



Why are white violets so much stronger and more persistent than blue, purple, yellow or pink ones? When we first started gardening out on South Stage road (it was the Phoenix-Jacksonville highway when the family first came to Medford) there was a bed of purple violets by the back steps. The violets are still there, although in the past two or three years they seem not to have as many blossoms as other years.

In recent years we've planted various other colors, both "domestic" and native, with indifferent results. We have one small clump of the pinks, a tiny clump of pale blue ones which we brought from our wood lot up on the south fork of Little Butte creek, and some large blue ones which came from Hanleylands.

Five or six years ago some one gave us a little clump of white violets. The result is unbelievable. From that little clump we now have white violets all over the place. They've spread under most of the evergreens, into the flower beds, crept out into the walnut orchard, and even come up through the gravel of the driveway and through the cracks in the cement walks. When we dig up a clump or a bed of them, it's only a temporary measure - in a couple of years the spot will again be covered with little white violets. For the most part, we haven't the heart to bother them. Anything that flourishes with the indifferent care that our garden is given, deserves to live.

We hope the time never comes when we can't grow flowers, or herbs, or something. If it can be only a window box, or pots of geraniums, we'll be grateful for that. And we feel sorry for those who have never known the sheer joy of taking care of growing plants and flowers.

That's why we listened with special interest Tuesday afternoon when the operators of a home for the aged explained that the residents are allowed to share in the garden activities. There are large planters along the terrace, and plans are underway for extending the lawns and flower beds.

This reporter has learned quite a bit about the care of the aging and of nursing homes in recent years. Mother occupies a room in Sharon home near Centralia, Wash. Last week and this week we visited several such homes in Jackson county.

The problems confronting the operators and the residents, alike, would at times seem almost beyond solving. But many intelligent persons, and many powerful forces and agencies, are at work and it is believed that conditions can be improved, and are improving.

We learned from two case workers for the Jackson County Public Welfare department Tuesday that there are six licensed homes for the aged in the county, and eight nursing homes. This is a larger number than we had supposed, but it seems that it is not enough. Medford is particularly in need of a modern, up-to-date well equipped convalescent home, we learned, and this should be near to the city. It seems that some busy Medford doctors are reluctant to look after patients if they are in the county farm homes, or in Ashland, since it is time consuming to reach these homes. Those already in operation in this end of Jackson county are unable to care for the increasing number of persons requiring this type of care.

The homes are inspected by representatives of the Oregon State Board of Health, which enforces standards set by the state. They are staffed with registered and practical nurses; social and welfare workers, volunteers for the Red Cross, for churches, for the public health association and for the newer Friendly Visitors' Service - these women and men are in and out of the homes daily.

But the effort, both official and unofficial, needs to be greater. It was a quick trip we took through the homes, but we saw a great deal.

B. L. Sanderson has a suggestion for those who build hospitals and nursing homes. Mr. Sanderson, who is recovering from a serious accident, believes the walls and ceilings should not be so plain. Forced to lie on his back for hours and hours Mr. S. had nothing to do but look at the ceiling and walls. "That ceiling was absolutely and completely plain and smooth," complained Mr. Sanderson. "Ceilings should have a design or decoration of some sort - flowers to see or squares to count, or something. Even rough plaster with bumps or swirls would have been better than that stark, smooth paint." Mr. S. hastened to say that he had no complaint about his care, and called it "wonderful."

The women on the committee for the "graduation party" which follows the Girl Scout charm school were feeling well pleased over how well the party was going until it came time to serve punch. When they opened the big cans which should have contained 18 gallons of Hawaiian punch, what do you suppose they found? Milk. So Mrs. A. Carrara announced that the girls and their parents would be served "Hawaiian milk from special Hawaiian cows"; the milk was poured into the punch bowl and served in punch cups.—O.S.

Birthday Dinner Honors Woman

A surprise dinner given March 10 honored Mrs. Rose Singler on her 85th birthday anniversary. The party was at Mrs. Singler's home, 514 South Grape street, and was given by her family.

Two cakes were served, one in Mrs. Singler's honor and in celebration of the birthday anniversary of Rupert Maddox, who was among the dinner guests.

Present were Mrs. Singler, Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Singler, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert B. Maddox, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert J. Clifford, Raymond J. Singler and daughter, Judy.

Mrs. Singler's sons, August B. Singler of Prospect, and Valentin Singler of South Bend, Ind., were unable to attend.

Mrs. Singler, born in White Pigeon, Mich., has lived in Jackson county since 1903.

For the second year in a row, Norway had no cases of diphtheria during 1958.

Dances Slated For Teenagers

Teenagers interested in square dancing are invited to attend dances held at 611 Vashiti way Thursday evenings. Dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. with D. J. Neill as caller. Further details may be obtained by calling Dan Bisglier, SPring 2-8862, or Karlene Neill, SPring 2-7611.

Pocahontas Lodge Announces Dinner

Pocahontas lodge will hold a potluck dinner Friday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Redman hall on Apple street.

A visit of the great junior saganmore of the Redman lodge of the United States is expected next week. He is John L. Howley, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cheer up meals with cheese-rich soups. Blend a little hot tomato soup into softened cream cheese, stir into remaining soup and serve. Or top bowls of soup with bits of sharp cheese and minced parsley.



The sons and daughters of Erin awoke this morning, St. Patrick's day, 1960, to find the sun shining in the Rogue valley and said "It's a great day for the Irish." The Irish also had fun last Saturday and Sunday when Sacred Heart Catholic church parishioners gave the annual St. Patrick's day dinner. Three sweet colleens (left to right) the Misses Carole Doyle, Irene McGowan and Kerry

O'Hara, posed with three little leprechauns, Julie, 5, Patrick, 3, and Kevin Dugan, 1½ years, the daughter and sons of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Dugan, 325 South Holly street. On hearing that the parish needed some Irish lads and lassies in costume, Mrs. Dugan sat down at her sewing machine one afternoon and made the suits.

Women's News Social Events

Toastmistress Speak-Off To Be Held Here Sunday

Mrs. L. C. Daniel, Eugene, president of International Toastmistress, and Mrs. William Eckhart, regional supervisor of the club from Albany, will be in Medford Sunday, March 20, for the annual meeting and speak-off of Council 4. It will be held in the banquet room of Kim's restaurant on South Pacific highway, beginning at 10 a.m.

Members from Grants Pass, Crescent City and Eureka clubs in northern California, and from the Mt. Mazama and Euwana clubs in Klamath Falls will join Medford women for the meeting and speak-off. Fourteen members of the Crescent City club will be overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Wilson at their home on Walden lane west of Talent.

Each club will have the local speech contest winner entered in the speak-off; the winner here will compete at the regional meeting in May.

Mrs. Daniel, the international president, is a charter member of the Eugene club and has held many offices in Toastmistress on the local, regional and international level. Her travels have taken her to every part of the United States. Mrs. Daniel will preside over the International Toastmistress convention to be held in the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles July 17-20.

Mrs. Eckhart is active in the Albany club and in council and regional work.

Mrs. James VanderSteen, Medford, president of Council 4, will preside.

New Member Taken by Club; Book Reviewed

Mrs. Robert Bridge is a new member of College Women's Club of the Rogue River valley. It was announced at the last meeting of the group, held March 12 at Girls Community club. Mrs. D. R. Sloan, vice president, conducted the meeting.

A club committee is screening applications received for the scholarship granted each year.

Lynn Sjolund sang, accompanied by Ray Lewis.

Mrs. Leland Mentzer reviewed the book "One China Moon," written by J. T. Wilson, a Canadian scientist. It was his description of his trip across Russia by train, and his rail trip to Peking, Sian, Lanchow, and Hongkong, to visit institutes and scientific centers.

The tea table carried a spirit of spring with yellow flowers and tapers. Mrs. Alice Willette and Miss Elizabeth Burr poured. Hostesses were Mrs. S. E. Trent, serving were Mrs. S. H. Gay, Mrs. J. W. Murray, Mrs. G. Bromley, and Mrs. G. O. Disney.

The group will meet April 9 in Ashland, with luncheon to be served at The Commons on the Southern Oregon college campus. Reservations must be made by April 6. Those in Phoenix may call Mrs. Bert Stancliff, members in Medford are to call Mrs. Glenn Taylor, and Ashland reservations are to be made through Miss Hazel Stephens.

A more familiar form - a filling between two slices of bread - is credited to the Earl of Sandwich, a devotee of gambling in 18th century England. It's said he devised this abbreviated meal so he wouldn't waste time eating.

Grants Pass Girl Winner Of Contest

Minneapolis-Oregon's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow is Adelle Gertrude Davenport of Grants Pass High school, Grants Pass.

Miss Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert H. Davenport, received the highest rating in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes administered to 4255 senior girls in 160 schools throughout Oregon. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills and becomes a candidate with 49 other state winners and the representatives from the District of Columbia for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

On April 23 all state winners and their school advisors will begin an expense-paid tour of New York City, colonial Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D.C. The tour will end in Washington on April 28 where the All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be announced at the American Table Dinner in the Statler-Hilton hotel. Score in the original test and personal observation on this tour will be the basis for selection of the national winner, whose scholarship will be increased to \$5,000.

Darlene Marie Damman of Parkrose Senior High school, Portland, rated second in Oregon and will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Miss Davenport, the state winner, is the first girl president of the Grants Pass High school student body in 40 years. "My campaign was based on a promise to work hard behind the scenes and to be organized."

The winner is a past mayor and representative at Girls State. She was named the "Outstanding Homemaker" for Josephine county for her work in 4-H. She was named the Reserve Champion at the Oregon State Fair in a canning contest.

A member of the National Honor society and an A student all through high school, Adelle hopes to attend Stanford university with a major in social sciences.

Jackson county winners on the school level were Miss Pauline Ada Denyer, Medford Senior High school, and Miss Marilyn Jean Martin, St. Mary's High school.

The basic currency of the Middle East nations of Yemen is the silver riyal, worth about 80 cents in United States money.

Lodge to Hold District Session

Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge will hold a district "pep meeting" in Eugene March 19, and a group of southern Oregon members plan to attend. The session is set for the Knights of Pythias hall at 8 p.m.

The Phoenix, Grants Pass, Ashland, Medford and Klamath Falls circles will hold joint installation of officers at the Phoenix Community club April 9 at 8 p.m.

Officers Elected By PTA Unit

Mrs. William Blackledge was elected president of Roosevelt Parent-Teacher association at the last meeting. Other officers named were: Mrs. Curtis Butterfield, vice-president; Mrs. Richard Schwahn, secretary; Mrs. Arthur Savard, treasurer.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Mrs. Abner Clark, chairman.

Cub Pack 3 presented the colors, and their charter was received. Mrs. E. H. Greenman, Roosevelt PTA president, displayed the pennant the boys had won for having purchased 100 per cent subscriptions to Boy's Life magazine.

A family counseling panel was introduced by Mrs. Abner Clark, program chairman. Members were Dr. June Byers, who discussed "What is Family Counseling?" Dr. Thomas Rutter, who talked on "What Is the Need for Family Counseling?" and the Rev. Thomas McCamant, Congregational church minister, who gave an account of the "History of Family Counseling and the Present Plan Locally."

A question and answer period followed. A resolution to inform the county court of a desire for family counseling service, was passed by the PTA members.

Robert Sage, Roosevelt principal, encouraged all present to vote on the bond issue slated for March 29. These funds will provide for additional classrooms as needed at the various schools during a two-year period. This would help eliminate some of the crowded conditions at Roosevelt school.

Mothersingers, directed by Mrs. Richard Schuchard, and accompanied by Mrs. Eloise Friesen, sang several selections. Interested mothers may still join the group.

Camp Fire Girls

The Wa Ka Kwa group of Camp Fire Girls held their first meeting February 24, at 2632 Jo-Jack road. We elected officers as follows: President, Susan Tinsley; vice-president, Lynn Taylor; secretary, Susan Van Lith; treasurer, Connie Schuler; sergeant of arms and scribes, Sandra Rupp and Margaret Gemaelelich; sponsor, Mrs. Agnes Rupp; guardian, Mrs. Ella Gemaelelich; assistant, Roberta Gemaelelich. Roberta served cup cakes and ice cream for refreshments.

At our second meeting we went on a treasure hunt. Prizes of candy were made by Sandra Rupp, Connie Schuler and Annette Flynn.

Our third meeting was a scavenger hunt. Group I was the winners by one white bakery sack. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Gemaelelich.

Sandra Rupp, Margaret Gemaelelich, Scribes

Salad Dressing Perk-Up Perk up salads with cheese dressings. Mix mayonnaise or French dressing with crumbled Blue cheese; blend well. Or whip mayonnaise into cream cheese; season with minced onion, garlic salt, horseradish, Worcestershire, lemon juice or pimiento.

The style show will be staged by Hadley's.

The public is invited to attend the party, and reservations may be made by calling the general chairman, Mrs. Floyd Lewis, SPring 2-5352, or Mrs. Gladys Rammin, SPring 2-6609.

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