

Lady Lions Send Toys to Blind

The main order of business Tuesday evening at the meeting of the Lions Auxiliary was wrapping the Christmas toys which the group is sending to the children at the State School for the Blind.

Many of the toys were made by members, and particularly admired were those made by Mrs. William Thompson with the assistance of the children in her kindergarten. A number of toys were purchased by the organization.

CHILDREN TO GIVE XMAS PROGRAM

All the children of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church will participate in the Christmas program to be given during the morning service Sunday, December 20.

A rehearsal of the program will be held Saturday afternoon, December 12 at 3 o'clock at the Chetco Inn, and all children are asked to be present.

Christmas Holiday To Begin Dec. 24

It has been officially announced that Wednesday, December 23 will be the last day of school before the Christmas vacation.

School will begin again Monday, January 4.

Along Azalea Row

At this time of year, one's interest turns from the outside garden to what can be accomplished within the house to brighten it. There are many colorful and interesting flowering and foliage plants which grow well indoors without too much attention. The begonia is said to make

the best "house-guest" but in addition, the cyclamen, the primrose, the narcissus or the tulip are other fine flowering additions to your indoor garden. These should have indirect afternoon sun when possible.

Good foliage plants, in addition to the begonia are the rubber plant and the san-seviera and of recent years, the philodendron, split and otherwise, have become popular. They should be near a window with northern exposure. All of these, when potted individually, however, may become a real part of your decorative scheme. They are easily moved and variations in placing and effect may be made frequently. When potted in loam, sand and bonemeal, they have all the ingredients necessary for survival and they even accept the temperatures which suit the rest of the family. Ideal temperature is seventy degrees (day) and for the night, sixty degrees. A shallow bowl of bulbs supported by rocks or colored glass balls with a small amount of water is always a pleasant eyecatcher through the winter months.

Bulbs which are grown outdoors to bloom in March, April and May can be forced to flower much earlier. In buying one should try to get the largest

available and the time of flowering will depend on the room temperature and how quickly the bulb will form its heavy root growth.

The innovation in many newer homes of the planter box has brought a widened opportunity and choice of plants which grow best in the dryer indoor heat. It may be filled with background foliage plants while between these, seasonable plants can be inserted and shifted at will. African violets, gloxemia, primulas, and florists' azaleas, hydrangeas or Easter lilies have their places at their proper seasons.

In this area we see less of the hyacinth than of other bulbs, perhaps, but an outstanding north-west authority states that it is the most suitable bulb for the planter box. They seem just right either singly or in a group of three among the more permanent foliage plants. With over a hundred varieties of hyacinths, some are good for garden culture only, some only for forcing. Here are a few highly recommended ones for either outdoors or in pots:

'Grand Maitre'—A striking deep lavender with slight blue tone. It has compact spikes of large bells on a dark strong stem.

'L'innocence'—Pure white com-

compact spikes with large bells. A strong grower and excellent for exhibition.

'Pink Pearl'—Deep-rose pink, a great improvement over older older pinks and an extra early forcer.

'Jan Bos'—Single dark-red, with compact spike—considered best of all reds.

'King of the Blues'—Dark violet blue—one of the best.

'City of Haarlem'—Finest of the yellows—a pale yellow, fine for exhibitions.

Among the narcissus for planter boxes two 'Poetaz' seldom get leggy and do nicely indoors while the Paper Whites and Chinese Sacred Lilies are not recommended because they are too leggy and cannot stand without support. Cheerfulness has three or four

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dainty double white, nicely scented flowers on each stem, like little gardenias. The 'Laurens Koster' has five or six sweetly scented flowers to a stem. The best daffodil is 'White Christmas' (Hera) with a stem shorter than most varieties. This is often used for forcing purposes in greenhouses.

"If winter comes . . . can spring be far behind?" As soon as Christmas activities are over, we shall all be spending our time with indoor gardening in earnest through catalog reading. Take time to look up these various varieties above mentioned, and meantime try your hand at interior decorating through the planter or the potting method.

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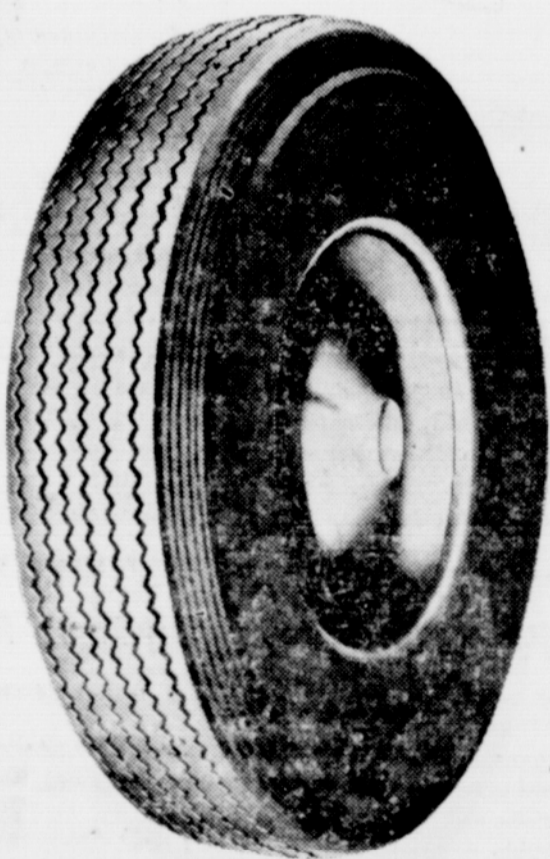
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