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GARDEN CLUB MEETS THIS FRIDAY EVENING

Mr. Robert Saxe of San Francisco, noted rock garden enthusiast, will be the speaker at Friday evening's meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Garden club in the auditorium of the Walter Colton grammar school in Monterey. He will have a number of rock and Alpine plants suitable for rock gardens, to illustrate his talk, which should be of particular interest to all residents of the peninsula.

OAKLAND FLOWER SHOW IS NEXT ATTRACTION

Thursday evening, April 30, has been set as the date for the sponsors' preview of the California Spring Garden Show in the Oakland auditorium. The following four days, May 1 to 4, the show will be open to the public.

Theme of this year's event is the "Rainbow Forest." Entrance is by means of a wide ramp which will lead to an eminence commanding a view of the entire show. Flood lights will illuminate the outdoor garden section, which is devoted to individual garden landscaping created by Bay region garden clubs.

PELARGONIUM CULTURE

Pelargoniums, popularly called Lady or Martha Washington geraniums, were brought from their native wilds in South Africa in 1690 and at once became garden favorites in Europe, especially in England. Maybe that is why they are called "old fashioned."

The 1941 pelargoniums have become as showy as the expensive azaleas, some even picking up the colors of the orchids. More recently called "the poor man's rhododendrons," pelargoniums may be grown as shrubby bushes in large wooden or other containers to decorate patios and porches wherever potted plants are desired. But whether a pot plant, or tub shrub or a garden bedder, pelargoniums are most obliging. In their 1941 models, they are ruffled, veined, fluted and frilly, arriving in graceful, slender shapes in a style that their colonial ancestors never suspected was in the family.

If you did not raise any cuttings last year, you may buy them now or plant them in the garden: As the stock increases, rapidly, the fine varieties on the market now will supply an abundance of new plants.

Among the 1941 introductions are Crusader, a white flower with

clear-cut crimson markings and flush pink on the frilled tips. P. Sweet Sixteen is a tall plant with large clusters of waved and ruffled petals with strawberry pink accents. Burlesque is rose-pink with white markings, heavily frilled, with a small violet spot on the lower petal. Mardi Gras, a 1941 pelargonium, is a white daintily pencilled-in-red.

Last fall, at the end of the flowering season, a popularity vote was taken to name the year's favorites. They were—Marie-Rober, Joyce, May Queen, Ann Rudolff, Zanobia, White A. A. G. (named after the Allied Arts Guild in Palo Alto, Salmar Springtime, Sue Jerrett, Springtime and the Empress of Russia. The latter is a favorite with flower fans who like the rich, dark claret-red with black highlights.

The Mme. Laval, which has a flat, open face like a pansy, and is exceptionally free flowering, is one of the old fashioned types still in high favor. The original Martha Washington, growing today in Mount Vernon gardens, is a gorgeous cherry red with dark brown markings and a light edge. It blooms all summer long, and is often developed into large, bushy plants for 18-inch pots for gardens that go in for potted flowers.

Azalea and Sunset, both brilliant rose with reverse petals of satiny overlaid with white, are popular favorites, even though the experts of the society did not vote for them. The public does. May Queen, that has stolen the color of the orchid, was such a sellout last year that it did not land in many private gardens.

Pelargoniums are semi-desert plants and actually suffer when over-watered. They need very little fertilizer and give a maximum amount of display with a minimum of effort.

Then, too, these flowers have very few enemies. Black-rot, usually fatal before one notices it, begins at the base, causing the central stem to grow black and hollow. It is caused by overwatering. Heavy foliage and sparse flowers are the result of over-feeding. All geraniums do best when rootbound in the pots. In shifting from small pots to large ones, an inch difference.

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indicated to aid real estate tax readjustment, particularly with reference to the property taxpayer's position and responsibilities in connection with the costs of the defense program.

New Housing Work Okayed

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) — Immediate construction of 4,470 additional defense dwelling units, at a cost of approximately \$15,000,000, to house industrial workers and army enlisted personnel in ten cities, was approved today by President Roosevelt on recommendation of C. F. Palmer, coordinator of defense housing.

The President also approved construction of 1,906 temporary accommodation units for defense workers estimated to cost \$805,000. These shelters, consisting of demountable dormitories and trailers, would be used, Palmer said, only until more permanent housing could be provided.

Palmer announced allocation of the housing projects, to cost around \$3,300 a unit, as follows: Vallejo, Calif., 1,600 units.

Demountable dwellings would be built at Vallejo, Palmer said.

Lumber Firm Trial Is Set

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23 (UP) Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure today set July 1 for trial of 83 individuals and firms, engaged in lumber fixture and millwork industries in the San Francisco bay area and indicted last year on anti-trust law charges.

The indictments charged principally that manufacturers and labor unions of this area conspired to prevent mill products from being brought into the San Francisco bay district from Washington and Oregon mills.

Imelman Houses To Start Soon

Request for a building permit is expected in Carmel this week so that Conrad Imelman may start work on four residential units on his block bounded by Ocean avenue, Sixth avenue, Santa Fe and Santa Rita streets.

Amount to be invested in the project has not yet been made public.

While there are many rumors of other developments, both residential and business, around Carmel, there have been relatively few new building permits taken out thus far in April, according to Floyd Adams, building inspector.

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