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Convention Issue

Rapid City Hosts 1959 Convention

It looks like it will be a worthwhile event! Topping the list of featured speakers will be a demonstration on flower arranging conducted by a nationally known lecturer, author and flower arranger, Mrs. Mary Kittel. Look over the program and then come to Rapid City June 25-27. You will be glad that you did. For details see pages 3 and 4.

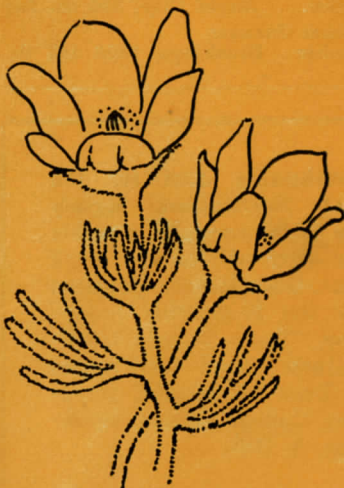
A Half-Century of Generosity

Henry N. Dybvig of Dell Rapids is as much a part of the history of the Horticultural Society and the Federated Garden Clubs in South Dakota as any person around. He has helped promote both organizations vigorously for over 50 years. Read his story on page 11.



35 Years of City Beautification

The first garden club to be organized at Centerville on Feb. 25, 1924. This is their 35th year of working to make their town a more beautiful place to live. See some of the ladies who were among those first members and read the story on page 15.



Pasque Flower
Anemone patens

State Flower for
South Dakota

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by DEAN MARTIN
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South Dakota State College
Brookings, S. D.

Conventional. That's what Rapid City will become June 24-27, 1959. This will be the 76th for the Society and the 16th for the Federation. That should be easy to remember; they are just 50 years apart. I'm sure both groups are united on their common goals of using plants for the welfare of the community, state and nation in which they live.

We hope many of you will be planning to attend the Convention. The Rapid City folks are really going all out to do as good a job or better than the bang-up job done by the folks at Madison last year. Better get your hotel or motel reservations in early. Tourist season will be in full swing by the middle of June.

Just received the 1959 Rose Buyers Guide. More than 150,000 copies of this guide have been distributed to home gardeners. The Guide lists 430 roses old and new in the classes of Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Climber, and Grandiflora. With each rose name there is given the growth habit, color, fragrance and a numbered rating. The rating for each rose is based on a sliding scale with "10" as the perfect score. Peace still leads with a 9.6 rating. (Ours came through the winter O.K.) Every Gardener is welcome to a copy of the Guide. Write to the American Rose Society, Columbus 14, Ohio.

Minnesota lists a new bulletin on Perennials. "Perennials for Minnesota" was prepared by Dr. C. G. Hard. It is Extension Bulletin 295. Fifty of the more popular and hardy perennials are covered in the bulletin which gives descriptions of these plants, blooming dates as well as recommendations for their culture. You may be able to secure copies of this one from the Bulletin Room, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

Dutch Elm Disease is a serious problem *wherever it is present*. Consensus of opinion in Minnesota appears to be that large area control is impractical, whereas small area control is practical. Experience indicates that with thorough sanitation, vector (carrier) spraying and good tree care, spread of the disease in infected areas can be kept down to one or two trees per 1,000. As of this date we do not know of Dutch Elm diseased trees being reported in South Dakota. The carriers of this fungus disease are the smaller European elm bark beetle and the native elm bark beetle. USDA Leaflet No. 185 describes these two beetles. It is entitled Elm Bark Beetles.

There seems to be more interest in the beautification of home grounds this spring than any time since yours truly became involved in this work in the fall of 1955. This seems to be the national trend but I am sure the Federation of Garden Clubs and the Horticultural Society have been quite an influence on the local scene. *Keep up the good work!*

County Extension Service Folks will most likely be needing horticultural judges for their Achievement Days this Fall. Many of you are well qualified to be helpful and cooperative in this manner. Don't wait to be drafted. Volunteer your services. It will be much appreciated. Running an achievement day or a county fair takes a lot of doing, but many hands make the work a little lighter. Tell the Extension staff that Martin sent you when you walk into the office to volunteer.

Sounds like Mrs. Howard Kittel, noted flower arranger from Fort Worth, Texas, is planning a wonderful demonstration for the Convention. The advance publicity certainly is convincing and I'm sure that this will be one of the really big highlights of the meeting.

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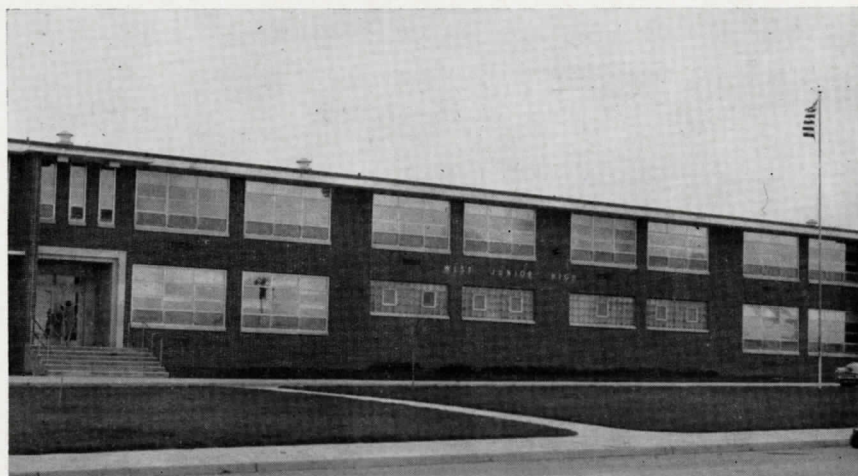
President's Perspective

Prof. S. A. McCrory

For most of us the annual meeting is the end of a year and is a time for bringing together results of the past year in the form of a report. This report is a profit and loss statement for the year. The financial part of the report is always a minor part, usually small and seldom, if ever, showing a profit. Activities provide most of the report and are certainly the most important part of it. This brings together the work of the year and is an inventory of results. They add up to a lot of work when placed on a state-wide basis. Who could listen to these reports, visualize their contribution to the happiness of others, without being a little proud of being a part of such an organization.

The annual convention and the program given there is both inspirational and informational. By hearing what others are doing one can take home ideas for action. The state convention serves as a business meeting clearing house and is essential to local units. You will find it well worth taking the time to attend. Some important matters must be decided this year. Hope you can be there.

RAPID CITY HOSTS 1959 CONVENTION



West Junior High School, Soo San Drive

In a telephone conversation with John Atkinson, general program chairman, plans for the 16 annual convention of the State Federation of Garden Clubs and the 76th annual convention of the South Dakota Horticulture Society to be held in Rapid City June 24 through 27th are completed.

The convention sessions open in the West Junior High School under the Garden Club theme "He Who Hath A Garden, He Has Joy." The conference will open on Wednesday with a buffet supper and board meetings at the Sioux Park hospitality room. Reg-

istration will officially open on Thursday morning. In the afternoon Mrs. Badham Kittel of Fort Worth, Texas, will provide a flower arrangement demonstrations for garden clubbers. Mrs. Kittel has won several national awards in flower arranging. She is an author, lecturer and flower exhibitor.

Meanwhile the Horticulture Society will also meet on Thursday afternoon with the theme "Beautifying Our State." They will discuss beautification problems concerning homes, city and state parks.

Atkinson pointed out that four special meals had been planned. They are the Convention Banquet, President's Breakfast, Litterbug Luncheon, and Fun Night. The cost of tickets for these four meals will be less than \$8.00.

Atkinson reported that hotel and motel reservations should be made in advance. Single rooms range from \$5.00-\$8.00 per night. Double rooms range from \$6.50-\$12.00.

According to Atkinson those folks who would like to make reservations through the local housing chairman should write to Mrs. Raymond Brehm, 110 E. Van Bauren, Rapid City, South Dakota.

As a last reminder, take this issue of the magazine along to the Convention with you. You will have a copy of the program as well as the information of those wonderful folks who have helped to make this issue of South Dakota Horticulture possible through their advertisements. Stop in and say "Thank You" while you are in Rapid City.

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CONVENTION PROGRAM

WEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Soo San Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota

June 25, 26, 27, 1959

THEME: "He Who Hath A Garden, He Has Joy"

HOSTESS CLUB: Rapid City Garden Club

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1959

6:30 p.m.—Buffet Supper and Board Meetings, Sioux Park Hospitality Room

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1959

West Junior High School

MORNING SESSION

9:00—Registration
10:00—Opening of Convention, S. A. McCrory, Chairman
10:15—Remarks by the Presidents
10:45—Reports
12:00—Lunch—"Get Acquainted Time"

AFTERNOON SESSION

Garden Club Federation
Mrs. Vern Tompkins, Presiding
1:30—Conservation Pledge—Mrs. F. Eisenlohr; Committee Reports
2:00—Flower Arranging Program—Mrs. Howard Kittel
3:15—Coffee Break
3:00—Report of National Convention Delegates
4:00—Visit the Flower Show

Horticultural Society Section

Theme: "Beautify Our State"

2:00—Beautify Our Homes
2:25—Beauty and Recreation in Our City Parks
2:50—Keep South Dakota Green
3:15—Coffee Break
3:30—Enjoyment in Our State Parks
4:00—Beautify Our Highways
4:30—Visit the Flower Show

EVENING SESSION

Annual Convention Banquet

6:30—Banquet at the Blessed Sacrament Church, 4502 Canyon Lake Road
Toastmistress—Mrs. Vern Tompkins

"Gardens In Europe"—Illustrated Talk by Miss Laura Sexauer
Presentation of Robertson Award
Presentation of National Awards

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1959

FEDERATION BREAKFAST

7:30—Canyon Lake Methodist Church
Reports of Garden Club Presidents
Presentation of State Awards

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST

7:30—Location to be announced

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

JOINT SESSION

S. A. McCrory, Presiding

10:00—Music
10:15—The Prairie is My Garden—Claude Barr
10:45—Pennington County Horticultural Association—Kirk Mears
11:00—Home Life of Our Finnish Friends—Janet Atkinson, IFYE
12:00—Litterbug Luncheon—Mrs. Alden Scott, Presiding

AFTERNOON JOINT SESSION

Mrs. Vern Tompkins, Presiding
1:30—Music; Talk by Mrs. Jamie Johnson, President of National Council; Music
3:00—Coffee Break
3:15—Business Session

EVENING SESSION

"Fun Night"

7:30—Arrangements to be Announced

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1959

8:00 a.m.—Tour leaves West Junior High School, Courtesy of State Department of Game, Fish and Parks

12:00 Noon—Picnic Lunch in the Hills

2:00—Homeward Bound!

South Dakota Federation Of Garden Club Directory

Aberdeen—Aberdeen, W. P. Wells, 1110 N. Washington
Andover—Andover, Mrs. Theresa De-Bilzan
Baltic—Green Growers, Mrs. Gordon Thompson
Britton—Ever Growing, Mrs. Melvin Hollis
Britton—Start-A-Plant, Mrs. Bert Seeman
Britton—Home, Mrs. Arthur Bonham
Brookings—Brookings, Mrs. Edward Berry, 1103 3rd St.
Brookings—Petal Pals, Mrs. Leo Monteith, 230 S. Main
Canton—Canton, Mrs. Ruth Souvignier, 720 N. Milw.
Centerville—Centerville, Mrs. John N. Thompson
Claremont—Triangle, Mrs. George Schuller
Colome—Colome Federated, Mrs. Alma Reed
Dell Rapids—Dell Rapids, Mrs. Edwin Olson
Flandreau—Green Fingers, Mrs. Robert Dailey
Groton—Groton, Miss Kathleen Dailey
Highmore—Countryside, Mrs. David Silverberg
Highmore—Sunshine, Mrs. Daniel Sunding
Hurley—Green Thumb, Mrs. Roy Echhoff
Huron—Far City, Mrs. Robert Ingle, Cavour
Huron—Huron, Mrs. M. J. Montgomery, 817 Iowa, S.E.
Huron—Arrangers, Mrs. G. R. McArthur, 777 Nebraska S.W.
Irene—Irene, Mrs. Pete Anderson
Iroquois—Iroquois, Mrs. Beatrice Feuerstein
Langford—Langford, Miss Alice Platt
Lyons—Lyons, Mrs. L. N. Brakke, Hartford
Madison—Madison, Mrs. John Cross, 620 NW 3rd
Madison—Town and Country, Mrs. Chase Parker, 1095 Washington Ave.
Milbank—Town and Country, T. J. Harvey
Miller—Community, Mrs. Louis Hemmingson
Miller—Blossom and Bulb, Mrs. Ronald Anderson
Mobridge—Mobridge, Judge H. E. Mundt
Parker—Rainbow, Mrs. Alice McKellup
Park River, N. Dak.—Aggasib, Mrs. H. Long
Pierre—Pierre, Mrs. W. J. Hughes, 107 S. Washington
Rapid City—Rapid City, Mrs. Ray Parker, 104 E. Van Buren
Roscoe—Ivy Circle, Mrs. Ervin Bader
Selby—Selby, Mrs. Carl Sawinsky
Sioux Falls—Garden Hobbyists, Mrs. Fred Larson, 2604 S. 1st
Sioux Falls—South Sioux Falls, Mrs. Goldie R. Vosecek, 2409 S.W. Ave.
Sioux Falls—Sioux Falls, Donald E. Johnson, 3033 E. 10th

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DAKOTA HORTICULTURE

Valley Springs—Tri-State, Mrs. Aaron Shafer, Brandon
 Vermillion — Vermillion, Mrs. Arnie Nelson
 Viborg—Viborg, Mrs. Harry Long
 Volga—Hoe and Hope, Mrs. Ross Oakland
 Wakonda—Pasque, Mrs. Maurice Haver
 Watertown—Evening, Mrs. John O'Toole, 305 1st S.W.
 Watertown—Watertown, Mrs. Carl Rau
 Webster—Hoe and Hope, Mrs. Lillian Westland
 Webster—Lawn and Garden, Mrs. Harvey Newman
 Winifred—Down to Earth, Mrs. Frank Pomperin
 Winner—Winner, Mrs. Fred Larson, Sr.

STATEMENT OF STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

June 18, 1958, to April 15, 1959

Balance Brought Forward \$ 187.49

RECEIPTS

Memberships &
 Subscriptions \$ 271.00
 Advertisers 176.00
 Gifts 62.50
 Refund from
 Simmons 100.00
 Garden Clubs 1,342.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,139.11

EXPENDITURES

Fergen's Men's
 Wear \$ 5.00
 Jahr's Greenhouse 9.00
 Cash (Petty
 Cash) 10.00
 Sioux Falls
 Paper Co. 9.50
 Lampert Lumber
 Yards 7.60
 Milo Potas 5.00
 SDSC Act. Fund 15.00
 Business Office
 Petty Cash 5.00
 College Postoffice 15.00

Register Publish-
 ing Co. 9.00
 O'Connor Comm.
 Printers 1,086.63
 Postmaster 28.00
 John Pates 200.00
 Secretarial help 169.50 1574.23
 Balance on hand
 April 15, 1959 \$ 564.88

Flower Judges Listed—

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Groton; Mrs. Frank Eisenlohr, Webster; Mrs. Leo Montieth, 320 S. Main, Brookings; Miss Alice Platte, Langford; and Mrs. Delbert Taute, 103 West 41st St., Sioux Falls.

Greetings to The State Horticultural Society and
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Lawns

3 Chemicals Suited For Crabgrass Control

Taken from Paper No. 1002 Miscellaneous Journal Series, Minnesota Agriculture Experiment Station

There are three basic types of chemical herbicides, based on application time, which can be used to control crabgrass.

The first is applied during the dormant season in advance of the normal germination of crabgrass seeds. Lead arsenate at 20 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft. or calcium arsenate at 12 to 15 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft. have been used very successfully in greatly reducing crabgrass stands. PAX, a commercial arsenical formulation, has given almost complete control in tests we have conducted the past three years. Applications can be made in early spring after the soil has thawed up to mid-May or in fall. Control has been good for more than one season from a single application of 25 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.

The arsenicals appear to be specific in preventing crabgrass and other weedy grasses from becoming established but not the good turf grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass and Creeping red fescue. Seeds of Highland bentgrass germinated very well, too. In greenhouse tests in which seeds of these lawn grasses were sown in flats treated with arsenicals just after treatment and at one, two, six and 12 week intervals, seed of these grasses germinated. Crabgrass seed was planted in some of these flats four months after application. These seeds germinated; however they became chlorotic and died before they reached the four-leaf stage. Applications made just after crabgrass seeds had germinated were very effective in killing the seedling plants in other tests.

The second type is applied just prior to the time that crabgrass seeds germinate usually from late May to mid-June depending on weather conditions. Products containing naphthyl phthalamic acid have been the most effective; however not nearly as good as the arsenicals. These herbicides in this type

are effective usually for three to five weeks, thus three or more applications are necessary to obtain good crabgrass control.

The last type of herbicide is used after the crabgrass plants have appeared and are called post-emergence chemicals. Generally these herbicides are most effective when applications are made when crabgrass plants are only one or two inches tall; however good control has been obtained up to the time the seed heads appear. In our trials, the methyl arsonates, phenyl mercuric acetates and potassium cyanates have been most effective. Liquid applications have given better control than the dry and granular types even though comparable amounts of active ingredients were used. There are many different trade names of products available commercially that contain one of these chemicals. To be successful with these herbicides closely follow the manufacturer's recommendations. The drawback in using this particular type

is that repeated applications must be made every seven to ten days to be made every seven to ten days to obtain satisfactory seasonal control. They do not possess much, if any, residual effects. The plants are killed by contact or absorbed into the plant system. One must be very careful when using these chemicals when temperatures exceed 90° F. or excessive injury could occur to the good grasses. Injured turf opens more areas for crabgrass and weeds to take over. These chemicals are very effective in reducing the crabgrass population if applied repeatedly. This will mean four or more applications per season.

At the present time, the arsenicals which require a single application early in spring or in mid-August to early September appear to be the most promising. However, remember that when using compounds that contain an inorganic nitrogen fertilizer on actively growing turf that you make application when the grass blades are dry and water thoroughly after covering the lawn.

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State Flower Show Schedule

DEFINITIONS:

1. Accessory — Anything other than fresh-cut plant material, be it in the container or on the lip of the container or placed apart from the container.

2. Arrangement—The end effect of using fresh-cut plant material to create a design according to art principles.

3. Composition — A carefully planned and executed design, the arrangement of parts and things which collectively possess meaning they did not have individually.

RULES:

1. All entries will be accepted until 11 A.M., June 25th. Late entries displayed but not judged. All entries must be removed between 4 to 6 P.M. June 26th.

2. Exhibitors must have names on base of all containers and accessories.

3. Containers will be furnished for horticulture specimens.

4. Flowers in Horticultural classes must be grown by exhibitor.

5. Flowers used in arrangements need not be grown by exhibitor—Foliage allowed in all arrangement classes.

6. Only one entry in each class may be made by an exhibitor.

7. Classification Committee re-

serves right to disqualify any entry not conforming to the schedule.

8. In all matters not covered in rules, exhibiting and judging will be according to standards set by National Council of Garden Clubs.

9. Rapid City Garden Clubs assume no obligation for loss or damage of property. Reasonable care given.

10. Sweepstakes ribbons will be awarded to the most blue ribbons in each section. In the event of a tie, red ribbons will be counted.

I—Roses

A. Tea Roses, one bloom

1. White

2. Yellow

3. Pink

4. Red

5. Bi-color

B. Floribunda Roses, 1 stem

1. White

2. Yellow

3. Pink

4. Red

5. Bi-color

C. Grandiflora Roses, 1 stem

1. Any color, named

D. Bouquet

1. 12 stems, mixed

II—Delphinium

A. One stalk of a color

1. White to cream

2. Light blue

3. Medium blue

4. Dark blue

5. Mauve

6. Purple

7. Bi-color, light

8. Bi-color, medium

9. Bi-color, dark

B. Bouquet

1. 12 stalks, mixed colors

III—Columbine

A. Yellow shades, 6 stems

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MEMBERS and GUESTS

Of the State Federation of Garden Clubs and The State Horticultural Society, we welcome you to Rapid City and Invite you to visit any one of our four conveniently located drug stores while you are in Rapid City for your convention.

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Flower Show Schedule—

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- B. Red shades, 6 stems
- C. Blue shades, 6 stems
- D. Bouquet
 - 1. Mixed colors, 12 stems

IV—Iris

- A. Bearded, one stem, named
 - 1. Purple
 - 2. White
 - 3. Blue
 - 4. Pink
 - 5. Yellow
 - 6. Bronze
 - 7. Plicate
 - 8. Two-tone
 - 9. Smokey
 - 10. Lavender
- B. Bearded, unnamed
 - 1. 5 stems
- C. Siberian
 - 1. 3 stems
- D. Bouquet
 - 1. Mixed colors, 12 stems

V—Daisies

- A. Painted, any color
 - 1. 6 stems
- B. Shasta
 - 1. 6 stems

VI—Peonies

- A. Named, 1 bloom, double
 - 1. White
 - 2. Blush
 - 3. Pink
 - 4. Red
- B. Named, 1 bloom, single
 - 1. White
 - 2. Blush
 - 3. Pink
 - 4. Red
- C. Unnamed, 1 bloom, double
 - 1. White
 - 2. Blush
 - 3. Pink
 - 4. Red
- D. Japanese, 1 bloom
 - 1. White or Blush
 - 2. Pink
 - 3. Red
- E. Bouquet
 - 1. 12 stems, mixed

Any other specimen of show quality will be judged and given an award.

ARTISTIC SECTION

I—Mountain Trails

- A. Our Streams—Water or mirror to be part of arrangement, low container.
- B. Our Woodland Trails—Featuring moss and or fungus.

- C. Our Pone Trees—Using pine boughs, cones and fresh flowers.
- D. Our Beautiful Skies — Arrangement of all blue flowers.

II—Within Our Town

- A. Our Churches—Arrangement for a Church altar.
- B. Our Hospitals — Arrangement in a rose bowl.
- C. Our Schools — Arrangement for a desk.
- D. Our Main Street—New Spring Bonnet, a hat decorated with fresh flowers, shown in a hat box or on a hat stand.

III—Mountains to Plains (Using Wild Flowers)

- A. Earthbound—Composition using weathered wood and wild plant material.
- B. A little Bit of Heaven—Miniature, not over 5 inches high.
- C. Open Road—Arrangement of so-called weeds.
- D. Sudden Storm—Using material showing movement, such as grass.

IV—Let's Decorate Our Homes

- A. Mantle — Arrangement in a pair of containers.
- B. Coffee Table—A low mass arrangement of spring flowers.
- C. Formal Dinners—Using candles and roses.
- D. Kitchen Table—Using kitchen utensil for container.

JUNIOR SECTION

I—Trailblazers

- A. The 49th State—Arrangement using white pebbles as part.
- B. The 50th State—Arrangement using fruits and flowers (tropical).
- C. The Last Round-Up—Composition using toy cowboy, horse ect.
- D. Little Red Wagon—Arrangement in a toy.

EDUCATIONAL SECTION

A non-competitive display of African Violets by The First African Violet Society.

Show open to the public as follows:
June 25, 2:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.
June 26, 8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.



Show Off Your Triumphs—With the flower show season at hand, note the best of your arrangements and take an 8 x 10 glossy black and white picture. Entries for the 1960 Flower Arrangement Calendar Contest are wanted from every state. Blanks may be secured from Helen Van Pelt Wilson, Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Cache Your Cans—Nebraska is trying to meet the problem of the empty beverage containers by asking the Legislature to levy a 2c refund on each one. The refund would be paid out of State Highway Funds allotted for picking up litter.

My Aching Back!—Champion ragweed puller yanked up 15,333 pounds of the stuff in a city-wide campaign to get rid of the pest in Traverse City, Michigan. He was only ten!

Cynosure of All Eyes—That is Peg McArthur as she presides over the Editor's Breakfast at the National Convention at St. Louis this week. Our prominent gardeners are good advertising for the state.

Missed Us—Kansas, Montana and Nebraska will be represented by their best flower arrangers at the 1959 Silver Bowl Contest sponsored by Jackson and Perkins. Did you vote for one of OUR good designers as a candidate from this region?

You Won't Be Sorry—if you send for "Roses for the Home" published by the Office of Information, USDA, Washington 25, D.C. It's free.

Garden for Gadders—the Eldred Buer rural home 8 miles north of Canby, Minn., but hugging the South Dakota border, is a show place for everyone. Whether your hobby is fruit, flowers, trees or houseplants he has them all in variety, both usual and rare. It makes a wonderful all-day tour for the club and family.

World Friendship Through Gardens—Another avenue of approach to the foreign peace problem is to send old garden books, magazines, catalogues, etc. to other countries. A lady visiting in India walked into a book store and found our National Gardener there.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

Federation of GARDEN CLUBS NEWS

Edited by MRS. GEO. M. JORGENSEN, DELL RAPIDS, S. DAK.

GARDEN DATE BOOK

- June 9—Flower Show—Valley Springs
June 19—25th Annual Peony Show, Dell Rapids
June 25-27—16th State Convention SDFGC, Rapid City
June 31—Delphinium Tea, Petal Pals Garden Club, Brookings
July 18-19—Annual Flower Show, Pierre
Deadline for next issue—June 15th.

Warren Ophem Wins Litterbug Poster Contest

A 6th grade boy, Warren Ophem, Sioux Falls, won the Litterbug Poster Contest in competition with 7th and 8th grade students, according to word from Mrs. Alden Scott, State Chairman of the contest. He wins a trip to the Black Hills. Here are the other winners and prizes: Second place went to John Vlasak, 7th grade, Yankton, \$10.00; and third prize was won by Mickey Harrison, 8th grade, Mobridge, \$5.00.

Honorable Mention: Brenda Olson, Watertown Junior High; Stephanie Rost, Immaculate Conception, Watertown; Judy Jorgensen, Viborg; Kathleen Bain, Trail School, Aberdeen; Byron Strom, Mobridge; Jean Marie Ziegler, Mobridge; Judy Singleton, Douglas School, Rapid City.

Assistant judges were Mrs. Lewis Severance and Helen Rasmussen. Mrs. Scott says "If I mail two packages a day and a letter with each, I may get them all returned by the time snow flies!"

DAKOTA HORTICULTURE



Mary Badham Kittel Coming to Rapid City

Mrs. Kittel, author, lecturer, exhibitor, and "five-foot floral artist from Fort Worth, Texas, has promised us a flower arrangement demonstration in the Black Hills at the 16th annual convention of the SDFGC.

To those of you who have read her book, no more need be said to send you packing your bags for this meeting. Having had the pleasure of personal correspondence with her, I feel sure her presence will give South Dakota flower arrangers one of the biggest treats we have ever had.

Mrs. Kittel's reputation as a flower arranger is nationally known. She has lectured extensively in the United States and Mexico, and was one of the top winners in the Jackson and Per-

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Pay homage to the winner of the John Robertson Gold Medal Award

Indulge in the banquet — "Tommy" Tompkins, Toastmistress

Devote time to election; new officers are due

Congratulate our State and National Award winners

Include the Litterbug Luncheon on June 26

Tour the Black Hills on June 27, and delight Rapid City, your hostess, with thanks

Yield to nothing to miss this event!

kins Silver Bowl Contest last year. She recently returned from New York, where her second book is in the process of being published.

Let's Have Some New Garden Clubs!

By Alice Platt
2nd Vice Pres., SDFGC

Since becoming second V. P. instead of State Program Chm., I have missed the correspondence which I enjoyed with most of the clubs over the state.

One of my present duties is to promote the formation of new clubs. Now I am asking each of you to help me. The most important person in the Garden Club Federation is the individual member of each local club who carries on the work at the local level.

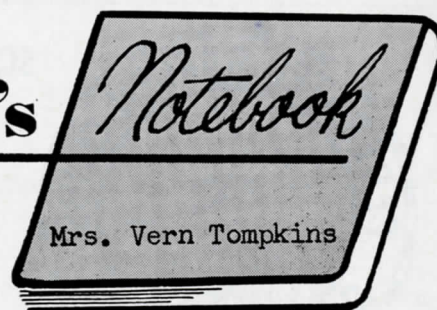
Is it possible that we have reached the saturation point in organization of Garden Clubs? I do not think so. There are large areas in the state where there are no Garden Clubs. I have talked with many who feel that they already belong to too many organizations. However, I feel that Garden Clubs fill a special need. We need to tell people in unorganized towns and communities of the benefits of our be formed for different age groups, or clubs, and perhaps in some of the larger towns some new clubs should groups with different interests in the wide Garden Club field.

Being a Garden Club member has meant much to me, and I know it has to many others. Besides increasing our knowledge of horticulture, flower arranging, conservation and landscape design, we enjoy the social contacts.

In each local garden club there are members with many and varied talents working together. In our Garden Club are members of four different churches. We now know each other better than we did before, because we work and

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President's



Thanks to the Club Presidents for the questionnaires, which were sent out recently by your President. Many were answered and returned almost by return mail. The information so gleaned is very helpful at this time.

I hope that more district meetings are being held and the reorganization well on the way to completion. We will hope for a full report at the annual convention. Each club and each district have a great deal to do in strengthening the Federation. We have not had as much information on the duties of the District Chairmen as we could wish for. A set of suggestions are now available. If you are interested please write me for them. Let's get South Dakota really moving!

It seems, at this time, that we will be well represented at the National Convention in St. Louis May 10-15, and you may look forward to a report from delegates.

Plans for the annual convention at Rapid City June 25-26-27 are practically complete. (See program elsewhere in this issue). Mrs. Jamie Johnson, National Council President elect, Dearborn, Michigan, will speak the afternoon of June 26. Mrs. Howard Kittel, nationally known lecturer and author, Ft. Worth, Texas, will present the Flower Arranging Program the

afternoon of June 25th. The Rapid City members are preparing a good time for you as they always do, and you will not want to miss any of this. The President's Breakfast will be conducted as last year, with two minute limit on reports, thus giving every club an equal chance to tell of their activities and aims. Please be there and tell us all about your club. See you in Rapid City!

VISIT YOUR STATE PARKS THIS SUMMER

The Park Season officially opened May 15. Listed below are the State Parks that you would enjoy visiting this summer:

Custer State Park in the Black Hills area; Farm Island State Park in the Missouri river east of Pierre; Fisher Grove State Park east of Redfield; Hartford Beach State Park on Big Stone Lake; Lake Herman State Park west of Madison; Oakwood Lakes State Park 20 miles northwest of Brookings; Newton Hills State Park south of Canton; Union County State Park south of Beresford; Fort Sisseton southeast of Britton; Roy Lake State Park east of Britton; Hiddenwood State Park northeast of Selby.

Besides these eleven State Parks there are numerous roadside parks as well as 93 other areas of beauty and interest that may be visited. Except for Custer State Park all the state parks are new since 1945.

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Dybvig's Career—

A Half-Century of Generosity

Already a John Robertson award winner, Henry N. Dybvig of Dell Rapids continues to serve horticulture and gardening in South Dakota. This year he will attend his 50th consecutive meeting of the annual convention without an absence.

Probably no member of the Hall of Fame has promoted garden clubs and their cause longer than he. Henry was among the first to recognize the need to enroll interested women into organized garden clubs. It was back in the early 1920's that he urged women to participate in the Society programs. In 1929 his check for \$25 was one of four which made the publication, **SOUTH DAKOTA HORTICULTURE** possible.

When the South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs became a reality Dybvig supported it with both time and energy. He served as State chairman for the National Council Blue Star Highway project. The Black Hills memorial was dedicated to those who served in the Armed Forces. For two years he promoted the project, traveling back and forth to the Black Hills. His efforts were rewarded with a monument that has been called one of "the most beautiful Blue Star Memorials in the Nation."

It is impossible to estimate the number of plants, bulbs and trees that he has given to garden clubs. Most of them were used as prizes. Many also went to public plantings and parks.

He and Mrs. Dybvig have traveled hundreds of miles to judge flower shows and give talks to garden clubs. He was picking flower show winners long before we ever heard of "Accredited Judges."

While in the nursery business Henry Dybvig specialized in growing evergreens. He helped choose the Black Hills spruce as an emblem of the state. He has distributed the South Dakota state tree to every state, including Canada. Black Hills spruce can be found in plantings from coast to coast.

In 1947 when he was awarded the distinguished John Robertson award



it was said that he knew more about evergreens than anyone else in the State. He was the second man to win the award. The same year the "South Dakota State College Little International" was dedicated to him. In 1957 he was named Eminent Farmer and his portrait was hung in the Agricultural Hall of Fame at South Dakota State College.

Dybvig has also been very active in church work. He was the first vice president of the National Evangelical Lutheran Brotherhood and past president of the District Brotherhood.

The list of organizations and the activities headed by H. N. Dybvig during the past 50 years is a history of horticultural progress in South Dakota. He was president of the S. D. Nurserymen's Association for 25 years, superintendent of the State Fair Horticulture for five years and chairman of the County Fair Board for six years.

He has been president of the State Weed Control Board and is now on the Board of Directors of Keep South Dakota Green Association; the Farm Forestry Council; and the State Tree Commission. He is also a member of the Seed Certification Committee.

He also found time to invent and patent a seed cleaner—a specialized machine now used by nurseries which plant pulpy-fruited trees and shrubs from seed. This machine has been sold here and in foreign countries. He stated that this invention has given him a lot of satisfaction.

How long has it taken this man to accomplish all this? Not so long—Dybvig was born in 1890. He began his public work in 1910 when he joined his father in the nursery business at Colton. He spent two years at Augustana College and later married Agnes Sundal. The Dybvigs have four daughters and three sons. Clarence and Melvin now operate the nurseries at Colton and Baltic. They lost their other son, James, by a drowning accident. There are 21 grandchildren.

The Dybvigs retired from active management of the nurseries and moved to a new home in Dell Rapids in 1950.

Forestry and Parks Distributes Two Million Trees, Shrubs

Nearly two million trees and shrubs have been distributed to soil conservation districts, individual farmers and other tree planting agencies by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks this year.

The 1959 tree distribution program, which was completed May 2, saw a slightly lower number of trees and shrubs distributed by the department as a result of the curtailment of the department's game cover development plot program.

This year, funds normally spent by the department for the game cover plot program were channeled into incentive payments to farmers to participate in Soil Bank Conservation Reserve tree and shrub planting practices. Part of the funds were also shifted to wetlands acquisition projects and into an evaluation study of the past game cover development plot program.

Rocky Mountain Region 100% Permanent Home

Permanent Home Chairman, Mrs. D. S. Baughman's latest effort helps to make Rocky Mountain Region the FIRST in the nation to donate the equivalent of \$1.00 or more per capita to the fund for the National Council's new home in St. Louis.

Each of the states in the region are 100 per cent and each will be honored at Headquarters by having their names on a Citation. Though many clubs have donated more than the required \$1.00 each, Dundee Club of Nebraska has donated \$4.00 per member. The project is not completed, and more contributions are welcome.

Petal Pals Help Keep Brookings Beautiful



Watch that Tower Park area at Brookings. The Petal Pals Garden Club is planting another big project which should delight the eyes and calm the nerves of both tourists and the local public.

Where once there were weeds and hard-packed earth, under the water tower there will be a half block of flowers. Last summer, when the park was newly planted, C. H. J. Mitchell devoted a half column editorial in the Brookings Register in praise of "those beautiful flowers out at the water tower grounds on Sixth Street," and disclaimed any responsibility by the city for this added attraction.

As they did at the Sanderson Roadside Park on Highway 14, individual members of the club donned slacks, manned roto-tillers, and wielded spade and hoe, as well as hose, and did the actual field labor themselves. This site, too, is on Highway 14, but within the city limits. Preliminary plans and promotion of the idea took over a year. Many consultations were held with the City Fathers, Street Commissioners and surveyors. When the final check with the city came through, there were more consultations with Prof. Macksam and with David Kruger over landscape plans.

Last spring over 500 plants were set out. These include several Blue Spruce, a Kentucky Coffee Tree, a long hedge of 58 Lillian Gibson roses, in addition to peonies, chrysanthemums and other permanent plants.

Annuals made the spot colorful during its first year.

How does YOUR town rate in roadside beauty spots? Will the passing tourist be attracted by something to look at, and stop for a longer stay at the place which provides it? Or will he sped past as quickly as the law allows? The ROADSIDES NEAR OUR TOWNS ARE THE SIGN-POSTS BY WHICH WE WILL BE JUDGED BY STRANGERS. It is up to us to see that their advertising is favorable, and the Petal Pals Garden Club has done more than their share at Brookings. Congratulations!

From the Compost

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One address is Mr. Riad Sharoni, Alexandria Horticultural Society, Flower Nest Gardens, Gianaclis—Ramleh—Egypt, 353 Ave. Horria, UAR. A friendly "gardener to gardener" letter would endear you still further.

Your Fallacies Are Showing—if you think that fresh crop seed is always the best. If lawn seed is really fresh, most of it won't grow. It must be cured under correct temperatures and rigidly controlled moisture conditions. So that's why our lawns never sprout a Harpo Marx hair-do!

Page the Fish and Game Department—Quit wondering what ACTION you can accomplish concerning

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Honor A Gardener With A 'National Gardener' Subscription

by Mrs. H. DeVries, Cavour,
National Gardener Chairman

Two South Dakota garden clubs have become 100% for National Gardener to honor one of their members. The Arrangers Club of Huron with 10 members, and the Madison Garden Club with 24 members have each paid for a subscription in honor of Mrs. G. R. McArthur and Mrs. D. S. Baughman, respectively. Mrs. McArthur is Chairman of the Editorial Board for National Garden and Mrs. Baughman is Rocky Mountain Chairman for Permanent Home.

South Dakota has lagged far behind in paid subscriptions, but now I can report 58 subscriptions sent to me. With 52 clubs in the state the average is still very low. It would be a step forward if more clubs in the state would honor a member in this way, and if every past president would take National Gardener for a year following the one in which she received it free, it would help so much.

On page 4 is a list of SDFGC which is as nearly correct as I can get it. If you have not sent in your 1959 president's name, please do so at once or she will not receive her free National Gardener.

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conservation practices. Virginia gives seed from their native evergreens with every HUNTING and FISHING License sold there, and asks the buyers to plant it in likely spots as they go over the countryside. Seed has been collected by the state and distributed for six years now. Results are beginning to show.

Night Light—If you are one of the many gardeners whose conditions necessitate being away from your garden during the daylight hours you may be interested in the drama of plants whose beauty and fragrance reaches its climax in the evening. Petunias—especially single balcony types in light tints and white, fill the evening air with fragrance.

Night-scented Stocks—matthiola bicornis—are a 15-inch, purplish-lilac annual of special interest for their night fragrance.

Everyone knows the Four-o'clocks and Flowering Tobacco (nicotiana), and the perennial evening primrose, Oenothera biennis. Most fascinating of all is the datura whose dramatic opening causes "the stalk of the Mother Moonflower to tremble with the shock of birth." The great white blooms are exciting in their various stages of unfurlment.

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21 South Dakota Flower Judges Listed

By Mrs. Walter Mortenson,
Flower Show Schools Chairman.

South Dakota has fifteen fully accredited flower show judges, plus six who will soon be accredited by National Council. The addresses show they are well distributed over the eastern half of the state so most of them are within a few hours driving time of your show. Do contact them early before their schedule is filled. At least one Accredited Judge and two students are REQUIRED for a Standard Show — TWO accredited judges is best.

Accredited Judges: Mrs. D. S. Baughman, 1001 Third St. N.E. Madison, Mrs. Dewey Benson, Hurley; Mrs. Francis Bingen, Andover; Mrs. Menholt Christensen, Hurley; Mrs. George Jorgensen, Dell Rapids; Mrs. Thomas Herrick, % Veterans Hosp., Sioux Falls; Mrs. Earl Kindred, Miller; Mrs. Earl Locke, 403 West 7th Ave., Webster.

Mrs. Carl Metzger, 929 Utah S.E., Huron; Mrs. Walter Mortenson, 1924 S. Walts Ave., Sioux Falls; Mrs. Francis Nelson, Hurley; Mrs. G. A. Schnaidt, 2113 S. Holly Ave. Sioux Falls; Mrs. Clifford Scott, Route 4 Box 34, Sioux Falls; Mrs. Lewis Severance, 1308 Utah S.E., Huron; Mrs. Claude Sherard, Hurley.

Student judges: Mrs. John Bushfield, Miller; Miss Kathleen Dailey,

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Garden club cleanings

Oldest Club in State Celebrates 35th Birthday

Mrs. Everet Lindvall sends us such an interesting picture which was taken at the 35th birthday party which the club recently held. (See P. 15.) The club is the oldest in the state. They Illene Griffin gave a history of the club, during the program and a medley of songs was sung by a group of Wankonda women. Members of the Centerville club put on a fire fighting skit and sang Smokey Bear. Mrs. O'Banion, district chairman was a special guest.

Pierre Club Plans Community Help

Plans were made at a recent meeting of the Pierre Garden Club for assisting in several community projects. Mrs. E. N. Warne and Mrs. J. Walter Hughes were named to represent the club in the city-wide Clean-up, Paint-up and Fix-up campaign. Dr. Schumaker, C. A. Carr and W. J. Byrne were appointed to assist in promoting garden plots for the Indian folk who live in East Pierre. The club plans to plant a highway triangle just east of Pierre on state highway 34. That club announces their meetings open to the public and they are having gratifying response. Each meeting takes up some phase of gardening which is of particular interest to the Pierre people. Mr. E. C. Thomsen, the president of the club has appointed Mrs. J. Walter Hughes chairman of the annual flower show.

Fair City Club Visits Europe

The Fair City Garden Club members and their husbands enjoyed colored slides of European countries and the Holy Land which were shown by Dr. Hagman at their March meeting. Mrs. Metzger discussed the bird identification contest which ends in May.

Winner Club Has Interesting Year

There are 38 members in the Winner club and every one is a worker! Their meetings are well attended and interesting. That club has given generously to the Polio fund and to the Safety Council drives. The Emmett

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Gleanings—Continued

Nebraska Garden Club visited the Winner club recently and attended the annual flower show. Three of the Winner members went to the National Convention in Seattle. Now isn't that a record for one club? Wish more of our clubs could send as many delegates to our conventions. Mrs. Rose Provecek, who is the district chairman, entertained the Winner club at breakfast in her home in Colome this fall. Each month two of the club members visit the guests in the local Home for the Aged and take treats to them. Such worthwhile things that club does. But listen to this, I saved it until last for it is really tops; that club has bought and erected a marker in tribute to the men and women who served in the wars and who went from the Winner community. Now isn't that something?

Country Side Club Small, But Oh, My!

The Country Side Garden Club of Highmore, though small, is one of the peppiest in the state. It is not unusual for the club to have 100% attendance at the meetings. All the members have lovely modern homes and are most serious in their study of landscaping and other phases of garden work which will help them to beautify their homes. Their big project is the maintenance of the two local cemeteries and although the cemeteries are miles from town both are credits to the community for they are well kept and the trees and flowers all in fine condition, thanks to the Countryside Club.

Lyons Club Generous With Donations

The Lyons Garden Club has sent it's second donation of \$25, this year, to the School for the Retarded Children, and believe it or not they are hoping to send in another donation this fall. Such a wonderful ambition. The January meeting of the Lyons club studied "Our State Bird, the Meadow Lark" and recently they had a program on "Making Your Own Plant Box," and another on "Dish Gardens." Sounds like interesting programs, doesn't it?

Community Garden Club Enters Bird Contest

The Bird Contest of which Mrs. Metzgar of Huron is chairman, is getting a lot of attention in the Miller Club. This is a bird classification and

identification contest and ends May 1. Are the rest of us going to stand back and let the Miller Club get all the honors?

Tri-State Club Goes On Wild Goose Chase

Mr. Dalton Logue, a State game warden, took the Tri State Club of Valley Springs on an interesting tour (with the help of many colored slides), from the winter home of the geese in Texas and Mississippi to the northern parts of Canada. Recently Lorne Nestrud, a soil scientist, showed the club slides from many countries illustrating the results of poor soil management and soil erosion and also showed slides of our own area of the problem which confronts the local soil minded person. The club planted a tree on Arbor Day in memory of Badger Clark and another honoring Adeline Jenny, our State Poet Laureate, who is a member of that club.



Watertown Club Members Study Horticulture Magazine

The contest which Mrs. Morrell recently conducted in the Watertown Garden Club proved that the members of that club read all of the Horticulture Magazine. She had prepared a list of questions, each of which was answered in some article in the current issue of the Hort. magazine. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Don Smokstad, Mrs. Paul Goodell and Mrs. Ross Oviatt. The Watertown Club and the Evening Garden club of Watertown recently sponsored a Litterbug Poster Contest. It was voted at the last meeting to participate in the Bird Contest.

It was voted at the last meeting to participate in the Bird Contest. Watch them beat the Miller Community Club.

Dell Rapids Theme Is Know, Grow, Show

With Mrs. Lester Thoreson as program chairman for the club, each month's lesson concerns one phase of the theme. The March KNOW; how to "Be Your Own Propagator" was a panel presenting "Conniving with Cutting," "One from Many" (Bulbs and Corms), and "Start a Garden From Seeds," with a demonstration of each. In April it was GROW: "Magic for the August Garden." The club displayed 33 Litterbug posters for the State Contest, and gave cash prizes for the best three. An "Observation IQ" each month proves that all knowledge does not come from books!

Fair City Garden Club Uncarths Rock Hounds

Our rock lugging days are about over, but that branch of gardening appealed to members of the Fair City Garden Club after listening to a talk by two men from Wessington Springs. The club was "very impressed and interested" in hearing how rocks are collected and polished. A gardening project at the State Training School at Plankinton will be a wonderful Therapy Project for the group if present plans mature.

Rapid City Club Has Pot Luck Dinner

Thirty-eight members were present at their last meeting and were told that there had been 75 posters entered in their Litterbug contest. The club voted to have pictures made of the winners and their posters and to present a picture to each winner. The club is busy as bees getting ready for the coming convention so don't dsappoint them. Send every delegate that your club is entitled to and urge members to go even though they may not be a delegate. June 25-27. See you there.

Just another word in closing, folks: do take part in the Bird contest. We are all interested in birds and especially the ones which we see in South Dakota and so let's find out just how many and what kinds of birds we have in the various parts of our state. Happy bird hunting (you don't need a license to hunt birds this way).

Sincerely,
NELLE

DAKOTA HORTICULTURE

35 Years of City Beautification

by Mrs. John N. Thompson



Pioneers of the Centerville Garden Club include the three in the picture above. They are (left to right) Mrs. Jane McMurchie; Mrs. Pauline Mee; and Mrs. Donald McMurchie, who joined the club over 30 years ago. In the lower picture you see the officers for 1959. Left to Right: Mrs. Evert Linnvall, secretary; Mrs. John N. Thomson, president and Mrs. Howard Peterson, vice president.

On Feb. 25, 1924 nine ladies met for the purpose of organizing a club to be known as the Centerville Garden Club. Their objective was the beautification of Centerville.

During the past 35 years their membership has grown to 20. First they landscaped and planted Gunderson Beach, a park on the Vermillion river, with hedges, a sunken garden, pergola, perennials, and trees. Stone pillars with iron gates were erected at the entrance of the park and stone pillars with lights on the beach proper. The club house and its porch were screened and a band shell erected.

The completion of this work was followed by a project of planting the boulevard on Main Street. Next, the club undertook the responsibility of beautifying the grounds around the City building.

No job was too hard for this club. They actively participated in keeping the dump grounds clean and planted a Russian olive hedge to screen it.

Assisted by the Country Garden Club, the Centerville group blueprinted and planted the school grounds.

An attractive home for the club was secured and the members were happy to furnish it comfortably for their meetings.

Each year the club takes an active part in the litterbug campaign, the city library, charity, the fostering of garden club projects among school children, garden club therapy for shut ins, and at holiday time Christmas wreathes are made for every church in Centerville. With the exception of two years, when Mother Nature forbid it, annual flower shows have been held. Hopa Crabs have been planted at the beach and cemetery.

The present project is the reseeding and replanting of the boulevard on Main Street.

Six ladies have been members for 30 years or more, Mrs. Donald McMurchie, Mrs. Clara Anderson, Mrs. Lenora Alexander, Mrs. Wava Burch, Mrs. Bertha Hornbeck, and Mrs. Harry Overgaard. Mrs. Lulu Wana-maker joined the club a quarter of a century ago.

Let's Have Some New Clubs—

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play together at our meetings, in our park, in our flower shows, and on our outings.

We also got acquainted with Garden Clubbers in our neighboring towns

and enjoy an increasing circle of friendship. The three district meetings which I have attended have been most enjoyable affairs. At our State Conventions we get acquainted with congenial people from over the state, and meet some of our national officers. I haven't missed a convention since the year we started our club, 1951. You don't know what you've missed 'til you get into Garden Club work! Now I'm asking each and every one of you to spread the gospel of garden clubs.

Try to get new members for your club. Speak to people who might like to start a new club. Send me the names of anyone who wants to start a new club, or ask them to contact me. I'll help them. Tell them it is not hard to start a club. Some fine gardeners have told me that they "don't know anything about it." One of our recent members joined saying, "I do not think I can do much for the Garden Club, but I am sure I can learn a lot from it." Of course she is a fine member, doing her part in every way.

With the prizes our president and first vice president are offering for increase in membership and new clubs. let's get busy! Some club will get these prizes. Why not yours?

Summer Activity For Junior Clubs

by Mrs. Milo Schultz,
Junior Club Charman

Name three annuals, tell about one you have grown. Name three wild flowers, tell about your favorite. Name three weeds and how to destroy them. Name three harmful insects and how to get rid of them.

Make a list of all the birds you have seen and tell about your favorite bird. Do you feed and protect birds in your yard? Tell about a hike you have taken and the things of interest you observed. Clippings, pictures, pressed specimens, etc., can be used. Clip and save these rules and begin now collecting material for your notebooks, let it be a year round project.

Pebble Pups — Would you like to become a Pebble Pup? Rock collectors, between the ages of 7 to 15, are usually considered Pebble Pups, older prospectors are called Rock Hounds. This hobby can begin in your backyard and take you all over the earth. Geography and science will become fun and you will make friends besides

enjoying the fresh air and sunshine.

South Dakota abounds in good locations for collecting, take along some adhesive tape and write down the location of your specimen. There are many good and inexpensive books to help you identify your findings.

You might like to use a small box to display your most interesting specimens, fasten or glue them in position and write what information you have learned. These can be used for scouting points and also in your Nature Scrapbook. Fair City Junior Gardeners, could use these at our Fair Booth this fall.

Perhaps as interest grows we could form Pebble Pup and Rock Hound Clubs.

Blood on Your Hands — Dried blood is the food for good lilies—about a tablespoonful for each plant, except for the extra heavy feeders like speciosum which can use a heaping tablespoon. Apply 2 or 3 times BEFORE blooming to supply nitrogen.

Fertilize with phosphorus and potash after blooming.

EARLY DEADLINE

"Come where the wild things are
waiting outside

And let your soul taste of the
joys that abide—"

which is exactly what your editor and husband plan to do immediately following the convention. The 49th state is our goal, and we plan to be gone during July and August. Please send stories and news for the next TWO issues before June 25th. This includes the houseplant stories we want for the September-October issue. Get them in NOW. After June 25th send to Mrs. Morrell or to Dean Martin, College Station, S. Dak. Please take note—there will be NO forwarding address during that time.

Mrs. Geo. M. Jorgensen

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