

# Time has Come to Consider Planting for Spring Flowers

## SEED COMPANY LETS CONTRACT

### Mrs. E. M. Hoffnell to Grow Conifers for Rutledge Firm, Announced

Start of what may become a big industry in this county is promised with announcement that the Rutledge Seed Company has entered into a five-year contract for growing of evergreen shrubs or conifers with Mrs. E. M. Hoffnell of Salem. The Rutledge company is one of the largest seed concerns on the coast.

This is the first time the company has contracted with anyone in this territory for growing of shrubs to be used exclusively in its trade.

Two thousand of the shrubs will be planted by Mrs. Hoffnell the middle of October. All plantings will be under direction of U. Bryan, in the landscape department of the seed company. Bryan has formerly been in charge of all floral displays at Oregon state fairs and has recently returned to Oregon from Los Angeles where he has worked exclusively with dahlias.

While plantings for the first season will total 2,000, it is expected that number will be at least doubled the following fall. The part of an acreage which the Hoffnells recently purchased will be used for the conifer growing. The farm is located on a cross road between the Roseburg and Red Hill districts. The Red Hill soil is admirably suited to the project.

Improvements Will Be Made on Place

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffnell do not plan to move to the acreage until in the spring, however, in the meantime they are devoting considerable time to improving the

## Rock Gardening is Vogue; Individuality Made Goal With Many Possibilities

Rock gardening has become the new vogue. It offers so many possibilities for individual treatment that it is really no wonder that every one is eager to have the distinction of a rockery in their own garden. On even the smallest lot there is space to build a bit of interesting rock work. For the compactness of a rock garden is one of its greatest charms.

On every home grounds there are natural opportunities for the development of a rock garden. A hillside, a ravine, or a roughly uneven piece of ground presents an ideal foundation for a rockery. A walk or driveway may divide vertical banks of irregularly receding layers of stratified rock. A terrace may be turned into a pleasing picture. Even on a level building site a mound of earth, edged and capped with rocks, or a stone wall, makes an interesting rock garden.

The best rocks to use are those between the round or boulder type and the flat or flagstone type. Save the latter for walks and steps. Use rocks of different sizes, striving always for a natural effect. Too many small stones make the rock garden look artificial.

The soil should be composed of equal parts of vegetable fiber, garden loam and coarse, sharp sand. Barren manure is too rich for rock plants.

Have the soil all prepared before construction is started. Lay the lower rock first, placing them so there is more plant surface on a rock in the finished effect. Plants do not get food out of rock but from the soil, and these soil pockets are essential.

As each rock is laid, ram the soil back, around and beneath it; use no cement. Four factors in the success of rock work are: (1) Plants set each higher rock back of the lower giving the face of the wall a back slope; thus giving plants water, air, light and room as illustrated in the diagram. Consider direction of ground drainage and lay stones across valleys to prevent soil washing away.

There are many dwarf shrubs and evergreens that are partially effective in the rock garden. Taller growers are frequently used as borders or in the background, to create the necessary atmosphere of formality which the rockery demands.

Now comes the most interesting part—the flowering plants. In making your choice and placing them in the rockery, consider height, color harmonies, and whether or not the various plants are adapted to the place you have chosen for them.

For example, drooping plants would be best at the top where they could trail over the face of the rocks in a natural manner. They are also especially valuable for covering banks with their luxuriance of foliage.

In the small crevices, the tufted plants with rosette of foliage and short flower stalk above, are most suitable. Creeping plants cushion the ground and carpet the walks with a mass of delightful color. Dwarf erect plants are good for flat spaces above the creeping sorts.

A rock garden may be combined with an informal lily pool, or a trickle of water may wind its way down among the rocks and lose itself in a miniature lake fringed with dainty flowering plants.

Not only will you find rock work now an fascinating, but a modern means of expressing individuality, as well.

## PEAT MOSS IS NEW GARDENING FACTOR

Peat moss is a new element in gardening that is just beginning to figure in the gardeners' scheme of affairs. It will figure more importantly as its value is known. It is a soft brown granulated material which comes in big bales at moderate prices. One bale will go a long way in garden value.

There has been some discussion as to whether it had any real value as a fertilizer and scientific analysis says that it has a slight nitrogen content. Whether it has or not, the main factor to the gardener is that it makes things grow when dug into the soil.

When pulverized sheep or shred cow manure is added, it is a fine fertilizer and shows results quickly.

One highly recommended use of the moss is to top-dress lawns where it produces very gratifying results. The usual directions are to sow the grass seed in the usual manner, then cover the lawn with a mulch of half an inch of peat moss. It is fine and light and lumps are readily broken up. They should be crumbled before it is applied.

The grass comes through speedily and makes more luxuriant growth than under the usual lawn methods.

Peat moss is now valued highly in making compost for the germination of seeds that must have a regular degree of moisture in order to grow, the primrose in particular being greatly aided.

## Places to View Today

There will not be so many more Sunday drives that will hold the beauty and splendor of the summer. Fall rains and cold days bleach the color and leave the deep greens of the foliage and the misty grey of the atmosphere to rest the eyes of him who gazes on the outdoor.

There is one flame of color that is going to last through into the winter months and is perhaps one of the richest and most vivid colors of the whole year. This is the gay display made by the berries on the firethorn bushes. These are just now beginning to make their first pronounced appearance. You will find them trained up the sides of porches, leaning against the base of houses, and a few scrappy ones will be found attempting to be foundation plants. The

usual prescription is one part ordinary garden soil and one part of peat moss with a sprinkling of silver sand to add to the porosity.

Peat moss has an acid reaction in the soil and as it is a sterile medium the claim is made that it prevents damping off. It is very valuable material to dig into the soil to give greater water retentive qualities to sandy soils. It is very useful as a winter mulch put on after the first freeze and being effective in preventing heaving.

As much in summer it is too water-proof to be as valuable as it might be as it keeps off moisture in the form of rains as effectively as it keeps in moisture in the soil. It is most valuable dug in.

## Harmonious Color Goal of Gardener

Color has become one of the important factors both in the arrangement of planting plans in the garden and in bouquet arrangement indoors. It is a subject that is new ground to old-time gardeners who worked according to their own taste arrived at by experiment. Now an understanding of what constitutes harmonies of color makes both garden planning and bouquet arranging easier.

The three harmonies usually considered are those of complement, contrast and analogy either under these terms or similar ones. Technically complementary colors are two which will produce

looked a second time in admiration.

915 Saginaw street has a backyard worth driving back along the side and alley to view. A lovely yard, and a brilliant display of yellows, reds, and shell white.

830 Saginaw also has an interesting backyard, and a stock border along the parking. There will be found a regular "field" of delphinium in the back yard.

196 Washington has some lovely window boxes.

If you wish a little longer drive take the "Morningside Way" which is an extension of 12th street and note the effective results of efforts to beautify homes along that road. Some there are without pride to be sure but the majority of them are pretty.

## Places to View Today

Some of the best examples of this bush are to be found on North Winter street. You will find them scattered along the full length of the street, and of course lovely bushes are to be found in other parts of town. 1815 High street has a lovely firethorn bush.

Some other places of interest to view today would be:

The backyard of Dr. L. R. Springer, 1395 Fir street. There is much color there and it has been planted with an eye to needs of fall.

1269 Fir street has a window box of much color.

130 Leffelle street has a pretty and effective development of rock wall.

1555 Saginaw street has some upstairs window boxes which show well.

201 Mission street has a colorful border of stock.

850 Saginaw 4s a good example of what can be done when one "takes a little cottage and goes to work with an ideal of beauty in mind." Vines, colorful flowers and care has made of this cottage something to be

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white when united. This is according to the theories of light, not of pigments. The specific complementaries usually considered are red and blue, yellow and violet, orange and blue, green and crimson and yellowish green and purple. The familiar bouquet of blue annual larkspurs and orange calendula, yellow California poppies and the purple cornflowers are examples.

Harmonies of analogy are colors of varying tones, of the same hue, such as pinks and rose.

Harmonies of contrast are produced when one of the colors of the spectrum is contrasted with a neutral color such as white, the commonest in flower arrangement, white or gray.

Harmonies are necessary for the most effective flower arrangement. The circular color chart, showing the colors of the spectrum which is printed in all work on color is the quickest way in which to determine complementary harmonies as colors lying opposite each other are complements of each other.

Analogous harmonies which are two tones of the same color, such as light and dark blue give no trouble. Contrast harmonies are more difficult but white is the valuable factor, being both a harmonizer and a contrast. The combination of harmonies of complement or analogy and contrast are often made, such as two tones of blue and white or red and blue and white. A little study of a color chart will give an understanding of color more quickly than any amount of theory.

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## No Rest for Gardeners; It's now Time to Plant Pansies for Early Bloom

By LILLIE M. MAGEE  
There is no rest for the gardener and now when one would like to sit in the shade, day dream and enjoy the dahlias and late gladiolus he must not only begin to plan but also work for next year's garden.

Among the flowers clamoring for attention the modest little pansy seems to be among the foremost.

Pansy seed should be planted February and March for summer and fall blooming but for early spring blooming seed should be planted in August and September. The soil should be thoroughly pulverized and mixed with a liberal supply of well rotted cow manure, which authorities say is especially good for pansies, then dampened before the seed is planted.

After the seeds are planted they should be barely covered with dry soil, the soil pressed firmly down and dampened again.

Seed men tell us to cover with a cloth frame until the seeds are well germinated. A piece of burlap is excellent for a covering when you have no regular frame. Spread it over your bed or seed box and when you water, thoroughly sprinkle the burlap. In this way the seeds will receive the

moisture needed and, not be in danger of being washed out as with direct watering. They should never be allowed to become dry.

Seedlings should be transplanted when large enough to handle, usually when they have three or four leaves.

In an experiment tried last year with pansies the plants from seeds planted in the open where they received the sun all day came on earlier than those planted where they received the sun only part of the day. Both beds had about the same number of blooms though the bed that was in the shade part had more than the other.

The pansy has been in cultivation so long that authorities can not agree on its origin. Some contend it is a cultivated form of viola tricolor, a corn field weed, while others say it is the result of hybridization between viola tricolor and other species such as viola altaica, viola grandiflora, etc.

Pansy means thought or to think and to flower lovers, the pansy or heartsease is the flower with the thoughtful face that gives an abundance of flowers for little care. The pansy is one flower that one can pick and pick and still have flowers, and flower lovers are not worrying where, or from what the pansy originated.

## Cold Wave Gets Natives in Mood To Dress Selves

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—While wide sections of the temperate zone were seared with heat and drought, a freak "cold wave" swept the tropical South Sea Islands.

Natives even took to ear muffs and flannels.

At Suva the "coldest" weather recorded in a century was experienced, with a temperature of 55, and many islanders who never before had worn clothes donned scanty garments.

## A GARDEN COTTAGE OF SIX ROOMS



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