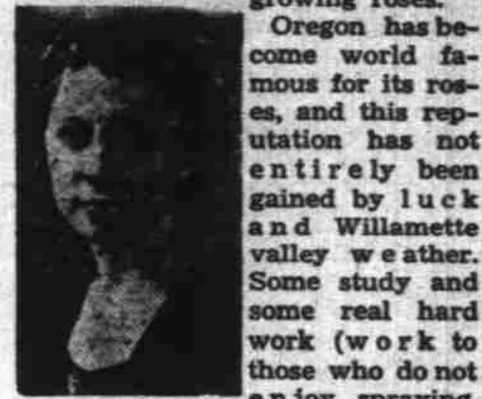


Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

Today was the day I promised to pass on information which I had picked up here and there on growing roses.



Oregon has become world famous for its roses, and this reputation has not entirely been gained by luck and Willamette valley weather. Some study and some real hard work (work to those who do not enjoy spraying, pruning and general gardening) have gone into the making of that reputation.

While we are growing carrots, peas and potatoes for our victory gardens, we should not entirely neglect this reputation which for years we have been wrestling from Pasadena, California. I have seen Pasadena's roses, and while they are nice—all roses are somewhat in the same manner in speaking of all little babies—the Pasadena roses which I saw were immensely well cared for. By nature Oregon's roses are of a more healthy and full coloring.

Roses do well in a wide range of soils, although they favor a heavy clay loam that is retentive of moisture. This is particularly true of the large-growing hybrid perpetuals. Some of the smaller varieties of the tea rose, will succeed in a deep sandy loam.

And let me take time out right here to say: DO NOT MIX YOUR VARIETIES. By this I mean, do not plant a tall vigorous-growing hybrid perpetual right next neighbor to one of the weaker, smaller growing teas or other roses. Keep your heavy growing roses together and in the background, and keep your more dainty-growing varieties together, and in the foreground. The heavy growing ones will completely overshadow the weaker group if you do not make this distinction. AND DON'T, WHEN YOU COME OVER TO SEE MY ROSE GARDEN, TELL ME I DIDN'T FOLLOW THIS ADVICE. It is because I didn't follow it, that I know so well what I am, in this instance, talking about.

To get back to the soil: There seems to be a lot of "don't" in gardening. Right now I am thinking of all this talk about the "Ploughman's Folly." Don't take that too seriously when you are preparing your rose bed. The soil should be prepared deeply and well. Good drainage is essential. In the days before the war, when we didn't know anything better to do with tin cans than haul them out and dump them along someone else's front gate, we suggested putting them in the bottom of the rose bed to insure good drainage. Now we have to find some other means. Gravel will make the same good foundation for rose growing. If you dig your rose bed two feet deep and fill in the first six inches with coarse gravel, you should have good drainage.

Roses are heavy feeders. Nothing quite equals nourishment from the cowbans, so far as roses are concerned. Bonemeal and wood ashes are also good soil conditions in the rose bed. A trowelful of

bonemeal should be good for two years. When once planted, the roses should not be cultivated too deeply close to the bush. Rose roots go deep for food, one thinks, but there are always a number which grow close to the surface, especially where the bushes are irrigated during the summer.

Pruning roses should be done in February or very early March. To make a good, vigorous bush with an open center, they should be pruned back to an outside but about ten inches from the ground. Heavy-growing bushes, similar to the Mme. Caroline Testout, or Frau Karl Druschki, need not be pruned back as far as some of the lighter growing varieties. Four or five canes are enough to leave on each bush. Care should be taken to prune out all weak canes.

If you haven't already done so, rush out your winter clean-up spray at once.

Over and over again, I am asked to make a selection of roses for someone. And over and over again I repeat that selecting roses depends so much upon one's individual taste—and even one's own taste changes from time to time in roses. I was reminded once last rose-blooming season that I at one time named Crimson Glory as my favorite and on another day chose Countess Vandal, while a third time I seem to prefer Picture. I was told I was inconsistent about my choice of roses. I maintain one doesn't have to be consistent in one's rose likes. Roses do not bloom consistently well and, for one, prefer the rose that is first on the day I choose to admire my roses.

But you cannot go very far wrong if in reds you choose Crimson Glory, Dickson's Red, Mary Hart, Matador, Texas Centennial, Christopher Stone or Etöil D'Hollande. Good pink ones might be Treasure Island, President Marcia or Picture. Orange and copper shades: Angel's Mateu, Anne Vanderbilt, Orange Nassau, President Plumecock (what a name for a rose!) or Shades of Autumn! Yellow roses might include Sarah Darley, Mrs. P. S. DuPont, McGredy's Yellow, Golden Dawn. White ones should include Kaiserin August Victoria, Nuria De Re-colona (the gardenia rose), McGredy's Ivory (one of my favorites), and Mme. Jules Bouche (with a very slight flush of pink).

Broz Reports Violent Battles

LONDON, Feb. 26—(P)—A communique broadcast by the partisan forces of Marshal Josp Broz (Tito) said "violent battles" were raging in the Sokolac-Rogatica sector in eastern Bosnia and that a Rumanian partisan detachment had slain 100 Germans and Ustasias.

In Hercegovina, the communique continued, partisan troops in action near Gacko killed 100 Germans and wounded 150 others.

A Hungarian broadcast reported that martial law had been declared in Zagreb, seat of the axis puppet government of Croatia, and that a commission had been appointed to repair bomb-damaged buildings. Military rule was ordered to prevent looting, it was said.

War Brings US Independent Rubber Supply

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—(P)—In little more than two years of war, and "It took a war to do it," America has become independent in the matter of rubber; never again will we have to depend on foreign sources, reports Harvey S. Firestone, jr., in the forthcoming Saturday Evening Post.

Firestone goes into the history of rubber production and the development of the synthetic which was stepped up when the war brought a loss of 90 per cent of the world's natural rubber supply. What has happened?

"The rubber crisis has been licked," says Firestone. "At the end of 1943, approximately 140,000 tons remained in our stock pile of natural rubber, and this year there will be in operation synthetic-rubber plants with an annual capacity of 850,000 tons."

Firestone quotes "Conservative rubber economist" as saying the world will need 1,850,000 tons of rubber annually in the first post-war years. He will produce 850,000 tons of synthetic and the natural-rubber plantations will have to supply the rest.

"We, in this fortunate country of ours, could go about our business without ever again importing a single pound of natural rubber," Firestone concludes. "But do we want to do that? Do we want to help kill the Malayan goose that lays a golden egg of export markets for us? Do we want to be responsible for throwing the entire economic structure of the Dutch East Indies and British Malaya out of kilter?"

"It is both an economic and a moral issue . . . the lusty young synthetic rubber industry will look after itself, no matter what the decision may be."

Poles Refuse Curzon Line

By JUDSON O'QUINN
LONDON, Feb. 26—(P)—The Polish government-in-exile was reported to have given Britain a firm refusal to accept the Curzon line as the basis for Polish-Russian frontier negotiations as proposed by Moscow.

The Poles also were believed to have sent Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden an expression of displeasure at Prime Minister Churchill's support of the Soviet demands.

Marshal Stalin was expected to reject the latest compromise offer of the Poles and further pressure on the government-in-exile, it was believed, would either unite the Poles in their defiance of Russian demands or cause some members who opposed any compromise to resign.

Tojo Calls Cabinet Meet

NEW YORK, Feb. 26—(P)—In an unusual procedure, reserved only for the gravest crisis in Japanese events, the cabinet of Premier Hideki Tojo met at the imperial palace to pass stringent new regulations designed to strengthen the war effort, Tokyo radio announced last week.

The Japanese also announced that 6500 of their men were killed in the American capture of Kwajalein and Roi islands in the Marshalls.

The Tokyo reports, recorded by US government monitors, said that "an outline of emergency management" had been agreed upon, the items including the simplification of national livelihood, the renovation of the labor structure, and the conversion of various businesses so as to render them more efficient.

Hannegan Says Barkley Fracas Sign of Democracy

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 26—(P)—Robert E. Hannegan of St. Louis, national democratic chairman, declared that the Roosevelt-Barkley incident would act as "a stimulus to the promotion of harmony in the democratic party and the country."

Hannegan issued a written statement after his arrival here. "The action of the president in vetoing the tax bill is further assurance to the American people that the president, notwithstanding his tremendous responsibilities in connection with the war abroad, is vitally concerned with the welfare of the people at home."

"The subsequent action of Senator Barkley—a great American—for whom I have the highest regard, and the subsequent action of congress is an assurance that ours is a working democracy."

Farm-Mortgage Moratorium Extended

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26—(P)—A senate judiciary subcommittee voted favorably on a bill to extend for two years provisions of the Frazier-Lemke act under which farm-mortgage moratorium "etitions may be filed."

Rep. Lemke (R, ND), co-author of the original act, told the committee that time is running out, with the present measure expiring March 4. He asked for an extension of four years, but the senate group cut the period to two years.

Wise or Otherwise

By Ethan Grant

If Betty's objective was to surprise us with her new accomplishment, she certainly succeeded. She showed it to us and said it was supposed to be a cake, but her troubled expression indicated too eloquently that she wasn't proud of it. We gathered around, trying hard to convey a degree of appreciation we did not honestly feel. After all, she is only fifteen.

She looked at us and knew we were shocked. While we were willing to admit that it did look like a cake, in an imaginative sort of way, we couldn't refrain from asking how on earth such a thing could happen. Actually, it was a flat, brown disk, like that thrown by a discus thrower in competition with other discus throwers.

"Where," we asked, "did you get the recipe?"
"Off a brown box," she said. We then wanted to see the box, but for some mysterious reason she couldn't locate it. We hunted high and low, but never did find it. We decided it probably got mixed into the batter. We also got to wondering what else got mixed into the batter.

Except that it was extremely flat, it had the dimensions of a cake, but just by looking at it you never could have guessed that it really was one. In fact, you could never have guessed it was anything you'd ever seen before.

Its texture was a little like that of a piece of rubber, but we knew it wasn't rubber because you couldn't stretch it at all. You could bend it double without breaking it.

We sat into the living room and sat down to decide what we ought to do with it.

"Whatever else we do, we mustn't let the neighbors know," we decided.

Neighbors are frightfully unreliable about such things. They almost never understand or sympathize. And they always want to gossip.

"No matter what happens," we said to Betty, "we still love you. You're a good child and you meant well. It's unfortunate, of course, but it can and frequently does happen in even the best of homes."

We sat thinking. Suddenly I had an idea. "If you take off your shoes and step on it, we could use it for preserving your footprints." Betty shook her head. She didn't want her footprints preserved. Not at her age.

"I could use it for a BB gun target," Brother said. "Or we might sell it for a stove lid."
"Or," I suggested, "we could put it in Maple's sporting goods store window with a sign asking people to guess what it is."

"I won't bake any more cakes," Betty decided. "Not ever again. I think I'll study science and become a scientist."

"Well, you've made a good start," Brother stated solemnly. "What's the matter with burying it in the back yard?" Mama asked.

"Sure," I said. "And have it dug up by strangers several years from now? And sent to all the universities to find out what it was, and be accused by some old geologists of perpetrating a hoax? No, Betty, we can't bury it."

"I really baked it for Pat," Betty said. "He loves chocolate cakes."

"But chocolate cakes," Mama said. "Certainly you're not going to ask him to risk his life on that—that thing! Pat's a nice boy. Besides, we could be sued, if something happened to him."

Pat suddenly appeared at the front door. Brother raced to the kitchen and hid the thing under the refrigerator. Mama was nervous. Betty was upset and Pat sensed that something was wrong. Betty just had to break down and tell him.

"But I did it for you, Pat," she said, pleadingly.

Pat understood. He is a thoughtful lad. He is also a mighty courageous one. For he went straight to the kitchen and cut himself a piece of cake. Not a large piece, but large enough to convince us of his courage.

We stood there, our hearts pounding, and watched him eat it. He swallowed it with more than ordinary difficulty. His eyes bulged a little, but he managed to smile.

"Why, it's good," he said. And quickly added, "In a gruesome sort of way."

That was a week ago. We scarcely dared hoped so, but Pat is still alive and kicking. Although, we suspect, somewhat more cautious than he was before.

Rats Increasing

PORTLAND, Feb. 26—(P)—Rats are increasing faster than the city's two rodent exterminators can trap them, Dr. Thomas L. Meador said today.

The city health officer said he was seeking an expanded anti-rodent program through the federal public health service.

Oregon Electric Traffic Interrupted

Traffic on the Oregon Electric railway between Salem and Albany was interrupted for several hours early Friday, when two cars of a freight train were derailed near Talbott station, a few miles south of here.

A wrecking crew was called from Albany.

End-of-Month Clearance

ONE GROUP
Women's Coats
Values to \$22.95.
Choice for
\$5
2nd Floor

ONE GROUP
Women's Dresses
Choice for
\$5
2nd Floor

ONE GROUP
WOMEN'S HATS
Choice for
\$2.98
2nd Floor

ONE GROUP
Rayon Blouses
Choice for
\$1
2nd Floor

Full Fashioned
Cotton Mesh HOSE
98^c Pr.
Main Floor

ONE LOT
Boys' Raincoats
Choice for
1/2 Price
Main Floor

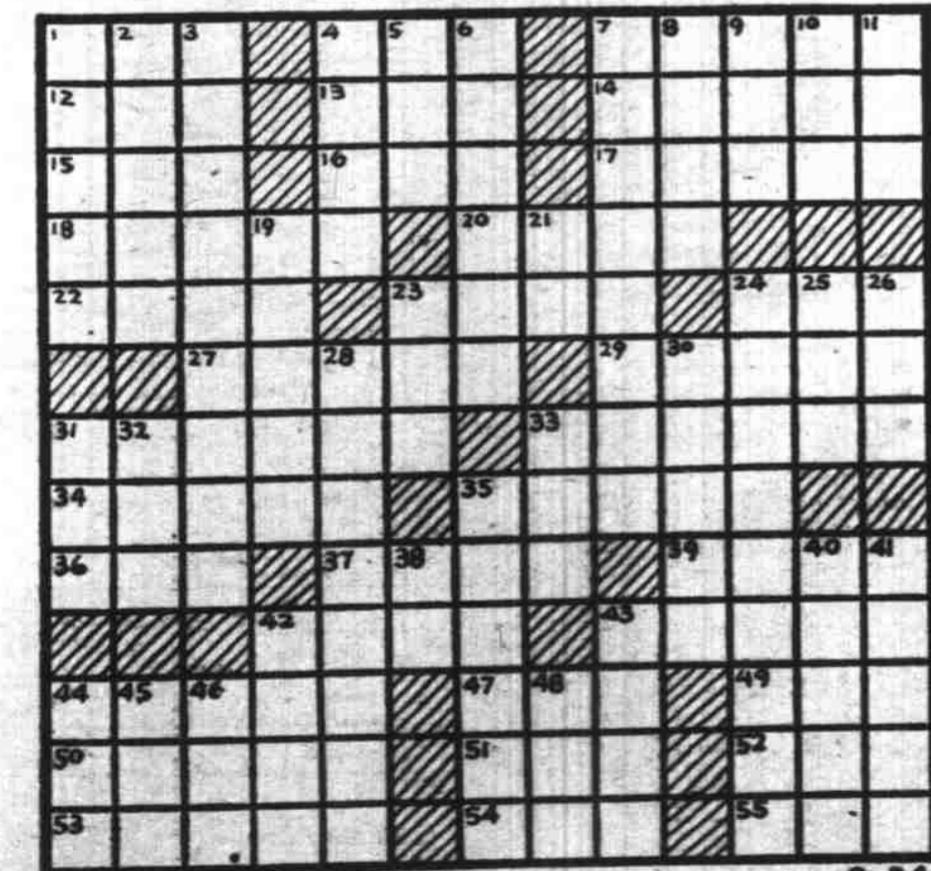
One Big Lot
MIRRORS
Choice for
\$1.29
Main Floor

ONE LOT
Sofa Pillows
Choice for
\$1.59
Basement

- HOUSE FROCKS** \$2.98
- Sweaters, percales, etc. (basement)
- CARD TABLE COVERS** 98c
- Heavy satin (gift shop)
- COSTUME JEWELRY** 59c
- Values to \$4.95. (Plus tax.)
- BABY QUILTS and SPREADS** \$4.95
- (Second floor)
- BUBBLE BATH, LOTIONS** \$1.00
- Reg. \$2.00 (main floor)
- SPUN RAYON SLACK SHIRTS** \$1.98
- Women's (second floor)
- FRAMED PICTURES** 25c
- With glass covers (basement)
- Women's Wool Cloth Ski Jackets** \$5.95
- (Second floor)
- WHITE WORK SHIRTS** 98c
- (Main floor)
- Women's Light Beige Raincoats** \$5.95
- (Second floor)



Crossword Puzzle



- 2-24
- HORIZONTAL**
1. small child
 4. leiter
 7. declare
 12. wander
 13. feminine name
 14. ocean-going vessel
 15. narrow inlet
 16. consume
 17. a pilgrim
 18. at no time
 20. sharpen
 22. snow vehicle
 23. hang
 24. early
 27. metric liquid measure
 29. gnaw away
 31. ashiness
 33. golf club
 34. Mohammedan prince
 35. worst
 36. youth
 37. highway
 39. lampreys
 42. for fear that
- VERTICAL**
6. mass
 7. libels
 8. piece of baked clay
 9. also
 11. eagle
 12. bay-window
 3. journeyed
 4. ogle
 5. topaz humming bird
 1. gull-like birds
 2. bay-window
 10. golf mound
 19. Roman magistrate
 21. upon
 23. by
 24. potters
 25. cyprinoid fish
 26. pasha of Tunis
 28. turbulent streams
 30. nocturnal carnivore
 31. close comrade
 32. wine vessel
 33. couch
 35. raw dough
 38. bone
 40. city in Utah
 41. spots
 42. solitary
 43. handle
 44. butt
 45. past
 46. came together
 48. land-measure
- Answer to yesterday's puzzle.**
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UTE SPOON EGO
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LEAN PANT
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