



Summer can be brought indoors with flowers, adding the light gaiety of warm days without the heat. Delphinium, daisies, and other blossoms may be arranged with contrasting leaves, such as ivy, to brighten up dark portions of rooms. They can be placed in wicker baskets, which add a rustic touch to a room, without getting the baskets wet.

## Wicker Baskets, Flowers Add Brightness To Rooms

The freshness and delicacy of summer flowers and the rustic quality of wicker baskets combine to bring summer indoors. A basket of almost any shape may easily be adapted to make an interesting flower container, points out the Society of American Florists.

You can arrange flowers in an openwork basket and accomplish the impossible — water the flowers, and still keep the basket dry.

Place a tin can, glass jar or plastic container of suitable size and shape, partially filled with water, in a foiled basket. Saturate in the water a foam flower holder, obtainable at florists and department stores. If necessary, cut the foam to smaller size, after its saturation, so it will be surrounded by water. Then insert flower stems into the foam holder at any desired angle. Add water daily to the container to keep the foam saturated.

A rough-textured, wicker wineholder can be the foundation for an arrangement with a definite flow-almost like the wine itself. Place graceful delphiniums at either end of the basket and, in the center, casually group miniature carnations and complementary greens.

A tiered wicker letter holder is an interesting container. Arrange sweetheart roses and waxy, deep green leaves to look like a miniature terrace. This is a charming addition to the wall nearest a breakfast nook. A variation for a table, desk or any flat surface would be a Japanese garden of tiny fresh flowers and leaves-violets, lilies of the valley, cuts of larkspur, whatever is available at your local florist.

A tallish raffia basket makes a most appropriate container for the long, rangy gladioli or snapdragons. Mixed with any shorter-stemmed flowers — fresh-cut pompons or zinnias, for instance — and some large, dark green leaves, this arrangement will be attractive in front of a fireplace off-duty.

## Devores Return

Central Point — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Devore, 3120 North Pacific highway, recently returned from a trip to the state of Washington. They were accompanied by their son and daughter, and visited relatives in Hermiston, Yakima, Wash., and Walla Walla, Wash.

## Outing Held

Applegate Valley — Upper Applegate Home Extension unit held an outing at Tunnel Ridge recreation area on Little Applegate river recently, as a result of a membership attendance contest. Mrs. Roland Smith was awarded a prize for inviting the largest number of people to unit meetings.

## Return

O'Brien — Mr. and Mrs. Oren Brogden and daughter, Kathy, returned from an extended vacation trip last week. Mr. Brogden is an employee of Grate-Callahan on tunnel construction.

Mrs. John Griffin Travels to Coast — Mrs. John Griffin accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rukovina, Medford Plaza apartments, to Winchester Bay for a week-end of deep sea fishing, canoeing.

## Citizens Ease Conscience By Sending Cash to 'Uncle'

(Editor's Note: Every year Uncle Sam gets some money he never asked for — or deducted. The gifts from Americans who want to show appreciation to their country or concern for its welfare are described in the following dispatch. Other free-will offerings, sent to "Uncle" to ease a sense of guilt stemming from some financial sin, have led to the creation of a "conscience fund" in the treasury department.)

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United Press International  
Washington — (UPI) — The most hardened cynic would take a new view of patriotism and conscience if he could read the letters in the treasury's "gift" and "conscience fund" files.

With the letters — from the semi-literate, eggheads and persons in high public office — come cash.

Every year hundreds, sometimes thousands, of Americans send Uncle Sam money, either in appreciation of their country, out of concern for its welfare, or to ease a nagging sense of guilt.

"I think I owe you this," a Maryland man wrote on a piece of brown paper torn from a paper bag. He enclosed \$120.

Some of the gifts are the sarcastic type.

Mails Stamps  
"Please accept this small token to apply on the national debt," wrote a Palm Springs, Calif., citizen who enclosed a half-cent postage stamp. He went on to express fear that the national debt "will take its place alongside the Tower of Babylon — confusion — mentioned in the Bible" (He meant the Tower of Babel).

In 1948, a Tennessee woman left Uncle Sam \$70,000. In 1952, a New York woman gave the treasury department \$80,000 of accumulated tax refunds.

More recently, it was reported that the late William Berns, a New York City jeweler and the son of an immigrant, had willed Uncle Sam \$250,000 — "in appreciation of the freedom and liberty afforded in this country to all citizens, irrespective of race, creed or color."

From Oklahoma, the treasury received one dollar from a man who said he had "very unwillingly" received "a small amount of government-owned material that had been 'appropriated' by another citizen."

Conscience Fund  
Money from people who say they owe it for taxes evaded or objects stolen is deposited in a "conscience fund." Outright gifts go into the "gift fund."

Contributions earmarked for reduction of the national debt go into a special fund set up in 1961 for just that purpose.

Gifts and contributions to reduce the national debt are deductible, the Internal Revenue service reports.

Money in the conscience and gift funds end up in the treasury's general fund, for payment of the government's expenses. Until Congress passed special legislation last year authorizing the debt reduction fund, contributions for this purpose also went into the general fund if the donor approved.

The debt reduction fund was established on June 27, 1961. Contributions through February totaled \$5,249,000. The debt is close to \$300 billion.

Specify Use  
Since 1962, contributions to the gift fund have aggregated \$36 million, including \$211,221.43 in 1961. The conscience fund dates back to 1811, and has received \$2.7 million, including \$61,701.97 last year. The year 1848 is the only one

in which the treasury received no conscience money.

Some citizens want to make contributions for specific purposes. Many can be accepted, such as for defense. A Champaign, Ill., woman asked if she could send money to help the U.S. Information agency tell other countries about American principles. (She could, she was told.)

Some years ago, a New York woman sent former President Truman a Christmas card and \$150 cash. On a small piece of blue paper she wrote: "With sincere thanks for help in life saving, Mrs."

Officials believe she was a foreigner who had received asylum in this country. The \$150 went into the gift fund.

A Dayton, Ohio, man sent in a small diamond as backing for a new style paper currency he advocated. The gem was returned.

Students of an American history class in Texarkana, Ark., sent in \$2 to help pay off the national debt.

A Pennsylvania woman, who signed herself "Caroline," sent President Kennedy \$10.

Expressing concern for "the heavy load on your shoulders," she advised him to seek Divine guidance "when in doubt."

An American in Bonn, Germany, sent the government \$100 to help fight the Korean war. A Minnesota resident contributed \$10, saying "this is my way of expressing gratitude for being an American."

Minds Eased  
Especially inspiring was the 10-year-old Hawaiian lad who asked if he could give \$20 "to help the United States of America." A gently worded reply praised him for his patriotism, said he could send the \$20 but suggested he buy savings stamps every week.

Most of the conscience fund contributors want to ease their minds and make sure their accounts in Washington and Heaven are in good order.

Some of their communications, however, baffle the government — such as the envelope postmarked Paducah, Ky. It contained \$110 and an advertisement for men's pajamas torn out of a Sears-Roebuck catalogue.

Youth Activities  
O'Brien — Miss Karen Preston spent last week at Union-Rogue Baptist camp near Prospect, Ore. Miss Michelle Michels is visiting in California with an aunt. The Breckenridge children, Kathleen, Bobette, David and Fred are engaged in raising horses this summer.

To Seattle  
O'Brien — Mr. and Mrs. William Woodbury and family went to Seattle recently. They stopped in McCleary, Wash., and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Connors, former O'Brien residents. They also visited relatives on the way to Seattle. The family arrived home in O'Brien early this week.

Cookes Visit  
O'Brien — Visiting at the James Cooke home this week were Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Cooke, Seattle, Wash., who were returning from a stay in Arcata, Calif., with William Cook and family. They will return to Seattle after visiting in Grants Pass with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lind.

Sisters Visit  
From Kansas — Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. White, 443 Haven street, are Mrs. Mabel Doane, Hutchinson, Kan., and Mrs. George Parker, Topeka, Kan. The two women are sisters of Mrs. White.

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