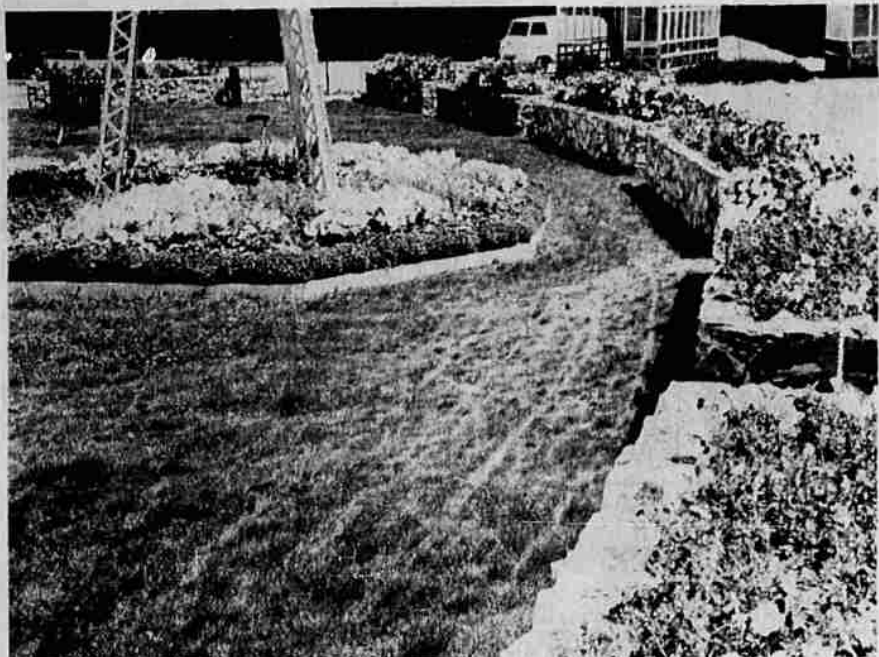




BEAUTY ENHANCED — To give the Douglas County Fairgrounds a verdant look and to break up the harshness of asphalt and concrete, lawns and planters overflowing with petunias have been installed both around the garden area and the "space needle" shown above. More than 300 feet of rockwork planters were built for this year's fair. (News-Review photo)

Tips On Handling Of Cut Flowers Given For Show Exhibitors, Others

Editor's note: The following timely article is submitted from the Douglas County Fair publicity department for the benefit of gardeners in general and in particular for those planning to make flower entries in the Fair's horticultural section.

A flower arrangement or a specimen flower is only as good as its condition. Condition depends on the care with which cut flowers and foliage are cut and handled before they are displayed.

When exhibiting at the County Fair or any flower show, use every precaution to make cut flowers last as long as possible. There is no better life insurance for flowers than that which comes from deep soaking in lukewarm water. Immerse about 1/4 of the stem for several hours in a darkened room — preferably overnight for most flowers. Flower stems should be cut at an angle with a sharp knife, as scissors tend to crush the stem cells so the water cannot enter. Always use a clean container.

Carry a can of warm water to the garden with you when cutting flowers and plunge them in as soon as they are cut. Hollow stemmed flowers must be left in this water for several hours, and must not be cut when the sun is hot or the flowers are wilted. It is better to cut these hollow stemmed flowers early in the morning when the weather is warm.

Special Treatment Needed

Flowers containing milky juices must have their stems sealed immediately, to prevent escape of precious juice. Burn ends of stems with flame until charred or use boiling water. When boiling water is used, protect flowers and foliage from steam by poking stems through several thicknesses of newspapers into about an inch of boiling water for one and one half to three minutes.

Woody stemmed flowers are treated differently. Break stems of chrysanthemums instead of cutting, as this will help to shred their tough fibers so they can absorb more moisture. Stock should have stem ends slit open with a sharp knife for an inch or two and they will drink more water if the lower parts of the stems are scraped. It is absolutely essential to cut stems of roses with a very sharp knife. Cutting with shears tends to squeeze the rose's water-carrying sheath so it cannot function. Thick stemmed ones may also be slit with a knife. If it is available some of the packaged formulas for making cut flowers last can be used in the conditioning water. Carnations and roses respond well to this treatment. Sugar in the conditioning water will help if you do not have the other.

Include Foliage

When cutting flowers for an arrangement, cut some extra foliage too, and condition with the flowers. When handling roses, take off the bottom foliage and break off thorns. This will help them to absorb more water. Try to have all plant material as nearly perfect as possible for the arrangements as well as the specimens. Wash broad leaved evergreen foliage in lukewarm soapy water with a soft brush, rinse well and let dry. To give them a nice satin finish, rub leaves gently with a crumpled piece of florists' wax paper. This is much more attractive than

shiny, sticky surfaces. Soil Fertility plays an important part in producing quality flowers which do not readily shed their petals or droop quickly. Excessive feeding may lead to large soft growth that looks beautiful, but will not last.

To keep air bubbles from getting into the moisture-conducting vessels, stems should be cut under water and left in the same water to condition. Let faucet water stand five to ten minutes before using so air bubbles can escape. Flowers definitely benefited by re-cutting stems under water are annual chrysanthemums, asters, carnations,

marigolds, snapdragons and sweet peas. Gather flowers in advanced bud or nearly mature stage.

Limit Handling

Handle flowers as little as possible. Deep water conditioning protects stem and leaves against loss of moisture. Use an atomizer or mist sprayer to spray a fine mist of cold water into the air above the flowers and foliage being conditioned. Avoid extreme changes in temperature.

Now, let's have lots of entries in the flower section of the Douglas County Fair!



'Garden Round-Up' Show Slated At VA Hospital In September

An organizational meeting to plan the fourth annual "Garden Round-Up" was held recently at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Russ Madison, the VA horticultural director, was in charge.

This annual major garden show of the area is sponsored jointly by the Veterans Administration Hospital and the garden clubs of Roseburg and surrounding communities. For the second year in a row, the show will be open to entries from the general public.

Dates for show have been set Sept. 21 and 22. Place will be in the auditorium at the VA Hospital. Joint chairmen for the event will be Mrs. Warren Painter of the Camas Valley Garden Club and Mrs. E. H. Card of the Hucrest Garden Club, Roseburg.

Other chairmen have been named as follows: properties and staging, Mrs. C. L. Bowles, Oakland club; hospitality, Mrs. G. C. Black, Oakland club; and public-

ty, Mrs. Sidney Doménico, Riverbend Garden Club and also director of Umpqua District of Federated Garden Clubs.

Entry categories and chairmen are: fruit, Mrs. C. R. Schroeder, Days Creek club; vegetables, Mrs. R. H. Williams, Days Creek club; horticulture-flowers, Mrs. A. A. Jacoby, Lookingglass club; arrangements, Mrs. E. S. Walters, Garden Valley club; veterans entries, Mrs. John Durgin, Riddle club; and displays, Mrs. D. W. Beck, Sutherlin club.

The displays division is new this year, Mrs. Doménico reports. It is any horticulture exhibit, either amateur or commercial, and is non-competitive.

The next meeting of the general committee will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 28 in the auditorium of the Veterans Administration Hospital. Details concerning the show will be announced at a later date, according to Mrs. Doménico.

With The Garden Clubs

CAMAS VALLEY CLUB

Twelve members of the Camas Valley Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Redwine on Tuesday for their regular monthly meeting. At 10 a.m. Mrs. Clyde Spurlock gave a lesson on flower arrangement. Sack lunches were served at noon along with dessert furnished by Mrs. Redwine.

Mrs. Jack Wilson, president, conducted the business meeting in the afternoon. Final plans were made for the garden plot at the County Fair. Mrs. Ted Wiley gave the program on ferns.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Wayman Schmidt and this will begin with another lesson on flower arrangements. The public is invited to attend the morning session beginning at 10

a.m. Those interested in attending are asked to contact Mrs. Schmidt as to the date of the meeting.

AZALEA CLUB

The Azalea Garden Club held an outdoor meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Earl Lowden with 10 members present.

Plans were made for holding a potluck picnic Aug. 13 at the J. J. Myler home.

BLOOMS PLENTIFUL NOW

Summer flowers of almost every color are abundantly available in August to freshen summer outfits, beautify the home, brighten parties, and to serve as "thank-you" gifts.

Luxuriant green plants also are plentiful supply in these months to give the home a refreshingly cool atmosphere during the sultry weather.

Pests Are Threat To Dahlia Plants

Assuming that those gardeners growing dahlias now have their plants well on the way to the blooming stage, consideration should be given to dahlia care, particularly in the control of pests which attack these plants.

Watering is a first-priority chore. The soil should never be allowed to dry out around the plants, especially in the early stages of growth. Next comes the control of aphids, leaf hoppers, white fly, thrips and red spider, some of the dahlia's worst enemies.

Foes Described

Aphids (plant lice) are small, light green or grayish-black soft-bodied insects and work in groups on the undersides of the leaves. They are carriers of mosaic, a virus disease of dahlias.

Leaf hoppers are a very small, bar-shaped green fly and are often unobserved except when a plant is touched during the heat of the day. They do much to prevent plants from getting a good start and also work on the underside of the leaves.

White fly is another sap-sucking insect, as is the thrip. The latter looks like pepper, greenish-grey in color and enters the growing leaf buds and chafes the newly-formed leaves so that they are malformed. Thrip also work on the small flower buds.

Red spider thrives during hot weather, especially where DDT is used as an insecticide. These insects increase so rapidly that they can spread over an entire garden in a few days if not checked by an effective spray. The insects work on the underside of the leaves, leaving a reddish, webby appearance. Infected plants do not recover and should be destroyed at once.

Frequent Spray Needed

Dahlia plants should be sprayed every 10 days from the time they are out of the ground. It is also a good practice to spray other plants in the vicinity to help keep down the insect population. There are many good insecticides on the market, but one that contains malathion for instant kill, lindane for residue and 3D for larva control is suggested.

As the dahlia grows, keep tying higher on the stake. Usually twice is sufficient for plants three feet or shorter, while taller plants need three or more ties to obtain ample support.

After the blooming season dahlias should not be cut down or dug until their growth has stopped. Tubers will not keep well unless fully matured.

A later article will deal in detail with digging and storing procedures.

Tall-Stemmed Blooms Look Well In Basket

A tallish raffia basket is a very appropriate container for the long, rangy gladioli or snapdragons. Mixed with any shorter-stemmed flowers — fresh-cut poms or zinnias, for instance — and some large, dark green leaves, this arrangement will be attractive in front of a fireplace or on a low table.

An old-fashioned straw mail-holder, filled with carnations, poms, delphiniums, ivy for example, will create an air of warm welcome when hung beside a front door.

GLENDALE CLUB

The Glendale Garden Club held a special meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Mary Harris, recently to plan how members might assist to meet a special appeal issued by officials of the newly authorized County Juvenile Camp at Winchester. Representatives had been in Glendale a few days earlier, explaining the purpose of the camp and outlining some of the needs.

Among other things they had said that blankets, linens, pillows, towels and washcloths and cooking vessels were still needed for the new facility where it is hoped that young people in trouble may be rehabilitated and given a chance to become useful citizens.

The club voted a cash donation of \$20 to be used toward the purchase of Army blankets needed for the camp. In addition, members brought six pairs of pillowcases, two pillows, six sheets, five bath towels, a pressure cooker and a fry pan.

The club also made plans for a continued interest and assistance to the camp, including remembrance at Christmas time, correspondent Mrs. Gerald Fox reports.

In addition, the club will be glad to act as receiver for any other individuals or organizations which would like to donate to the camp equipment. Anyone wishing to participate may call Mrs. Mary Harris or Mrs. Ed Harris and they will make the necessary arrangements for getting donations to the camp officials.

Baseball

ACROSS

- Short—
- Manly, for instance
- Baseball stick
- Oil shaft
- Story
- Hall
- Extraneous
- Observe
- Kind of gannet
- Rage
- Black hawk
- Aggregate
- Chest bone
- Order (Latin)
- Pustule (dia.)
- Approximately (col.)
- European nation
- Frozen dessert
- Affix
- British prince
- Organ part
- Broadway sign
- Constitutional
- Insect larva
- Ironer
- Machine tool
- Musical syllable
- Number (ab.)
- Hardy heroine
- Promontory

DOWN

- Dauber
- Red (comb. form)
- Hodgepodge
- Common people
- Depot (ab.)
- Made lace

Answer to Previous Puzzle

7 Greek war goddess
8 Fusses
9 Cellars
10 Asseverate
11 Saracen's mounds
16 Synthetic material (pl.)
20 Musical instruments
22 Command
24 Chibchan Indian
25 Metal
26 Munificent
28 Bid
30 Genus of maples
43 Neck scarf
45 Musician's stick
52 Months (ab.)
55 Scheme



"How about asking the Smiths over for bridge, Ethel? They're water enthusiasts!"

PEANUTS

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?

THAT'S A FIREFLY

I THOUGHT IT WAS AN USHER!

DAN FLA G

MARGUERITA'S PLANS GO INTO EFFECT. FLA G DECOYS MARIO ESPANZA'S GUARDS...

...AND DRAWS THEM AWAY FROM THE HOUSE...

IN A FEW YEARS THE EYES OF THE WORLD WILL BE ON THIS SPOT RITE! BUT WE MAY NOT BE TOO LATE! LET'S GET BACK ON THAT BEACH ROAD!

CAPT EASY

THAT SPACE LAUNCHING SITE MUST BE NEAR THE RIVER, WHERE ZOLO BUYS THE GOLD!

AFRAID IT'S BEING BUILT ON THE RIVER BANK, WE'LL SEE!

BLAZES! IT'S! I FIGURE THE INLET ON HIS MAP IS ABOUT OPPOSITE THAT GIANTIC SAND PILE!

OH, EASY... WE CAN NEVER FIND IT NOW! DEBDES ARE PUMPING UP THE WHOLE REGION!

AND WHAT WAS THAT YOU WERE PLAYING? I'VE NEVER HEARD IT BEFORE!

AW, IT WAS SUMMER! I MADE UP AS I WENT ALONG.

MADE UP? MY GOSH! WHY, WOULD YOU MIND MAKING UP SOME MORE JUST FOR US?

WHY, SURE!

PRICILAS POP

IT'S NO USE, HAZEL!

WE CAN'T CATCH FISH WITHOUT AN OUTBOARD MOTOR!

HEY, POP!! LOOK!!

A LOT OF CO-OPERATION I GET!

LITTLE ABNER

LEGGO O' ME, YO' INHOOMIN MONSTER!!

??-THET LUL WORM CHARLIE IS EATIN' SCREAMS SUMPTUN' LIKE MAH PAPPY!!

IT-GASPY!! IS MAH PAPPY!!

EFAH HAD MAH FULL GROWTH, AND HAVE YO' FO' SUPPER CHARLIE!!

OH, PAPPY, WHUT HAPPENED TO YO'?

NOTHIN' THET DIDN'T HAPPEN TO EVERYBODY ELSE IN TH' WORLD—'CEPT YO', AN' THET B*% CHARLIE!!

BLOONIE

BLONDE, DID YOU TAKE THE SIX DOLLARS I HAD HIDDEN IN THIS SHOE?

DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD! HOW DARE YOU ACCUSE ME OF SUCH A THING!

SOMEBODY MUST HAVE TAKEN IT.

WELL, I DIDN'T—

THE SIX DOLLARS I FOUND WAS IN YOUR RIGHT SHOE

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