

Oregon Women Busy in Gardens

State President Makes Report of Club Activities Throughout State

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With everything in the world changing faster than we can even pretend to keep up with it, it is no wonder that the garden clubs have changed too, from groups who thought mostly of beautifying the surroundings in which they lived, who studied horticulture for the pleasure they derived from learning, to know better what to use to make their plantings more lovely and enduring, and who studied flower arrangement as an art. This has changed. Gardeners are more serious now, they have turned their activities to the real business of producing the food that they will need in the next year.

The beauty of the past is not forgotten and must not be. The old plantings must be maintained and additions should be made where it is at all possible. Many boys have written home from the tropics and the deserts and the cold north asking their people to keep their homes and their country as they were when they left, so they will know that they have that to come back to.

The emphasis in Oregon has had to be on food in the past year and next year it will be even more necessary. The attitude of government officials toward garden clubs has changed. Where a year ago we were told to attend to our flower arranging and to our petunia beds, now we are not only asked to raise food for victory we are expected to do our part.

To show that we have not been idle a questionnaire was sent out to each club asking for some figures on the amount of produce raised and prepared for use this past winter. It was found that the 2700 members of the State Federation of Garden Clubs had 1492 Victory Gardens in 1942. They will do better this year. From these gardens they canned 208,084 quarts of fruits and vegetables, 14,036 packages of fruits and vegetables were frozen, 3,148 pounds were dried, and 28,000 pounds were stored or prepared for use in other ways.

Besides this plantings were maintained and lawns that had been planted before the war were watered and kept up. The shows that used to be flower shows were reversed last fall and in their place were the Victory Garden Harvest shows which sent several hundred dollars to the relief funds of the Army and Navy.

The study of plants such as herbs that may take the place of spices and even tea have gained in popularity. Even when we have the spices again the herbs will probably not be forgotten because they make such a zestful addition to our diet.

Plantings have been made at army posts, including many truckloads of plant material donated by the club members themselves.

Thousands of bouquets have been furnished to hospitals, U. S. O., and other recreation rooms. Gifts and Christmas decorations were sent to hospitals, numbering into the thousands. Red Cross work has been done in amounts that cannot be estimated. Donations have been made to the Red Cross in many cases.

In the coastal areas the clubs have done their part in airplane watching and other patriotic activities necessary in those localities. Bonds have been purchased by many clubs,

with new clubhouses in mind for the future.

Cookies hardly seem to be garden club work but clubs as groups and individual members have provided literally thousands for our fighters.

At the beginning of the year we had 112 clubs, we now have 115 with the prospect of two more before the state meeting in Pendleton which will be held on the first and second of June. Our membership is slightly lower than it was last year due to so many people taking war jobs and other work.

Last fall we had eleven district meetings, each one of which was attended by the state president, who drove over seven thousand miles to the far corners of the state to be present and to explain the work of the Federation, and in most cases to give a demonstration and talk on flower arrangement. The spring district meetings are in progress now and will be finished before the state meeting.

A news letter has been prepared each month by the president and the officers and committee chairmen. Many hundreds of inches of news space have been given us by the newspapers all over the state. Garden club work always seems to rate a good space in the news but food production is definitely news.

Oregon is truly a garden state and our Victory gardens will more than double in number those of last year.

SHOWER ARRANGED RECENTLY

Mrs. Stanley Miller was complimented recently at a party given by Mrs. Dick Miller Jr., and Mrs. Lyle Durrell at the Miller home, 1500 Crescent avenue.

Bridge was played with coffee served later and Mrs. Miller, the former Gwendolyn Lorenz, received a basket of gifts.

Guests included Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Robert O'Sullivan, Mrs. Myron Shannon, Mrs. Don Drullner, Mrs. G. C. Lorenz, Mrs. W. E. Mayberry, Mrs. Dick Miller Sr., Mrs. Don Hunt, Mrs. Darrell Miller, Mrs. James Cronin, Mrs. Norman Moty, Mrs. Jack Crawford, and Miss Dorothy O'Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Graham of Portland are parents of a daughter, Dianne, born in the northern city. Mrs. Graham is the former Gertrude Von Berthelsdorf of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Von Berthelsdorf of Swan Lake. Mrs. Von Berthelsdorf has been in Portland with her daughter's family.



BENEFIT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. R. Henry Anderson heads the committee in charge of the annual Easter Monday benefit bridge tea to be given at the Willard hotel April the twenty-sixth by St. Paul's Episcopal church Guild.

—Kennell-Ellis.

Klamath Maid Weds

Service Read in Sacramento Church on March 22nd

In a candlelight service read Monday evening, March the twenty-second, at eight o'clock, Charlotte Elizabeth Van Meter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Van Meter of this city, became the bride of Corporal Clement Lowell Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rhoads of Klamath Falls. The ceremony took place in the First Baptist church of Sacramento and the ring service was read by the Rev. Dr. F. B. Palmer before an open fireplace.

Just before the vows were exchanged, Mrs. Homer J. Sherwin sang "I Love You Truly" and played the wedding march.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother as her father was unable to attend the ceremony. For her wedding, the bride wore a two-piece navy blue crepe frock with white military braid trim and her corsage was of gardenias.

Mrs. Betty Jane Rhoads was the bride's only attendant. She wore a spring print with a navy blue redingote, matching accessories and a white carnation corsage. The best man was Sergeant E. H. Flaig, member of the groom's company.

Mrs. Van Meter, mother of the bride, wore a navy blue suit with matching accessories and a red rosebud corsage. The bride has returned to this city in order to complete her school year and will join her husband in late May.

NEIGHBORS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Dorothy Abner was hostess to the Jolly Neighbors club at the home of her mother, Mrs. T. R. Skillington, 221 North Tenth street, Wednesday afternoon, April the seventh, with Mrs. Millie Sackett the assisting hostess. As this was the nineteenth anniversary of the founding of this club, the charter member, Mrs. Florence Winters, was presented with a gift by the president, Mrs. Velma Hull, in behalf of the club.

The rooms were bright with daffodils, and dessert was served to Mrs. B. N. Hull, Mrs. Eugene H. Love, Mrs. Harvey O. Lohr, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Mrs. R. J. Wiese, Mrs. J. J. Winters, Mrs. M. M. Taylor, Mrs. Fred Crapo, Mrs. H. L. Wiard, Mrs. C. A. Cotter, Mrs. H. F. Sackett, Mrs. J. Abner, Mrs. T. R. Skillington, and several guests, Mrs. George Burton, Joan Taylor, Dickie Crapo and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Hall, 3244 Boardman street, with Gertrude Wiese and Florence Winters the assisting hostesses.

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Girl Weds In Texas

Miss Kohler Becomes Bride of Tulalake Youth March 8

Miss Lila Mae Kohler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kohler of 234 Hillside avenue, became the bride of First Sergeant Elmer E. Prince, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prince of Tulalake, California, in a ceremony read Monday, March the eighth, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon at Brownwood, Texas.

While stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, Sergeant Prince was instructor in the tank destroyer division. Mrs. Prince resides in Belton, Texas, near Camp Hood where her husband is now attending an officers' training school.

Before leaving for Texas, Mrs. Prince was honored with a number of parties both in Klamath Falls and in Tulalake.

CIRCLE HAS MEETING THURSDAY

The Friendly circle met at the home of Nettie Good, 2020 Darrow avenue, on Thursday afternoon, with Nona Hall assisting. Luncheon was served to Pearl Marin, Lizzie Little, Lydia McDonald, Katherine Williams, Agnace Lowe, Maggie Upton, Estelle Smith, Ipha Brown, Fannie Goddard, Arburh Stone and to four visitors, Mary Martin, Mrs. H. O. Lohr, Mrs. M. C. Rightmeyer, Vera Good and daughter Lenora Lee.

During the business meeting it was decided that the organization give \$5.00 to the Red Cross. On April the twenty-ninth the members will spend the afternoon at the Red Cross workrooms in Mills school, making surgical dressings, and on May the thirtieth they will hold a potluck supper in the Community hall on Garden avenue at seven o'clock for the members, their husbands and families. This will be the fifth anniversary of the founding of the club.

Five of the members whose birthdays were this month received gifts from their "Silent Sisters."

Mrs. C. A. Poole was hostess to circle 4 of the First Methodist church on Thursday, April the eighth, at her home, 2215 Vine avenue, serving dessert at one o'clock to eight members. In the absence of Mrs. Parker, the chairman, Mrs. Poole had charge of the business meeting and Mrs. Gaster led the study hour, the subject being "Outlook in Mexico." Mrs. Gaster presented the circle with a quilt top, and during the afternoon the members finished the quilt which is to be sold. Mrs. Andrus will be hostess for the May meeting.

Post War Problems Heads Discussion

League of Women Voters Meet Monday for Regular April Gathering

Post war problems and the peace were discussed in an interesting program presented by the foreign policy group of the League of Women Voters Monday afternoon, April fifth, at the city library. Mrs. E. A. Geary, leader of the group, was in charge of the discussion, the first part of which was given by Mrs. E. K. Loosley, whose subject was "Relationship of the United States and Great Britain." She gave the background of this relationship, particularly stressing that of the past decade.

Mrs. J. A. Schubert followed with the Colonial Picture, and its Problems.

Specific problems of the transitional period between the end of the war and set-up of the post war peace plan was given by Mrs. Roland E. Wright. She discussed the attitude to be taken toward the defeated nations and plans for the test period before final peace.

Mrs. Geary summarized the afternoon's program and concluded the discussion which was one of the most interesting of the League's study year.

Mrs. Everett R. Dennis, president of the group, presided. A brief discussion of the McKellar bill and the equal rights amendment, both before the United States congress at present, was given by Mrs. H. P. Bosworth, legislative chairman of the group. The National League of Women Voters opposes both of these measures.

May 18 and 19 have been set as the dates for the regular convention of the State League of Women Voters to be held in Portland. Mrs. Dennis, local president, and several members of the Klamath Falls group are planning to attend.

The next meeting of the Klamath League will be held Monday afternoon, May 3rd, at the city library. Mrs. M. J. Young will have charge of the program, and her subject is to be "Woman's Suffrage in Different Countries, of the World."

BENTON—VIRTUE

On Thursday, April the eighth, in the First Presbyterian church, the pastor, the Rev. A. Theodore Smith united in marriage Harry Lee Benton of Mt. Shasta, California and Rena Dart Virtue of San Francisco. The witnesses were Mrs. William C. Hurn Sr., and Attorney Harold Merzmann. The happy couple are to reside at Mt. Shasta. The single ring ceremony was used.

Mrs. John Cada Jr., and Miss Florence Cada of Modoc Point, were hostesses at a dinner given for a few friends last week. The dinner consisted entirely of non-rationed foods. Bidden to the affair were Mrs. John Sterner, Mrs. Lawrence Cada and Mrs. Fred Grant.



WED IN SOUTH

Corporal and Mrs. Clement Lowell Rhoads of this city were married in Sacramento recently. The bride is the former Charlotte Elizabeth Van Meter.

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PROSPERITY LODGE HAS PROGRAM

Prosperity Rebekah lodge 104 met in the IOOF hall on Thursday at half past seven o'clock. At the close of the business session a program was presented by members of the lodge and the Theta Rho Girls' club honoring the past noble grands, twenty-four of whom were present. The program included solos by John Carter, accompanied by Louise Barnhart, solo by Mrs. Rollin Thompson, accompanied by Mrs. Knight, reading by Dicky Weed. An Easter egg hunt was held with Eva Richardson as winner. The remainder of the evening was spent in games.

On Thursday, May the sixth, a Mother's Day program will be given.

REBEKAH SOCIAL CLUB HAS MEETING

The Social club of the Rebekah lodge met in IOOF hall Wednesday for desert at half past one o'clock. The Easter motif was used for the tables. Blanche Barber and Mrs. Arthur Skinner were hostesses. Mrs. Minnie Vinup of Washington was a guest. Plans were made for a play to be presented for the benefit of the Rebekah lodge, "Friendship Road," the chair officers of the lodge to take the leading part.

Mrs. Gehrke and Mrs. Golden will be hostesses for the next meeting, April the twenty-eighth.

Friends gathered to honor Miss Bonita Jean Huddart on her seventh birthday, Friday, April the sixteenth. Gifts were presented and refreshments served.

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