

# Gardening Today

A little of an herb goes a long way, so, in making an herb garden, it is well to remember that quality is more than quantity. It is also better to arrange the herb garden in a geometric pattern than in a naturalistic form.



Little Madsen

Herbs are linked with the kitchen and should be planted in the back door garden. If the gardener is fortunate enough to have such an arrangement, the pattern may be arranged by means of paths. Even a small herb garden should have its path, as few gatherers of parsley, thyme or mint like to wade through wet grass for their gathering.

Paths may be made of broken concrete, gravel, brick, flat stone - any of the materials which make good all-year-round stepping. If the flagstones are used, thyme may be planted between them.

Into every herb garden should go parsley, dwarf lavender, chives, which form a good edging. The lavender or germander may be used for small, low hedges as they will lend themselves to clipping.

If the garden is built on the circle or square plan, a strawberry barrel may be used as a "center-piece."

There is no limit - almost - to the variety of herbs one can have. But it is well to study the herbs a bit so that they can be properly arranged. For instance it would not be well to alternate rosemary, dill and thyme. Sage is good if you have space for it to sprawl a bit. But sage should not be permitted to sprawl too much. It can be clipped back.

A plant of peppermint is handy for summer drinks. It will grow best in the damper spots of the garden.

Questions and Answers:  
Mrs. L. W. Salem, asks if salsify and Spanish oyster-plant are the same.

Answer: No, the Spanish oyster plant is a scolymus and while related, it is not at all the salsify, the root of which is used for flavoring. Salsify is botanically taropogon portifolius. On the market it is often called oyster plant. The plant is a rich feeder and responds well to all-round fertilizer when it can be had.

Mrs. E. T. Woodburn, asks if she may still plant rhubarb and in what kind of soil.

Answer: Plant it as soon as possible. Dig a rather large hole and fill the bottom with manure. Cover with rich soil and set the plants about four inches from the top of the soil. Many commercial growers tell me they dig a trench three feet deep, fill in to one foot of surface with well-decayed cowmanure fertilizer, then put eight inches of good soil on top of this before planting. The plants should be set about four feet apart and no stalks should be pulled the first year. Every fall the plants should be mulched with straw manure which should be dug in during early spring.

C. I. writes he is a newcomer here from the south. He heard friends the other day discussing the growing of peppermint in Oregon. He adds that he looked through the garden encyclopedia and found that they listed only

## School Staff Is Re-elected

Michigan as a place for peppermint growth commercially. He wants to know if any is really grown here commercially.

Ans.: I have often noted that neglect in our better known encyclopedias. But Oregon - with emphasis on the Willamette valley - is running Michigan a very close second in commercial peppermint production. Pamphlets may be borrowed from the Salem library and materials may be obtained from county agents giving information on the growth of the peppermint. The Statesman carried a number of articles on the valley's peppermint projects during the past summer and autumn.

## Eberts Visit Marion Forks

MARION FORKS - Mr. and Mrs. C. Ebert of Battleground, Wash., made a business trip to Marion Forks, Friday.

Dorothy Young was in Portland to attend a party given members of the KVK. Cooperative houses at the home of Betty Adam, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Streff of Marion Forks made a business trip to Stayton, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shepherd, Sisters, made a trip to Gates and stopped at Marion Forks.

Mrs. Lewell Jacobs and family of Santiam Junction made a trip to Milwaukie to visit her daughter, Cary, who lives there with her grandparents.

## Valley Births

DALLAS - Mr. and Mrs. Glen G. Ward announce the birth of a daughter, Gwynna Lou, at the Bartell hospital, March 13.

A daughter, Victoria Jane, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Thomas, March 10.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Watts are the parents of a son, Stephen Wayne, born at the Dallas hospital, March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoffstadt announce the birth of a son, Joseph Frederick, at the Dallas hospital, March 11.

ALBANY - An 8 pound 10 ounce daughter was born to Mrs. Jack Looney Sunday, March 11, at the Salem General hospital. The baby is the daughter of Lt. Jack Looney, U. S. navy, who was killed in an airplane accident last fall, and is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Looney of near Albany.

TURNER - A daughter, Christine Elizabeth, was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Arnold Gagnet. Mrs. Gagnet is the former Pearl Hogsted who graduated from Turner high school in 1943, now at Astoria. Sergeant Gagnet is with the army in Italy.

MONMOUTH - A son weighing 9 pounds was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buss at Braunfels, Texas, where the father is in air force training.

Mrs. W. A. Buss of Monmouth received telephonic word of her grandson's arrival, this week. Buss attended local schools and was married to a southern girl since going to Texas.

## Monmouth City School Offers Contracts to Present Teachers

MONMOUTH - Contracts providing for salaries ranging from \$2050 to \$2200 were offered this week to these local high school instructors: Frances Coleman, home economics and physical education for girls; Gertrude Westphal, history and English; William Jensen, manual arts and physical education for boys.

It was announced that Mrs. Irene Barry, commercial instructor here for several years, has been again elected to that position. Dorothy Stark of Longview, who is teaching that course this year, was not an applicant for re-election.

A. C. Stanbrough who has been high school principal on a part time basis since 1942, while carrying on as mathematics head at Oregon College of Education, received an unanimous vote of appreciation from the school directors for his response to the wartime emergency. An attempt will be made to secure a full time principal for the coming year.

## Gates Club Has Meeting Thursday

GATES - The women's improvement club met Thursday. Lunch was served on a table decorated with St. Patrick's day colors. Mrs. Loda Henness and Mrs. Margaret Rush, project leaders gave a demonstration on "Short Cuts to Household Cleaning." Ten dollars was voted to the Red Cross war fund. Eighteen were present.

As Mrs. Ben Roten was walking by the Clarence Ball home Tuesday she saw flames coming from one corner of the house. Summoning help the fire was soon extinguished. Not much damage was done. Ball is scheduled to be inducted into the army March 23rd. No one was home at the time.

## Harland Silverton Rotary Speaker

SILVERTON - Roy Harland, president of the Salem Rotary club, will speak Monday at the Silverton Rotary club luncheon meeting.

John Steelhammer, state representative, spoke this week, giving his usual off-the-record report on recent legislative matters. It was Steelhammer's fourth annual appearance before the local club. Fred Hecker, president, and Carol C. Harlow, member of the Woodburn club, were guests, as were Dr. Oliver Lee, noted astronomer, Willard Bartlett of the Salem club, and John Steelhammer, sr., former member of the local club.

## Juniors Lead At Jefferson In Interclass

JEFFERSON - The junior boys won first place in the boy's interclass basketball series con-

cluded this week. This is a score of 10 more points toward interclass trophy won last year by the present senior class and last year's graduates, jointly. The seniors placed second with seven points, freshmen third with four points, while the sophomores trailed with a lone point.

As a result of the completion of this interclass event the interclass standing is as follows: juniors, first with 54 points; sophomores, second with 36 points; seniors third, with 24 points; and freshmen fourth with 18 points. The senior class is in third because the senior girls have not had an opportunity to take part in interclass activities. They have

only one girl in physical education and these girls not taking part may not compete in interclass.

Sophomores - Betty Baxter, Dorothy Brown, Jennene Christenson, Dale Hopper, Shirley Jorgenson and Paul Specht.

Juniors - Luella Sheffield, Alvina Knelling and LaVon Kelly. Seniors - Robert Simpson, Jewel Struckmeier, Gene Powell, Barbara Miller, Maurice Kelly and Nyla Grenz.

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## What Do You Think of Yourself?

### Says You

"Oh, I am not a bad fellow. I like a good time and all that; but I pay my debts, don't harm anyone intentionally, 'shoot square' with everybody, do a good turn when there is a need. I try to do unto others as I would have them do unto me. That's my religion. And I think I will get by all right. You see, I am not such a bad guy."

So you think you are a pretty "good guy," eh? Well, just read what

### God Says About You

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there are none that doeth good, no not one." (Psalm 14:2, 3).  
"Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness; their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace have they not known; there is no fear of God before their eyes. Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that EVERY MOUTH MAY BE STOPPED AND ALL THE WORLD MAY BECOME GUILTY BEFORE GOD." (Romans 3:13, 19).  
"Therefore thou art inexcusable, O MAN, WHOSOEVER THOU ART that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things... And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them that do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the JUDGMENT OF GOD." (Romans 2:1-3).  
But you may say, "Surely this does not apply to me!" But God says that it does. He says it applies to ALL THE CHILDREN OF MEN.  
"LET GOD BE TRUE AND EVERY MAN A LIAR: AS IT IS WRITTEN, THAT THOU MIGHTEST BE JUSTIFIED IN THY SAYINGS." (Romans 3:4)

Then is there no way of escape? Think God, there is, just one: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have EVERLASTING LIFE." (John 3:16). "He that believeth on the Son shall NOT see life; but the WRATH OF GOD ABIDETH ON HIM." (John 3:36). "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses." (Acts 13:38, 39).

THEREFORE, "BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED." (Acts 16:31).  
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