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MRS. CARL DAVIS

## Mother's Day Gift Launches Hobby; African Violets Raised in Variety

Mother-in-law stories are as old as the hills and oftentimes the very repeating of them makes young brides fearful of mother-in-law troubles of their own. Perhaps one daughter-in-law has found the solution to the problem that might be suggested to others. Just get your mother-in-law interested in a hobby that is fascinating and time consuming and she won't have time to bother you.

Now we are NOT suggesting that Mrs. Carl Davis might ever be a troublesome mother-in-law, but her daughter-in-law did launch her on a hobby when she gave her an African violet plant on Mother's Day in 1948.

African violets are flowers that are unique and have a tremendous appeal for anyone who has any interest in growing house plants. Success with one plant just seems to naturally lead on to more.

Such was the case with Mrs. Davis. She has always loved to grow flowers and does have a green thumb. When her one African violet proved so interesting, her natural reaction was to add others in different colors. Now she has about 30 varieties, with more than one plant of most of them.

African violets offer a wide field because there are some hundred or more varieties ranging in color from white through every shade of lavender and violet to deep purples. Others are varying shades of pink, even shading to reds. Some are white with tiny edgings of pink or lavender. They are both single and double and have petals that are both smooth and ruffled. Even the foliage differs in leaf shape and appearance and their appeal reaches to even the casual observer with a fascination that is hard to resist.

Like many especially attractive things, they are also temperamental. They require just the right light, warm temperatures night and day, special types of pots and plant food, and careful and regular watering with warm water.

Mrs. Davis is fortunate to have a house that furnishes the proper environment. North windows are best with east ones properly shaded a close second. The plants require plenty of light but not too much direct sun. An east and north window in Mrs. Davis' living room provide the required setting and are given over to the plants. Tiered window shelves hold the plants which are of various sizes and stages of development. Oil heat maintains a proper temperature night and day through all kinds of weather.

The plants are propagated by division of the parent plants and by rooting of leaves. Mrs. Davis has a miniature plastic green house in which she roots leaves which are then transferred to small pots. The thrill of seeing leaves root and develop into blooming plants is hard to resist and like most violet hobbyists, Mrs. Davis finds at times that she has too many plants. Then some

become gifts and some are sold to other growers. Vernonia has a number of interested persons.

Again, this is a hobby with definite commercial possibilities, for the appeal is universal and the plants are favorite gifts for special occasions and for taking to hospitals or shut-ins. To be engaged in on a commercial scale would of course require a green house, but almost any one has room for a few plants for their own enjoyment and might be surprised at the success they could have with them. A look at a collection like that owned by Mrs. Davis certainly gives one the urge to try.

And, if your daughter-in-law should give you one, don't be alarmed. It probably doesn't mean a thing except that she couldn't resist their appeal either.

### New Aid Class to Open

The VFW Auxiliary will be the sponsors for a new class in first aid which will begin soon after July 19, states Mrs. Nora Redmond, auxiliary president. A Red Cross instructor will teach the class and the regulation course will be given. Persons interested are asked to contact Mrs. Redmond now for further information. The classes will be on Thursday evenings.

## Historical Society Hears Deer Island History, Plans for Coming Fair

The 4-H building on the Columbia County Fairgrounds was the scene of the June meeting of the county Historical Society, with a good attendance and much interest in the historical program presented by the committee in charge. Also present were representatives of the Centennial committee, Mrs. Consuelo Routt, who has been hired to put on the historical pageant, and Miss Charla Andrews, script writer, who works with Mr. Routt in developing the material for the pageant.

Vests advertising the Centennial were on sale, and many bought them. Hats also are available to carry out the idea, profits from the sale of these articles going toward expenses of the Centennial.

Mrs. Mary E. Colvin was in charge of the program, which dealt with Deer Island history. Mrs. Maud Mills spoke first on the history of the Fairgrounds, which was bought in 1924. It was Mrs. Mills who first had the idea of the purchase of this tract for this purpose when it was advertised for sale in 1923. She took it up with Deer Island Grange, and then with Pomona Grange in their November, 1923 meeting. They acted toward interesting the County Court in buying the farm for \$100 per acre and circulated petitions for this purpose, getting it on the ballot in the May 1924 primary election. This was part of the George and Anna Merrill donation land claim, but was

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

A letter from Pvt. Walter E. Pugh to his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pugh and family of Clatskanie, states he has been transferred from Ft. Devens, Mass., to Arlington Hall, Va. He is doing security work in A.S.A. school and working with the Pentagon. His station is four miles from Washington, D.C. He reports he loves it there and it is the most beautiful place he has even seen. On his first week there he visited all these places of interest: Mt. Vernon, Washington, D. C., the capital, the Pentagon, Washington and Lincoln Monuments, Congress and Supreme Court building and the tomb of the unknown soldier. While there for the next four months he plans on more trips of interest. He will have a 19 day furlough the first of October before reporting to Fort Lewis October 21 to be sent to Tokyo, Japan.

He wishes to hear from his many friends in Vernonia at his new address:  
Pvt. Walter E. Pugh  
RA-19-479-745  
Casual Det. 3617 A.A.U.  
Arlington Hall Station,  
Arlington, Virginia

Both Larry Brown and Francis Crowston are enjoying leave here at present.

## Board Selects Officers for Chamber Group

### Campaign to Open Soon for Sign-up Of Membership

The temporary board of directors of the Vernonia chamber of commerce held its first meeting Thursday evening of last week to determine a temporary slate of officers and to plan for the membership drive, which if successful, will determine whether a chamber will be permanently organized here.

Named from the membership of the board was a committee which will function as the group to solicit business firms and individuals for membership in the chamber. This committee is slated to begin action before the week is over and when making contacts will ask for payment of dues to the organization or the signing of a pledge to pay the amount at a later date.

If the number is sufficient, action will follow to make the chamber a permanent affair by incorporation on a non-profit basis.

The officers named Thursday are: Guy Thomas, president; Wesley Bolmeier, first vice-president; Pete Brunsman, second vice-president; George A. Remnant, secretary and Marvin Kamholz, treasurer. Another board of directors meeting will take place Thursday, July 15.

## Final Services Performed Friday

Funeral services were conducted last Friday morning at the Vernonia Evangelical United Brethren church for Paul Peter Weidman who passed away early Wednesday morning as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Weidman was born February 11, 1887 at Hebron, Nebraska and was 67 years, four months and 19 days old at the time of his death.

At an early age Mr. Weidman moved with his family to Oklahoma where he spent much of his boyhood. After coming to Oregon, he worked in and around Portland, and it was at Yamhill that he met Lona Hewitt to whom he was married on January 4, 1925. Soon after that they moved to Vernonia where he lived until his death with the exception of five years during the time the mill was not operating in the 1930s.

He is survived by his widow, Lona, and by two daughters, Vona Harvey of Seattle, and Juanita Davis of Vernonia, and three sons, Lorin of Eugene, and Paul and Robert of Vernonia. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Mr. Weidman had served in both the marines and the army, on Mexican border patrol and in the Philippines. He was a member of the American Legion and of the Vernonia Evangelical United Brethren church.

Burial was at the Vernonia Memorial cemetery.

## Grove 9 Tallies Victory Tuesday

Vernonia's baseball team met some rugged competition when they met Forest Grove there on Tuesday night and went down to defeat 13 to 2. Pitching for Forest Grove was Melvin Sheriff who pitched for Linfield College with marked success last season. That his arm was still good was evident in Tuesday night's game. Fuller and Foster pitched for Vernonia.

The next game is scheduled for Sunday when the local team will meet Tongue Point at Astoria. Aid for the local nine has been enlisted from Clatskanie in the persons of Ron Puzey, Robert Jolma, Jerry Kangas and Benny Davis.

## Doctor to Open Office

Arrangements are being made whereby an office is scheduled to be opened here about the middle of August by Dr. F. C. Nachtigal in the building used for a short time earlier this year by Dr. L. K. Poyntz and before that by Dr. J. R. Manley, dentist. Some of the office equipment to be used by Dr. Nachtigal was brought here by him Tuesday. His decision to open practice here came after he visited Vernonia earlier this year and interviewed quite a number of local people concerning the community.

## Council Talks Curb District

Curbing or streets in the northeast section of town which do not now have this improvement was one of the topics of discussion Tuesday evening at the first city council meeting for July.

Mention of a curbing project has been voiced before and some property owners in that section of the city have been approached relative to setting up an improvement district to provide for the project. At Tuesday's meeting further details of the proposal were discussed as well as the number of blocks of curbing needed.

City Engineer S. A. Ross will be asked to determine the exact footage and prepare needed plans for the work. The date for a public meeting will also be established so property owners can appear to voice objections if they so wish.

Only other action at the meeting, besides examining regular monthly bills, was an order from the council that prices be obtained for a complete set of tires for the police car from dealers here.

## Production of Rabbits Proposed

Frank Eaton of Clatskanie who raises rabbits commercially offers propositions to anyone interested to help them get started in the business, according to information supplied here by Don Bayley.

Mr. Eaton offers to furnish stock for beginning the business at a reasonable fee and guarantees to take all rabbits raised at market price or over.

In suggesting such a venture, he says at least 50 does and five bucks are needed for starting, though 100 does and 10 bucks of, for a much better opportunity. Type of pens, materials and cost of same are also described by Mr. Eaton so that anyone wishing to enter the business may figure in advance the cash outlay needed to get going and into a producing basis.

## Miss Columbia County Event Judged Wednesday

At a program held Wednesday evening of last week at the McBride school in St. Helens, Miss Connie Becker captured the title of Miss Columbia County. Our own Miss Vernonia, Joyce Jones, gave her a close contest as they were chosen as the two finalists and the tie breaking vote placed Connie in first place and Joyce as runner up.

In the contest, each of the five contestants appeared in formals and in bathing suits. Each one also presented talent numbers. They were judged on appearance, talent, intellect, personality and poise. Judges were John Ralston, producer of the Toymaker TV show, Dr. J. C. Coughland of Portland State College, Dr. Beard, also from Portland State, Fred Nelson, owner of the Bit of Sweden restaurant in Portland, Morris Sharp, advertising manager of the Oregon Journal, Miss Patricia Lee of the Patricia Lee Modeling

## District 4-H Camp Set for Wilkerson

### Program Includes Classes, Trips, Recreation Time

Beginning next Monday, July 12 and continuing through Wednesday, Camp Wilkerson will be the scene of a district 4-H Forestry and Wildlife camp, according to word released by county agent, Don Walrod. Over a hundred boys and girls are expected to be in attendance and if enrollment goes too much over that the group will be divided and a second camp held the latter part of the week.

The camp program will include study classes, field trips, demonstrations and recreation. Classes planned are in forest management, bird life, fishing tips, underwater life, animal life, tree identification and protection. Trips are planned to tree farms and nature hikes, casting practice and compass use will come in for a share of attention.

Both Robert Lindsay and Don Campbell will assist with the camp, and Glen Hawkins is expected to visit and talk to the group during one of the evening programs.

## Drivers Place In Jalopy Races

Vernonia was well represented in the jalopy races at Deer Island last Sunday and again on Monday at Hillsboro.

At Deer Island in the Class A main event, Choice Hall took first place and Dick McNair, second. In the class A helmet dash, Choice Hall was first. Lynn Michener placed second in the class B helmet dash.

In the hard top sprint, Dick Webb came in first and Dick McNair third.

In the first heat of five laps Dick Webb placed second and Dick McNair third, and in the third heat of five laps Lynn Michener placed second.

At Hillsboro on Monday, Lynn Michener was third in the second heat, Dick Webb was second in the third heat and Choice Hall won first in the fourth heat. In the helmet dash, Choice Hall was third in class A and Lynn Michener was third in class B.

### 35 Take Swim Lessons

Nora Redmond is acting as assistant life guard and swimming instructor at the park pool now in place of Aileen Cagle who has gone on a vacation trip with her husband to Louisiana. About 35 children have registered for the swimming lessons but inclement weather has hindered their progress so far.