

"Your Town and Mine"

• By Charles L. Allen

There are some things that men never will understand about women. Occasionally one of these unfathomable matters may really be full of mystery, but most of them are just common, ordinary things that baffle because they appear so simple. For example, why do women develop such a passion for sprouts of this and that growing in a little bit of dirt in a miscellaneous collection of old flower pots? And furthermore, why is it that, apparently, the plant that is the mangiest, the feeblest, and the most bedraggled looking is always the favorite of its mistress?



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Next to his inability to understand this slightly barmy fondness for potted plants, a man's sheer incapacity to see why those plants have to occupy certain unalterable positions in the house. The textbooks all say that a growing plant ought to have lots of sunshine and open air, but invariably you'll find two or three of them decorating the mantle in the living room, so far away from the sun's rays that the stems ought to be bleached white.

I never appreciated the deep feeling that a woman may have for her pet plants until one time when Mother decided to take a little vacation and visit Aunt Bell down in the deep South. That was quite a trek and she knew she'd be gone at least two months, during which time I was to be the sole occupant of our home and consequently the sole caretaker of the plants. My instructions were complete and definite. This plant, and that one, and that one, and that one behind the clock I was to water every day. That other one over there on the window sill, and those two funny looking things in the kitchen I was to water once a week. The cactus plants didn't need any water for two weeks and I was cautioned they should not be drowned. Once a week I was to put a little of a patented fertilizer on two of the weaklings, and every so often I was supposed to pinch off the

buds of another rambling beauty. The first week went well. Every plant got its allotted share of water, two of them got their quota of fertilizer, and I pinched somewhat more than the right number of buds. The second week was not so good. In the newspaper business you cannot always predict your exact location at all hours of the day and night, and there were several evenings when I did not get home exactly before sundown. The result was that the plants did not get watered as per orders and it was well into the middle of the third week before I realized my shortcomings as an inside gardener. By that time—such is the limitation of the male mind—I had forgot which plant which was to go for a fortnight. The fact, because of their distinctive attributes, caught my eye and I gave them a deluge that would have made old man Noah look like a camel driver. And since it obviously was a good idea to pinch the withered blossoms from one plant, it occurred to me that all of them would grow better with a little pruning. The same kind of reasoning told me that if fertilizer was a food for one plant it should be food for all of them, and I gave them a liberal dose as long as it lasted.

I never had to take care of Mother's plants again. Somehow she didn't appreciate my thoughtfulness and fatherly care during her absence. For that matter, neither did her plants, in spite of the fact that I gave them a splendid watering just the day before she got back. I had missed the appointed watering a time or two and thought to make it up by an extra sprinkling at the 11th hour. When I applied the sprinkling can I just imagined that the plants didn't look healthy, but being a rank amateur at domestic farming I couldn't quite analyze the trouble.

Mother was slightly vexed at me, I think. After she had got over the shock of what the house looked like, and had asked me certain embarrassing questions about my obedience to her orders, she dismissed me with one quiet, considered remark. It was simply this: "It is plain that the Lord never intended man to be alone. He can't take care of anything."

Tax Millage for County Set 16.7

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valuation is \$4,244,342.30 with a millage of 12.2 to raise \$51,775. Forest Grove union district valuation in 1942 was \$4,282,561.83 with a millage of 12.4. Other union valuation figures, first giving the valuation, then the millage and the total to be raised in taxes, are as follows: Banks, No. 1, \$1,137,255.07, 6.8 mills, \$7,620.84; Gaston, No. 6, \$943,770.14, 15.3 mills, \$14,382. and Sherwood, No. 9, \$1,512,850.12, 15.3 mills, \$23,065.

Valuation of Hillsboro school district No. 7 is \$2,974,553.65 as compared with \$2,813,556.57 in 1942. A millage of 11.5 is required to raise \$34,158 in taxes. Forest Grove school district No. 15 has a valuation of \$1,540,323.38 and a millage of 12.3 will raise \$19,020.21. Beaverton district No. 48, including grades and high school, has a valuation of \$1,445,781.38 and a millage of 18.4 to bring in a total of \$26,054 in taxes.

Levy for Fire Districts
Two-tenths of a mill is being levied against Washington county fire protective district zone No. 2 with an assessed valuation of \$12,086,473 for a total tax of \$2,420. Forest Grove rural fire protection district with a valuation of \$2,548,101.78 requires six-tenths of a mill to raise \$1,431 in taxes.

The tax figures of county school districts, other than given above, are as follows:

West Union	331,371.50	4.1	1,347.44
Cornelius	572,152.84	11.9	6,796.68
Laurel	159,332.52	1.0	1,593.32
Union	288,103.94	2.8	796.22
Leisville	287,614.66	1.1	282.00
Jackson	241,844.17	1.6	387.04
Dilley	248,386.11	5.3	1,309.08
Gaston	313,967.21	14.2	4,447.02
Hanks	284,974.84	16.3	4,654.60
Jacktown	195,775.09	1.2	229.92
McKay	283,719.65	4.4	1,241.43
Shute	197,380.41	1.5	296.51
Middleton	248,027.38	2.8	687.40
Tigard	1,081,611.52	10.2	11,026.00
Tualatin	444,377.92	7.2	3,189.00
(High School)			
Tualatin	612,894.21	18.9	11,574.49
(Grade School Only 24th and 75th)			
Reedville	476,831.86	15.7	7,482.56
Gale Creek	224,946.98	7.9	1,784.50
Grabel	148,436.31	2.2	325.81
Cherry Grove	134,921.55	6.1	811.11
Johnson	159,056.89	4.4	695.56
Seefeld	89,850.24	2.9	259.59
Gilbs	84,217.70	6.1	509.34
Rex	195,489.98	5.6	1,092.46
(Court Levy)			
Kinton	351,511.17	8.2	2,862.00
Oregon	262,244.00	15.4	4,025.00
Mountaindale	124,195.41	6.7	831.73
Hillsdale	100,194.19	7.0	697.91

Third Dimeo Boy Enters Service; Bennison Leads

ALOHA-HUBER — John Dimeo will leave August 11 for Indianapolis to enter a women's school. He is the third one of the Dimeo boys to enter the service. Of the two remaining, one is a young lad, and the other is engaged in war industries. Their parents were in Italy.

Represents Yard
R. A. (Dick) Bennison was master of ceremonies and representative of the yard of the Commercial Iron Works in Portland, July 29, at the opening of the big War Bond Purchasing drive.

We heard of a preacher starting to church, who got there too late for the services because his horse balked on the way. Rev. Godwin started on his vacation but had to start over again on another day because his car balked on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jersey Sr. with their guest, Mrs. Geneva Matson, of Portland, spent several days at Delake last week.

Party Honors Enlistments
Last Saturday, John Jersey attended a farewell party and banquet given for four of his co-workers at the Aero club, Portland, which was sponsored by his employer, Fred Christensen. The four honored men recently enlisted in the navy and left on July 30.

Word From England
The John Jerseys received a telegram from Mrs. John Jersey's cousin, Corporal Carl Danielson, sent from England, notifying of his arrival.

Mrs. Ray Norgard of Portland was a week's visitor at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Slavick.

Mrs. E. E. Tucker is visiting relatives in Bandon. She will bring back her son Sidney, who has been working on his grandparent's farm.

Sells Stock
Last Saturday, Walter Wyss sold seven horses and two cows at a public sale. The stock brought an average of \$14.50 per head.

Walter Wyss and family will spend a week's vacation along the Oregon and California beaches.

Takes Man's Job
Dorothy Brugger left for Pendleton Wednesday to take up her duties as roadmaster's pay clerk for the Union Pacific railroad. This is the second time a woman has held this position during World Wars number 1 and 2.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bosley spent several days in Seaside while Mr. Bosley was recuperating from an attack of the flu.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. George Bosley visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stark of Portland.

Mrs. E. D. Nelson of Spokane Wash., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emily Snyder.

Scout Troop Camps
Aloha Boy Scout Troop 219 will rendezvous at Camp Ireland Thursday and Friday.

Returns From Hospital
Ed Bailey returned from Veterans' hospital, Portland, where he underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Brown spent a week's vacation at Rockaway, Move From Beaverton
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jensen of Beaverton moved into a house on Hyland avenue last week.

Boys Hyland Acreage
R. A. Bennison bought some acreage on Hyland avenue to add to his home place.

The Matt King family and the C. J. Stuckney family spent the week-end at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stratton and two children of Eugene were guests Saturday of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Beyer of Astoria were guests for two days of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stratton.

Regular Meets Today
Regular meeting of the Aloha Grange will be Thursday, (today).

Missionary Son Transferred
Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Huntington received a letter from the Seven Day Adventist general conference headquarters at Washington, D. C., notifying them that their missionary son Letcher and

Spitting Image of a Soldier



Editors and Red Cross field workers credited The Red Cross Courier with discovery of the typical American soldier of World War II when it used the above picture of Sergeant Eugene P. Hill, Fort Bragg, N. C. Sergeant Hill, weighted down with a full pack, is practicing the swimming and life-saving technique in which he and other soldiers at Fort Bragg were drilled by Red Cross water safety instructors. Sergeant Hill's home is in Lafayette, La.

family had left India with other evacuees and had landed in Cape Town, Africa, and that the conference desired them to stay there as missionaries.

Returns From Sanatorium
Dr. W. D. Huntington returned Sunday from Portland Sanatorium, where he had been a patient for several weeks, and is now resting at his home.

Jackie and Jimmy Chunn have received a letter from their father, Paul Chunn, who is in the navy and stationed at Pago Pago in the Samoan Islands.

Purchase House
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Holcomb of Reedville bought a house of Valley Roberts on the highway and have become established in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ewer went on a fishing trip Tuesday. Adair Lockwood is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mabel Lockwood, in Salem.

Has Large Garden
W. F. Eisenbies has 400 petunias and 400 asters. Last spring, he spaded up 16,000 square feet for his garden.

Mrs. Marshall Shuman and sons Jimmy and Rodney of Revere, Cal., left for home after a three week visit with the family of her sister, Mrs. Harry Wages.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hays spent two weeks' vacation at Ocean Park, Wash.

Be Informed—Read the Argus.

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What are you doing Tomorrow?

It's quite likely that you don't need any gas or oil tomorrow. Oddly enough, that's just the reason I wish you would come in and see me tomorrow. You see, you're probably driving less now. A few months ago you probably came in about once a week for gas and oil. And when you did, I checked your tires and the water in your battery. Even if you don't drive much now—your tires and your battery should be checked every week.

So here's my suggestion. Drive in tomorrow, tell your Standard Service Man that you don't need gas or anything, but that you want the battery and tires checked. Then, next week, on the same day, come on in again. Get in the habit of checking tires and battery once every week—gas or no gas. Shall we start tomorrow?

Caps are being Worn this year!
I'm thinking of those little metal caps that fit over the tire valves of your car—and they're a lot more important than most people think. They not only keep dirt out of the valve, but they're the only real protection against sudden valve leakage, and hold up to 260 pounds of pressure. I suggest that you ask your Standard Service Man to replace any that are missing. They cost only a few cents and may save a tire.

Too Much Lubrication can Ruin Your Car!
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Current Magazine Has Local Poem

ALOHA-HUBER — Although Volume Eight puts in 10 to 12 hours a day at war work, he still finds some time to pay court to his love, the Muses. In the current issue of Voices, a poetry quarterly of New England, appears a long poem from him entitled "Eternal City."

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffith in company with Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacGregor of Portland went fishing near Taft over the week-end.

Miss Virgie Mae Meyers of Pampa, Tex., is a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Riley.

Mrs. J. L. Adamson left Saturday for Van Nuys, Cal., for a month's visit with her mother and her two sisters.

Mrs. Ruth Anderson of Los Angeles is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Gordon. She is the mother of Irene, Eugene, Phyllis and Dickie Anderson, who have been staying with the Gordons for some time going to school here. They and their guest spent the week-end at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Noland of Newberg were guests last week of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Simmons.

Leaves for Army
On July 25 the eve of his departure for the army, a group of Robert Helm's friends surprised him at his home with a farewell party. The 14 visitors came from Aloha, Willamette, Hillsboro, Portland, Milwaukie, Beaverton and West Slope.

Mr. and Mrs. David Goodwill of Portland were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Norman, who are moving to Portland.

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