

Early Winter Tips Are Given For Use Of Home Gardeners

Although gardening admittedly slows down in January, there are still a number of things which the up- and -coming gardener can, and should do to keep everything in tip-top shape — so recommend the horticulturists of a leading maker of garden tools. And, even though the weather in this area, thus far at least, has been generally mild, a "big snow" or freeze could come at any time and gardeners would do well to have a plan of action in mind.

First of all, he should keep all salts and ice-melting chemicals carefully off his lawns and other plants. If his steps and walks drain in such a way that these materials run harmlessly away from his plants, they are safe to use. If, on the other hand, they drain off on the grass or into your plantings, severe injury might result.

In all such cases, of course, remove the ice with a good, sturdy sidewalk scraper. Lacking that, a pointed scuffle hoe will often do the trick. Another useful tool, not often seen in suburban areas but one which is most useful for all sorts of leveling and scraping jobs all year 'round is a rounded turt edge. Coarse fertilizers, too, can sometimes be used in place of the traditional chemicals to melt the ice. Experiment with them first, and of course, beware of overdoses.

Also, it is particularly important to keep snow off evergreens and other plants likely to be snapped off by the weight or suffer broken branches. The best cure is prevention. Whenever possible, knock the snow off while it is still soft. Once it becomes wet and soggy or turns to ice, it may be too late. However, as a last resort and if the weather is not too cold, it is often possible to wash it off with a strong stream of water from a garden hose. But, be sure you are not just adding to the ice or making your walks slippery.

Mice Can Damage
If snow is deep and you have young fruit trees, beware of field mice. They can easily gnaw off the bark beneath the snow and ruin the trees. Fine wire fencing wrapped around the trunk will eliminate any danger — if they can't get under it. And, if it extends well above the snow, it will also offer protection from rabbits.

Lacking the screening, tramping down the snow hard for a foot or two around the trunks will often serve as a temporary expedient and keep the mice away for a time.

Winter is also a good time to commence pruning your trees and shrubs. Among the fruits, apples, pears, plums, quinces, cherries and grapes may be pruned now but delay on peaches, nectarines, almonds etc., until the late winter or early spring. At that time you can see and cut off any winter injury which might have taken place.

Ranch Properties Are Sold At Glide
A prominent Roseburg couple has invested in property in the Glide area. Mr. and Mrs. William Lassiter have purchased the Kester ranch of 160 acres on Kester Road, plus 40 acres of the adjoining Johnston ranch. "Bill" Lassiter is the owner of the Roseburg Paving Co. and the couple resides at 536 W. Maple St. in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christman and the former's brother, Mark Christman, spent the holidays visiting the Christman's parents and other relatives in Colville, Spokane and Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Christman's parents in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Shrum Jr. and son, Bob, enjoyed Christmas and the two days following at the home of Mrs. Shrum's mother Mrs. T. M. Stott in Grants Pass. Mrs. Shrum's brother, John Stott, and family of French Glenn were also visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Peough of Klamath Falls spent the holidays with the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore, and other relatives in Glide.

Camas Valley Couple Back

By MRS. DAVE THRUSH
Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan of Camas Valley have returned home after spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Margaret Donovan, and other family members in Portland. From Portland they went to Bremerton, Bellevue, and Aberdeen, Wash., where they visited for several days with relatives and friends.

Student Leaves Hospital
Mary Helen Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pope, who spent several days recently in a local hospital where she underwent major surgery, is improving rapidly at her home and expects to be able to return to school soon.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bartley were Mrs. Bartley's sister, Mrs. Leona Chapman, and nephew, Jim Meeks, of Raymond, Wash. Mrs. Chapman brought Joyce Bartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bartley who has been staying with her and attending the first grade in Raymond, home to remain with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and children have recently moved from upper Camas to Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McClellan of Eugene were recent visitors at the A. J. Bartley home. They also visited other friends in the valley.

Janet McMaster of Portland spent several days recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess McMaster, who accompanied her back home where they visited with her for several days before returning to Camas Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wafer and children, Terry and Larry of Brookings recently visited his mother, Mrs. Ruby Wafer and his two brothers and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wafer and Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Wafer, and his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Unicum.

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Lookingglass Folks Plan For Semi-Retirement

By HAZEL S. MARSH
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schulze of Lookingglass have completed arrangements for the sale of their Mountainview Dairy milk route to the Meadowbrook dairy of Roseburg. Their farm acreage has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thomas who earlier purchased the herd of milk cows, and who will continue to reside in the cottage home on the ranch. Mr. and Mrs. Schulze plan a semi-retirement status at their ranch "come in the valley."

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Clark and their three small sons, Dennis,

Danny and Douglas of Aberdeen, Wash., spent the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schulze, and family.

David Lee Swift who is a student at Emmaus Bible School, Oak Park, Ill., spent the two week holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Swift, and family. He left Thursday to resume his studies.

LeRoy Greer left this week for Santa Barbara where he is enrolled at Westmont College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Greer.

Howard Hall of St. Helens,

and Mrs. Luhr Jensen Jr. of Hood River came Thursday to be with their cousin, Mrs. Arthur Marsh, and family for the last rites for the late Arthur Marsh. Coming also for the service were Supt. Don Miller of the WCTU Children's Farm Home, Corvallis and Dr. R. W. Henderson of Corvallis who is the president of the board of directors of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams and two sons of Seaside and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Telford of Eugene were callers the first of the week at the home of Mrs. Arthur Marsh and family.

Charles Meredith of Sacramento visited his parents briefly during the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Meredith.

Mrs. George McEwing was a patient in Douglas Community

Hospital the latter part of the week suffering from pneumonia but has now been released. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Buford's small son, Joey, who was hospitalized for several days has recovered sufficiently to be taken to the home of his parents in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Green and daughters, Linda, Nancy and Judy of Portland, Melvin Green, also of Portland and Leslie Green of Whidbey Island enjoyed a family reunion over the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green.

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