

Gardening Today

By LILLIE MADSEN

As winter approaches with its heavy night dews and early morning fogs we think we can put the hose away and forget about watering for the next few months.

If any of you who have this idea, will go out and dig down in to the ground six or seven inches you will be surprised how very dry and hard you will find it—unless you have been irrigating all the time.

Then remember that the roots of your trees and shrubs go down beyond that depth.

More trees and shrubs are lost during the autumn and early winter because of drought, than at any other time. We feel moisture in the air. The out of doors has a damp clammy feel and look. But the dampness is just surface depth. Soak the soil beneath and around your shrubs and trees a few times this autumn. It is not so necessary to do it often now as in summer because moisture does not

leave the soil as rapidly. But it is definitely necessary to do it occasionally until rain really sets in. The showers we have had have been very beneficial to the shallow-rooted plants and the grass but as yet they have done little to benefit the shrubs and trees.

Do not prune your roses heavily at this time of the year when you cut the blooms. Cut only the length of stem you need. Spring is the time to do the remainder of the pruning. I like to prune mine as I go during the summer, but not this late.

Mrs. M. S. asks about care of tuberous-rooted begonias. As soon as the foliage dies down lift the plants and shake off the loose soil. Store them through the winter in a cool, dry place. They will winter-kill if left out of doors, or, if we have a very mild winter, they will live through, but will not produce much following.

These begonias want a very rich soil; rotted cow barn manure, leaf mold, a little sand. They grow in semi-shade or light shade. They will not do well in sun. During the hot days their foliage must be sprinkled every day. Drainage should be good, and I believe it is almost impossible to over-water

them if it is. Ordinary house conditions are not conducive to good tuberous-rooted bloom.

Mrs. A. D. asks about starting Rex begonias.

Ans: Leaf cuttings are the most proper methods of propagation. Cuttings should be made from mature leaves. Insert them in sand or sand and peat moss. Keep moist and shaded from direct sunlight. Young plants should be developed in a few weeks. They grow quite rapidly.

Mrs. R. K. K. asks when is best time to start chrysanthemums. A neighbor wants to give her some.

Ans: If possible ask the neighbor to leave them as they are until February or early March. Even early April, and then divide and set out where they are to bloom.

6000 Cans Sealed For Linn County

ALBANY, Oct. 21 — Approximately 6000 cans for overseas Christmas packages were sealed in the office of Viola Hansen, Linn county home demonstration agent. Miss Hansen stated that a record of 5442 cans was kept, but during the rush hours the last day many cans were not recorded.

Of the 5442 cans of which there is a record, 1384 were fruit cakes; 996 were cookies; 1867 were candy; 943 were fruits and nuts; and the other 272 were miscellaneous, such as tobacco, cigarettes, coffee and sugar.

Because of numerous requests at the office for the continuation of aid in sealing cans to be sent to boys in the service, Miss Hansen states the service will be con-

tinued. These requests come from parents whose sons have just been sent overseas and whose parents or wives have not received their A.P.O. numbers.

Former Silverton Teacher Promoted

SILVERTON — Ruby J. Peterson, former teacher in the Silverton schools, has been named assistant superintendent of Multnomah county schools. She has been teaching in the Parkrose schools for 15 years.

Miss Peterson will have supervision over Gresham grade, Orient, Wilken, Lusted, Pleasant Valley, Fairview, Troutdale, Springdale, Powell Valley, Rockwood, Powellhurst, Lynch, Corbett grade and Bonneville.

Mill City Host To Servicemen

MILL CITY — Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Daly entertained with a dinner last Saturday for their son-in-law, Wilbur Meinert, who was home on leave from Farragut. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Meinert and son, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Millsap of Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Klecker of Stayton and Mr. and Mrs. Daly and Alona Faye.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Roberts entertained Tuesday in his honor. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Meinert and son, Mr. and Mrs. A. Daly and Alona Faye, Mrs. Kate Shimmins and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and family.

Meinert reported back at Farragut Wednesday.

Cpl. Milan Weston of the coast guard artillery spent a 28-day fur-

lough with his grandmother, Mrs. Addie Hayes. He also visited his mother, Mrs. J. E. Clark. He attended Mill City schools and was one of the first local boys to enlist. He has been stationed at Fort Stevens, Fort Lewis, Fort Canby and near Seward, Alaska for 15 months. He reported to Bowerie Field, Texas, October 12.

T/Sgt. Martin Japan from Camp Butler, NC, is spending an 11-day furlough with his wife.

Report Pussy Willow—Is It First or Last?

SILVERTON — Althea Meyer, city treasurer at Silverton, is puzzled. She can't make out whether she is ten months late or two months early. A pussy willow tree, growing on the west side of her home in Brush creek, has bloomed out. Usually this tree does not produce until late December or January.

Monmouth Couple Fish In Alsea River Area

MONMOUTH — Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nelson, Monmouth, with Jack White, Corvallis, spent several days this week at Tidewater, on the Alsea river, fishing.

Their catch was small, two salmon and one trout. They report ideal weather, with practically no fog at the Graham - Calbreath cottage where they stayed.

Polk County Visiting Lodge Schedules Meet

MONMOUTH — The Polk county Odd Fellows Visiting association will meet with the Falls City lodge Friday night, Oct. 27.

This includes all the lodges of the county, which meet annually at each place some time during the year.

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