

Fertilizer Tips

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WEATHER

Plants respond to intelligent and attention just as humans. Domesticated plants are just as sensitive as domesticated humans to weather fluctuations, and suffer from illnesses and indispositions equally detrimental to stamina and well-being. They cannot doff clothes, shelter in warm houses, or move to different climates throughout the year. They must stand up and take it.

Man, by selective breeding, multiplies the bearing capacities far beyond nature's plans or needs. He develops a product attractive to the eye, smell, etc. Varieties capable of preserving their outward appearance in far distance markets, the produced types of domesticated plants which in the eyes of nature are freaks, and abnormalities, or at best sissies.

At the same time nature's weather remains untamed. It cooperates with the weather, sun and rain and air. Dark, moist soil attracts and retains heat from the sun's rays, loose, spongy well drained nature prevents surface runoff, retains moisture yet permits drainage of excess water; necessary aeration is facilitated. This is the natural way, intelligent way, to weather delicate plants. In exposed locations, windbreaks are indicated; storm damage will require direct aid.

Nitrogen Potash Interact
The form of nitrogen was found to be of great importance for growth, through studies in Germany and Russia. It shows from a practical standpoint, that in a field is low in potash, it is often the case in regions of great rainfall or heavy crops, a rich supply of nitrogen fertilizers may cause a potash

deficiency, which soils of low nitrogen supply may produce poor crops if potash is heavily applied. Needless to say, where a balanced plant food in form of compost is used, neither danger exists.

Compost refers to the process of handling plant and animal matter in such a way that the raw materials break down under bacterial activity. Well finished compost, that is, compost which has gone through a stage of bacterial decomposition and a stage of fungus digestion, may approach in structure and effect on plant life in the natural humus.

Humus means organic materials, largely of plant origin, that are apt to develop into humus when put into the soil. Humus is, strictly speaking, a product of nature, of varying composition, and almost equivalent to "organic matter in the soil."

Local News Items

Mrs. Edith Robinson and Dorothy, left Sunday evening for Seattle where they will spend a few days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kessler and son, Phillip, left Sunday for McMinnville, where they attended, Tuesday, the wedding of their son, Kay and Catherine Pitts of Whiteson. They will move their son and daughter-in-law to Eugene before returning home.

Paul Dightman, of the Seattle office of the weather bureau, was an official caller at the local observation station, Monday. He had been touring the southern part of the state, and was returning to Seattle by way of the coast route, on which he will inspect stations at North Bend, Newport and Astoria while in Oregon.

Favorite Recipe

Held over from last week, for lack of space, this week two favorite recipes will be published.

in order that one-a-week will be given readers.

This the favorite recipe of Mrs. Mardell Master of Harbor:

LEMON VELVET PIE

1 1/3 cups sugar.
1 1/2 cups boiling water.
1/3 cup lemon juice.
1 tablespoon gelatine softened.
6 tablespoons cornstarch.
2 eggs, separated.
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind.
1/4 cup cold water.
1/2 teaspoon salt.
2 tablespoons butter.
1 teaspoon vanilla.
1 cup table cream.
1 cooled, baked 9" pie shell.

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt together thoroughly. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the boiling water, stirring constantly, and cook over direct heat until thickened and smooth; continuing to stir mixture occasionally. Then place over boiling water and cook 15 minutes. Add beaten egg yolks and butter; cook two minutes longer. Remove from heat and add lemon juice, rind and vanilla. Measure out one cup of filling and set aside to cool. To remaining hot lemon filling add gelatine, stirring until dissolved. Blend in cream. Cool and when mixture begins to jell, fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour filling into the baked pie shell and let stand until partially set, about 10 minutes. Then spread the one cup cooled lemon filling over the top of pie and let stand in a cool place or refrigerator until thoroughly set.

Here is a gingerbread that will melt in your mouth—can be eaten cold, or may be served warm with whipped cream—serves 12.

GINGERBREAD

1/2 cup sugar. 1/2 cup oleo.
1 egg 1 cup molasses.

Beat above and add:
2 1/2 cups flour. 1/2 teas. soda.
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 slightly rounded teas. ginger.
1/2 teas. cloves 1/2 teas. salt.
Sift all together, mix well into

first mixture, then add 1 1/4 cups hot water, beat until smooth, and makes very soft batter. Bake in a 9x12 biscuit pan, from 325 to 250 degrees fahrenheit. —Mrs. Glenn Simpson.

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HIYA! HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Well, folks, you have been reading so much about compost and organic fertilizer lately, I'll bet you have been wondering just what effect genuine organic fertilizer would have upon Croft lilies.

WELL — I'LL TELL YOU WHAT—

I have several thousand of these lilies growing (in the Harbor district) with this type of fertilizer.

These bulbs are organically grown and by what I mean, no so-called commercial fertilizer, no caustics, and no poison sprays were used. Bulblets planted Oct. 1, 1945, were in full bloom, Aug. 10, 1946. These bulblets have been taken to be commercial by several growers—For Commercial, mind you!

Anyone wishing to see these lilies growing, contact Harold Jones at the B. & B. Cafe, Aug. 31, 1946, and Sept. 1, 1946. We will leave the B. and B. Cafe each day for the field at two p. m. sharp—bring your car with you.

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WE WISH TO THANK YOU

We wish to thank the many patrons who swarmed our store on our opening day, Monday, and for the liberal patronage they gave us. Certainly it is gratifying to one to know people can be so loyal to home business. We will earnestly endeavor to deserve this faith you have shown. Especially do we wish to thank the many donors of flowers which brightened our store, Monday.

Hours 9 to 6