

Iris Lovers Will Read This Story

Garden Section of New York Times Discusses One of Klamath Falls' Favorite Flowers

Klamath Falls lays claim to growing some of the loveliest irises on the Pacific coast and that beautiful, regal flower seems to respond to petted garden spots, rocky hillsides, or neglected out-of-the-way spots. In the garden section of the New York Times a story appears which will be of interest to iris lovers here, and comes under the by line of Anderson McCully. A part is printed here.

Small irises offer so much bright beauty that a place may well be made for them even more than for the miniature dahlias, zinnias and chrysanthemums already well established in gardens. They have the exquisite velvety shades and markings of tall irises, and in addition most of the smaller ones carry an airy grace, even though their flowers are so large in proportion to their foliage. Many of them bloom unusually early in the year.

Like their larger relatives, the smaller irises are divided broadly into bulbous and rhizomatous groups; and they are marked as bearded (pogon), nonbearded (apogon) and crested. Many are at home toward the front of the average border, while others are for wet spots and pool sides. Some lean toward drier sands, or hug the shelter of the rock garden. A large number of them demand a hot dry baking out after bloom is over, just the type of treatment much of the American climate offers.

The iris beard is more than a mark of beauty — it is a signed requisition for lime. A few of the beardless also will tolerate lime, though it is not to their taste. The beardless differ, too, in their moisture loving thin rhizomes with many fibrous roots, so different from the thick rhizomes and broad leaves of *I. pumila*.

Of all the dwarfs, *Iris pumila* makes the strongest splash of color in the garden, though some prefer the airier grace of more slender types. The Crimean Iris, running from yellow to lilac, is rather similar, and the two are sometimes confused in nursery offerings.

A great favorite in the rock garden—also fine for facing down small shrubs—is iris gracilipes. This is around six inches high, with clumps of grasslike foliage, lavender-blue petals touched with cream and crested with gold. It divides and plants best in midsummer, abhors lime, asks for humus, moisture and good drainage. Bloom begins in spring and holds in early summer.

There is a little-known but very lovely group of beardless West Coast irises that should be more widely used. Included here is the blue-flowered *I. douglasiana*; the four-inch Bery Cabin form of *I. innominata*; and the eight-inch *I. purdyi*. Other good ones of this group are the compact six-inch white or soft yellow *I. chrysophylla*; the deep yellow *I. bracteata*; and the rare creeping *I. tenuis*, with large white blooms, that grows in dense shade on gravelly mountain river bottoms. These are all veined or marked in lavender or purple. *I. tenax* is probably the best known and most easily established of this group.

All of these Oregon irises tend strongly to color variations. Because of their wiry, wandering roots few of them transplant from the wild, but both nursery stock and home grown seedlings take hold well. The Douglas Iris is very doubtfully hardy in New York unless well protected, as it is a coastal species from southern Oregon and northern California. The others mentioned are hardier.

The bulbous irises are well known in large-types by the Japanese (*I. laevigata*), and the English, Dutch and Spanish. But the bulbous irises also embrace some of the earliest and loveliest of all for the rock garden, particularly the easily grown *I. reticulata*, with fragrant, velvety purple flowers flecked with gold, eight or nine inches high, sometimes seen poking above late snow. Closely allied, but only two to four inches high, is the fragrant small *I. danfordiae*.

Bulbous irises like close packed earth, and will even at times leave a garden border to colonize in a hard earth path nearby. Rich fertilizers are not much to their taste. They do want their summer ripening off, and are better lifted and ripened elsewhere if among plants that must be watered.

There are many others, both native and foreign, among miniature irises that are more than garden worthy. Since most of them bloom the second or third year from seed, they are fine adventuring for the hobbyist. But rhizomes or bulbs are quicker in effect.

Dwarf irises are especially useful in combination with early garden subjects such as daffodils, crocuses and tulips.



STEPHEN
Introducing Stephen, eight-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver E. Moen of Klamath Falls.
—Kennell-Ellis.

Guild Names 1943 Officers

Mrs. Thomas Heads St. Barnabas Group in Langell Valley

LANGELL VALLEY—On Thursday the Guild of St. Barnabas church met at the home of Mrs. Madge Monroe. Mrs. Eva Roberts was the hostess for the afternoon and served refreshments at the close of the meeting. New officers elected for the year are Virginia Thomas, president; Maxine Brown, vice president; and Carolyn Dearborn, secretary and treasurer.

Outgoing officers were Grace Revell, Madge Monroe and Virginia Thomas. Following the business meeting the members sewed on guild work. Lela Murray received the award for the day.

DAUGHTERS BUSINESS SESSION HELD

On Monday evening, March the eighth, the Catholic Daughters of America held a business meeting in the parish hall with twenty-five attending. Grand Regent Agnes Lajonde appointed a resolution committee, with Mildred Smith, the chairman, assisted by Phillis Mahoney and Violet Plesier. This committee will meet and draw up resolutions to be presented to the state convention, which will be held in Eugene the first part of May.

A committee consisting of Rose O'Leary, Helen Dunbeck and Leona Cody recently represented the Catholic Daughters of America at a meeting of the WAAC's held in the American Legion hall on February the ninth, and Rose O'Leary gave an interesting talk, reporting on the meeting and urging everyone interested and between the ages of eighteen and forty-four to join the WAAC's, a very worthwhile branch of woman's service.

Mrs. Phillis Mahoney was appointed chairman of a study group which will meet once each week during Lent. Rev. Peter Duignan led the prayer, and later gave a very instructive talk about books pertaining to the war situation. The Catholic Daughters always enjoy hearing his talks, as they deal with things and events in which they are interested.

After the business meeting, a purse left from the rummage sale was auctioned off, and Mary McGoran was the high bidder. Refreshments were served by Martha Lavenik, assisted by Emma Grey, Ellen O'Brien and Nora Manning.

AUXILIARY HAS SESSION THURSDAY

The Ladies' auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen held its regular meeting on Thursday evening, March the eleventh, in the KC hall. After the business meeting an enjoyable and hilarious entertainment was given with Bee Wilkes and Maude Phillips as operators of the radio station NUT. Truth or consequences was on the air, and those paying the consequences were Pat Henry, Millie Sackewett, Edna Jensen, Lillian Farrow, Mabel Roman, Bess Stockdale, Dorothy Jones, Edna Jones, Jessie Barham, Ardis Hamilton, Loretta Pex, Ann Chapman, Eva Pennington, Helen Boyd, Nell Messer, Fay Myers, Grace Cochrane, Nita Shulmire, Grace Genevieve, Aileen Kiou, Viva Bonney, and Alta Kemp. A prize was given to Edna Jensen for the best performance.

Refreshments were served by Nita Shulmire, Freda Sexton and Bess Stockdale. The next meeting will be on Thursday evening, April the eighth, with Mabel Roman in charge of the entertainment for the evening.

Circle 4 of the First Methodist church met on Thursday, March the eleventh, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Lambert, 138 South Eldorado street, for a one o'clock luncheon. The chairman, Mrs. A. L. Barker, conducted the business meeting in which plans were made for the rummage sale which the circle will hold on March the twentieth. Mrs. S. A. Gaster was in charge of the lesson hour.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Lamb entertained at a small dinner Wednesday night for a group of friends of their son, Calvin, who leaves Sunday night to report to San Francisco with the United States army air corps. From there Calvin goes to Santa Ana, California for primary training at the airfield there.

Mrs. Jack Wheeler of Portland is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Francis W. Peak of Lawrence street. Mrs. Wheeler's husband is serving with the armed forces in Alaska.

MIXERS MEET THURSDAY AT PAUP HOME

Jo Paup was hostess to the Merry Mixers club at her home, 2441 Garden avenue, on Thursday evening, March the eleventh. Members present were Pearl Paup, June Collins, Ruth Anderson, Alberta Allen, Venita Bowen, Eleanor Curtis, Louise Cramblett, Margaret La Fosse, Lizzie Little, and three guests, Mamie Paup and Mary Sexton, mother and aunt of the hostess, respectively, and Tillie Chamberlain. During the evening, bingo was enjoyed with Tillie Chamberlain holding high score and Lizzie Little, low.

June Collins will be hostess for the next meeting, March the twenty-fifth, at her home at 1812 Division street.

NEIGHBORS MEET MARCH 2 AT RUSSELL'S

The Jolly Neighbors club met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Russell, 2336 Wantland avenue, Wednesday afternoon, March the third. After a short business meeting, dessert was served by the hostess, Mrs. Russell, and the assisting hostesses, Mrs. A. W. Pollard and Mrs. Eugene H. Love. The rest of the afternoon was spent in sewing, visiting and games. Guests of the day were Mrs. W. C. Little, Mrs. Art Reed and Mrs. Carl Murphy.

Members present were Mrs. B. H. Hull, Mrs. C. A. Cotter, Mrs. R. J. Hill, Mrs. Lee Kennedy, Mrs. H. F. Sackett, Mrs. H. L. Ward, Mrs. J. Abner, Mrs. Riard Weiss, Mrs. Harvey O. Lohr, Mrs. J. H. Cooper, and the hostesses, Mrs. Joseph Russell, Mrs. A. W. Pollard and Mrs. Eugene H. Love.

SEWING CLUB MEETS AT JOHNSON HOME

SPRAGUE RIVER—The Ladies Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Earl Johnson. Due to vacancies in the office of vice president and secretary, Beulah Shepherd and Neva Parrish were elected to fill those offices, respectively. The ladies voted to donate five dollars to the Red Cross war fund.

Games were played, Mrs. Robert Passolt, Sr., and Mrs. William Tompkins winning awards. Refreshments were served by the hostess to the following members, Mrs. Maude Tompkins, Mrs. Neva Parrish, Mrs. O. Hammons, Mrs. Sylvia McWilliams, Mrs. Beulah Shepherd, Mrs. William Tompkins, Mrs. Levi Wylie, Mrs. PaMcDonald, Mrs. Robert Passolt, Sr., and Mrs. Earl Johnson.

Among officers and their wives visiting in the city this week are Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles E. Dennis, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dennis of Pine street. The lieutenant, who has been at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, is on a ten-day furlough before reporting at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Members of Minerva book club will meet with Edna Russell, Monday evening, March the twenty-second, at half past seven o'clock.

Review Is Heard

"The Robe" Given Before Members of Delta Kappa Gamma

Appreciative attention was paid to the splendid review of Lloyd Douglas' "The Robe," given by Mrs. Charles Ollmann before the members of Alpha chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma on Saturday afternoon, March the sixth. Mrs. Ollmann presented this as a book of utmost sincerity, of powerful appeal to the emotions, and as being a persuasive sermon by a great preacher.

Mrs. Arlet Edsall was hostess to the group at her home in East street. She was assisted by Mrs. Vera Howard.

A short business session was conducted by the vice president, Mrs. William Owsley, after which tea was poured at a daintily appointed table by Mrs. J. F. Penrod.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ollmann on Erie street. An excellent program has been arranged by Mrs. A. C. Olson.

CHURCH GROUPS MEET IN PARLORS

On Monday evening, March the eighth, members of the Junior Matrons' class of the First Methodist church were joined by members of the Mizpah class for an enjoyable party in the church parlors.

Highlight of the evening was a Harry Hopkins millinery style show in which everyone present participated. Taking as a challenge a statement made by Mr. Hopkins that women's hats would not be rationed because they could be made from anything, the designers modeled some unique as well as very amusing headgear.

A musical skit about hats, sung by Mrs. S. M. Badger, Mrs. W. L. Terwilliger, Mrs. L. E. Juniper and Mrs. T. B. Powers brought a round of applause.

After games and contests all in keeping with the hat theme the guests were served dainty refreshments from a table centered with spring flowers. The hostesses were Mrs. John Swan, teacher of the Junior Matrons class, and Mrs. George Casper, teacher of the Mizpah class.

On Wednesday afternoon, March the tenth, the White Pelican Girl Scout troop, guided by Mrs. L. E. Kaup and Mrs. Ellis Matthews, hiked to the fire station. They were guided through the building by Fireman Roy Rowe, who explained what happens when a fire alarm comes in. He also explained the use of the fire alarm boxes on the streets.

Mrs. Dean Osborn left Thursday night by train for Tacoma, Washington, where she will spend the weekend with her daughter, Barbara, student at Annie Wright seminary.

Oregon Mothers met Monday for dessert at the Pelican following a morning spent at the surgical dressings project at the Red Cross rooms.

Mrs. E. D. Johnson and her daughter, Barbara, plan to spend several days in Portland this coming week.

Happy China Boy



Visit of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek brings big smile to face of this little resident of New York's Chinatown.

Congress Downs Plan to Limit \$25,000 Salary

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Striking a sharp blow at the administration's executive authority, the house passed today a measure nullifying President Roosevelt's \$25,000-after-tax salary limitation on salaries and substituting a salary ceiling plan of its own.

The roll call vote on passing the bill to which the salary limit nullifier was attached as a rider was 268 to 131. Previously the house refused 212 to 145 on a tellers' count to drop the rider. As a climax to two days of the most heated debate of this session, the action followed a last ditch appeal by administration spokesmen to preserve the president's limitation.

The nullification order — a rider on a measure boosting the national debt limit from \$125,000,000,000 to \$210,000,000,000 — would prevent limitation of salaries below their level on December 7, 1941, the date this country entered the war. Salaries then under \$25,000 (after taxes) could rise that far before they could be halted.

Portland Police Get Truck Used In Coffee Theft

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)—Portland police last night recovered a stolen truck believed to have been used early Wednesday in the theft of a ton of coffee from the Tucker Coffee company warehouse. The vehicle was being checked for fingerprints.

Theft of that amount of coffee stirred fears of a major black market in coffee hereabouts.

United Mine Workers Threaten Strike If No Pay Raise Given

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Spokesmen for various United Mine Workers union districts today threatened work stoppages April 1 if a contract providing a \$2-a-day wage increase for 450,000 mine workers in the northern and southern bituminous areas is not signed by March 31.

The threat was made at a meeting of the joint northern Appalachian wage conference.

Births Outnumber Deaths This Year

Births have almost tripled deaths so far in 1948, with 159 babies and but 59 deaths. 1947's births totaled 138 for the same length of time and deaths were 57.

Nineteen hundred and forty-three births, for February only, were 57 and deaths 30. In 1942 that month's new babies were 72 and deaths 27.

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