

# 125-Acre Garden Project In New York to Open Soon

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New York—(UPI)—In the John Helm family of Monroe, N.Y., the green thumb belongs to pop. But it's mom who has a finger in one of the nation's most elaborate gardening projects.

Mrs. Dorothy Helm, 37, is the only woman on the staff of 150 creating Sterling Forest Gardens, a 125-acre project near Tuxedo, N.Y.

"Being the only woman was a status I did not seek," said Mrs. Helm, in a telephone interview. "All I did was answer an advertisement for a draftsman, and here I am."

"I didn't have any idea it would be a field job either." "Field job" in this case means working in a trailer parked in the heart of a meadowland and ex-swamp the gardens will cover. There, Mrs. Helm and another draftsman, Walter Smith, are putting on paper, in scaled terms, what the landscape gardener wants done.

**Changing Vista Planned**  
They have produced contour maps, detailed buildings and bridges, mapped the drainage plan, located the refreshment areas, and also mapped the plantings, "so we will know where things are supposed to come up." The gardens are scheduled to open May 1, when 1.5 million tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and other bulbs are supposed to be in full bloom. Sponsors of the project plan an ever-changing floral scene, as the season changes, to attract garden clubs and other flower lovers.

The gardens are part of a 30-square mile area of lakes, meadows, forest land and rugged foothills being developed as a floral, residential and cultural center by the City Investing company of New York. Co-sponsors of the gardens project are Robert W. Dowling, president of City Investing, and Bram Warneer, chairman of the inter-national Flower Show committee of the Netherlands.

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## Don't Let Children Do All The Dirty Work Says Child Specialist

New Brunswick, N.J. — (UPI)—When it comes to household chores, don't let children do all the dirty work, says Phyllis Greer, human relations specialist at Rutgers university.

It's natural for youngsters to resent "busy" work—chores that aren't necessary or needed, Miss Greer said. And how could anyone be enthusiastic for long about taking out garbage, washing dishes and making beds? Most mothers dislike these tasks, too.

One solution is to make a list of all duties, not just dishes and garbage. Then let each member of the family select the job he prefers. Less interesting jobs should be divided and all tasks rotated, she added.

## Square Up On Calendar

On the square dance calendar for later this week are the third annual Square Up of the Rogue Valley Square Dance Callers' association, and a graduation party for a class at Belleview Grange. The graduation party will be held at the Grange hall Thursday, January 28, at 8 p.m. All square dancers are welcome according to Floyd Workman, class instructor.

Fried chicken will be served. The annual Square Up will be held January 30 and 31 in Britt Memorial center on the Southern Oregon college campus.

The event opens with a workshop Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. A dance is planned for Saturday night, with an after party at Belleview Grange hall. On the program Sunday are a buckaroo breakfast at Belleview, a panel discussion in the lounge area of the center, a round table workshop and in the afternoon a program of both square and round dancing.

More than 500 callers and dancers from Oregon and California attended the Square Up last year.

## League Potluck

The Salvation Army Home leagues will sponsor their monthly potluck Thursday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. The evening program will be presented by the two Home Leagues and will begin immediately following the dinner at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

# Women's News Social Events



San Antonio—Miss Doty L. Jones, 20, Salem, and Miss Mary Klock, 20, Troutdale, Ore., are each \$100 richer today as a result of their sewing prowess, both winning U.S. savings bonds at the national finals of the "Make It Yourself With Wool" home sewing contest, just held in San Antonio, Tex. Miss Jones, who took third prize in the contest's senior division, entered the contest in Ames, Iowa, where she's a textile and clothing major at Iowa State university. Representing Iowa, she won with a black all-wool suit with barrel-shaped knee-length coat, designed by Nina Ricci. Doty was Miss Wool of Oregon in 1958. She hopes someday to be a fashion coordinator or a bridal consultant in a fashion store. Miss Klock, a home economics major at Oregon State college, modeled a fire-engine red Forsmann wool suit made with large cow collar. This was her fourth year as an entrant in the contest. She plans to be a county extension agent after graduation.

## West's Water Problems League Program Subject

"Water" was the chief topic for 42 members and guests of Medford League of Women Voters at a general meeting held Saturday, January 23. Mrs. Dunbar Carpenter, president, opened the subject with a reminder that now is a "time for action."

The national board of the League of Women Voters has agreed to support Senate Bill 2549, known as the Murray Bill and Public Law 660, as amended. The public law provides federal funds for local sewage disposal—the amount to be repaid in 20 years. The Murray bill provides for coordination between congress and the executive branch in the development and use of natural resources.

Mrs. Carpenter emphasized that both these bills are self-liquidating financially and are not political, but service issues. Action should be taken now by writing to our congressmen to enlist their continued support, she said. Senators Morse and Neuberger and Representative Porter all have favored these measures.

Mrs. Kenneth H. Baker, chairman of the water resources study, assisted by Mrs. Ogden Kellogg, Gold Hill, Mrs. E. E. Meeker and Mrs. John Raapke, then presented pertinent facts regarding the Columbia basin.

Using a large scale map of the basin, Mrs. Baker pointed out that "although Medford is not actually in the basin, it is obvious that anything which affects the major portion of the state also affects us."

The International Joint Committee operates under the 1909 Boundary Water Treaty, negotiated between the U.S. and Canada for settlement of disagreements on boundary waters. Progress is presently being made toward agreement with Canada for a cooperative plan of development for the Columbia, it was said.

Mrs. Meeker pointed out that the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee, involving seven states and departments, so far has been the most effective of the several organizations in progressing toward a plan of development. During the 1959 meeting regional interests were made paramount. Mrs. Meeker said, "Perhaps this is the

## SOC Players to Produce Annual Children's Play

Ashland — Magical effects, special lighting, colorful costumes are the ingredients which the production staff of "The Sleeping Beauty" are compounding to enchant audiences at six performances of the play which opens Friday evening, January 29, at a special performance for High School Speech conference delegates. Southern Oregon college students, faculty and staff.

Children in Ashland and Medford will have an opportunity to see the SOC players production in special matinees. Two morning matinees, sponsored by the Ashland branch of AAUW, January 30 and February 6 will be given in Ashland. Medford school children may see the play Tuesday, February 9, sponsored by the Medford AAUW.

Only one performance of "The Sleeping Beauty" will be open to the public, the Saturday evening, January 30, performance. Curtain time is 8:15.

**Fourth Production**  
This is the fourth annual children's theatre production of the SOC players, and is again directed by Dr. Dorothy Slop. Technical director for the production is William Oyler. Bob Ebert is stage manager and George Brown is assistant to the director. Members of SOC stagecraft and lighting classes have worked on the scenery. Dick Clark will handle the lights for the production. Honor Hoover is in charge of makeup, and Gail Urban designed the forest setting.

Costumes for the fairies and the women in the cast were suggested by Charlotte Riley Wisely in a project for children's theatre class last year. The costumes were cut out by a committee from the Ashland AAUW, and Mrs. Otto Wilda, Mrs. Bill Sampson, Mrs. Elmo Stevenson, Miss Irene Hollenbeck and Mrs. William McKinney from the organization made them. Miss Irma Klinghammer and Miss Gennie Kent from the AAUW made special properties for the production. Advertising posters were produced by Myrtle Converse and Dean Welch in Marion Ady's Graphic class.

## Installation Conducted

Veterans of World War I, Barracks 540 and auxiliary, held installation of officers for 1960 at the Girls' Community club.

Installing officers were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turner, Grants Pass. Officers for Barracks 540 include George M. Herbstruth, commander; W. A. Hastain, senior vice-commander; Thomas L. Edsall Jr., vice-commander; F. B. Otis, chaplain; J. P. Graham, quartermaster; Alvin C. Lucas, judge advocate; and Thomas B. Lynch, trustee.

Auxiliary officers are Mrs. Shelva Hale, president; Mrs. Herbstruth, senior vice-president; Mrs. Wilbur Culp Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Doris Gunn, chaplain; Mrs. Hastain, secretary; Mrs. Thomas L. Edsall, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas Lynch, conductress; Mrs. A. F. Johnson, guard; and the retiring president, Mrs. Alvin C. Lucas, trustee.

Members and guests were present from Medford and vicinity, and Grants Pass. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Paulsen, Bellingham, Wash., who were en route to Arizona for the rest of the winter. Mrs. Paulsen is to be president of the auxiliary to Barracks 225, Whatcom County, Washington.

## Ashland Women Organize Club

Ashland — Ashland Welcome Wagon club was officially organized at a recent meeting, and Mrs. John Sellers was elected president. Mrs. Sellers named Mrs. James Burggreen, Mrs. Russell White and Mrs. Frank Burdick to a committee to nominate remaining officers.

At the last meeting at the home of Mrs. Pierre Roberts, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Burdick arranged "get acquainted" games and refreshments were served. Twenty-three women and 20 children attended.

Women attending a meeting for the first time were the Messames James Armstrong, Robert Anderson, John De Avilla, Robert Hause, Margaret Martin, Joe McClosky, John Offel, Stephen Parish and Robert Wagner.

A coffee party is scheduled February 10 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Thomas Blymiller, 220 Harrison street. Mrs. Georgia Collins will be co-hostess. Refreshments will be potluck.

Those wishing transportation are asked to call Mrs. John Sellers, MURdock 5-6591.

## Altrusans to Meet At Peterson Home

Altrusa club of Medford will gather at the home of Mrs. Virginia Peterson, 215 Willamette avenue, Thursday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. for a business and social meeting. Miss Myrta Otterdale, president, will be in charge. Assisting Mrs. Peterson as hostess will be Miss Ruth Kilbourn.

The members will make final plans for the club's rummage sale, to be held Saturday, January 30th, at the Fehl Building.

Thrift-minded homemakers will appreciate a new floor covering that can be used as a padding under a conventional carpet after it has served its primary purpose. Secret of the product, which comes in pinstripe and broad-stripe fabrics, is a long-wearing backing of man-made foam rubber.

## Founders' Day To Be Observed

Medford chapters of the PEO sisterhood, AA, BE, CG and CP, will observe Founders' day at a luncheon and program to be given at Rogue Valley Country club Saturday, January 30, at 12:30 p.m. Chapter AA will be hostess for this annual event. Unaffiliated PEO members in this area are cordially invited and may make reservations with Mrs. R. J. Cunningham, SPRing 2-9622, or with Mrs. Fred C. Lorch, SPRing 2-5666, before Friday noon.



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