

GROWING ROSES

Park of Roses Opens Today; 30,000 Bushes Are in Bloom

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The Park of Roses is officially open today. Just picture 30,000 rose bushes in bloom in one garden—that should mean about 300,000 roses. The park will really be a camera fans' Utopia as much as it will be to the flower fancier. One can almost close his eyes and point the camera in any direction and be sure to get a picture of beautiful color.

The Ohio State University Symphonic Choir will give a concert at 4 p. m. in the park and Jane Lausche, the Governor's wife, will present the "Maiden of Roses" with a fitting award. This will

take place about 3:30 p. m.

Let's make this Memorial Day one to be long remembered, by visiting the most beautiful Park of Roses in the United States. Buy a membership ticket for \$1 and help make Columbus the Rose Capital of the World.

LIMA ROSE SOCIETY presents "Roses on Parade," June 12 and 13 in the Lowell School Auditorium at Lima, Ohio. This is the first show put on by the Lima Society and is under direction of Herman Allison and Reade Marshall. However, all the members are working like eager beavers to make it a huge success and I am sure they will do just that. It will fill the long need for a fine rose show in that section of Ohio.

Entries will be received between 8 and 11:30 a. m., Saturday, June 11, and there is no charge for exhibiting your roses.

The schedule lists 47 classes for specimen roses and 18 classes for arrangements. The Queen of Show will receive the Lima News trophy.

FLORA FAUNA CLUB, of Wellston, is sponsoring a show

June 13 in which there will be a large number of classes for roses.

Mrs. H. V. Warren is president of the club and very active in the show planning.

This show is also a first for the

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Wellston club and they hope to start a rose society. This should not be difficult from all the reports I have received of the fine roses grown in that part of the state.

How about starting a tri-county rose society and, in addition to your own Jackson County, take in Vinton, Meigs and Gallia counties? I am sure that out of three of those counties mentioned you could form a wonderful rose society.

Of course, if Vinton got into it I would have to join up. I am looking forward to having a part in the inaugural shows of Lima and Wellston.

ALL-AMERICA rose selection winners for 1955 were announced in The Dispatch this past week. I repeat here for those who may have missed it. The winners are named Queen Elizabeth, Jiminy Cricket and Tiffany.

Three roses won this high award, one of them in the new Grandiflora class. This new class was just approved and accepted by the American Rose Society at the recent convention in San Francisco.

The Grandiflora type rose combines characteristics of both the Hybrid Tea and the Floribunda classes, producing roses often in clusters and with stems long enough for cutting. Size of the bloom falls between that of the Hybrid Tea and the Floribunda.

Plants are relatively tall, in some areas growing to a height of six feet or more. In form, the bud and flower are similar to the Hybrid Tea.

It seems a little premature to me to give an All-America award to a rose of this class, but I suppose the hybridizers have to get paid for their work.

Queen Elizabeth is the Grandiflora winning the honor for 1955. It is an orchid-pink color. Blooms are well formed and high centered, borne on long stems, singly and in clusters.

The name would indicate an apology to the National Rose Society of England which refused to accept the name of one of last year's award winners "Lilibet," because it was not in keeping with the dignity of the Queen.

Tiffany is a Hybrid Tea, having long pointed buds of deep pink with a yellow shading at the base and opening to a clear pink. Blooms are produced singly and the plant is upright in growth habit.

Jiminy Cricket is a Floribunda,

with tangerine red buds opening to coral-orange and finishing in a pink coral which is close to the color of Fashion. It is said the vigorous, upright growth makes Jiminy Cricket ideal for hedges and its blooming quality is excellent for mass color.

Climbers Need Pruning

Do not let hardy climbers run wild. Keep cutting off the long ungainly shoots whenever they reach a length that offends the eye or interferes with windows, doors or paths. This pruning adds to their density by encouraging more liberal branching.