

BOYS AND GIRLS OF OMAHA TICKLE SOIL

Records Made in the Cultivation and Management of Gardens During Last Season.

MANY PRIZES AWARDED

Miss Hulda Peterson, agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, in charge of the Nebraska Boys and Girls' Garden clubs...

Class 2, containing 300 square feet or more. The score on which the award was based was as follows: Report and story of season's work, 25 points; profit on investment, 25 points; quality of produce, 25 points; quantity of produce, 25 points.

Class One.

Gardens from 100 to 500 square feet. First prize \$5, Katherine Kries, 12 years, 529 South Twenty-third street, Vinton school, score 91 points.

Second prize \$4.50, Edward C. Reynolds, 12 years, 217 North Twenty-fifth street, Windsor school, score 91 points.

Third prize \$4, Walter Paetow, 15 years, 211 North Eighteenth street, Lothrop school, score 87 points.

Fourth prize \$3.50, Holovitchiner Smith, 15 years, 221 South Twenty-ninth street, Park school, score 82 points.

Fifth prize \$3, Justus Ganale, 11 years, 210 North Eighteenth street, S. Joseph school, score 82 points.

Sixth prize \$2.50, John Deibel, 12 years, 314 Franklin street, Long school, score 81 points.

Seventh prize \$2, Raymond Tullis, 12 years, 1402 South Forty-ninth avenue, Brio school, score 81 points.

Eighth prize \$1.50, Maurice Lee, 12 years, 627 North Thirty-seventh street, Monmouth Park school, score 80 points.

Ninth prize \$1, Mattilda Wemninghoff, 13 years, 143 South Twenty-seventh street, Park school, score 79 points.

Tenth prize \$1, Minnie Greenberg, 14 years, 132 North Eighteenth street, Kellion school, score 79 points.

Class Two. Gardens containing 500 square feet or more.

First prize \$5, Carl Renstrom, 13 years, 458 Maple street, Clifton Hill school, score 86 points.

Second prize \$4.50, Roy Flasher, 15 years, 402 Maple street, Clifton Hill school, score 84 points.

Third prize \$4, Ralph Thompson, 13 years, 246 South Thirty-third street, Windsor school, score 83 points.

Fourth prize \$3.50, Martin Kelly, 15 years, 247 North Eighteenth street, Sacred Heart school, score 81 points.

Fifth prize \$3, Allen Dowling, 11 years, 253 Maple street, Clifton Hill school, score 80 points.

Sixth prize \$2.50, John Rabbe, 12 years, 179 South Thirtieth street, Brio school, score 80 points.

Seventh prize \$2, Carl Magnusson, 16 years, 150 Pinkney street, Lothrop school, score 81 points.

Eighth prize \$1, Louis Schreier, 11 years, 85 Center street, Train school, score 83 points.

Ninth prize \$1, Herman Palbaum, 12 years, 421 Charles street, Walnut Hill school, score 79 points.

Tenth prize \$1, Laurance Allis, 13 years, 112 South Twenty-third street, Park school, score 78 points.

Miss Kries Champion. Miss Peterson and Mr. Dale have declared Katherine Kries, with a score of 91 points in Class 1, the champion of the Omaha boys' and girls' gardeners.

Her garden was just 100 square feet. The total value of her products was \$2.02, raised at an expense of \$5.00, leaving a net profit of \$4.42. She will be awarded a championship trophy or loving cup for this honor.

In addition to the awards named sixty-four boys and girls who went through the whole season, keeping an expense and receipt account and writing a story of the season's work, will be given certificates of achievement and the Nebraska Boys and Girls' club badge.

The prize money for both awards and the mid-summer exhibit, amounting to over \$100, was raised and donated by the Omaha Rotary club under the direction of Harry E. Walker.

The other expenses of the prize, such as salary of Superintendent Dale, were taken care of by private subscriptions through a committee of citizens consisting of Robert Cowell, Thomas Fry and N. B. Updike, of which Mr. Fry was chairman.

These Are Some Farmers. The largest garden reported was the work of Herman Palbaum, a Walnut Hill school boy of 12 years. His garden contained 2,500 square feet. The value of his products was \$35, raised at an expense of \$4.50, leaving a profit of \$30.50.

Carl Magnusson, 1,750 square feet, profit \$15.50. Carl Renstrom, 785 square feet, profit \$15.50. Allen Dowling, 1,500 square feet, profit \$14.50. John Rabbe, 2,000 square feet, profit \$12.50.

George V. Huse, 628 square feet, profit \$11.50. Martin Kelly, 609 square feet, profit \$11.50. Ralph Thompson, 1,000 square feet, profit \$11.50.

The reports of seven showed that garden operations had been conducted at a loss.

Enormous Increase in Number of Parcel Post Packages Sent

The people of the United States sent nearly 700,000,000 parcels during the year 1915, according to figures compiled by the Omaha postoffice.

This is an average of seven parcels sent by each man, woman and child in the great republic.

Approximately four out of each seven parcels were sent by parcel post. The other three went by express.

During the year just before the establishment of the parcel post service only 23,000,000 parcels were sent.

The enormous increase is due principally to the facilities offered by the parcel post for reaching the rural population of 23,000,000 in this country by way of the rural free delivery.

POLICEMAN FORGETS GUN WHEN HE GOES TO WORK

Patrolman O. Thornton is being jollied by other members of the police force for having lost his revolver. He took the weapon out of his pocket when he sat down to eat lunch Friday night, and when he went back to his beat he forgot all about it.

OMAHA CLUB WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING

The Omaha club will hold its annual meeting tonight. Three new directors to succeed P. A. Brogan, A. P. Golub and W. J. Fife, whose terms expire, will be elected and a dinner for the club members will be served.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE OMAHA COMMERCIAL CLUB.



J. A. SUNDERLAND.

J. A. Sunderland was formally named president of the Omaha Commercial club at noon.

Sunderland was chairman of the executive committee during the past year and the head of this committee automatically becomes president of the club at the subsequent annual election. Sunderland succeeds John L. McCague, H. P. Wyman was re-elected secretary of the club and T. A. Frye was re-elected treasurer.

The race for the latter office was an exciting one between Frye and Harry Tukey. Ordinarily there is no particular fight for the office of treasurer, but both Frye and Tukey were hot after the job. Frye won out by a vote of 28 to 22.

MANY PEOPLE ARE POOR PAY

Retail Grocers' Association Makes Reckoning on Credit of Its Customers.

FORTY PER CENT PROMPT PAY

"Forty per cent of the credit customers in Omaha are prompt pay, 10,000 customers in Omaha allow their accounts to run so long that their accounts are 90 days in arrears, and 7,000 people in Omaha will not pay at all if they can get out of it," are some of the statements made by J. J. Cameron, secretary of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association, who has checked credit accounts here for many years.

Here is a little resume of conditions in the grocery business, as Mr. Cameron has summed it up in an editorial in his weekly bulletin:

"We now have in Omaha a population of 200,000 people. Counting four to a family, that would make 50,000 families. The estimate for each family is an average of \$1 per day for groceries and meat. This would make the total sales for all grocers and butchers \$500,000 a day; \$100,000 per week, or \$5,000,000 a year.

"There are now 900 grocery and meat markets in Omaha. According to our figures their daily sales each is \$93 on the average. From the best information we get the credit sales are 65 per cent. This would make a charge account of \$2,000 every day, or \$10,140,000 a year.

"The lowest estimate we can make on credit losses is 2 per cent. This would mean a loss every day of \$400 and for the year \$102,000. Can the grocers afford this enormous loss? Must they continue to give away \$20,000 a year in order to do business? If not, why do they do it? If they knew how to cut that loss down 75 per cent would they? Would they take advantage of that information?"

"Our credit records will show that over 7,000 people in Omaha will not pay any account they owe if they can possibly avoid payment. Ten thousand others allow their accounts to run so long past their due date that they are practically a dead loss and should not be carried. Still another class of 10,000 or 12,000 are honest, industrious and reliable, considered good but slow. Forty per cent of credit customers are prompt pay. Six years of checking these customers up nearly every day proves these figures are correct.

"The last six months association members and others have used this credit information on file in our office and they

enthusiastically state that they have saved at least 75 per cent of their former losses.

"The average grocer does not know many of his customers; he knows very little about their business, and many of them he has never seen, as a great deal of his business is done over the telephone."

"This institution is the only one in the central west with separate buildings situated in their own ample grounds, yet entirely distinct, and rendering it possible to classify cases. The one building being fitted for and devoted to the treatment of non-contagious and non-mental diseases, no others being admitted; the other Rest Cottage being designed for and devoted to the exclusive treatment of selected mental cases requiring for a time watchful care and special nursing."

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TODAY'S AID TO BEAUTY

An especially fine shampoo for this weather can be easily made at trifling expense by simply dissolving a teaspoonful of carboxin in a cup of hot water.

Four slowly on scalp and massage briskly. This creates a soothing, cooling lather that dissolves and removes all dirt, excess oil and dirt. Rinsing leaves the scalp spotlessly clean, soft and pliant, while the hair takes on a glossy richness of natural color, also a fluffiness which makes it seem very much heavier than it is. After a carboxin shampoo arranging the hair is a pleasure.—Advertisement.

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Word has been received from Los Angeles by C. A. Montgomery that Euclid Martin, formerly well known business man of Omaha and once president of the Commercial club, had suffered from a stroke of apoplexy two days ago, and that at the time of the message was still unconscious, with slight hopes for his recovery. All of Mr. Martin's family are with him in Los Angeles, where he has made his home since removing from this city.

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The Leading Style-Creating Houses of Paris Declare Unanimously for The Small High Hat For Early Spring Wear. The short full skirts require the high hat to give the proper effect. We are prepared to show a wide variety in Lisere and Milan blocked shapes and a number of shiny hand sewn braids; also a new Russian straw braid, commonly known as Sipper Straw, for hand made hats are to be worn again, including satin and tulle combinations and turbans made of CIRE FOLIAGE with flower and fruit trimmings.

Medium Priced Coats at About Half Price. Quality coats—all that are new and charming, the popular belted and flared models in a variety of plain tailored and fancy far trimmed garments, presented at special pricings that strongly emphasize the reputation of this store for peerless value-giving. A High Class Lot Wonderful Values. \$17.50 \$12.50. New Undermuslins Just Received Are Monday Specials.

Blouses Much Below Regular Prices. Fascinating new assortments, reflecting new and original ideas of the foremost makers in a legion of variety. Never has our Blouse Shop been so thoroughly equipped, nor have values been exceeded. Their appeal is to every woman. Dainty Lingerie Blouses, \$1.00. Smart Blouses at \$5.00. Dressy Lace Blouses \$2.50.

Silks—Surprising Values Featured. These values will appeal strongly to those who wish to make their expenditures go far. With almost insurmountable difficulties to be met with in the silks and dye-stuff market, our prices are still the lowest possible as usual. 40-Inch Silk Bedford. 36-Inch Black Messaline, splendid weight, soft finish. 49-Inch All-Silk Cashmere Charmeuse.

New Crisp White Goods. Beautiful Collection of Novelty White Goods, 40 and 48 inches wide. White Sateen. White Voile. Plain White Chiffon Voile.

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The Sale of Linens. Pattern Cloths. Table Cloths. Napkins. Madeira Linen. \$1.75 Madeira Towels, \$1.00. 35c Towels, 22c.

Laces and Embroideries. 50c Laces, 20c. 25c for Embroideries, Worth to 70c. 9c for Embroideries, Worth to 25c.

A Variety of Notions Low Priced. San Silk, special Monday, 3 1/2c. 5 Nets in Envelope, with and without elastic, 10c. West Electric Hair Curlers, 5 on card for 19c.

A Sale of Room Size Rugs. Encyclopaedia Britannica. NOW ON EXHIBIT IN OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT—TO BE SEEN NOWHERE ELSE IN THIS CITY. The New Encyclopaedia Britannica. in a compact, convenient "Handy Volume" issue. Saving 64% of the price of the only other form of the Britannica (in larger volumes). See sets in the different bindings, examine the clear print and opaque India paper, the beautiful maps and pictures, the handsome leather bindings, and leave your order.

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