

Valuable Prizes are Available in City Beautiful Contest

Every Citizen in City Urged To Take Part; Movement Is Backed By Garden Club

Every citizen of Salem is eligible and every citizen is urged to enter the City Beautiful contest sponsored this year by the Salem Garden Club.

Prizes running into hundreds of dollars in value, prizes which when all received will number more than 50, will be available for the contestants and hundreds of entries are expected before the final date for entry, May 1, is passed.

Catching the impetus from a movement spreading over the entire country, the Garden club announced its campaign this week and issued a general invitation to every home-owner or renter to join in the campaign to make Salem a more delightful place in which to live.

Many Objectives Known
Cleaning up of the city, painting of buildings, establishing of lawns, planting of flowers and shrubs are all objectives of the City Beautiful drive.

Mrs. W. W. Rosebraugh, president of the Garden club, in making the announcement emphasized that the percentage of improvement made in the yard was more important than the relative beauty of the garden plot. She pointed out that homes not now improved could really make a better showing than many places where extensive work had previously been done.

All Entrants in Classes
The committee planning for the City Beautiful contest agreed to group all entrants into three classes—those who do all the work themselves, those who hire part of it done and those who hire all the work done.

Entries should be made at once at the office of F. A. Doerfler, farm advisor of the First National bank or with Robert Shinn, farm advisor of the United States National bank. These men will furnish any information not given above or additional data may be obtained from Mrs. W. W. Rosebraugh, Mrs. J. Johnson or Harry Peasey. Free counsel and help in making plans for beautifying of any home is offered by Miss Elizabeth Lord, Earnest Euger or Knight Peary.

By next week the prize list for the City Beautiful contest will be completed. Mr. Doerfler announced Saturday. To date he has received 18 prizes consisting of flowers, shrubs, and garden materials but this list will be nearly tripled before the list is completed. Doerfler believes. Business firms approached for prizes have been very responsive to the idea of a City Beautiful contest and have contributed willingly.

City Pride Best Manifested in Tidy Vacant Lots; Unkept Ones Eyesore and Actually are Menace

Are you proud of your beautiful city? Do visitors from other states admire your homes, your buildings, your parks? Are you proud that your city is neat and clean and presents a pleasing appearance to the visitor?

To most people the ideal condition of a city where there are no unsightly places to mar the beauty of the community, cannot be had, but when we look about us and see what other cities are doing, some of the most skeptical will change their minds.

Probably the greatest menace is the vacant lot problem. The owners of many of these lots take their responsibility seriously and clean them up regularly in the spring, never allowing them to become offensive to the public. More often the owner's neglect makes it necessary for the city to take a hand in the matter. Why should any public citizen show such a lack of interest in the beauty and safety of his city to let his lot go unattended?

In some cities, weeds are not permitted to grow. Nor are these any city lots that are cluttered up with rubbish and if the owner does not keep the lot cleaned up he is heavily fined.

Vacant lots that are permitted to grow up year after year are not only eyesores but are dangerous. Quite occasionally the fire department is called out to fight a grass fire. Grass fires have been known to be the beginning of very disastrous fires.

In cities that know the advertising value of keeping their community clean and beautiful, vacant lots are planted out to flowers. It is very common to see many a California lot planted to sweet peas, carnations, and roses, tended by the flower-loving Japanese. The example might well be followed by any average American city.

Fortunately if the city that has pride enough to prohibit junk and a thing of the past. Many cities take pride in the general appearance of her industrial plants with shrubbery, flowers and sweeping lawns. Many industrial plants cannot be readily distinguished from other buildings, and these are trying to make their places of business more desirable for their employees.



BACK YARD CONTRASTS
The above sketch shows better than words can tell the value of an attractive rear yard. Surely there is something fundamental in the satisfaction one finds in the planted home and garden.

Voltaire, the great French philosopher, has written a humorous satire on life called "Candide." In this work, Voltaire pictures a few characters going through life ever seeking happiness or contentment in new and different experiences of all conceivable natures. Strangely these characters remain unhappy and dissatisfied

until they finally settle down to the lowly occupation of spending their time living simply and raising vegetables and flowers in their gardens. Here it is that they finally find satisfaction and contentment in life.

Planting about the home surely makes for completeness in living. There is the satisfaction of having that, which represents you look as though you were proud of having a home worth while. For those who must consider the practical, it is sound economics to invest in planting. Landscape improvements yield rich returns in satisfaction and in increasing the value of the property.

that makes them part of the home. Where there is nothing outside the house to enjoy, there is no comfort in going outside. Lawn without shade, flowers and borders, are like bare rooms with hard benches and no other furnishings. The developing of the landscape can be thought of as a part of the home furnishing. The grounds become livable and comfortable as they are planted with trees which give us comfortable shade, with shrubs which screen out undesirable views, or form a background to the flowers which give us beauty. The most livable grounds are those thoughtfully planted.

WANT ALSEA BRIDGE
The Oregon state highway commission has made application to the United States engineers' office for a permit to construct a bridge across Alsea bay at Waldport, about two miles from the ocean.

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Selected List, Directions For Handling, Given This Week by Expert Gardener

Columbines, Cannas, Dahlias and Phlox Are Among the Different Flowers Whose Treatment is Outlined

EDITOR'S NOTE
Fred Blake is a Salem landscape gardener and flower and garden worker who is an authority in these various fields. This week he gives a careful account of the various flowers which should be planted now and he outlines the methods of handling them.

For those who wish to plant their own flowers, they may select an excellent supply from the greenhouse and nursery.

Columbines. These are very desirable in the perennial border. Plants may be set out in early spring or late fall. Purchase good healthy plants and set in a loose soil. The columbine grows well in shady sections. During the growing season keep the young plants well watered and cut all seed pods off before they have matured. They usually reseed themselves and many plants are produced each year. The amateur may successfully raise columbines from seed by planting in well-prepared, rich soil and transplanting as soon as they are large enough to handle.

Cannas. Good roots should be purchased from a reliable dealer and set in a sandy or loose soil. When a mass effect is desired place the roots about a foot apart. Where specimens are desired place about three feet apart. Cannas grow tall and therefore should be placed in the back of the ground. Always keep the dead leaves and blooms cut off as they detract from the beauty of the plant. Cannas are left in the ground until they are nipped with the frost, then they are cut back and lifted and stored in a cool, dry place until the following spring. They are not set out in the spring until all danger of frost is passed.

Dahlias. A good selection should be made that will blend together. Dahlias need good drainage, and the tubers like a loose soil. Dahlias like fertilizers but it is important that none touches the roots. Dahlias should always be staked and it is well to place stakes when the tubers are planted. Use only soft material for tying. Raffia is the most satisfactory material. Tubers should be planted deeply, but covered only about three inches at first, gradually filling in as the stalk pushes up. The largest blooms are the result of constant care. To accomplish this allow not more than two branches to grow out of the hill. The practice of disbudding will give greater strength into the stalk for producing large blooms. Dahlias are not cultivated during the blooming season. The tubers are lifted in the fall after the first heavy frost and stored in a dry compartment. When stored with stems downward, a more satisfactory drainage will take place.

Phlox. This perennial is one of the old favorites. They may be purchased from a nursery or grown from seed or the plants purchased from a nursery. Phlox may be divided by cutting the root stock. This should be done regularly to prevent spreading over too large an area. There are three kinds of phlox, the creeping phlox (phlox subulata); early summer blooming variety (phlox suffruticosa); late summer blooming variety (phlox paniculata).

Asters. This annual is successfully raised from seed by many people. A warm, moist soil should be chosen and the seeds planted after all danger of frost is over. Aster plants thrive best in a well-drained, sunny position, and should not be set until all danger of frost is over. A sprinkling of lime over the ground will ward off stem rot. During the blooming season cultivate often but water sparingly. Asters have many enemies and the persistent fighting of pests is necessary for success with aster. Work tobacco dust into the soil to keep root aphid away, and spray regularly with a mixture of nicotine sulphate, whale oil soap, arsenate of lead, and water to eliminate other pests.

Lily-of-the-Valley. Planting in clumps of five or six is the most satisfactory method to employ with this flower. Fall planting is the best. The clumps should be set one foot apart and covered to a depth two inches. Plenty of leaf mold and manure is required for the growing of lily, and they should be kept watered during the growing season. A winter mulch of manure is beneficial for protecting the roots and for enriching the soil. Every three or four years the plants should be dug up and reset, this taking place in the late fall. This plant will thrive in the sunshine although it is primarily a shade-loving plant.

BIRDS HAPPY WHEN SUET IS FED THEM
PINES AND SAPSUCKERS
About this time of year it is a good thing to put out suet and other food for birds, if you haven't been doing it already. The sapsuckers are very industrious at sap-rising time, and they often work havoc with stems of young trees, particularly pines. We have seen a lot of young Scotch pines completely girdled by the boring of these mischief-makers. Australian pines also attract them a good deal.

Put out some food for these birds in place where they will easily find it. While it may not distract them entirely from the sappy trees, it will lessen their depredations appreciably. If you tie suet to a tree, remove it before hot weather sets in. Otherwise it will fry in the sun and leave sooty blotches and streaks. When hot weather comes there are lots of bugs and other things for birds to eat.

TIME NOW TO MAKE LAWN ATTRACTIVE
HOW TO MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE LAWN
This is the time of year when much can be done to make the lawn attractive. Whenever you see a beautiful turf, such as one finds on a golf green, you can rest assured it is the result of two lines of effort—one, the proper preparation of the soil foundation, and two, the proper maintenance.

A lawn must be kept in good condition once it gets there. First of all, grass is a gross feeder. It must be fed continually. Periodic dressings of fertilizer are needed, even if the lawn looks and is growing well. Under trees the grass has a constant battle for nourishment. Often grass dies under trees—not from shade but from soil impoverishment. It pays to feed both the grass and the trees. Frequent mowing is likewise essential. When the grass is growing rapidly it must be mowed often—sometimes as much as twice a week. When the clippings are short it does no harm to leave them lie upon the ground. It pays to watering will be discouraged if a drought spell. A good thorough soaking should always be the rule.

Weeds, the proverbial enemy of lawns, can in some cases be poisoned, but the most effective remedy is hand pulling. The development of a strong, heavy turf through fertilizing will discourage weed growth.

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LOVE OF PLANTS IS FOUND IN CHILDREN

Little Ones Wait for Flower to Bloom With Expectancy and Keen Delight

Even as a child delights to visit day by day the favorite plant. His hand has sown, to mark its gradual growth. And watch all-anxious for the promised flower.

One thing of which we are sure all children love—they love to be told stories. The child's mind is one of imagination. Touch that imagination and you will get their interest and response.

There is a wealth of legend and story about flowers told in the market, the child's room. These stories will appeal to all children and stimulate their interest in flowers.

Many children seem to notice flowers and have a natural affection for them, but you can develop this interest for flowers by making flowers accessories to the child's play. The youngsters are proud of their table. They feel independent and their chief delight is to emulate the customs and manners of their elders. As you plan to decorate your table with flowers, remember that a bouquet will delight the youngsters.

The children enjoy flowers even more than do the grown-ups. That, in itself, justifies the bouquet for the children's table. Of course you, too, must be interested in flowers and have many of them, inside of the house and out if you expect the children to be interested in them. Just the presence of many flowers, even if little is said about them, will establish a pleasing association and a love for beauty in the child's mind.

Give the children their own garden. Let them make it their own way, plant it, cultivate it and watch it grow. The earth is a veritable storehouse of pleasure for children when they work in it and plant seeds and plants for their very own.

A few children's garden tools for equipment, a little time on your own part in making garden will start the child in this world of adventure.

Children who grow up amid trees, shrubs and flowers are notably happy in spirit, discriminating and imaginative. This environment fosters their precious instinct to surround themselves with simple beauty.

VINES PUT IN NEW HOME ARE PRETTY
There is much beauty in vines properly chosen and well paced. A little thought regarding the purpose for which each vine is planted will enable you to choose the proper one.

THE USE OF PRUNING SHEARS
There's a "best way" to do everything. Many amateur gardeners give little thought to the way they handle pruning shears. Always work with the cutting blade lowermost, so that you pull it upward, though the pressure is downward on the handle of the cutting side. This allows you to cut smoothly and close to the stem from which the pruned shoot is removed. It insures against possible stripping of bark resulting from downward cut.

Watch the "set" of the blade. Don't let it get sprung. Never use shears that are dull. Keep them sharp as you work.

KILLS OFF ANT PEST
If anyone is bothered with the ant pest, try this method of ridding your beds of them. The use of kerosene or chemicals would ruin the surrounding soil, and burning the ants out would be out of the question. But try pouring boiling water down the ant hole and after the water has run off press the soil firmly. If the ants persist and dig out of their prison, keep pressing the soil over their hole until they cease. This method will either kill the pests or so discourage them that they will leave for better quarters.

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JUDGE McNARY HOME DELIGHTS

Sketch of Landscaping Made to Reveal Why Situation Is So Pleasant

By FRED BLAKE
EVERYBODY likes a well kept home and people will go out of their way to pass just such a place. It takes constant attention to keep a home looking its best. When something new is needed at the proper time and everything should be the last word in neatness and cleanliness.

The thing that attracts the attention of the passerby in the \$55 North Summer street is the mass of climbing roses over the front porch and along the south side of the house. During the summer, these are a mass of bloom. Their beauty lingers year after year because of the care that is given in the winter and spraying in the spring.

The north side of the house contains a different kind of beauty. A vine covered chimney blends perfectly with the side of the house. Blooms of wisteria. There are only the choicest varieties of the dwarf roses, beautiful in color and fragrance.

The sharp lines of the house are softened by the well-arranged planting of trees and shrubbery. The whole year round serving as a foundation planting. One of the most noticeable attractions is the immense filbert tree that stands out at the edge of the lawn.

Best of all is the ornamental tree in the considerable commercial value in the crop of nuts which it produces each year. Another interesting tree is the cedar at the north of the house which is clipped to a rounded shape.

The back yard planting is assisted by a number of very old fruit trees, planted many years before the present home was built. Under the shade of these trees extend the perennial border which also serves as a boundary. The border contains a good assortment of perennials and the rocky consists of rock plants, some in pockets, some spreading, some trailing. An artificial bath is artfully placed beside the rustic, rock lined pool. To set off the whole back yard, there arises an immense Black Walnut high above the other trees.

Boasts Vegetable Garden
This home is one of the few which boasts of a good vegetable garden each year. Great care is given to properly feed the soil so that good vegetables may be grown from year to year. Very few have vegetables from their gardens earlier than from this one. Peas have been a permanent trellis and all plants that tend to fall are neatly and securely stalked.

The lawn is always a mass of green. It is a thick soft carpet, the result of an abundance of water and fertilizers, and correct mowing. The lawn is systematically weeded each year sees the result a little closer to the much desired weedless lawn.

Better results have been obtained from the small flock of chickens when the following points have been adhered to in raising them, says an article in the April issue of "Successful Farming."

"1. Hatch early, using hatching eggs from a flock known to be absolutely free from disease.
"2. Brood each hatch separately.

"3. Brood on clean ground, at least 500 feet from the henhouse, where chicks have been raised as much as two years previously, and not downhill where the intestinal parasite eggs and germs can wash on to the new grounds.
"4. Feed a balanced ration.
"Separate the cockerels from the pullets early."

Owners of the Vale National bank have agreed to sell the institution to Crawford Moore, owner of the first National bank of Idaho, which controls nine large banks in the Snake river valley.

Planting Time For Borderies

A suggestion to those who want better gardens this year—

Now is the time to plant your new perennial border or rebuild your old one. The best place for a perennial garden is along boundaries, preferably backed with an ornamental fence. Study your plants to obtain the best arrangement and use special care to place the tallest plants in the background, the medium growing plants in the center, leaving the very lowest growing ones for the foreground. Plants should be grouped as to color if possible. This produces a mass perfect that is very pleasing.

Flower Spading Ready
Flower beds may be spaded any time now where the soil is light. Heavy soils should be left a little longer, allowing for a seed-fall. Don't forget the fertilizer. Well rotted barnyard manure is ideal for flower beds. Sheep Guano, which may be purchased in sacks, is a very convenient way to apply fertilizer to your plants. A good method is to spread the manure deeply, then spread the fertilizer which will thoroughly mix with the soil with succeeding hoeings and waterings.

Don't forget that lawns need fertilizing twice a year. The springtime is the best time if the winter has caused it a setback. Otherwise apply the fertilizer at the time when the lawn begins to show signs of a lack of vitality. All commercial fertilizers must be followed with a thorough soaking of water. Remember that bent and fescue require an acid fertilizer, while clover and blue grass require the opposite.

New lawns should be prepared for seeding now to obtain a good stand of grass before the summer heat is upon them. Lawns put in now will produce a quick stand of grass.

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THE OLD WAY
THE NEW WAY
GOOD TASTE IN LANDSCAPE GARDENING

Tucked away in the older residential sections of some of our towns, there are still to be seen charming old places of an age gone by, for styles change in planting as in everything else.

The new style, as shown in the accompanying sketch, is to plan the lawn with open center, with mass plantings relegated to the boundary lines. Just as we furnish every portion of the home, the grounds should secure the maximum in beauty and enjoyment.

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