

Peninsula Diary Mayo Hayes O'Donnell

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An old Chinese proverb reads thusly:

If you would be happy for three hours,

Get drunk.

If you would be happy for three days,

Kill a pig and eat it.

If you would be happy for three months,

Get Married.

If you would be happy for your whole life long,

Become a gardener.

It is to make the Peninsula a garden spot and to make all Peninsula residents garden-minded that the Monterey Peninsula Garden Club plans its programs and activities. Of special interest to all flower lovers and to those without gardens, but who wish to make their homes or apartments attractive and cheerful for the Christmas season, will be the bazaar which the club membership is sponsoring on Friday, December 16. The Pacific Grove Woman's club house will be the setting for the event and the hours of the sale will be from 12 noon until 7 o'clock in the evening.

The clubhouse will present an unusually attractive holiday scene to all who enter, as the sale will not be the usual stereotyped bazaar. The children's booth will be gaily decorated with candy canes and will have for sale popcorn balls and peanut and gingerbread men, according to Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, president, and Mrs. A. T. DeRome, Mrs. Calvin Cope and Mrs. William Robertson, who are in charge.

Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Harold Prince are planning the plant sale table; Christmas tree ornaments will be sold by Mrs. Norman Booth, Mrs. Ralph Marr and Miss Marguerite Moore, and holiday candles, made by Mrs. William F. Ward, the overall chairman for the bazaar, will be displayed by Mrs. Stuart Mitchell, Mrs. Francis Hopper and Mrs. Weston Booth.

Bright wreaths and door ornaments, which will be sure to welcome the holiday caller, will be in charge of Mrs. Alex Olivetti, Mrs. Vivian Barton and Miss Mary Carroll. The herb and sachet booth is sure to be a popular one, for Miss Martha Brouhard, Mrs. Theodore Durein, Mrs.

R. H. Merritt and Mrs. Jack Neville have worked hard and enthusiastically to make it so.

Mrs. Raymond Grabill and Mrs. R. Dankworth will be hostesses of a booth where greenery and table decorations will be sold. Mrs. C. E. Balzarini, Mrs. F. L. Knudsen and Mrs. Jessie Caffee are delighted with all the Christmas silver angels they are to sell. Miss Martha Bourhard has made all the colorful candy leis which will be on sale in one of the booths, Mrs. Ernest Watson has made all the holly wreaths and Mrs. F. L. Knudsen has had growing in her lath house these many weeks a flat of ivy which some one is sure to want.

Mrs. Homer Martine has had charge of the personnel. Mrs. Leon Edner will offer a cheering drink of cold punch to the visitors – just a bit of the spirit of hospitality from the Garden Club to their guests. Mrs. Clyde Dorsey will assist Mrs. Edner.

Congratulations to the City of Pacific Grove. The pink hawthorn trees which are being planted on Lighthouse between Fountain and Seventeenth Street this year will by this time next year be much larger and in the spring will present a charming picture. Combined with the holly trees in the center of Lighthouse Avenue and the attractive rock-work enclosures, that street should be one of the show places of the Peninsula within a short space of time.

Congratulations are also due the City of Pacific Grove and to the residents of Ocean View Boulevard upon the return of Hayes Perkins, the good citizen who planned the garden on the ocean side of that scenic thoroughfare. Mr. Perkins left Pacific Grove a year or so ago to reside elsewhere, but the ocean and his garden have called him back and he can again be seen working and planting along the waterfront. We hope he will continue for a long time to come to beautify and care for the plants he has so lovingly placed there.