

Roadside Survey of State Lecture Subject Monday Night

MRS. W. LAWTON TO BE SPEAKER

Garden Club Holds Regular Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Rooms

One of the interest lectures of the year for the Salem Garden Club will be that to be given by Mrs. W. Lawton of New York City Monday night in the chamber of commerce rooms. Mrs. Lawton is making a state highway survey of the conditions of the roadways and has had many slides developed from spots scenic and otherwise of Oregon highways. These slides will be shown as well as a detailed plan will be given by Mrs. Lawton concerning the results hoped to be accomplished by the survey which is now under way.

For the present survey which is expected will take the better part of the summer is being done with the cooperation of the Oregon state motor association, the state highway commission, forest service, and other interested state organizations. The Oregon Federation of Garden clubs is sponsoring it.

The survey here is simply a part of a plan originated by the National Council for the Protection of Roadside Beauty to increase the attractiveness of the state and national highways. Several such surveys have been completed and several more states are asking for the aid of specialized workers for their own state highway survey.

FIELD IS RIVAL OF GARDEN IN BEAUTY

Alsike and Red Clover, as Well as Potatoes in Bloom, Attract

By LILLIE M. MAGEE
RICKEY, June 21.—The men's part of the farms in this community rivals in beauty of the women's flower gardens with the fields of red clover, fragrant pink alsike clover blossoms and thrifty rows of potato vines in bloom.

Early potatoes look exceptionally good and though a little early to predict the size of the crop a good yield is expected.

T. Landerback and M. M. Magee, both have good looking fields of early potatoes.

D. Fryback, who raises cabbage for commercial purposes has a field of early cabbage that looks thrifty.

The early gardens look good, but the Bohannon family has a garden of early potatoes, peas, carrots, beets and other vegetables that is outstanding in its class for size of vegetables and the condition in which it is kept.

Some hay has been cut and the greater part of the clover hay is still standing. A fair yield is expected.

CONDON INTERESTED IN BEAUTIFICATION

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnston have just returned from a week's spent in central Oregon. Part of the time was spent in Condon with their son Carrie. While there, Mr. Johnston accompanied the City Beautiful judging tour. This contest was the first of its kind to be held by the garden club in Condon.

Mrs. Johnston spoke particularly of the unusual and exquisitely beautiful hedge of yellow roses used by one imaginative gardener. The hedge had been used on two sides of the garden with a most satisfactory result.

According to Mrs. Johnston the

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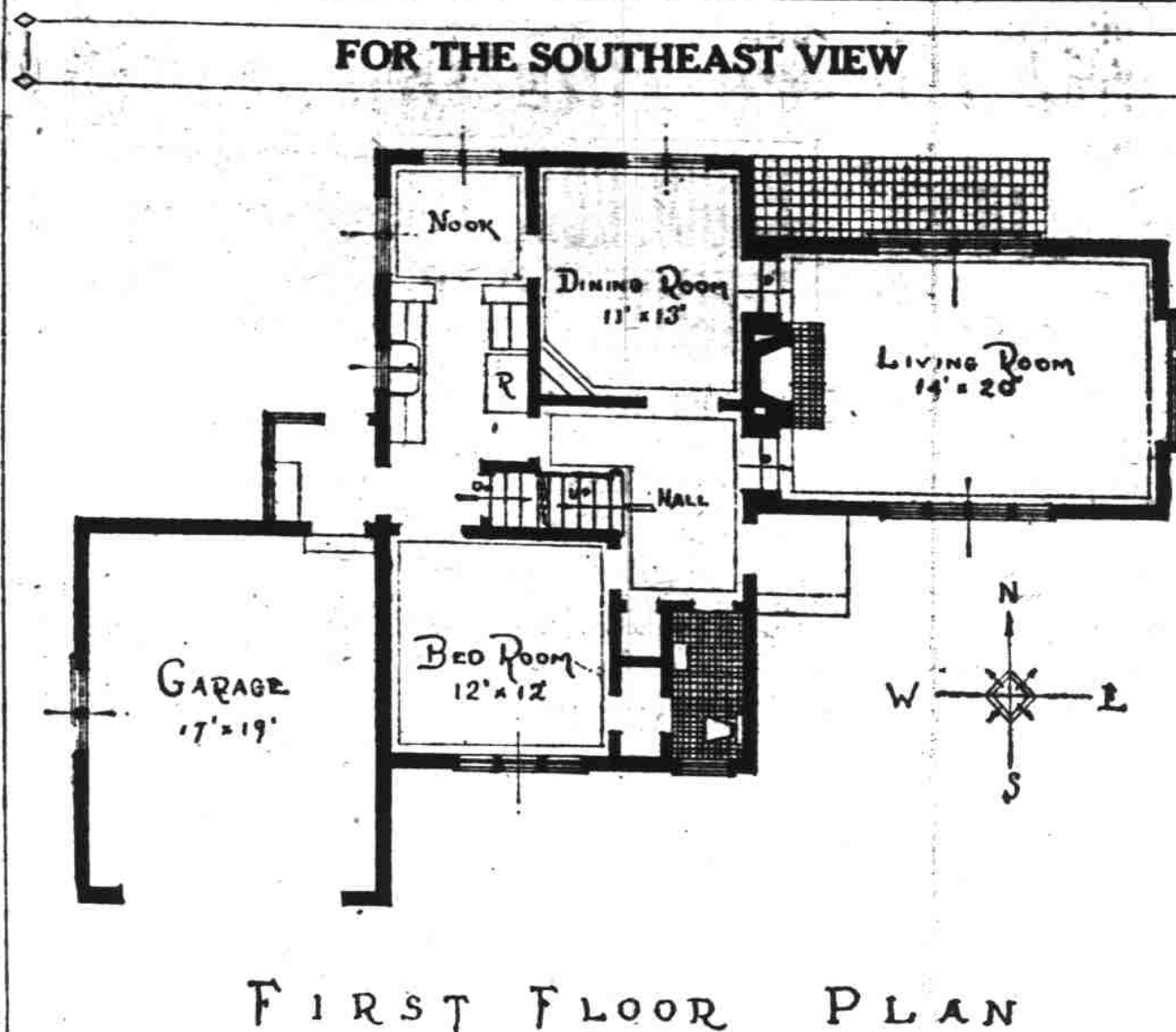
Keeping the grounds up-to-date should involve a yearly examination, a thorough going-over of every part of the grounds with the idea of eliminating run-down plants and substituting new plantings wherever it is needed. Gardens can often be changed to make them more attractive and more modern, or another type of garden, such as a rock garden, can be added to bring new interest to the grounds.

During the dormant season, trim the grape vines back to a very few good eyes or buds. This will increase the vigor of the plant and insure a better crop of fruit.

The cutting of the early blossoming kind of plants for forcing into bloom indoors is a delightful early spring change for interior decoration. One of the most ornamental of all these twigs for this purpose is the pussy willow. Placed in water indoors it develops very quickly.

Who doesn't like to try out something a bit different? Gardening is surely no exception, and if you want your garden to have the spice of originality, why not plan to have a rock garden? Rock work is charming for small as well as large developments, and enables you to enjoy a beauty spot not obtainable with the usual flat landscape arrangement.

There's a "best way" to do everything, and amateur gardeners should give a little thought to the best way of handling pruning shears.



Specially drawn for the Statesman building page by Lyle P. Bartholomew, architect, United States National Bank Building, Salem.

If you have a lot with a view to the east and the north, perhaps this floor plan will appeal to you. The plan is well adapted for some point of land such as may be found on

the heights on the south edge of Salem or on the flanks of the Polk county hills across the river. From living room one has an outlook three ways. The garage is easily accessible to the main portion of the house. There is economy in using the one wall for a portion of the garage wall.

Simplicity Is Secret For Effective Bouquet

The first principle of making artistic and effective bouquets is: do not try to put some of every bloom in the garden into them. Simplicity is the keynote of effective flower arrangement. The old-fashioned bouquet, a great closely packed bunch of assorted blossoms is going out of favor as the more decorative effects of simple grouping is demonstrated. This fact is being appreciated more and more and the flower shows and home decoration show the effect of recognition of the principle of simplicity in arrangement.

The heavy mass of flowers destroys all the grace and line that the plant used may have. Individuality is crushed out. But even with the principle understood, a great majority of the bouquets displayed are altogether too intricate. The Japanese influence has gone a long way toward modifying the use of too much material in a bouquet.

Bouquets of a single species and of a single color are now much admired and are more effective than a bunch of mixed colors of the same plant. Not more than two or three colors should be used and these harmonious. The moment a bouquet becomes heavy in appearance its effectiveness is discounted. Lightness is a quality to be sought. Some flowers which are heavy by nature such as dahlias and peonies are made to seem less solid by using only a few of them, not more than two or three to a vase. They are also

shrubs in Condon are not so well developed as are the many varieties of flowers. And the raising of spring bulbs has been unusually well developed. Rockeries and pools also played an important part in the development of the gardens judged.

Following the visit in Condon Mr. and Mrs. Johnston visited another son, Theodore, in Moro.

One of the largest Chicago hotels has a miniature golf course, 18 holes, on the roof. The putting and pitching surfaces are real creeping bent grass.

'CITY BEAUTIFUL' INTEREST GAINING

Flower Show Proves Aid in Stimulating Pride of Home Owners

General interest in the city beautiful contest since the flower show of June 7 and 8 has greatly increased, states Henry E. Morris, chairman of the flower show. Around 25 gardens were thrown open to public inspection during the show, showing what has been done in beautifying many of Salem's homes.

The thanks of the garden club is extended to all those persons who so freely gave of their time in making the show a success, and to those who so graciously opened their gardens to the public," said Dr. Morris. A great part of the success of the floral show was due to the beautiful gardens that were opened to the public, thereby giving the people the advantage of studying the landscaping that may be best adapted to their particular grounds, while the floral show itself gave them a chance to study the newer types of flowers and plants.

The city beautiful contest will be divided into several different classes, rules for which will be announced by the newspapers later, he stated. City beautification is not alone governed by flower gardens, landscaping, etc. Although these are a part, and an important part, well-kept lawns, new roofs are a sometimes underestimated factor in determining community beauty.

Improvement noted about the city. As one drives around the city of Salem and takes note of the interest in improving house appearances, well-kept lawns, the new rockeries, arbors here and there, new awnings on some of the houses, the outdoor rooms shielded by lattice-work and covered with exquisitely colored flowering vines, one is assured of the interest that is being taken in the city beautiful movement, sponsored by the garden club.

Definite plans and the contest date will be published just as soon as the committee decided upon the most appropriate time for the judging of those homes that enter the contest. The garden club urges all within the city who are doing any landscaping, making new plantings, or in any way beautifying their homes, to enter the contest, announced Dr. Morris.

If every one in Salem would do something towards the beautification of his home, he averred, it would go further towards advertising Salem, than any similar amount of money spent in advertising could ever hope to accomplish.

Places to View Today

It is still the season of roses. Although the freshness of many of the blossoms has gone, yet the mature beauty of the brilliant display of roses of all varieties is still enough to thrill the flower lover. In combination with the gorgeous pinks to be found in such profusion there is the delightful, giant stocks of delphinium in delicate blues ranging from pastel to deep purple.

Where the gardener has been far-sighted enough to plant these two garden beauties together, the roses growing low before a line of the delphinium there is a sight worth driving blocks to see.

Fortunately you see this combination quite often. One of the nicest arrangements is that on the state house grounds parking strip facing the supreme court building and grounds.

Snappdragons and foxglove bells are also very effective just at this time of the season. In your drive about town notice the lovely display of foxgloves and delphinium in the gardens of Sally Bush. They are to be seen most favorably from the High street view.

Here are some places to see today which will be worth your notice:

American Pillar and Tausend Schoen roses over the porch of E. Hofer home, 765 South High street.

1234 S. Commercial street.

195 W. Lefelle street, W. L. Phillips home. Note blue flowers, anemone, along the top of the rise in the back lawn, and how the silhouette themselves against the skyline.

White delphinium in parking on Meyer street at home of L. R. Springer, 1395 Fir street. Will Hagedorn home, 1406 Fir, very pretty display of flowers.

1290 Fir and 1210 Fir street, attractive gardens.

N. D. Elliott, 222 Miller street, effective use of lawn.

1270 Saginaw, lovely display of nasturtiums.

821 Saginaw, D. C. Minto home, and opposite yard has profusion of flowers.

Much Scotch broom in bloom now; it is known as the Portuguese variety. It is very fragrant. Good examples of it on the Dan Fry, Sr., south garden slope. Also some roses over rock trellis, 606 S. High.

160 Superior and 1810 Fairmount have attractive gardens and lawns.

Also note 1760 and 1755 John street.

Chester Cox, 262 West Lincoln, have delightful rockery just now.

Fence of roses, Mrs. M. M. Cusick, 219 W. Lincoln.

U. G. Shipley yard at 143 East Washington street, well kept scene.

Brilliant red cactus blossoms on porch of 1644 South Liberty.

1520 South Liberty, well kept tiny house and grounds.

Drive the full length of South Liberty street for a splendid display of flowers and roses in particular.

G. F. Springer, 1140 South Liberty, unusually lovely delphinium.

LISBON (AP)—Restaurant owners, ordered by the government to print menus only in Portuguese, convinced officials there were no equivalents for such words and drinks as "Sauter Meuniere" and "Chateaubriand" but they have to pay a tax of \$20 to \$150 for offering them to patrons.

BUILDING TREND BACK TO NORMAL

Public Works and Utilities Lead in Volume of Construction Work

By NICHOLAS ROBERTS
President, S. W. Straus & Co.
While the official reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. by building departments in the key city and towns of the country indicate that for the past 60 days the trend has been toward more normal conditions, I am frank to say that in the general business situation of the country not having seen a degree of improvement, many business leaders and economists anticipated, there has been a reflection of these conditions in building. Thus the industry up to this time has not gone forward as rapidly as many had expected.

However, business men and the public generally who are so vitally interested at this time in the return of prosperity should bear in mind that real soundness in the building industry is more to be desired than mere activity. While it is very gratifying to learn, as our reports now reveal that recent actual declines have been considerably less pronounced than the seasonal trend, it should be born in mind that the real test of the industry's soundness lies in the relationship of supply and demand. Appreciating these facts, banks and other institutions which lend money on building are very careful in times like these to maintain an ultra conservative policy so that in any optimistic building is being done at this time excepting in response to definite demand. Of the amount now going forward, the great bulk is in public works and utilities, educational religious structures, dwellings, and two-family houses. Not more than 10 per cent of the total volume of current construction is in such structures as office buildings, hotels, apartments and apartment hotels.

Every month that now goes by with this restricted volume of building construction means that improved real estate has been placed on a sounder basis with an ever increasing percentage of occupancy in structures. It means a steady wiping out of surplus space wherever it may happen to exist. In any optimistic building is being done at this time excepting in response to definite demand. Of the amount now going forward, the great bulk is in public works and utilities, educational religious structures, dwellings, and two-family houses. Not more than 10 per cent of the total volume of current construction is in such structures as office buildings, hotels, apartments and apartment hotels.

Weeders offer a great variety, there being two main divisions, cutters and scratchers. The angle bladed weeder with a good cutting edge which will shave off chickweed, purslane, and weeds that have the irritating habit of breaking off and saving their roots when you try to pull them up is a great garden convenience. One of the scratchers to keep the soil stirred is needed with the cutting blade.

Asparagus Cutter Proves Useful

The asparagus cutter is used as a weeder for taprooted plants such as dandelions, docks, burdock, and plantains and for tough rooted grasses. A heavy solid bladed scratching tool has been put on the market recently which will enable you to dig into a soil and dislodge shallow roots and then scratch them up.

A selection of weeders and trowels makes the work in the small garden much easier and more efficient. For the larger garden a wheel hoe is needed with its attachments for a variety of uses. Digging out the dandelions or other perennial weeds which may have succeeded in getting a foothold and then keeping the soil stirred will foil the weed crop. Garden stakes and a stout line for marking rows will make the outfit complete to start actual planting after the soil has been spaded and raked fine. With an early start it is surprising how easily the weed nuisance may be kept in abeyance.

Appearance Of Home Is Tell-Tale

A dark, faded purple ramble rose, hunched over the sagging doorway of a nondescript house, left a heavy, sour feeling in the consciousness of the observer. Not so far away was a tiny white house over whose doorway scarlet ramblers stretched their glowing color in gay and challenging beauty. Like a whiff of rain on a spring morning, or marsh music it brought the observer up straight with a feeling that he should salute and go forth to do things.

It would be interesting to know just what caused one neighbor in the same town to have a faded purple ramble and the other to have a scarlet one. Could you identify those neighbors away from their homes? Methinks that several chances to one you could. One would walk with a spring; his clothes might not be of the best cut or perfectly new but they would be clean and he would look well even though they were old. He would have a look of purpose in his eye; he might not be rich but he would be even with the world and he would have hopes toward which he was working.

The other neighbor would very likely have a dragging step; his clothes might be fairly new but they would look illkept and there would be spots on them. Many chances to one there would be unpaid bills, a despondent, tired look in his eye, and no plan as to what the future might be made to yield.

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Garden Vistas Possible Though Grandeur Lacked

A vista in landscape gardening is a framed view. One may be inclined to think that so grand a word can only be applied to grand views. To be sure, a mountain, a glacier, or a distant glimpse of the ocean afford vistas which one will travel far to see, and there are fortunate gardens, in favored places, which have such views.

But lacking grandeur, one may still have vistas in his garden. A view from a window to where an apple tree arches over a pool, is a vista; the picture of a bird bath flanked by flower groups, or a view through framing tree tops to a summer sunset may be a vista.

In the small garden vistas are

TROWEL IS USEFUL GARDEN IMPLEMENT

Equipment Demands Exceed That Once Considered Wholly Adequate

It is not so many years ago that the average gardener considered himself pretty well cared for when he provided himself with a hoe and spading fork. He was equipped to start gardening. Other tools were commandeered from the kitchen. A trowel was sometimes in stock but often a butcher knife served the uses of a trowel.

Now every gardener has to have a trowel and there are various types for various purposes, narrow ones for small holes to transplant, large ones to make holes for larger roots and long blades ones to dig deep holes for bulbs that need deep planting. There are also angle trowels as well as those with curved blades. You can look them over and suit your needs.

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INFANT MORTALITY HIGH WITH PLANTS

Real Problem Develops as Growth Toward Maturity is Begun

It is not a matter of difficulty to induce the commoner garden seed to come up but it is somewhat tricky to make a majority of the seeds which germinate reach maturity. Infant mortality among plants is unusually and deplorably high. This is due to lack of proper care on the infants of the plant world.

There are two extreme conditions that account for a great loss of tiny seedlings and even to a large percentage after they have gotten well into growth. These are an overabundance of moisture and permitting them to dry up. The greatest care needed is to obtain an even and uniform degree of moisture without water logging the seed bed or seed box.

The soil should be made light enough at the start in indoor planting to permit water to permeate it and drain off readily. There should be holes in the bottom of the seed box covered with broken pieces of flower pot, stone, or crockery to prevent the soil from leaking out but to prevent surplus moisture to pass through and out of the seed box.

"Damping Off" Takes Heavy Toll In the open ground this condition takes care of itself except in heavy or clay soils and these soils should have special preparation to provide drainage before being used as outdoor seedbeds.

Damping off, a fungus pest caused by over moisture, takes a big toll of seedlings, the plant rotting off at the surface of the soil even while the top remains healthy in appearance. Soil disinfectants are now on the market which remedy this condition by destroying the fungus spores to a large extent. Peat moss is a sterile medium and used in seed box soil helps to keep this pest in abeyance but sharp drainage is the surest method.

Another cause of much loss of infant plant life is overcrowding through sowing the seed too thickly. Many of the plants will be crowded out of existence. Sow thinly and thin when the little plants are too thick in the rows. Do not expose tiny seedlings to the full strength of midday sun if it happens to be a hot day. Shade them from the full force of the sun but give them the benefits of the morning and later afternoon.

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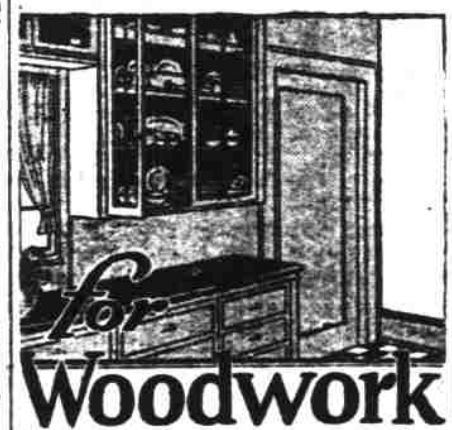
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