

Klamath Flowers Now in Blossom

Interesting Article Prepared by Mrs. Small Describing Colorful Plants and Shrubs

The hills surrounding Klamath Falls are colorful with spring flowers and interested persons have made inquiry into the names of the flowers and shrubs which they have noticed the past few weeks. Mrs. F. O. Small, nature director for Camp Fire girls and who recently completed a list of 850 wild flowers of Klamath county, graciously prepared the following article which is of interest to flower lovers:

"If one would find compensation for inability to travel to far places, why not cultivate a greater appreciation of our own beautiful surroundings?"

"At this time the hills in town and near by are gay with many colored wild flowers. Yellow is the predominating color at the present as it is all the year in arid and semi-arid regions. Two large flowers, resembling sun flowers, so common now are arrow leaves balsam root and woolly wyethia. The seeds of both were used for food by the Indians, the tender shoots for greens, the blossoms for yellow dyes and the roots when mashed, for poultices. Other members of the sunflower family with smaller blossoms are the senecios, crefirs, hawkweeds, agoseris, salisfy, gum plants, and others.

"Most members of the sunflower, the largest of all flower families, have rays which resemble petals. The sunflower itself, state flower of Kansas, had and still has many uses. It is a native plant now spread to many countries where it is cultivated. Russians use the seeds as we do peanuts. China uses the fiber to adulterate silk and the oil has many uses. The sunflower was formerly called the 'balm of warrior's wound'.

"All varieties of sagebrush are valued for medicine. The tops and leaves are used for flavoring and for perfume. In early days, miners are said to have used sprays of it to drive away fleas. Fleabane have aster-like blossoms. This name was given them because they were believed to drive away fleas also. This was a delusion as they fail to do so. Rabbit brush was once used to raise blisters. It is now being tested to find a substitute for rubber.

"Beggars ticks grow in moist ground. They are so named because of the two-pronged seeds which cling tightly to everything they touch. Gum plants, with their sticky heads, will soon be blooming along the roadsides. These plants are cultivated for the medicine, 'grindelia.' Salisfy with its pretty purple blossoms which close at noon is also known as oyster plant and Nap-At-noon. It was introduced from Europe as a food plant but is now common everywhere. For a change, why not try the root some day as a vegetable or in a soup?"

"Oregon Sunshine is a beautiful plant whose seeds are now sold in the east by florists. The agoseris or false dandelion, has tailed seeds which form balls resembling dandelion heads but larger and shining white. Senecios are now in bloom along Lakeshore drive. Prickly lettuce is a common nuisance. It has small yellow flowers and segittate clasping leaves which have bristles on the edges and the lower midrib. These, I believe, are the most common members of the sunflower family.

"Parsleys and mustards of many species add to the yellow symphony. For the most part they have small yellow blossoms and finely cut leaves. Members of the mustard family have petals in the form of a cross. The seeds of both were formerly used for food and the roots of some of the parsleys also although the hemlocks of the parsley family are poisonous to man and beast. They furnished the 'hemlock cup' of the ancients. They have white blossoms and finely cut leaves. The cow parsnip, which also has white blossoms but very large leaves, was first used by Hercules as a medicine and has since been used as a remedy for many diseases.

"The sulphur flower of the buckwheat family, with basal leaves, red buds and heads of yellow flowers, are low growing plants. Later the blossoms turn red and make many sandy wastes beautiful. The knotweeds are also members of this family. Their most beautiful representatives are the Persicarias, Swamp Water and Lady's Thumb. These have spikes of deep rose color blossoms. They grow in damp ground. The leaves of Newberry's

knotweed make a beautiful red carpet on the ground at Crater lake in late summer.

"The borage family has some common members here. Growing often in clumps along roadsides is Fiddle Neck. This has small orange blossoms growing in long spikes which are coiled at the end but straight and elongated as the seeds develop. Our blue forget-me-nots which grow under juniper trees are now very beautiful in Moore park and on Lakeshore drive. Hounds Tongue, while not common, has a beautiful blue blossom. It will bloom later at Moore park. The leaves of all three are harsh to the touch.

"Another beautiful flower in bloom on the hills now is the narrow leaved phacelia belonging to a family of the same name. The blossoms are lavender with white centers, the leaves hairy. Another taller, stouter phacelia growing in rocky ground has dirty white blossoms. Some beautiful lavender phacelias will bloom later.

"Of the buttercup family a few western peonies, low growing plants with dark red blossoms concealed by the large leaves, are still to be seen. Columbines are not yet in bloom. A few larkspurs with their purple blossoms with long spurs, still remain. Some species are poisonous to cattle.

"Dogbanes and milkweeds, in families of the same name, have milky juice. The strong fibers of the species of dogbane were much used by Indians for making lariats, baskets and many other articles which require strong fibers. The fibers of milkweed while not as strong, were used for similar purposes. A low growing pink dogbane grows in profusion along the highway on Sun Mountain. The showy milkweed has a most interesting as well as pretty blossom. The plant acts as host to the caterpillars of the Monarch butterfly.

"Blazing Star of the losa family with its gorgeous yellow blossoms, grows in masses along the railroad tracks. Other mentzelias with small blossoms are quite common. The plants are partially carnivorous, the stiff hairs of the leaves impaling small flies and other insects and absorbing their juices.

"Of shrubs the wild plum is for the most part out of bloom as also the service berry, (sarvis berry of the early settlers), with its longer white petals. The fruit was important in the diet of the Indians and pioneers. Also of the rose family is antelope brush, the bitter bush of hunters. Its pretty yellow blossoms, pleasantly fragrant, are seen now on the hills. Also seen are chokecherry in bloom and the snowberry will be on soon.

"Lovely blossoms of syringa cover the hillsides on The Dalles-California highway and the Rocky Point road in August. The stems were used by the Indians for making arrows used in hunting big game.

"Interesting stories and legends might be told of many of these plants. Since my assignment was to name the flowers now in bloom and those to come later, these could not be included. Botanical names are omitted as not being of general interest.

"Miner's lettuce of the purslane family is very common on the hills. It is only a few inches tall, has round leaves clasping the stem and white or pink flowers. These plants played an important part in gold rush dash in preventing scurvy among the miners who learned their use from the Indians.

"The lily family is represented by the beautiful Blue Camas which grows in moist ground. White camas or, zigadenus, is poisonous as is the Sego Lily. The last is not common on the hills in town but is a rather tall plant, quite pretty, with cream colored blossoms and deep yellow anthers, which with the styles give a feathery appearance. Solomon Seal, with its long clusters of creamy flowers, will soon be in bloom. This grows in moist ground and is quite common. The stately Washington



BIRTHDAY PARTY GUESTS

At Joyce Pretari's birthday party a group of little guests enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream. Seated about the table, Mary Lou Craig, David D'Olivo, Beverly Giovanini, Joyce Pretari, Kathleen Craig with little Bryan Conforti, Bernice Murphy, Norma Mazzier with young Joylene Georges. —Picture by Comart.

(named for George Washington) mountain lily and tiger lily do not grow within walking distance of Klamath Falls but are well worth a little gasoline and rubber to see—but not to pick.

"The plants with deep pink blossoms, which line the roads and cover the hillsides are red stem filaree, also called Storksbill from its long seed pod. The seeds have long slender tails which coil in a spiral when dry. This is a species of the geranium family.

"Lupines of various colors are very common as well as beautiful. There are many loco-weeds with cream or yellow blooms also pea-like in shape. Our species are not especially poisonous to stock as some are said to be.

"Arrowheads, named from the shape of the large leaves, have pretty, waxy blossoms. The plants belong to the water plantain family. The roots were a favorite food of the Indians and are liked by the Chinese. Inlets and irrigation ditches are lined with arrowheads.

"Wocuis is a water plant of the water lily tribe. The seeds are highly esteemed by the Indians who held festivals at the time of ripening. The seeds are dried and ground and made into porridge or bread, or roasted in open kettles. It is said that the Klamath marsh fields contained at least 10,000 acres of wocuis.

"Two members of the mint family should not be overlooked. They are the Giant Hyssop, which grows in abundance on Lakeshore drive, and Western Balm, both beautiful and the latter delightfully fragrant. Both of these have square stems, a characteristic of most members of the mint family. Horehound and catnip are common.

"All plants named here are illustrated, many in color, either in Armstrong's Western Wild Flowers, Saunders' Western Wild Flowers, or Haskins' Wild Flowers of the Pacific coast. For study of species, Peck's manual of the Flowering Plants of California, are best for this section.

Club Sponsors Dinner Party

Couple Honored at Parish Hall in Langell Valley

LANGELL VALLEY—The Langell Valley Women's club sponsored a party on Saturday evening, June the sixth, at the parish hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller (Charlotte Keller). The large room was attractively decorated with bouquets of tulips, grown by Mrs. T. M. Bieler of Gerber dam.

Covers were laid for a hundred and fifty at an eight o'clock dinner which was followed by a social evening. An electric clock was presented as a wedding gift to the Millers from their friends, Mrs. Oscar Campbell, president of the club, making the presentation. Committee chairmen for the party were Mrs. Lloyd Gift and Mrs. Paul Monroe.

Best wishes of the community are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Miller who are at home to their friends at their ranch in Langell Valley.

On Thursday, June the fourth, Catherine Dearborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dearborn, celebrated her sixth birthday. The following guests were invited to share birthday cake and enjoy games: Ruth Mary Thomas, Marilyn Dearborn, Mary Ann Leavitt, Helen Dearborn, Doris Leavitt, David Thomas, Charles Dearborn, Calvin Leavitt, Billy Dearborn and the hostess.

Mrs. Charles Revel entertained the Guild of St. Barnabas church at her home on Friday afternoon. Following the business meeting, during which Hazel Morrison gave a report on the synod at Berkeley, the members sewed. Four o'clock tea was served by the hostess to Mrs. Hopkins of Henley, Miss Morrison of Klamath Falls, Mrs. S. T. Robison, Mrs. Lloyd Gift, Mrs. Claude Murray, Mrs. Frank Pepple, Mrs. Paul Monroe, Mrs. Mary Dearborn, Mrs. Florence Botkins, Mrs.

Alice Peatross, Mrs. Ruby Brown and Mrs. Lester Leavitt. Mrs. Mary Dearborn will entertain the Guild members at her home on July the second.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leavitt entertained at Sunday dinner in honor of Mrs. Edna Bagwell who is visiting here from Lone Pine, California. The occasion also celebrated the fourth birthday of Mary Ann Leavitt. Covers were laid for Mrs. Edna Bagwell, Mrs. Mary Dearborn, Mrs. Ruby Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Al Dearborn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Dearborn and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dearborn, Hugh Davis and the Leavitt family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Campbell entertained at their home with a turkey dinner on Sunday, honoring the birthdays of Miriam Potucek, Willie Mae Randall and Johnnie Campbell.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potucek and Bobby Joe, Mr. Potucek Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Campbell and Deanna, Mrs. Ida Gerber, Mrs. Stella Bowne, Willie Mae and Louis Randall and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell.

Social Calendar

Saturday, June 13
Meeting of Commandos with Junior chamber of commerce at 7:30 p. m., Chet Smith's store.

Sunday, June 14
Sunday evening golf supper, 8:30 p. m., at Reames Country club.

Business and Professional Women's club breakfast, Moore park, 10 a. m. Members asked to meet at Swan for transportation.

Monday, June 22
Toastmistress club, Fremont school, 7:15 p. m.

Wednesday, June 24
New Sojourners' officers to take over duties at Willard hotel meeting.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS HAVE SESSION

On Monday night, June the eighth, Grand Regent Ann Fiala conducted the regular meeting of Court Klamath in the parish hall. Mrs. Mildred Smith was appointed program chairman for the year; Mrs. Louise Vaughn was elected musician and Mrs. W. G. Ely was appointed publicity chairman.

It was voted to have one meeting a month during June, July and August. Refreshments were served by the following committee, Ann Fiala, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Louise Vaughn, Mrs. Lynn Roycroft, Mrs. Thomas Towey and Mrs. James Parks. Father Scott dropped in to bid the Catholic Daughters goodbye before leaving for his new duties at Baker, Oregon.

KLAMATH COUPLE WED IN OAKLAND

Miss Verda Skeen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn B. Skeen of this city, and Sergeant Roy Blehn, son of Mrs. Opal Geist of Lakeshore drive and the late Mr. Roscoe Blehn, were married in Oakland, California on May the twenty-fourth, according to announcements received here.

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Gravely of the First Christian church of Oakland, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Blehn, in the presence of a group of relatives and friends. After a short wedding trip, Mrs. Blehn returned to remain in Oakland while her husband is stationed at Fort Ord.

Club Meets For Discussion

Toastmistress Members Hold Round Table Session Monday

"Should Roosevelt Have Dictatorial Powers at This Time?" This was the subject for discussion at Toastmistress club Monday evening. Mrs. Coleman O'Loughlin, toastmistress, said: "Today we are living in a democracy, the greatest in the world, and our democracy with another great democracy and her allies are engaged in a war, the bitterest and most devastating that the world has ever known. Our enemies are totalitarian or one-man governments, dictatorships in fact, and can we as a democracy carry on the prosecution of this war effectively unless our president has dictatorial powers?"

Speaking in the affirmative on the above subject, Mrs. Emmett Chidester stated, "Democracy is government by the people. The only way we have to judge a person is by their past performances," and then reviewing the many worthwhile things which have been accomplished by President Roosevelt, in the light of that record, she believed that he should have more power.

Stating that something seems to happen to the human mind when the owner is endowed with unlimited power, Mrs. W. D. Miller, for the negative, said that if the price of liberty in peace time, is eternal vigilance, in a war period that vigilance must be doubled, and stressed the thought that it did little good to talk of freedom after the war unless we preserve that freedom now.

"A man who has helped to formulate the Atlantic Charter, and urged the people to fight for the four freedoms, would find it difficult to force himself upon the people as a dictator," said Mrs. Paul Buck, and continued with the statement that democracy is in the minds and hearts of the people.

Mrs. Keith Rice, the final speaker for the negative, thought that our president had taken too much for granted because of his landslide electoral vote, and as a consequence has gathered the reins of government ever more and more into his own hands.

A general round table discussion followed the feature talks, with all members participating, and the debatable and controversial subject supplied material for an evening of enlightenment for both the negative and affirmative, providing a lesson on differing amicably and being tolerant of each other's viewpoint.

The next regular meeting will be held at Fremont school at seven fifteen o'clock Monday, June the twenty-second.

Thimble Club Holds Meeting

The Thimble club of Neighbors of Woodcraft met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bertha Hewitt, 2225 Darrow avenue. Pinochle was played after the business hour and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Idoline Schupp, Mrs. Anna McDonald and Mrs. Stella Dryden. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mamie Steinselfer, 1726 Johnson street, Tuesday, June the twenty-third, at two o'clock.



ARMY ROMANCE

Sergeant Roy Blehn and his bride, the former Verda Skeen of Klamath Falls, pictured shortly after their marriage in Oakland, May twenty-fourth.



MARRIED AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Francis Biber were married this past week at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Biber is the former Gayle Gallows.

PLAN TEA FOR ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH WOMEN

The World Day of Prayer committee is planning a tea for June the twenty-sixth as an opportunity for Klamath Falls church women to meet together to consider the organization of a City Council of Church Women.

Women have long felt the need of such an organization that they might, as a united body, work more effectively for the good of the community and for worldwide Christian projects. The organization would be affiliated with the state and national organization.

An outstanding speaker, representing the state council, will be the guest speaker, and it is also hoped that the state president will be able to attend.

All interested women and the pastors of the various churches are cordially invited to this interdenominational tea. The place will be announced later.

BPW CLUB PLANS SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Unless old man weather decides against it, the Business and Professional Women's club will wind up its present season with a breakfast for all members and their guests at Moore park Sunday morning, June fourteenth, at ten o'clock. Early risers are urged to come armed with tennis rackets, or prepared to pitch horseshoes, play baseball and other games, since a man-sized breakfast is being planned, including fruit juices, bacon and eggs, hot cakes and syrup, and coffee.

Each member is requested to furnish her own plate, cup and cutlery, as well as her sugar. Late risers will be accommodated until eleven o'clock, and members who do not have transportation will be provided for if they will meet at the Swan confectionery at nine-thirty o'clock.

Chairmen for the breakfast are Gertrude Toile and Della Stark, assisted by Luella Johnson, Hazel Morrison, Inez McCoy, Eva Cook, Inger Frilman, Eloise McBride, Lydia Howard, May Conrad, and Josephine Penrod.

MRS. RIVERS HONORS MOTHER AT DINNER

Mrs. T. B. Rivers entertained at dinner Thursday in honor of her mother, Mrs. J. C. Cooley, who, with her son, John, has recently returned to the states from Fairbanks, Alaska, where they have made their home for many years.

Those honoring Mrs. Cooley were her daughter, Mrs. John Duncan of Hornbrook, California, a granddaughter, Mrs. Carlos Silva of Dunsmuir, California, Mrs. L. J. Brink, Mrs. S. R. Berry, Mrs. Clara Price, Mrs. Bonnie Howard, Mrs. G. C. Tatman, Mrs. Glenn Stivers and Barbara Lee, Mrs. E. G. Muskopf and Mrs. W. C. Milkey.

Mrs. Cooley and her son will go south to visit two granddaughters in Sacramento, a son, Lieutenant Colonel A. G. Cooley of San Diego, and three grandsons in service, also located in San Diego, before continuing east where John will enter military service.

Program Held Friday

Over Hundred Attend Townsend Entertainment

One of the most successful entertainments staged by Townsend club was that of Friday evening, June the fifth, when one hundred and twenty-five members and friends of Lake and Klamath counties gathered at the KC hall for a seven o'clock dinner.

Seated at the long tables, which were lovely with bowls of late spring flowers, were Mr. Charles Wetterman of Portland; Elwood W. Roberts, past president of the Lakeview club, and Mr. H. O. Myers, president of the Klamath Falls club.

Mr. Wetterman, state representative of the Townsend movement of Portland, was presented by the drill team leaders, Bernice McCracken and Phyllis Stevens.

The entertainment opened by singing "America" and a pledge to the flag. Russell Douglas and Limon Whitney of Grand Junction, Colorado gave several musical selections on the violin and cornet. Mr. Wetterman gave an interesting talk and presented the club with a large blue and gold silk banner, earned by obtaining a hundred and thirty new members within three months.

The stage was attractively decorated with flags and baskets of flowers. Highlighting the evening and concluding the program, the drill team of Klamath Falls put on their work, which opened by the two youngest members, Twilla Brining and Edward McCracken, and the two oldest members, Mrs. Della Arnold and Mr. Comstock, entering through an archway of flags formed by the drill team.

Out-of-town members were presented by President H. O. Myers, after which pictures were taken and dancing enjoyed until a late hour with music by Estin Kiger's orchestra.

Members of the drill team are Adah Larson, Matilda Crapo, Rose Vaughn, Marie Seward, Eva Myers, Esther Mast, Mabel McWhitney, Lillian Hayden, Anna Briscoe, Bertha Hundley, Daisy Douglas, Rose Clarey, Mary Martin, Bernice McCracken and Phyllis Stevens.

Auxiliary Meets For Luncheon

The Townsend auxiliary met Wednesday, June the third, at half past one o'clock for a potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lillian Hayden, 2029 Siskiyou street, with Phyllis Stevens as co-hostess.

Final arrangements were made for the entertainment on Friday evening and the remainder of the afternoon spent in sewing. Dolores Myers was a guest of the auxiliary. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June the seventeenth, with Mabel McWhitney and Alice Gray as hostesses.

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