



Yellow Book," by Frank Ashbrook and "Gray Feathers From a Birdman's Book," were recommended for further study of the subject of birds.

The prize winning scrap book for the district for 1955, compiled by Mrs. Warren Cantrill, was on display.

The club voted to continue the Conservation Essay contest of last year. The subject is "Conservation," and the contest is open to members of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade pupils. Prizes will be given by the club.

Mrs. Tessie Rush brought the corsage, fashioned of three daffodils, yellow and brown ribbon and tulle.

The Klamath District meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28 in Klamath Falls. The next meeting of the Alturas Club will be March 8 at the home of Mrs. John Chase.

A delegation from the garden club will be present at an assembly of the Alturas Elementary School for an Arbor Day program, March 7. A short program will be given and a tree planted in the school yard.

Winner of the attendance prize was Mrs. Kenneth Green.

A Valentine tree centered the attractive refreshment table.

While petunia seed can be sown in the open ground it is generally more satisfactory to start them early indoors to give the small seeds a better chance to germinate and to get the plants up to seedling size by the time the weather turns warm. So now is the time to consider the new petunias with a view to getting them planted soon.

Pretty nearly everything now being introduced in this popular flower class is produced by the new hybridizing methods, and the key to recognition are the symbols F1 and F2. An F1 hybrid is a cross between two inbred lines, while an F2 is the next generation after the

F1. Each type of hybrid has advantages over the old line-bred strains.

The All-America Selections winner this year is the F1 hybrid grandiflora petunia Fire Dance, and it's a beauty! The flowers are a bright salmon-scarlet, with a contrasting yellow throat, and they measure 3 to 4 inches across. The edges of the petals are fringed and ruffled in a most attractive manner. Uniformity of plant size and great plant vigor are the familiar signs of a good F1 and so is the price of the seed! You'll find seedsmen asking 50 cents to \$1.00 for a packet, depending on the amount of hand labor involved in producing this type of hybrid, and the results fully justify the premium you pay.

The new F2 hybrid grandiflora petunia for the year is called Carnival. This hybrid is a mixture of colors instead of a single color

like Fire Dance. But what a mixture! By selecting the parent inbreds particularly for the purpose the plant breeders have designed a series of crosses that can be depended on to separate into an astonishing range of colors in the second generation (F2) — considerably more colors than you've ever seen before in petunias. If you have a good sized bed you can count up to 20 different shades of

rose, scarlet, blue, white, crimson, salmon, carmine, pink, rosy lavender, and combinations of white and blue, white and rose or white and pink in the same flower, in stripes, stars or edging.

Carnival is a bedding type petunia with half again as much vigor as ordinary strains. The flowers are about 3 1/2 inches across, with 80 per cent boasting fringed, ruffled or waved petal

edges. While an F2 mixture of this nature does not exhibit the uniformity of an F1, if what you like is lots of different colors and lots of flowers, then this is for you. The price per packet on F2's like this one is generally about

half that of the F1's like Fire Dance.

Whether you choose an F1 or F2 it will pay you to make sure your choice is a hybrid, but choose soon, because petunia planting time is just ahead!

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PETUNIAS make such a splash of color in the summer garden that no gardener should overlook the lavish use of this popular flower. This is the F2 hybrid petunia, "Carnival." Besides lots of different colors and shades this mixture has attractive bicolors like the flower in the center of the picture. —Photo by Bodger Seeds Ltd.



### Over the GARDEN GATE

**KLAMATH FALLS GARDEN CLUB**

The Klamath Falls Garden Club held the first meeting of the year at the library club rooms February 5. Mrs. Will Wood presided in the absence of the president and vice-president.

The nominating committee presented the name of Mrs. Phil Schroeder for secretary. The nomination was accepted.

Four new members were taken into the club, including Mrs. Marion Padgett, Mrs. R. H. Harkins, Mrs. Doug Pickett and Mrs. Charles Martin. They were presented with corsages in the regular initiation ceremony.

A most interesting program was given by C. H. Bussman, who talked and showed slides on "The Care and Pruning of Roses." Mrs. Marion Padgett won the special prize.

At the close of the meeting a seed exchange was enjoyed by the members.

**ALTURAS GARDEN CLUB**

Mrs. Jim Ingram was hostess

**Home Extension BUENA VISTA**

Mrs. Harold Hayden and Mrs. George Deen were project leaders for the season on "Care of the Hair," at Joan's kitchen, held for the Buena Vista extension unit.

A potluck luncheon was served at noon to Mrs. Folk Haddock, Mrs. Harold Hayden, Mrs. George Deen, Mrs. Fred Krueger, Mrs. Travis Miles, Mrs. William Doyle and Mrs. Robert McClurg.

Guests present were Winnie Bunnell, Mrs. Murray Marshall and Mrs. E. M. Ward.

The white elephant gift was won by Mrs. Folk Haddock.

A special meeting will be called on February 28 at the home of Mrs. Bernard Volk to discuss the rug workshop in March.

**SCREEN DEATH HOLLYWOOD** — Death has claimed Mikhail Rasumny, 63, Russian-born character actor whose screen credits include "For Whom The Bell Tolls," "Anna and The King of Siam," and "Tonight We Sing."

He died yesterday at the Motion Picture Country Home following a short illness.

February 9 to members of the Alturas Garden Club with Mrs. G. Guy Young, president in the chair.

Following opening of the session, Mrs. Phillip McKenney, program chairman introduced the speaker, Mrs. Jim Ingram who spoke on "Birds and Benefit of Birds." The motto for the meeting was "Birds Are Useful to Us... Let's Build For Them a Home Or Two."

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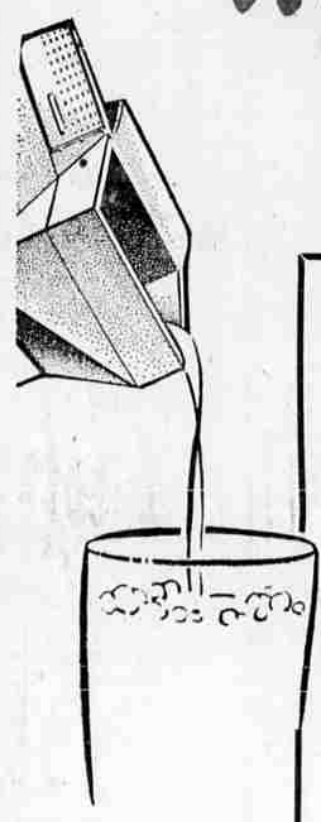
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