

High School News Notes

By NELLIE RAWLINGS

Many students traveled to Klamath Falls for the basketball jamboree held Dec. 2. Four schools participated, Grants Pass, Ashland, Klamath Falls, and Medford.

The annual Winter Formal will be held in the high school auditorium Monday, Dec. 19. The Boys and Girls League Councils are in charge of the affair, with Nellie Rawlings and Monty Holst as general co-chairmen. The following committee chairmen were appointed: Tickets, Rita Rose; programs, Molly Walker and John Foust; refreshments, Jerry Gattlin and Bob Tisdell; music, Floyd Yeats and Dianna Getchel; and decorations, Sandra Robinson and Joyce Gregory. There will be no limit on the number of couples attending.

The Band Benefit show will be presented at 2 p.m. today in the auditorium, and will be broadcast over radio station KMED.

Gogi Grant, Hollywood recording star, will be featured. The proceeds from this concert help send the band to San Francisco for the East-West Shrine game.

A Junior Bowling organizational meeting was held at the Medford Bowling lanes Nov. 30. In connection with bowling, a movie, "America Bowls" was shown in the auditorium. Free instruction is being given to beginners at the bowling lanes.

The Spanish club dinner was held in the cafeteria Nov. 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m. To get everyone in the mood, students were dressed in a festive manner in Spanish attire.

The football team was guest

at a Rotary luncheon at the Jackson hotel on Monday.

There was a Girls league assembly sixth period Thursday, and the November Girl-of-the-Month, Katherine Gott, was announced.

A short program of singing was presented, as Katherine Gott, Joanne Martin, Joyce Gregory, and Denise Bruning sang different songs. Joanne Martin also added a note of humor by reciting a poem.

The G.L. Christmas project was discussed. The girls will work in co-operation with the Lady Lions, in dressing dolls for distribution at Christmas.

Revenue Service Will Advise, Not Prepare

During the coming income tax filing period, the policy of the Internal Revenue service will be to advise taxpayers how to prepare their own returns, rather than furnishing unlimited services, it was announced last week.

Internal Revenue employees will furnish information and advice where it is actually needed, but will not prepare returns for taxpayers except for those persons who are physically or mentally unable to prepare their own returns.

Open Mondays
Monday of each week from Jan. 9 to April 16, 1956, local revenue offices in the state of Oregon will concentrate their efforts in furnishing information and guidance. During the remainder of each week, enforcement personnel will be released for the collection of past due taxes. It was estimated that with the personnel released, the local office will be able to collect an additional \$1,000,000 in taxes that would otherwise be lost to the Government.

To make this new program a success, taxpayers have been asked to cooperate by coming to the local offices on Mondays only. During the remainder of each week only the Portland,

Baruch Proposes Six-Point Program

Washington — (U.P.) — Elder Statesman Bernard M. Baruch has proposed a six-point agricultural program designed to prevent an "acute farm depression."

In a memorandum to Chairman Allen J. Ellender (D-La.), of the Senate Agriculture committee, Baruch endorsed the administration's flexible price support program and also suggested that:

1. The government rent or purchase poorer farms to remove them from production. He said they could be planted with trees to promote conservation and replenish the nation's timber supply.

2. Surplus farm products be stockpiled for possible emergencies.

3. Surpluses be distributed for humanitarian purposes, chiefly abroad.

4. Acreage restrictions be retained to prevent too much land from being planted.

5. Government and industry co-operate to help find new markets and uses for surpluses. Ellender indicated he was in favor of Baruch's suggestions except for flexible supports. Baruch argued that flexible supports help reduce the incentive for farmers to grow more than their quotas since they no longer would be assured of high return.

Firemen Called to House Fire Report

Two fire trucks were dispatched to a house fire at the Hazel D. Wolfe residence, 322 Benson st., at 10:05 p.m., Friday.

The fire started in a wood pile beside a stove and spread to the floor, wall and ceiling, firemen said.

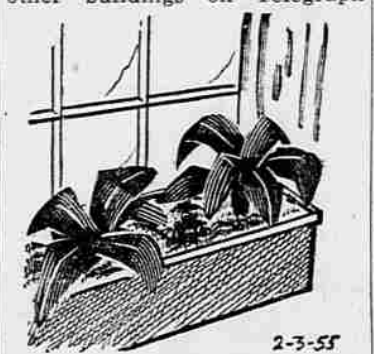
Pumpers also were dispatched to flue fires at the Nick DeWitt residence, 320 North Keene way dr., and at the F. R. Bauman residence, 213 Barneburg rd. Firemen, who stood by until the fires burnt out, reported no damage.

Salem and Eugene offices will be open.

Is That So?

An Asian proverb says: If a man finds himself with bread in both hands, he should exchange one loaf for flowers since the loaf feeds the body, but the flowers feed the soul.

For the past two years I have been calling on some San Francisco friends who moved into a small apartment crowded among other buildings on Telegraph



Hill. To one side their bedroom faced a brick wall; the kitchen overlooked roofs; but the living room, like so many Bay area dwellings commanded a spectacular view of San Francisco Bay. But even this grand view was tempered by the landlord's lack of taste—the room was papered with rather violent, showy wallpaper and an ornate carpet covered the floor. On the whole, I thought the apartment was a cheerless spot.

Despite their lack of money, my friends decided to do something about it. And they did—they made themselves indoor gardens. In the kitchen an herb garden and hanging baskets. In the dreary bedroom, a garden wall. In the living room, a miniature garden of white flowers and tiny trees to subdue the gaudy carpet and walls and to give their magnificent view a sense of intimacy.

Their investment? For pleasure received, next to nothing. For space, the tiny gardens took up very little room. For success—although they knew hardly anything about flowers, their gardens are a huge success.

Perhaps this winter you'd like to make your own garden. Or have your children start one. For your window, you might enjoy hyacinths or narcissuses first, which include jonquils and daffodils. These flowers are simple to grow—they only need

clean pebbles and water. Or if watering is no problem, morning glories and nasturtiums will always thrive. Even a child can grow them from seeds. Don't fail to give them strings to climb on.

Even the problem of light can be met: try hanging a basket of English ivy, as my friends did in their north kitchen window.

As for the indoor garden, don't be too ambitious. You needn't try doing as your grandmother did—having a miscellaneous collection of difficult plants strung throughout the house. Not at all. I'm thinking of an intimate, miniature garden to fit an apartment—an enchanting bit of form, color and fragrance to bring indoors for dreary winter months.

For convenience choose a built-in window or wall niche. To give the miniature garden a feeling of space, why not place mirror panels into each side of the window frame? Or back up the niche with a mirror which will doubly enhance the floral display's beauty.

White Cyclamen Planned

To return to my friends' problem. For the ornate living room, they used white flowers—paper-white narcissuses are in the room now. Others which they have used or plan to use are white cyclamen, white heliotrope, white azaleas, white slipper flowers and white crocuses—all, they pointed out, in good contrast to the highly-colored room with the dramatic view.

In the bedroom which had neutral tints and plane surfaces, and which formerly looked out on a brick wall, they filled in the windows with luminous glass brick. Then with cement and boxes of earth, they built in a wall-length, narrow garden, placing in front of it a plate-glass screen. ("We are going to try to do a water-lily pond, later," they told me.) At present, they have planted in it primroses, cinerarias, African violets, fuschias, and hybrid begonias. Roman hyacinths and Martha Washington geraniums. For fragrance, they have some night-scented stocks and nutmeg geranium. "You know," the hostess told me, "my mother used to put a leaf of this at the bottom of each jelly glass." And

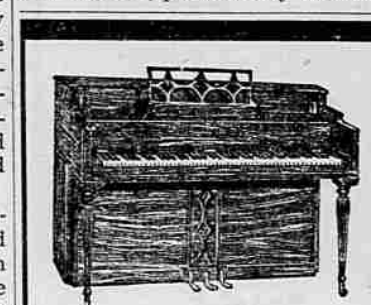
mine used the leaves in the finger bowls — of course, we wouldn't be caught dead with them," added the host.

Baskets of English Ivy

In the kitchen, there were baskets of English ivy in the dark area. In another, some exotic hartshorn fern. And a tiny garden of herbs. It contained soft gray-green sage for stuffing; tarragon "to give pungency to our salads"; peppermint for drinks—"you'd be surprised how it can flavor an Old-Fashioned, minus the bitters"; and rosemary "for lamb."

The rules? "We planned our flowers with our rooms in mind. We got the soil from nurseries and florists. For moisture, we keep flat pans hidden away among the flowers. In watering, we saturate the soil with lukewarm water — that it is lukewarm is important—and we let it drain into the dishes below. Occasionally, we give our plants a good leaf-washing with a sponge to free the pores of dust. (Plants get over 98 per cent of their food from the air, not the soil.) And a bit of fresh air each day—even though only a few moments, it does our plants good—but not too cold air, either."

And there was devotion, they ended by saying: "Isn't it wonderful to bring a flowering garden indoors, particularly in winter."



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