new home," the story related.

A letter from Mrs. I. V. Cozine, 136 Portland avenue, was prompted by recent articles in The MT about the metasequoia tree. Mrs. Cozine says she has growing in her yard "tallow trees" raised from seed. These



Members of Medford Garden club and J. E. Gribble last week dedicated a metasequoia tree from China to the memory of Mrs. Sarah Whitman Andrus, pioneer Jacksonville county resident. The small tree was planted in Hawthorne park. Mr. Gribble, retired forester, discussed the history of the metasequoia. Pictured, left to right, are Mrs. R. T. Nichol, daughter of Mrs. Andrus and member of the garden club, Mrs. W. L. Walden, chairman of the club's living memorial committee, Mrs. E. M. Wallin, and Mr. Gribble. Mrs. Wallin was installed president of the club at ceremonies held later in the afternoon at Girls Community club. (Brainard photo)

Children's Treasures Not 'Junk' to Them Says Child Specialist

Children, particularly boys, love to keep anything from a rock to a rumpled-up picture from an old magazine. Then, when mother cleans house, out they go, under loud protest.

Though it goes against housewifely instincts, it is better to let the youngsters keep their treasures, advises Tom Poffenberger, extension family relations specialist at Oregon State college. What seems to be junk to an adult may be full of value or usefulness to a child. And even if it is not useful, the feeling he has about it is important enough to warrant keeping hands off.

Instead, help him develop neat habits by providing chests, deep closets, or other places where he can keep his belongings. Even if the articles are piled in, they're still out of sight and the room is neat when he finishes playing.

If the room gets too crowded, let him decide what must go, and let him do the throwing-out himself. If a child feels a room is his to care for, and his possessions will be respected, he will be more apt to keep the room neat and orderly.

so-called tallow trees are native to China, also, Mrs. Cozine says, and were called so because the seeds yield a tallow-like substance and the bark a wax.

Both Colonel and Mrs. William Woodford, who at one time lived in Medford, were in the office last week for brief visits. The Woodfords now live at an army post in Oklahoma, and both had a few unkind things to say about the Oklahoma climate, as compared to southern Oregon.

The colonel told how terrible the dust storms can be, while Mrs. Woodford described a recent Oklahoma hail storm. The hail stones were so large, said Mrs. W., that windows were broken out of public buildings and as she watched, they went right through the cloth top of a convertible automobile, parked in front of the building where she had taken refuge. (Mrs. Woodford cupped her hands to show how big the stones were, measuring something about the size of a baseball.) She ended her story with a shudder and the hearty wish that the family could return to Medford some time to live. — O.S.

CALENDAR

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing, and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for weekly news is 5 p.m. the day before publication, and deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day for publication.

2:00-4:00 p.m.—Medford Trail Riders, Hidden Valley Ranch near Tolo.

Monday
6:15 p.m.—Medford Toastmasters, Medford hotel.
7:30 p.m.—Shakespearean festival choral rehearsal, Roosevelt school.

7:30 p.m.—SPEBSQSA, Jackson hotel.
7:30 p.m.—Jackson County Licensed Practical Nurses association, Sacred Heart hospital.
8:00 p.m.—Evening Circle of First Christian church, at home of Mrs. Ron Gandie, 1575 East McAndrews.

Tuesday
12:00 noon—Daughters of the Nile, Girls Community club.
7:30 p.m.—Footlighters, Fairgrounds Theatre.
8:00 p.m.—Miss Anna Streed's Bible class, home of Miss Joyce Holte, 139 North Ivy.
8:00 p.m.—Art Appreciation lecture, at Eugene Bennett Studio, 333 South Grape.

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.—Christian Women's Fellowship, First Christian church.
12:00 noon—Central Point Garden club, at home of Mrs. W. I. Sutherland.

Thursday
12:30 p.m.—Women's Bible class of First Methodist church, Hawthorne park.

Family Leaves For Tour Abroad

Mrs. James Towne, with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Rinehart, and two sons, Jack and Bruce Rinehart, left Medford recently for Europe where they will spend the summer traveling in various countries. They plan to return in early September.

ARTICLES FILED

Salem — (UP) — Articles of incorporation have been filed here for the Timber Transport of Medford. They were signed by Otto J. Frohnmayer, Elsie M. Grove and Carol Conner.

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