

Annual Spring Grooming Given White House Grounds

By ROSE McKEE
 Washington - The White House staff-like households throughout the land-is busy these days getting the Presidential grounds ready for spring and summer.

Robert (Red) Redmond, the nation's "No. 1" gardener, has had his men applying fertilizer to patches of the White House lawns that appeared in danger of becoming thin or barren, cutting back rose bushes and giving them their spring tonic, and preparing flower seed beds.

Redmond told an interviewer from the National Association of Home Builders that he will keep a close eye on the trees and if there are any on which the leaves are slow in coming out, he will bore holes in the ground and "give the trees a little feeding."

The famous White House trees-there are more than 300-are Redmond's special concern. In event of a serious drought, their protection has top priority. "We can replace the grass but not the trees," the sandy-haired Redmond explained.

Trees Planted
 Many Presidents have been amateur Johnny Applesseeds and planted trees that today commemorate them. The oldest such tree on the 18 acres of White House grounds is the big, healthy American elm planted by President John Quincy Adams between 1825 and 1829.

President Andrew Jackson planted the huge magnolia which stands dramatically at the South portico. There is no record of Abraham Lincoln having planted a tree but, Redmond noted, "there are not too many records from the old days."

Harry S. Truman was the only president according to the records to have planted boxwood. President Eisenhower has planted two trees outside his executive office, a black walnut and a scarlet oak.

The White House squirrels give the gardeners practically no trouble-"thanks to many tourists" who, while admiring the grounds from outside the iron fence, feed peanuts to the squirrels. The squirrels get enough to eat without digging up bulbs.

But the White House gardener - like many another, still fights crab grass. He is always hopeful "this" will be the year he wins the battle.

Redmond re-seeds some of the grounds each spring. He uses a mixture of Kentucky blue grass, fescue, red top and a little rye. For shady spots, he uses more fescue.

Some preparation for spring starts in the fall, when three to four tons of fertilizer are applied to the grounds. In the spring, only about one ton is used.

Tulips by Thousands
 Each fall, too, Redmond plants 10,000 tulip bulbs from Holland, most of them around two fountains, which are show places of color for spring tourists. In a short time, the bulbs will be dug up and petunias planted in their place. There will be pink petunias around the pool on the Pennsylvania avenue side of the White House, red ones around the fountain on the South lawn which is seen from the balcony.

Redmond has been a member of the White House garden staff since he was a boy of

Officers Announced For PTA

Eagle Point-Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association held election of officers for the coming year at a meeting March 24. The newly elected president is Mrs. Joseph Shelton. Serving with Mrs. Shelton will be Mrs. Lester McFall, parent vice-president; Mrs. Lawrence Davis, teacher vice-president; Mrs. Oscar Frel, secretary; Mrs. Elbert Hefley, treasurer, and Mrs. John Sinders, historian. Installation of officers will be held at a later meeting.

The program, planned by the Rev. Joseph Munshaw, chairman of the spiritual and family life committee, included an interview-type presentation by Donald Chapman of the Jackson County Welfare Commission, Lawrence Tweedy, juvenile protection officer, and Mrs. Tweedy, a question and answer period.

Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy, representing a couple who were interested in providing foster home care to children needing it, were interviewed by Mr. Chapman, who explained the requirements necessary for a home to be certified as a foster home and what the prospective foster parents might expect in return for offering their home for such a purpose.

Mr. Chapman explained that foster care and adoption are entirely different - that the foster child will eventually be returned to its parents, circumstances permitting. The greatest need, Mr. Chapman said, is for homes for children over 12 years of age and for family groups of children of any age.

Mrs. Frel, who is currently the health committee chairman, announced that a health round-up of preschool children will be held at the school Wednesday, April 8. Mrs. William Pomeroy's room had the most parents present at the meeting.

Baritone - Soprano War Said Still Flourishing

By FRED DAVIZIG
 United Press International
 New York-While technology leaps ahead in the field of military tactics, grand opera's age-old war between the baritones and the sopranos remains in the era of hand-to-hand combat.

Baritone Leonard Warren, a 20-year campaign veteran, reports that male opera singers cannot expect to get by on voice alone when they find themselves on stage with prima donnas who are determined to be noticed at all times and at all costs.

Warren, a baritone-looking six-foot, 200-pounder blessed with one of the world's finest voices, has learned to use his powerful hands in dealing with soprano handkerchief-wavers, shirt-grabbers, talkers and walkers.

However, he admits that throat-clearers still have him stymied. "There's no defense against throat-clearing," he said. "You can only pray they're not too malicious."

Is Often Target
 "All sopranos are wonderful people," said Warren, "but some of them feel they must 'fare una figura,' strike a pose. I've been the target of the evening many a time."

How does Leonardo da Warren (as he's called at La Scala) cope with the Handkerchief-Waver?

"Very simple. I grab her wrists and make a forceful gesture, pulling her towards me. The audience thinks I'm expressing great passion. But actually, I'm pinning her arms."

The Shirt-Grabber? "They grab you by the shirt-front so you can't see the conductor. Here, I quickly grab her wrists and push away. They must let go or break an arm," said the no-nonsense baritone.

The Walkers? "They stroll back and forth to distract the audience while the baritone sings. Here, I quietly close the gap between their movements and move forward. Then, if they want to walk, they must do it behind me."

Moves Away
 Talkers are best handled by moving away. "One soprano invited me to a party after the show. I didn't pay any attention because I was too busy singing at the time. Another whispered to me that

Society Plans For Rose Show

At the March meeting of the Medford Rose society much interest was shown in the plans for the annual rose show which is to be held on Tuesday, June ninth.

Eldred Peyton, co-chairman for the show announced that the schedule committee had decided to make two new additions to the special rose classes. One is for Korde's Perfecta, which was featured in Life Magazine last week and for the rose Charlotte Armstrong.

A discussion on rose show trophies by the members indicated that the annual trophies were more popular than the rotating trophies. It is hoped that more of the trophies donated from now on will be annual trophies. However, the members felt that it was well to have a number of rotating trophies for some classes.

The president, Carl Norris, reported on the municipal rose garden.

Mrs. Ronald Axtell, American Rose society rosarian, asked for volunteers to make reports on the new roses that have been put on the market during the last five years. It is through these reports from rose society members throughout the United States that a rating for the various roses is secured.

Miss Claire Hanley reported that plans are underway for an old-fashioned rose garden at the Jacksonville Museum.

Clarence Miller received the rose bush, Baby Blaze, as a prize.

New members for the Rose society this month are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Thompson and Mrs. Marie Shere.

Mrs. Frances Rutter and Mrs. Alice Swanson of Sebastopol, Calif., were guests of the evening.

Speaker was H. M. Sommerer, who discussed diseases and pests of roses and their control. He stated that lime-sulphur, wettable sulphur or karathane will control mildew and captan is effective in controlling black spot. Malathion will control aphids, thrips and leaf hoppers, but does not control spider mites. Kelthane is excellent for controlling spider mites. Mr. Sommerer also exhibited the latest equipment for spraying and dusting roses.

Rose growers of this area who are planning to exhibit roses at the June show should make a special effort to keep their rose bushes free from pests and diseases. It will be necessary to spray or dust frequently to protect the new growth. Many rose growers plan to make these applications every week or ten days.

Textile Firms Predict Wardrobe Revolutions

By GAY PAULEY
 UPI Women's Editor
 New York-If-Eve had her fig leaf, ancient woman her beakskin, the American pioneer her calico, and today's woman the "wash and wear."

Yet what has happened through the centuries in attire is minor compared to the "wardrobe revolution" ahead, say experts in the textile field.

We are headed for an era of even newer fabrics than the current synthetics and chemically treated cottons, new lighter weights, new durability and lower prices, predicts an article in the current "Better Living," the employee magazine of Du Pont.

Already, added leisure time has stepped up sales of sports clothes. Suburban living has popularized informal garb. Heated homes, cars and factories make bulky clothes obsolete. "And emancipated housewives demand an end to washtub and ironing board," said the publication. It does not predict, however, when we can stow the iron for keeps.

Revolutionary Changes
 The publication said that only the 19th century advent of machine-made, ready-to-wear garments compared in significance with the changes taking place today.

Reviewing what has happened in the last 50 years, since the first man made fiber of rayon and acetate came along, the publication says that now, man made number over four dozen, made in 85 U.S. plants, with a combined annual capacity of 23 billion pounds.

The synthetics haven't chased the natural fibers out of business by any means. Silk, linen, wool and cotton are basic to our wardrobes, but it is in the easy care department that cotton, the synthetics and the blends have made the greatest strides.

Production Going Up
 The National Cotton council estimated recently that 1958 production of chemically treated cottons, which require little or no ironing, was two billion yards. Production for 1959 is forecast at close to three billion.

New blends are part of the wardrobe revolution, say Du Pont experts. Even today, some clothes have four or five different fibers. A new flannel sleepwear fabric, for instance, is a blend of nylon, orlon, dacron and cotton.

Producing the blends has led to a whole new occupation, for the "fabrics engineer who works with scores of fibers like an artist does with colors and paints" to create new combinations, said the publication.

New Material
 New materials will include a deep pile orlon for winter coats, a nylon that adds 70 per cent more durability to work clothes and boys' jeans, and Fiber K, an elastic material which the firm said has more strength than rubber yarn.

In one demonstration of Fiber K's potential, a girdle was unfurled from a cigarette package. Other potential uses include surgical hose, fitted garments and accessories.

The experts look for lower prices as industry develops less expensive production methods for the new fibers. "Non-woven materials are a case in point," said the publication.

"If technical obstacles could be overcome, shirts and blouses, undergarments and other clothes might one day be made from a non-woven disposable fabric, joined at the seams not by thread but by some new heat adhesive still unknown."

Only trouble with these efforts toward organization - we frails have frail characters. Good intentions end up failures within an hour of hectic shopping.

Washington PTA To Hold Supper

Washington School Parent-Teacher association will hold a chili supper April 17 as a fund-raising project.

Announcement of the project was made by Mrs. Don Coltrane at the last meeting of the unit held Thursday in the school gymnasium. It was announced that there will be no monthly meeting during April.

Robert Sage, principal, reported on some of the bills concerning the increase to \$125 per census for each child going to school.

A play, "Broken Circle", was presented by the employees of the Pacific Telephone company with Mrs. Barbara Potts as narrator. Mrs. J. R. Porter directed the question and comment period which followed.

Presentation of the flag was by Den 6 of the Cub Scouts. Mrs. Lowell Sorenson read the PTA prayer. The room count was won by Mrs. Roy Gilbertson.

Mrs. Dale Johnson and Mrs. E. R. Duce poured.

To Elect
 The auxiliary to Crater Lake aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will elect officers at the next meeting. It will be held Thursday, April 2, at 8 p.m. in the lodge hall.

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Gardeners Plan Workshop Session

Central Point-A workshop on flower arranging will be held for the Central Point Garden club at the home of Mrs. John Holmes, Old Stage road Wednesday, April 1, starting at 9 p.m.

Members are asked to bring a sack lunch, their equipment and any flower material they may have.

Rebekahs Plan Party

Olive Rebekah lodge has planned a dessert luncheon and card party for Thursday, April 2, at the IOOF hall, 221 West Sixth street, at 12:30 p.m.

Decorations and prizes will be in the Centennial theme. Prizes will be given for the oldest dress worn to the party. A prize for the prettiest dress and one for the dress which came the longest distance.

A parade of Centennial dresses will be held during the party.

Chairman of the dessert luncheon will be Mrs. Homer Vinzant. Mrs. P. M. Aldredge is card chairman, and Mrs. Clarence Jordan will take charge of prizes. Mrs. John Poage will provide music, and Mrs. James Fleming judges judges for the afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Dyer is decorations chairman.

Mrs. Lenn Hickman Hostess For HEC

Eagle Point - Mrs. Donna Ashpole, Mrs. C. H. Young and Mrs. J. D. Brown were guests for the last meeting of Eagle Point Home Economics club, held at the home of Mrs. Lenn Hickman. Mrs. Lottie Cingcade was co-hostess.

Mrs. J. D. Brown, chairman, presided, and final plans were made for a dinner served Sunday at the Grange hall.

It was reported that the club still has candy for sale.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Otis Jones, with Mrs. Lester McFall as co-hostess.

Post, Auxiliary Plan Ceremonies

Shady Cove-Steelhead post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold installation of new officers Friday, April 3, at 8 p.m. in the Post home, Shady Cove.

Heading the Post for the coming year will be commander-elect Harry Finley, and the auxiliary president-elect is Mrs. Harry Birch.

The installation is open to the public.

Is a ready-made dress a little snug in the bodice? If the bodice has darts in the back, convert them to gathered fullness at the waistline seam.

BPWC Conference Planned

The spring conference of Southern Oregon district, Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5, in Canyonville. The southern Oregon district extends from Roseburg to Lakeview and Mrs. Harriett Watson, Medford, is district chairman.

Mrs. Fay Davis, Portland, state finance chairman, will attend the meeting and speak on "finances coming and going." Miss Mildred Yetter, first vice-president of the federation, will present a panel discussion on membership, international relations and public affairs, with Mrs. Lucille Norton, Eugene, Mrs. Erma Ferguson, McMinnville and Mrs. Louise Norcross, Portland, taking part.

Representing the Medford club at the meeting will be Mrs. Jean Mast, club president; Mrs. Nell Faulkner, Miss Voda Brower, Miss Lucille Lennox, Miss Grace Stuhr, Miss Laura York and Mrs. Watson.

Senior Center Classes Planned

A wood carving class taught by Glenn Van Wickle will begin at the Senior Activity center Wednesday, April 1. Time will be 1 to 3 p.m. The class will meet each Wednesday until further notice. During March, this period was filled by an "arm chair travel" group, and this group will now meet every Monday during April.

All the former members of the class, which met each Wednesday from October to March, expect to return for the spring sessions which will include clay modeling and soap carving as well. Mr. Van Wickle states new members are always welcome.

Carvings of pioneer figures by Mr. Van Wickle featured the table decorations arranged by Mrs. C. A. Lewis and Mrs. Ron Caperno at a reception given by Southern Oregon Society of Artists for the visiting jurors and local artists taking part in the Centennial art exhibit last week.

The center will open at 12 o'clock to take registrations. All classes at the center are free. A varied program is offered by the Center Coordinating committee each week to men and women over 50 who wish to learn new skills or develop new hobbies.

Beginners start at any time, and the teaching is informal. Scheduled are oil paintings on Tuesdays, dancing and orchestra on Thursdays, shuffle board on Saturdays, travel slides each Monday all through April. Special events will be announced later.

Mashed cooked carrots make a tasty, nutritious filler for hamburgers or meat loaf.

Visitors Leave For California

Eagle Point-Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ousterhout and family left today for Davis, Calif., after a visit here with Mr. Ousterhout's father, G. E. Ousterhout, Dutton road, and other relatives. Later the Ousterhouts will leave for College Park, Md., where they will make their home.

Mr. Ousterhout, who recently received his doctor's degree from the University of California at Davis, will do nutrition research for the federal government.

Central Point Trio Home From Trip; See Art Exhibit

Central Point-Mr. and Mrs. Larry F. Starks, accompanied by Miss Joe Ann LaCrosse, returned recently from Seattle, Wash., where they visited the Starks' son, Lelan. He is Miss LaCrosse's fiancé.

While away they visited other relatives and friends, and saw the Vincent Van Gogh show which was being held in the Seattle art museum. They also visited a local art show in the Frederick & Nelson department store there.

Lelan Starks spent the Easter week end with his parents and finance, and with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson, all Central Point.

Auxiliary Head On Trip North

Miss Laurene Kell, Medford, president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' auxiliary for the department of Oregon, has returned home after a trip to the northern part of the state.

At Eugene Miss Kell, with Mrs. Ted Hopkins, Rogue River, department member-Bowling, Grants Pass, department soloist and Mrs. Lee Turner, Grants Pass, winner of the annual membership drive, met with the department convention planning committee. The annual meeting will be held in Eugene June 28-July 1.

Later they visited the Veterans' hospital in Portland. Miss Kell was interviewed in a 15-minute broadcast carried throughout the hospital, speaking on membership, the cancer education drive, the sale of Buddy puppies and other phases of aid and welfare to veterans. Miss Kell is herself a disabled veteran.

The women also took a tour through the new plastic eye laboratory and were shown the entire process.

While in the hospital they saw Moses Drake, Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. James Lillie, Medford. All three are patients in the Veterans' hospital.

March 25 Miss Kell instituted a new auxiliary at Parkrose, near Portland. The ceremony took place at Parkrose Proscott Grade School. Mrs. Marvin Fanshier, Portland, president of the auxiliary's District 9, assisted Miss Kell and Mrs. James Lettenmaier is the first president.

Dinner Planned By Hoover PTA

Hoover Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will hold its family dinner and party on Thursday, April 2.

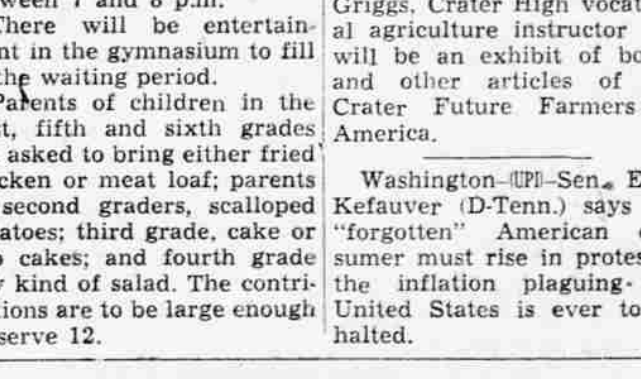
Dinner will be served continuously from 6 to 8 p.m. and a set charge will be made regardless of the number in the family. In order to avoid waiting it is requested that when possible those families whose names begin with A through L plan to eat between 6 and 7 p.m., and those beginning with M through Z sometime between 7 and 8 p.m.

There will be entertainment in the gymnasium to fill in the waiting period.

Parents of children in the first, fifth and sixth grades are asked to bring either fried chicken or meat loaf; parents of second graders, scalloped potatoes; third grade, cake or cup cakes; and fourth grade any kind of salad. The contributions are to be large enough to serve 12.

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Grange News...

Central Point Grange will meet Friday, April 3 at 8 p.m. The ladies degree team will exemplify the first and second degrees for the class of candidates. Mr. Walter Mang is degree captain.

All Grangers are reminded to bring the first quarter's Grange sales slips for Mrs. Cecil Keenan, the sales slips chairman.

The display table will be under the direction of Ed Griggs. Crater High vocational agriculture instructor and will be an exhibit of books and other articles of the Crater Future Farmers of America.

Washington-UP-Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) says the "forgotten" American consumer must rise in protest if the inflation plaguing the United States is ever to be halted.

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