

## Decorative Mountain Ash Said One of Forest's Blue Bloods

By Al Hobart  
Nearly all trees in the wild state, be they ever so lovely and common, have at least a few interesting points worthy of our appreciative attention. Some are outstanding for reasons other than beauty, such as commercial value, botanical rarity, protectiveness to soil and property. Many are extremely attractive and ornamental wherever they may be found.

But a native tree so beautiful that it is widely used for home ornamental planting belongs far up on the register of the forest's blue-bloods, even if it is but a very small tree. Such a one is the modest little Mountain Ash (Sorbus Sitchensis), found thinly scattered about in our hills and here and there along the water-courses of the valleys. More often we find it as a shrub, but occasionally it gets to be three feet or more high and eight or ten inches in diameter.

Mountain Ash is one of the three trees in our area having compound leaves, the other two being true ash and elderberry. But the numerous leaves of Mountain Ash with their even to fifteen narrow leaflets are only about half as big as the leaves of the other two, and give to the tree a delicate lace appearance. The small, white

flowers grow on large flat-topped clusters each bearing about twenty or so small flowers and with about twenty prominent stamens which contribute to the leaf effect of the foliage and add immeasurably to the overall beauty of the tree. The flowers are much like small apple blossoms — the tree, in fact, belongs to the apple family.

Most joyous time of year for the Mountain Ash is in the fall when its fingered foliage is jeweled with the large flat bunches of orange-red berries. This is the most active, and probably the most important, part of the little tree's social season. Through the winter there is its quiet association with its neighbor trees. This is a period of silent contemplation of its tree-world, and of internal preparation for the coming activities of spring. Then in blossom-time of color there's the hustle and bustle of the great social event known as the bee banquet, when the countless little visitors wine and dine happily. Then show their appreciation by distributing pollen where it will do the most good.

Some time after all this comes the fruit festival, and the all-important banquet-fine-fruit day. This is when the friendly old blue grouse and his family, and the migrating robin and varied thrush, make their social calls on the little tree they all love, and feast on the delicious fruit offering; then, continuing on their journey, they pay off for the trees friendly fruit-gift by carrying the ripe seeds to far distant points.

And so it seems that everybody and everything that associates even briefly with the little Mountain Ash, or Rowantree, is made happier by the contact. What greater glory could there be for a modest little tree!

Roses will be the topic for a meeting of Medford Garden club Thursday, February 7, in the courthouse auditorium at 1 p.m. A social meeting will precede the business meeting and program, which will consist of talks by Miss Claire Hanley and Mrs. Ronald Axtell. Miss Florence Bain is program chairman. Valentine plant exchange is planned and members are asked to include their names with the plant they bring.



Plans for the annual valentine dance at Rogue Valley Country club are underway, and the work-horses of the committee are busy selecting decorations for the event. Mrs. R. M. Wood, Camp White, (at right) and Mrs. M. Lloyd, Ashland, are being assisted by a large committee of members. Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Capa, Ashland, head the invitations committee, assisted by Mrs. William Dawkins, and planning the menu are Mrs. Selby and Mrs. Polk. Decorations are being planned by Mr. and Mrs. Parker Woods, chairmen. Mr. and Mrs. H. Ray, Mail, Mr. and Mrs. Polk and Dr. and Mrs. Meese, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson are also serving as the committee and George Harrington, Country club manager is serving as consultant.

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### Hospital School Film Shown Here

James Torsten of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults was guest speaker for Alpha Lambda chapter, Sigma Sigma Alpha sorority, January 26. He showed a film "This is Their Life," which depicted the work of the society at Crippled Children's Hospital school in Eugene and the summer camp, Camp Easter Seal, in Coos county.

This is the fourth year Alpha Lambda chapter will be in charge of the lily day parade to be held in Medford. The state project of the sorority in Oregon is assistance to the Crippled Children's Hospital school, and most chapters also help in some phase of the Easter seal drive.

A business meeting was held January 28 at the home of Mrs. William Raymond with Mrs. C. S. Price and Mrs. Lyman Smith as hostesses. Forthcoming events will be a rummage sale March 20 and the Southern Oregon District council meeting April 7.

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The 8 p.m. meeting is to be preceded by a 6:30 p.m. covered dish dinner, the committee for which consists of Mrs. Roger Westerfield, Mr. Westerfield, Mrs. Carl Dykstra, Mrs. Ernest Lytle, Mrs. Dana Bowers, Mrs. Earl Scripser, Mrs. Evelyn Tice, Mrs. Alice Hibbert and Mrs. Lester Taylor.

### Announces Meeting

Mrs. J. W. Gustafson will be hostess to the Oakgrove Neighborhood club at her home at 923 Park street, Tuesday, February 5, at 1:30 p.m. The business meeting will be conducted by the new officers with Mrs. Alex Connell, president; Mrs. William Rose, vice-president; and Mrs. V. A. Turpin, secretary-treasurer.

### Church Mission Group To Meet on Tuesday

The Woman's Mission society of the Eastwood Baptist church will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 5, at the home of Mrs. S. D. Berhart, 4 North Peach street.

Mrs. Richard Jones will present the program, "A Circle of Cameos," featuring Christian nationalities. A love gift will be received and dedicated and the meeting will end with a luncheon at noon. Mrs. Herb Fields and Mrs. J. T. Johnson are hostesses for the meeting.

### Teacher Presents Legislative Report

Eagle Point — A report on pending state legislation was presented by Clarence Davies, Eagle Point High school instructor, at the January 24 meeting of the Eagle Point High school and Grade school classroom teachers.

The group voted to present a money raising program in the spring in order to continue awarding student scholarships. A social meeting was planned for March 3.

### CAROTENE SOURCES

Utilization of carotene as vitamin A in the body has been found to be greater when the protein intake such as from milk, is of the right quality and quantity. Studies were made by the Arizona and Louisiana Agricultural Experiment stations and included tests with animals and with people. Most carotene is supplied by fruits and vegetables.

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### Rogue River Post Host for Dinner; Women Honored

Rogue River — Rogue River Veterans of Foreign Wars played host to the Ladies auxiliary for a recent social meeting of the two groups. Dinner was served.

The dinner was the result of a contest between the men and the women for 100 per cent paid up membership. The men lost by a small margin.

Leo Orvis, dinner chairman, made clam chowder, Commander Leyen baked the hams, Ted Hopkins made raisin sauce and George Connell made a tossed salad.

This was also the anniversary of the founding of the auxiliary to Post 4118, and a birthday cake baked by Mrs. Howard Baker was served with ice cream.

### Insurance Woman To Hear Speaker

James Dunlevy will speak at a meeting of Insurance Women of Jackson County to be held Tuesday, February 5, at the Jackson hotel at 12 noon. Mr. Dunlevy, manager of Radio Station KYJC, will speak on "Suppose They Had Never Invented Radio."

All insurance women are invited to attend, and reservations may be made by calling the hotel.

Mrs. Irene Outlander is president of the group.

Gold Star Mothers Schedule Session  
Gold Star Mothers will meet at the home of Mrs. Jack Lichtenstern, 1011 West 10th street, Tuesday, February 3, at 1:30 p.m. All Gold Star Mothers are invited to attend.

### Meetings Planned By PEO Chapters; Topics Announced

Coming meetings have been announced by three of the city's PEO chapters.

Chapter BE will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Thompson, 135 North Holly street. Miss Annette Gray will be co-hostess. The program will be in charge of Mrs. W. E. Hercher, who will speak on the educational projects sponsored by the chapter.

Chapter CP will meet Wednesday, February 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Elliott, 432 Ardmore avenue. Mrs. Leonard Mayfield is assistant hostess, and Mrs. Donald Gardner will present the program.

Chapter CG of the Sisterhood will meet Wednesday, February 6, for a 1 p.m. luncheon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Heatherington, 12 Black Oak drive.

A program following the meeting will be presented by Mrs. G. T. Hauptert.

### Townsend Club Announces Party

Medford Townsend club and auxiliary plans a valentine party Wednesday, February 13.

At last Wednesday's meeting Mrs. Enos Nafziger presided and Mrs. Thornton Arnold read the Washington, D.C. flash.

About 30 members and two visitors attended the luncheon. A committee report on absent members was heard. Dancing followed the close of the business meeting.

The club meets again Wednesday, February 6 at 12:30 p.m. for a covered dish luncheon at Carpenter's hall, 123 1/2 West Main street. Visitors are welcome.

### Winners Announced By Camp White Club

Mrs. Josephine Clark and Mrs. Burton Sims took first place in the east-west position for the last regular play of the Camp White Veterans Bridge club. They scored 139 1/2 points. First with 123 1/2 points in north-south position were Mrs. Williams Kennedy and Roy Pruitt.

Other plays for east-west position were Mrs. Oda Thomas and Walter Humes, 129 points, second; Jack Morris and Norris Foster, 113 points, third; Mrs. Harold Jaffrey and Mrs. Jack Love, 110 1/2 points, fourth.

In north-south position Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Boyd were second with 119 points; Mrs. Jack Mitchell and Mrs. Roy Pruitt, third, 106 1/2 points; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Randall, fourth, 108 points.

### Moets Social Club Meets for Luncheon

Moets Social club met January 25, at the home of Mrs. D. W. Bowers, 43 Rose avenue, with 23 members and guests present. A salad luncheon was served by Mrs. Floyd Murray, Mrs. E. D. Scripser and Mrs. A. L. Schrack.

A short business meeting was followed by cards.

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