

Gardening Today

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Grapes are one of the most interesting fruits as well as one of the easier fruits for the amateur to grow. They require so little space that even the smaller gardens can hold a vine or two. A couple of vines of different varieties will give one a nice amount of fruit. If well cared for, two vines will not only furnish all the fresh fruit one wants but will also, in time, furnish sufficient for a little jelly and juice.

If there is room, grapes may be trained on wires fastened to a couple of posts. They may be grown flat against the house, or each vine on a post of its own, or they may be grown on a trellis. Correct fertilization of the soil is almost as important as correct pruning. Nitrogen should be avoided. Therefore, fertilizers from the cow barns are not so good. These, or any other nitrogen fertilizer, tend to produce a heavy foliage growth and little or no fruit. Potash and phosphate should be used instead. Bone meal is a good fertilizer for grapes. If you spade your grapes in the spring, work plenty of bone meal into the soil.

Good varieties are inexpensive, and the best in two-year-old bushes should be bought. When the vine is set out, choose the strongest shoot and train it up a stout string. As soon as this reaches the first wire or the height on the wall or house one wishes it, it is pruned so that two arms, and only two, are produced. Train these in opposite directions. Next spring prune these arms back so that they are only about 18 inches long. Remember that grapes are borne on the season's new growth, pruning must be severe and it must be done in late winter or early spring. In fact some pruning of grapes has already been done, and is being done right along now.

Here in the Willamette valley spraying is also essential if good grapes are to be produced. Some grape growers advocate four sprays. Others spray their grapes very similarly to their roses. Mildew and black rot are two heavy toll-takers in the grapes. One grower, who I recently interviewed, reports that he gives his grapes a clean-up spray in February, using a lime sulphur winter strength mixture. He sprays again shortly before the blossoms open, repeats just after the fruit is set and sprays twice following that, about three weeks apart. With all but the first spray he uses the summer strength, given on the lime-sulphur container.

Another grower tells me that he uses Bordeaux, also spraying once during the winter with the dormant strength mixture. Then he sprays again just before the blossoms open, using the 3-3-50 mixture. Another spray goes on just after the fruit is set, using the same strength as the blossom spray. A third spray follows in 14 days and the last spray in three more weeks. With the exception of the first spray, the Bordeaux mixtures are all 3-3-50. Another interesting fruit for the amateur and the small-space gardener, who still likes to grow a bit of fruit for himself, is the currant. Two bushes, set four feet apart, will give a surprising amount of juice for either jelly or to drink in diluted form. Set the plants out in the spring. Young plants should be kept cultivated to get them off to the proper start. Older ones may be cultivated regularly or else kept mulched with garden refuse. Grass and weeds should not be allowed to grow beneath the currant bushes if fruit is desired.

In the currants, branches which are two or three years old, give the largest and most fruit. Older branches very rarely produce much. As soon as planted, cut the bush back to five or six buds and leave only one branch. The second year, choose six branches, if the bush is strong, and remove the others. The third year, do not prune other than to properly shape the bush. When the bushes are bearing well, prune out all wood that is over three years old. Dead wood, very long branches, or any branches which touch the soil should be removed. Sun and air must penetrate the bush. Prune now.

Like in the grapes, different growers use different methods of spraying. One grower uses the regular Massey sulphur dust mixture: nine parts dusting sulphur to one of arsenate of lead, dusting the bush very thoroughly, particularly at the base, before growth starts, repeating again every ten days after the leaves have come out until the fruit is set. Then the grower switches to hellebore powder as an insecticide which is not poisonous to man, while the fruit is developing and maturing. Another grower uses a lime sulphur clean-up spray in the winter. Then soon after the fruit sets, he sprays with lime-sulphur, 1 to 40, with 1½ pounds of lead arsenate powder in 50 gallons of water.

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Paper Drive Follows Bonds

Schools Finish Off One Turn to Next With Equal Good Humor

MT. ANGEL — School boys and girls of Mt. Angel went from their bond drive right into the paper salvage campaign and in less than one week collected seven and one-half tons of paper.

A promised half-holiday to the grade bringing in the most paper heightened their enthusiasm considerably. In the primary division the third grade won the holiday and in the grades from fourth to eighth, the sixth came out victorious.

The collected paper will be sold to the county at a promised price of \$10 and \$12 per ton. The sum realized will be used to purchase a \$100 bond in the name of St. Mary's school.

The next week will find the youngsters back at "mere study" once again trying to catch up on their school work and finding it a bit dull.

JEFFERSON — The scrap paper drive was well taken care of by the school children of the Jefferson schools. Roy Chester, salvage committee chairman, M. H. Beal and some of the boys delivered 13,200 pounds of paper to Salem Saturday. The proceeds will be used for home economics class funds, and in the grade school, toward the projector fund.

The committee were well pleased with the good work done by the school, in gathering the scrap paper.

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Scio Officer Is Improved

SCIO—Fred Daley, city marshal and constable for many years, is improved following a serious illness. Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds, his sister, is here from Portland.

A delegation of Scio Odd Fellows attended degree work at the Lebanon lodge this week and plan to be represented in Salem February 23. A large class of candidates will be initiated.

Ed Holland, for many years carrier on Scio rural mail route 1, is at Deaconess hospital in Salem. Rev. V. L. Loucks of Scio Baptist church will substitute for Holland as he has done on previous occasions.

Mrs. Cora Miller of Corvallis has been with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Meritt, and other relatives and friends in Scio and vicinity. Mrs. Miller has been employed at Camp Adair for some time.

Pius May Intercede For Allied Prisoners

NEW YORK, Feb. 19—(AP)—Catholic Bishop Cuthbert O'Gara reports that Pope Pius XII may be asked to intercede with the Japanese government in an effort to obtain better living conditions for allied prisoners.

O'Gara, who was a Japanese prisoner for six months at Hongkong, is vicar apostolic of Yunnan, Huan, China.

The possibility of such intercession was discussed today by O'Gara with former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, secretary-treasurer of the National Catholic conference, and others.

It is recalled that this same question came before the city council several months ago and at that time the council referred the project to the Silverton school board, and finally the matter died out. Council members, at the time it came to their attention, indicated that this should really come under the jurisdiction of the Parent-Teacher association.

Members of the committee, working on the plans this week, stated that they hoped to make the project worthwhile from a point of spiritual and educational value as well as to furnish amusement to the youth of the town.

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By Ethan Grant

We have just completed some extensive household research and our findings are noteworthy. Our graphs and statistics reveal the activities of the average housewife's average day, although you are warned that the data has not yet been approved by the bureau of vital statistics and may never be officially approved.

We began by stationing our tabulating specialists all over the house, to catalog every move our average housewife made. To find out how far she traveled, we equipped her with a pedometer. We want to emphasize our recommendations that she be permitted to collect an amount equal to the standard for persons on a mileage basis.

She traveled five and three tenths miles from wherever she happened to be to the living-room, just to see what time it was. She made an average of nine and a half trips a day to answer the doorbell. She registered over three miles a day going back to where she's already been, to get things she forgot.

The average housewife has two children, a husband and a two-year-old kimono. To the husband she and the youngsters represent exemptions from selective service and the income tax. He earns a salary and pays the bills. If he has anything left, he plays poker. When he wins, he comes home and brags about it. When he loses, he merely comes home.

Our average housewife spent an hour and 40 minutes of her average day on the telephone, talking to neighbors and friends she didn't want to talk to. We knew this because she kept saying, "I really must hang up now and prepare lunch for Bobby and Susie." Or, "Goodness, is it that late?"

Her day began about dawn, when she shut off the alarm, draped herself in the faded kimono and went to the basement, where she split kindling with the axe her husband gave her for Christmas, and built a fire in the furnace.

She then began slamming things around the kitchen. She created the customary matutinal aroma of bacon and eggs and coffee, and called her husband, for the fifth time. Eventually he stalked into the dining room, looking like something out of the tall grass on the back lot, and grumbled about having to eat a cold breakfast.

She let him grumble. The youngsters had to be washed, dressed, fed and off to school. Meanwhile, her husband banged around and somehow disappeared. She never seemed to notice precisely when he left for work.

With the youngsters away, she giggled at Dagwood over two cups of coffee and searched the society section to find out who had done or was doing what, and where. Finally she went to the basement and sang "Pistol Packin' Mama" to her washer, expending 2400 calories and using enough water to float an excursion steamer. Her family was a thoroughly dirty one.

With the wash on the line, she began cleaning up the kitchen, wishing it could be done with a shovel. It took her till noon to put things in order. She then took the whole house, room by room, straightening here, dusting there, rearranging and putting things back where they belonged.

At 2 p.m. she listened to a radio skit while eating two crackers and an ounce of anemic cheese, after which she weighed herself. Finding that she was a pound and five ounces overweight, she took ten minutes of fast calisthenics. Completely out of breath, she then stood panting before a mirror and surveyed her girlish figure, particularly at the hip line.

At 4 p.m. she felt and looked like a coal heaver, so she set about mending her appearance. This was a major project, involving considerable splashing, a powder storm and a 30-minute wrestling match with her hair. All this because tradition had taught her the value of looking her sweetest when her husband got home.

And on the question of values hangs the purpose of our research. Remember, supper, the supper dishes, getting the youngsters to bed, preparing papa's bath and

all that, were among the evening chores still to be done. With this two-hour responsibility discharged, she returned to the living room, massaging her hands with lotion.

Her husband sat in his favorite chair, with one foot on the piano, the other on the radio, smoking his favorite pipe.

It was nearly dawn when our specialists completed their report and recommendations. On the basis of these findings we want to propose a law compelling husbands to pay their wives the going wage for housekeeping. We also think they should pay into the unemployment compensation fund, the industrial accident fund and the social security account.

The proposal may not be popular with most men, but neither were lightning rods when they were first proposed. Men are reluctant to accept departures from tradition, but we dare say the ladies would nevertheless go for the idea in a big way.

Douglas Fir Case To Be Decided

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19—(AP)—The west coast lumber commission said a decision on the industry-wide Douglas fir wage cases probably would be announced next week.

A two-day discussion of the cases, which affect 40,000 lumber workers in Oregon and Washington, was adjourned today until Tuesday.

Pine cases, which cover operations in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho and northern California, probably will be taken up next week also.

Horse and Buggy July Fourth Celebration Put Into Book

SILVERTON—An old-time celebration of the Fourth of July has been put in book form, it was learned here this week, when Pfc. George Haberly, now stationed at Camp Ellis, Ill., wrote his parents, the Karl Haberlys, that he had spent a recent weekend with his uncle, Lloyd Haberly, who teaches in Washington university at St. Louis.

Prof. Haberly was born in the Waldo Hills to the south of Silverton and as a boy attended Center View school, now closed. Later he was graduated from Silverton high school and Reed college at Portland. For years he made his home in England where he was with a publishing firm. A few years ago he returned to the United States.

He has more than 30 books written, illustrated, printed and bound all by himself. It is one of these which contains the description of a Fourth of July celebration in Silverton, in the horse and buggy days, when he rode in the parade and later read the Declaration of Independence at the program in the Silverton park.

10,000 Bushels Oysters Expected

NORTH BEND, Feb. 19—(AP)—Ten thousand bushels of oysters are expected to be taken this season from the Coos bay Farmers Cooperative beds seeded in 1941, H. A. Kerr, manager, said today.

Oysters here require three years to mature instead of the 18 months expected when the cooperative invested approximately \$300,000 in the project, Kerr said. The 1942 planting will be harvested in 1945, and another planting will be made later this season.

Catholic Churches Smearred With Paint

NEW YORK, Feb. 19—(AP)—Three Catholic edifices, including St. Patrick's cathedral on Fifth avenue, were daubed with red enamel paint today in the latest of a series of desecrations of religious structures in New York City.

Smeared with the cathedral were the Church of the Ascension on Broadway and the Church of St. John the Evangelist on First avenue, the latter described as "probably the second oldest Catholic church in Manhattan."

Police Thwart Robbery Of Bank at Molalla

PORTLAND, Feb. 19—(AP)—Police claimed to have thwarted a bank robbery at Molalla with the arrest of all but one of a seven-man gang Friday.

The men, whom police said admitted committing a series of burglaries and planning a bank holdup, included two juveniles. A third juvenile has not been apprehended.

Charges have not yet been filed.

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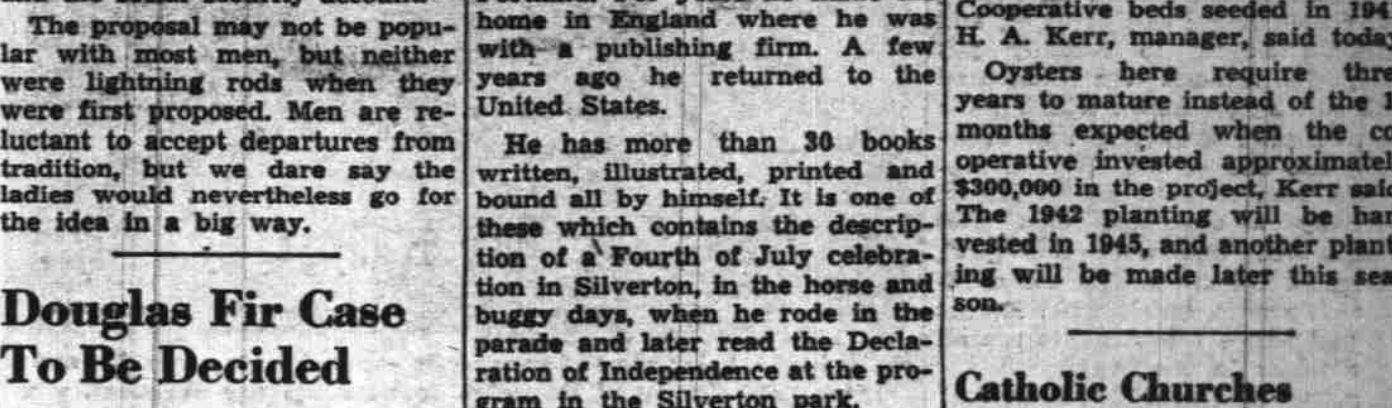
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