

# Tree Planting Program Reviewed

Medford's master plan of street tree planting was reviewed last week by members of the citizens' committee promoting the project. Since its start a few years ago, great progress has been made in many areas of the city and the plantings are beginning to be an interesting and promising sight, the committee declares.

Robert A. Johnson, promotion chairman for the project, and other committee members point out that the tree planting is designed to make Medford a city of beautiful avenues of trees. The varieties of trees are chosen by landscape architects after careful consideration and planning, giving thought to the type of tree which will provide the most complementary setting for homes and those which present the fewest problems in maintenance and public nuisance value.

Under this plan, citizens are receiving, without cost, the services of landscape architects whose plans will increase the value of their property and make of Medford, one day, a city of beautifully landscaped streets, the committee stresses.

**Charm to Garden**  
"Trees give a garden its charm—a community its character" is a favorite quotation of those interested in the project.

The most impressive street plantings are those having only one species or variety on each street, it is pointed out. For this reason, the city administration has made it illegal for residents to plant any other than the tree specified by the city in the park strip, or on city-controlled property.

In order that the plantings may be preserved, there is a city ordinance which prohibits anyone from removing trees from a parking strip without first securing permission from city authorities.

Neighborhoods are organizing as a means of carrying out the plan on their streets. Mr. Johnson and his committee reported that an outstanding example of this has been achieved on Winchester and Mt. Pitt avenues, and on Murray street, under the chairmanship of Fred Sears. Paul Scarlet and William Townes have said the enthusiasts, this section planted, and one day, the city will be an oasis of color when the trees are in bloom.

**Planted 163 Trees**  
Mr. Sears and his neighbors planted 163 trees this year, adding to those already in the ground, and further plantings on Murray are planned for fall. Working with him were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jewett, Edgar A. Kupillas, Mrs. William C. Tyeer, and Al Bradford, a city councilman.

Another example of neighborhood effort is to be found in the Garfield-Jefferson tract south of Stewart avenue. A committee headed by Ranny Smith, have accomplished a planting "that in two or three years will be a joy to the residents of Whitman, Jasper and Ivy" it was stated. Mr. Sears, aided by Mrs. E. H. Pesenti, Mrs. Arnold Oggrand and Mrs. Forler, organized the neighborhood to plant fruitless mulberry trees, as recommended by the city. More than a hundred have been planted.

Those working on the tree-planting project call on their neighbors, use the telephone or confer over the coffee cups. Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls have aided by distributing literature, available from the city; leaders made follow-up calls.

**Girl Scouts Help**  
King street, south of Dakota avenue, was launched by Girl Scouts in this manner on a planting of Modesto ash trees. Mrs. Roland Hubbard organized a planting of flowering cherry trees on Fairview place, and Mrs. James Dunlevy organized her neighbors on Ardmore avenue to plant Norway maples. On South Groveland avenue, Paul Jorgenson encouraged his neighbors to set out the



Wives of men important in the Oregon State Elks association were among the hundreds who attended a champagne style show and party Friday afternoon at the Armory. The event was the main social function planned in connection with the annual style convention of the Elks association, which opened here Wednesday. Shown here are (left to right) Mrs. Frank Wheeler Burns, whose husband

is inner guard for the Oregon lodge; Mrs. E. N. Butler, Corvallis; Mrs. J. H. (Bunk) Moore, Prineville, wife of the association's president; Mrs. Franklin Van Pelt, Medford, whose husband is a state trustee and Mrs. Delbert E. Jones, Ashland, wife of the third vice-president. The women are wearing leis presented by William Ruck, a past exalted ruler of the Medford lodge.

Schwedler maples chosen by the landscape experts.

A sizable planting of Kwan-zan cherries were planted on Lenore avenue through the efforts of women living on the street. Mrs. Homer Young worked for the planting of Daybreak cherries on O'Gara, and Lou Cranston organized his street, Siskiyou boulevard, to plant sweet gum trees.

Chairman Johnson and Edward Parsons worked on the planting of tri-colored beeches on the east side of Valley View drive and Ruhl Way. As the program expands and interest is increased, real estate agents, builders and those promoting subdivisions are cooperating. George Field has been responsible for planting trees on Morrison street and along a canal which borders two blocks of the Murphy road tract, south of Barnett road.

**Blending of Color**  
Mrs. Fred Lorish, one of the landscape architects working on the master plan, chose the fruitless mulberry for Morrison street and the canal strip is planted to birch, pine, flowering cherry and sweet gum. It is said that the blending of fall and spring color in this section will be exceptionally beautiful.

Business men and property owners are carrying out the plan in the downtown area. The committee called attention to trees planted by the Groceria and by Stanley Jones, who planted trees on his property on Fifth street. The Medford Bottling works and the Texaco service station on Grape street planted Seanlan maples, chosen by the experts for this street and John McCabe, who constructed a new building at the corner of Grape and Fourth streets for the use of federal agencies, planted the Modesto ash and Seanlan maples near the building.

**Incorporated Into Plan**  
Attention was also called to the fact that at the site of The Mail Tribune's new press building on Grape street, planters for trees were incorporated into the building area, and the recommended trees are to be used.

Also noted were the plantings on South Holly street and Eleventh and Twelfth

streets near St. Mary's academy. A committee headed by William Dugan promoted the project, using the Seanlan maples on Holly, Thunderbird plums on Eleventh, and Modesto ash trees on Twelfth. Others in the area are also planting these trees.

The committee also called attention to the beauty of the fully grown trees planted in years past by individuals. The pin oaks on Queen Anne avenue were given as an outstanding example. However, it was noted that the planting is somewhat marred by the fact that other trees, which do not blend well, were also used and that they were not properly spaced. The pin oaks achieve their full beauty in a planting such as that at Hillcrest orchard, the Parsons property on Hillcrest road, where proper placement and spacing has been achieved. In the autumn, scores of valley residents motor by the orchard in order to see the oaks.

It is difficult for many persons to visualize how large a tree will be in future years, it is stressed, and in the eagerness for speedy effect or quick shade, the planting is too crowded. The untrained individual lacks the vision of a landscape architect who can imagine what the eventual result will be, it is said.

**Master Plan**  
Those coordinating the master plan are thinking ahead to a "massive picture" the committee states. Many varieties were selected in order that the picture will not be monotonous. If disease should strike one type of tree, the entire area will not be wiped out. Blending of color and form are taken into consideration. Main thoroughfares are lined with formal trees, growing slender and tall in order not to interfere with traffic.

Anyone interested in developing a plan in any area is asked to call the office of Mayor John Snider, and information may be obtained from his secretary. It is also pointed out that a plan whereby trees may be dedicated has been worked out by the mayor. A plaque will be provided by the mayor, and statistics concerning the dedication of the tree will be recorded in a book which will be a permanent record of the project.

## Residents Attend Christening Event

Hornbrook - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, accompanied by their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Newton Jr. and daughter, Kathy, of Yreka, drove to Oregon, Calif., on Sunday, where they spent the week end as guests of the Smith's son and his family, Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Smith and son, Mike.  
Sunday morning they attended christening services for three-weeks-old Karen Marie, the E. M. Smith's newly-adopted daughter.



The convention of the Oregon State Elks association brought several hundred visitors to the city last week, and fame, of sorts, to Pal Peg. When Wrex W. Cruse, publicity chairman for the order, came in to the news room Saturday morning he greeted our Peg with a big smile and said "you are the first woman ever to sit on the platform during a convention of the Elks association in Oregon." He added philosophically that "there always has to be a first for everything."

Peg, who hadn't meant to break any rules or bring herself any fame, went to the convention session as a reporter. After obtaining several copies of reports to be given during the session from the secretary, a table on the platform was pointed out as a convenient place to take notes. No one made her move once the sessions started, so she just sat.

We hope the style show which Medford Ladies of Elks staged for the state convention was enjoyed, because it was a major effort. Although the society editor didn't have time to see the entire show, the first half was exciting. The setting was particularly colorful, with a big glittering clock in black and silver forming a backdrop for the glamorous models and the runway was lined with oversized champagne glasses. The event was a "champagne tea and fashion spree."  
Mrs. Ronald Ricketts, a fashion picture in black and white, was commentator. Before the first models went down the runway, William Ruck, a past exalted ruler of the Medford lodge, introduced the wives of important lodge officials and hung a lei of blossoms from Hawaii around each woman's shoulders. Then he gave each a warm kiss—on the cheek. When he came to Mrs. J. H. Moore, wife of the president of the Oregon association of Elks, Mr. Ruck started to kiss her cheek, changed his mind, turned her face a bit and gave her a quick smack on the lips. Mrs. Moore, quite unflustered by all this attention, smiled and made a pretty little speech.

A little squib in the New York Times noted that Caroline Kennedy, two-year-old daughter of presidential Candidate John Kennedy is learning to talk. Her first words were "plane," "good-by" and "New Hampshire." She then learned according to the Times, to say "West Virginia" and was trying out "Maryland" and "Oregon." She has without doubt mastered the last two by now.

And now that the subject of candidates has come up, wonder whatever became of William Knowland.  
Theresa Inglin, exchange student from Switzerland attending school in Medford this year, talked for Zonta club last Thursday, along with a group of other Medford High school girls. Theresa said that Switzerland is democratic, but not nearly as democratic as the United States. "Whenever three people get together in this country, they organize and elect a president, vice-president and secretary," said Theresa, who is very pretty, very charming, and very "sharp."—O.S.

## Calendar

- Tuesday:** 1 p.m. - Travel Study club, fireplace room, Girls Community club.
- 6:30 p.m. - Crater Lake chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Masonic temple.
- Wednesday:** 11 a.m. - Townsend Harmony auxiliary club, Walker's Dreamland, 415 1/2 West Main st.
- 12:30 p.m. - Chapter CP of PEO Sisterhood, home of Mrs. Theodore Barss, 332 Windsor ave.
- 12:30 p.m. - Contemporary Book club, home of Mrs. Macleod Maurice, Gold Hill.
- 7:30 p.m. - Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughters, Masonic temple.
- 8 p.m. - Eleanor Roosevelt League, home of Mrs. William Deatherage, 1701 Stratford ave.
- 8 p.m. - Southern Oregon Mushroom club, Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne ave.
- 8 p.m. - Veterans of World War I, barracks and auxiliary, Girls Community club.
- Thursday:** 1:30 p.m. - Sams Valley Ladies club, home of Mrs. Mary Musson, 636 Hazel st., Central Point.
- 8 p.m. - Adalee chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic temple, Jacksonville.
- 8 p.m. - Southern Oregon Stamp club, Girls Community club.
- Friday:** 1 p.m. - Gettogether club, Girls Community club.
- 7 p.m. - Travel Study club, Kim's Banquet room.
- 8 p.m. - Ladies auxiliary, Medford Carpenters' union, Carpenter's hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.
- Saturday:** 7:30 p.m. - Bethel 14, International Order of Job's Daughter's, Medford Masonic temple.

## Show, Exhibit Set by School

A style show and a science exhibit by Hedrick Junior High school students will be featured at the open house at the school gymnasium Tuesday, May 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Ninth-grade girls from Mrs. Dorothy Sneed's home economics classes will model clothing which they have made this semester. Music will be provided by the orchestra, a vocal quartet, the seventh-grade chorus, and the ninth-grade chorus.

The science exhibits, created by eighth, and ninth-grade students, will be displayed in the cafeteria. The public is invited.

Hedrick Junior High Parent Teacher association is sponsoring the event. Their regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. preceding the program, in the Little Theatre room. Mrs. William Selbert will install officers of the association for the coming year. Mrs. Emerson Anderson will take office as president; Mrs. G. T. Haupt, vice-president; Mrs. Jerry Kelly, secretary; and James Rowan, treasurer. Baked foods will be on sale all evening in the hall. Following the program, refreshments will be served.

## Projects Voted On by Group

Hornbrook - The Woman's Society of the Methodist church met May 26 at the Klamath river home of Mrs. E. E. Adams.

Mrs. Dudley Killingsworth, president, conducted the meeting, which was attended by 12 members.

The group voted to buy two dozen new metal folding chairs for the church, and enough additional silverware to enable the church to serve 48 persons at one time. They also bought diapers, crib blankets, rubber sheeting, and outfit flannel yard goods for use in the layettes they are furnishing the Siskiyou county hospital in Yreka for distribution to needy mothers and babies.

Mrs. Killingsworth mentioned the need to pool the knowledge and equipment of community organizations to aid the community in cases of emergencies and disasters. Following discussion the group pledged their assistance in this proposed project. The next meeting will be held June 9 at the home of Mrs. Minnie Bloomingcamp.

## Two Babies Have Grandparents in Hornbrook Area

Hornbrook - Friends here have received word of the birth of a son May 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Balbi, of Stockton, Calif. Mrs. Balbi is the former Elma (Mickey) Sloan, one of the twin daughters of Ida Sloan and the late George Sloan.  
The baby, who has been named Jeffrey Vincent, has a sister, Valory.  
Mrs. Sloan is in Stockton with her daughter and family at present.

Another new arrival recently was Dale Richard Paulsen, who was born May 19 to Mr. and Mrs. William Paulsen of San Pablo, Calif.

The baby has a sister, Debbie, aged two. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ardon Burns of Hornbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paulsen, Central Point, Ore.

He is Mr. and Mrs. Burns' eighth grandchild, and the second for the Paulsens.  
**Multi-Purpose Sponge**  
A new multi-purpose sponge made of laminated units of cellulose and plastifoam has a charcoal-colored scrubbing surface to make kitchen cleaning easier. Its uses include cleaning pots, pans, dishes, and casseroles as well as stoves, sinks, cabinets and bathroom fixtures, and scrubbing floors. (Kitchen Pal).



Polling booths and sample ballots from the recent state primary election provide a political background for Mr. and Mrs. William Deatherage and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haviland, chairman for the Rogue Valley Country club's "Konvention Kickoff party" planned at the club June 4. Reservations for the event may be made by telephoning the clubhouse, SPring 2-5965, no later than Thursday, June 2. Members are invited to toast their candidates from 8 to 8:30 p.m. and to cast their ballot from 9 to 11:30 p.m. the night of the dance. Mr. and Mrs. William Cowning are in charge of decorations and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Skerry Jr., Ashland, are in charge of invitations and balloting.

## Mrs. Townes Is Installed Head of PTA Group

Mrs. William Townes was installed president of the Washington Parent-Teacher association at their last meeting.

Others installed were Mrs. Al Bradford, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Chitwood, secretary, and Mrs. Everett Bennett, treasurer.

Mrs. William Seeburger, Jackson County Parent-Teacher association president, installed the officers.  
Berle Cox, principal of McLoughlin Junior High school, was speaker for the graduation of parents of students in the sixth grade. He was introduced by Mrs. Thomas Antley, program chairman.

Mr. Cox stated that at the junior high school they have an enrollment of more than 1,000 students. Because of this, it is necessary for some students to attend the 8:10 a.m. classes while others begin the day at 9 a.m.

He introduced Mrs. Gladys Van Dyke, dean of girls, who spoke on the appropriate clothing for junior high girls. Mr. Cox also introduced Don Darnelle, dean of boys, who told of the advantages of the new course being offered in algebra for eighth grade students.

Mrs. Don Coltrane, unit president, presented Albert Huntemann a \$50 check for the purchase of a new band instrument.  
Ron Weatherford, principal, stated that the sixth grade picnic was a success at Jackson Hot Springs and thanked the PTA for the \$25 contribution.

Den C. Cub Scouts, presented the colors. Mrs. Rodney Witham is den mother. Group singing was led by Miss Laura York and the PTA prayer was read by Mrs. Everett Bennett. Room count was won by Mrs. Ruth Gilbertson. Refreshments were served by first grade mothers.

It is said that the corals are usually plentiful at this time of the year. Fred Lawrence, club advisor, will show drawings of this fungi and discuss their values.  
All members are asked to bring samples of their recent collections of all types of mushrooms for discussion. Non-members are always welcome to attend meetings of the club.

## Open House Held Sunday Observes Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Castillo, 714 West Tenth street, Medford, were honored at an open house Sunday, May 22, at their home in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary which they will celebrate Tuesday, May 31. Members of Golden circle, women's group of Gold Hill Christian church were hostesses.  
Over 100 guests attended the event held between two and four o'clock in the afternoon.

The refreshment table was centered with an anniversary cake topped with golden bells and white tapers stood in crystal holders. Arrangements of gold colored chrysanthemums, roses and other flowers in blending shades completed the decorations.  
Photographs of the couple taken soon after their marriage 50 years ago were placed on the mantel for the occasion.

Mrs. Rex Allison and Mrs. Elbert Allen attended the guest book. The book, covered in gold moire, was a gift from the Golden circle to the honored couple.  
Guests were greeted by Mrs. Leonard Andrews and Mrs. Wayne N. Troxell.  
Mrs. Frank Lockwood and Mrs. Clarence Freeman poured coffee, and the cake was served by Mrs. Bernard Oswald and Mrs. Andrews.  
Mrs. Castillo wore an orchid lace dress and a white orchid centered with gold for the event.

Among the guests were Fredrick R. Evans, minister of the First Christian church, Medford, Glenn McKerrow, associate minister of the church, and Miss Jean Cunningham, minister of the Gold

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