

Easiest Bulbs To Grow in House Flower in Water

Easiest flowers for the amateur to grow in the house this winter are bulbs which need only water to enable them to flower. Botanists say a bulb is a storehouse containing a new plant, plus food and energy sufficient to carry it to maturity. Warmth, water and light start up growth, but this must not be too rapid. Paper white narcissi, its yellow cousin narcissus soliel d'or, and top size hyacinths are the varieties most commonly grown in water without soil; but crocuses and grape hyacinths can be grown in bowls containing bulb fibre, and lily of the valley pipe will flower in bowls with wet sphagnum moss packed about their roots. Failure is usually due to fast growth stimulated by high temperatures, which result in scanty roots, spindly top growth and no flowers at all, or very poor ones. Whether grown in gravel and water, bulb fibre, or soil, containers several inches deep should be

used, so there is plenty of room for roots. **Keep Bulbs Apart** Set the bulbs close together, but do not let them touch. There should be two inches of gravel, soil or fibre below them, and water should be kept only high enough to touch the base of the bulbs. Root formation precedes top growth and should take four weeks. A temperature below 60 degrees is essential, and it may be kept below 50. Roots develop best in the dark, but with these bulbs a subdued light is permissible. When the roots are fully developed, top growth will begin, and at this stage the bulbs can be given more light though it is well to keep them out of direct sun until flower stalks begin to develop. Then give them all the light possible. Best flowers will result if a temperature of 65 degrees is never exceeded. Be careful to keep the plants away from steam pipes, and radiators, or living rooms heated above 70 degrees. They should be near windows where there is light and temperatures are lower. An enclosed porch or sunporch where ventilation can be given, and temperatures kept down, is the best place for the winter garden. Large bulbs of Dutch hyacinths can be grown in water in special

Four Die in Texas City Blast, Fire



Burned-out cars litter the side of the highway after a pipeline explosion sent a wall of flame over 14 autos waiting at a railroad crossing at Texas City. The flash fire killed four persons and injured 19.

Proposed Freight Rates Hike Draws Flood of Protest

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department yesterday joined other major shipping interests in opposing any new "emergency" increase in railroad freight rates. The department gave its views to the Interstate Commerce Commission which is considering a petition from the railroads for a 13 per cent advance in freight charges. The railroads have asked an immediate "emergency" eight per cent increase while the proposed 13 per cent increase is studied. Secretary of Agriculture Brann said in a statement filed with the ICC: "There is no showing whatever of such an immediate need for increased rates in the measure sought as to outweigh the public interest in a proper adjudication of the issue in accordance with the commission's rules of procedure." Similar protests were filed yesterday by the International Apple Association, the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors, the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, and a group of cement manufacturers.

biggest town of ruins ever found in central Asia. Haslund-Christensen, leader of a Danish expedition with present headquarters at Kabul, Afghanistan, said the town's name is Lashgari Sarai, and several hundred years ago it was inhabited by at least 10,000. In the middle of the town there is a huge palace. The palace and hundreds of houses are now filled with and covered by yellow desert dust, but it is easy to see that there had once been a flourishing life.

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glasses, which support the bulb just above the water, in which their roots develop. It takes 10 to 12 weeks for the roots to develop, in a dark place, in cool temperature. When roots fill the glass, and top growth begins, acustom the plant gradually to light, and grow them slowly in a temperature under 65 degrees.

Kidnaped Baby Found; Snatcher Faces Brain Test

BALTIMORE, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Ten-week-old Jo Ann Mezzanotte, fast asleep and well fed, was restored to her mother's arms yesterday some 21 hours after she had been snatched from her carriage. Capt. Henry J. Kriss, captain of detectives, said Mrs. Leona Sheffield, 46-year-old mother of three, would be charged with stealing the baby. Two detectives found Jo Ann on a bed at Mrs. Sheffield's home in suburban Dundalk. They had been checking license numbers given them by Mrs. Frances Kucinski, who saw a strange woman toss a bundle of clothing into a cemetery yesterday afternoon and drive off. Police Commissioner Hamilton R. Atkinson arrived at police headquarters carrying Jo Ann in one hand and a bottle of milk in the other.

"Let me see my baby, just let me see her," cried 28-year-old Dolores Mezzanotte, the mother. She had left Jo Ann parked in her carriage outside a drug store while she went in to buy vitamin drops and a nursing bottle. Capt. Kriss said Mrs. Sheffield told of having "troubles" and thought a new baby in the family might be the solution. He ordered that she be examined by psychiatrists. Analysis shows that there is no great difference in the nutrient content of light-shelled or dark-shelled eggs.

Must Be Thirsty



(NEA Telephone) California's Governor Earl Warren takes a long drink from a long glass of Florida orange juice shortly after his arrival at Miami, Fla., to address the annual convention of the American Legion.

City Would Junk 'Strip' For Respectable Name

LAS VEGAS, Nev.—(AP)—The Strip—that section of Las Vegas where the plush hotels are located—has an unfortunate connotation, District Attorney Bob Jones says.

So he's started a contest in the Daily Review-Journal for another name—something "suitably glamorous, like Los Angeles' Miracle Mile or Chicago's Gold Coast." A \$200 prize is offered by the resort hotels, because, says Jones, citizens feel "the Strip sounds too much like Gypsey Rose Lee, and has an implication that visitors are stripped by gamblers." That, he says, isn't so.

Hospital Can't Be Put On State Standards

FOREST GROVE, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Forest Grove's general hospital cannot be remodeled to meet state requirements, Olive Wilcox, owner-manager, reports. She said the state board of health has given hospitals until 1950 to meet the standards. At that time Forest Grove will have to have a new hospital or it won't have any, she said.

Speedy Building Of Homes Ignores Safety Principles

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Many builders of new homes are "setting the stage for a mass of broilers in legs, arms, necks and heads," the National Safety Council was told yesterday. Tyler S. Rogers, of the Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp., Toledo, O., told the annual convention of the National Safety Council that too many safety rules are being broken in the rush to build new homes. "The pressure of cost is making houses smaller," he asserted. "The stairs are being squeezed down, inch by inch, to make space for other rooms. We are, I fear, building broken legs and arms, necks and heads into altogether too many new houses." Rogers said hazards being built into new homes include poorly constructed stairways, inadequate lighting, unsafe floors, improperly constructed cupboards and cabinets, doors that swing the wrong way and poor traffic arrangements. Rogers advocated stricter enforcement of "adequate" building codes to govern the designer or builder "who plans more with an eye to low cost or high profit than to the safety of the house he creates."

Reclamation Bureau Asks Half Billion for '49

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The Reclamation Bureau was reported today to have asked the Budget Bureau to approve a \$500,000,000 outlay for next year. A half-billion dollar program would be about \$200,000,000 larger than the Bureau was voted for this fiscal year, ending June 30.

Bureaus usually ask the budget office for more money than it approves in its recommendations to Congress. The requested program, to become a reality, would have to be approved by the Budget Bureau and then by Congress. The budget office's recommendations are those of the president.

Publishers Quizzed On Comic Books Crusade

PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Oregon newspaper publishers will be asked for suggestions on what to do to control crime and sex aspects of so-called comic books considered by a civic committee to be harmful to children. A committee headed by Mrs. C. D. Cummins, representative of the state PTA and chairman of the citizen's group, said the publishers would be asked because of their objections to a censorship board.

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