

Month of Decision Is Here; April Has Played Large Part As Historic Time for America

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April has ever been a month of decision in American history. Four of America's major wars have started in April, an April saw the beginning of English colonization on this continent, and it was in April that 13 colonies began their united career as a nation. Mystically, the month has become a complex thread in the fabric of the national story, a thread of victory, of defeat, of achievement, of tragedy.

April, 1945, promises to hold the pace. One date already assured of commemoration is a rainbow for the future of yet unfathomed brightness: April 25, when the United Nations meet at San Francisco to create the machinery for world security.

It is ironic, in view of this promise for peace, that the potent force of April in the past has been most noticeable in association with war.

Yet it was April 19, 1775, when belligerent row of militiamen on Lexington's village green started the American Revolution. It was April 12, 1861, when a cannonball hissed into Fort Sumter to start the Civil war (that conflict also ended in April with Lee's surrender in 1865). And two declarations of war have come in April: against Spain in 1898 and against Germany in 1917.

In this war, too, April has not lacked dates of import. Hitler invaded Denmark and Norway in April, 1940, and turned his wehrmacht against Greece and Yugoslavia in April, 1941. In all, nine declarations of war and seven breaks in relations have come in this month. Russia and Japan signed their neutrality pact in April, 1941—and there may be another chapter to that story this month with the date of decision on whether the pact shall live or die.

Since the United States' entry into the conflict, April's dates have brought the fall of Bataan and the Doolittle raid on Tokyo, both in the same eventful year of 1942, and the Hollandia, landings on New Guinea in 1944.

Aside from war, April has had its dates of significance, too. There was April 14, 1865, when the course of US history was changed to a degree which no man, even today, dare try to measure. On that grim day, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

April 28, 1907—the beginning of the beginning. Then three ships nosed into Hampton Roads on the way to Jamestown and the first permanent English settlement in this wilderness empire.

April 30, 1789—George Washington took office as the first president of the United States and a new nation was born. Four other presidents were born in April and three of them played major roles in shaping the nation's destinies: Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and Ulysses S. Grant.

In the nation's expansion, too, April has its niche. Sam Houston won the battle of San Jacinto and assured the Americanism of Texas in April, 1836, and the US senate ratified the treaty for the purchase of Alaska in April of 1867.

There has been tragedy, too, in April: the San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906 and the Titanic sinking in 1912.

One other April date, perhaps should have a place in the record; not a bright place, to be sure, but one of portent to these United States. That was April 20, 1889, the birthday of Adolf Hitler.

Wiesner Rites Set Tuesday, Dies Saturday

Funeral services for Ernest Wiesner, 74, who died Saturday at his home, 650 Belmont st., will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. from the Clough Barrick chapel. Wiesner, a native of Oregon and a Salem resident for the past 15 years, had been in ill health for the past year.

Born at Howell Prairie, Sept. 26, 1871, he was the son of B. and Louisa Wiesner, Oregon pioneers. He married Lena Paget of Albany in September, 1905, and engaged in farming in Howell Prairie until his retirement in 1930. He was a member of the grange and the Jason Lee Methodist church.

Surviving are the widow; a son, Daryl Wiesner of Portland; two sisters, Miss Bertha Wiesner of Portland and Mrs. Opha Gray of Jefferson; two brothers, Ephraim Wiesner of Mt. Angel and Archie Wiesner of Silverton, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins in this vicinity.

The Rev. S. Raynor Smith will officiate at the services and interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

Lena McGuire Dies Saturday

Lena Rivers McGuire, 61, 2560 Summer st., resident of Salem for the past 27 years, died Saturday at a Salem hospital following an extended illness. She was a member of the Jason Lee Methodist church.

Survivors include the widower, C. D. McGuire of Salem; a sister, Mrs. Dae Bundy of Indianapolis, Okla.; two brothers, L. E. King of

Gardening Today

When you are admiring narcissuses and daffodils in other people's garden this spring and wondering why yours are not as good, it might be well to think the matter over a little deeply—at least as deep as the roots go.



I recall the late Mr. W. C. Dibble told me some years ago that the roots of the narcissuses go as far below the surface of the Little Madsen soil as the foliage goes above it. That would mean, he said, that the soil should be worked well to that depth. Nothing, he added, responds more to cultivation than do narcissuses.

Commercially, the bulbs are planted in rows three feet apart

Long-Range Plan Theme For C. of C.

Taking as its theme the long-range planning for city development, the Salem chamber of commerce will hold its annual dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m. Monday—with reservations already sold out.

Clay Cochran, chamber manager, said Saturday that had there been available a meeting place sufficiently large it was possible 1000 persons would have attended. The maximum number to be handled at the dinner is 250, but it was stressed that others would be welcome to attend the program, to start around 7:30 p. m.

The meeting will be called to order by Loyal A. Warner, chamber president who will review the part the chamber is playing in community life, its accomplishments thus far, and its plans for the future, and then turn over the gavel to Carl Hogg, past president and chairman of the chamber's planning commission committee.

Hogg will introduce the members of the planning committee, including:

George Putnam and Charles A. Sprague, who will discuss a general transportation plan involving rails, highways, water and air;

Paul Wallace, who will talk on parks, playgrounds, fringe areas and the civic center;

William M. Hamilton, who will discuss comprehensive plans for public services such as water, power, phones and sewers;

W. W. Chadwick, who will talk on public buildings;

J. N. Chambers, who will discuss a survey of industrial possibilities in the light of a published report.

Other members of the planning commission, including Mayor I. M. Doughton, C. B. McCullough, chairman and Cochran, vice chairman, will be called on to answer questions. Capt. Douglas McKay, a commission member now in the armed forces, also is expected to be present.

with from three to six inches of soil over the tops. The depth depends somewhat on the size of the bulbs. Larger bulbs should be covered a little more deeply than should the smaller bulb varieties. If planted in rows, commercial growers plant 50,000 bulbs to an acre. Cultivation stops just before the buds begin to bloom. No cultivation is carried on during the blooming season.

Nearly any good well drained soil is suitable. Bone meal added in fall when the bulbs are planted or spread over the bed early in the spring is about the only fertilization daffodils need. After growth has started do not cultivate deeply or you will destroy the feeder roots. Do not dig for transplanting until the foliage is almost yellow, usually in late June or early July.

As to the matter of selection, visit daffodil gardens while they are in bloom. The Grant E. Mitch gardens at Lebanon, the Cooley gardens at Silverton, the Pearmine gardens at Salem are among the most widely known. I have been unable to learn whether many of the gardens will have special "openings" to the public this spring. Rhoin Cooley at Silverton reported his gardens, so far as daffodils are concerned, will be at their best starting today and lasting a few days, depending upon the weather. Likely bloom will be advanced about the same in the other gardens.

In visiting the gardens, it is rather fun to have some special varieties in mind. For instance, I will look for the Beersheba, one of (in my mind) the finest whites,

Farm Office Places 321 During Week

Although agricultural work was plagued with three days of rain the past week 321 work placements were made through the emergency farm office, Mrs. Gladys Turnbull, farm labor assistant said Saturday. "The boys and girls saved the day on the one really good day of the week, Monday," she said, "when 88 of them reported for work on their one Easter holiday."

"Growers were set Monday to start actively on their crop programs and despite our appeals for farm workers few men and women reported," she said, "and the three good days would have been lost had the boys and girls not reported."

During the week 80 men, 83 women and 88 youths were sent to the farms. Four permanent placements were made, two men, one woman and one youth. One of the men who was placed in an all-year job was a discharged veteran of the present war.

Monday, the weather being favorable, will see the need for a host of workers. Mrs. Turnbull said, because the strawberry growers and hop ranches are all ready to begin work in earnest on crops.

"Every pair of hands that can grasp a hoe will be needed next week," she said.

which sells for a little over \$12 a dozen in most gardens. Or the Fireball, a good sized white bloom of nice form with brilliant red eyes. It grows on tall slender stems and sells for less than \$2 a dozen. Or Fortune, one of the earlier blooming ones with a deep golden yellow perianth, and a reddish orange crown. The stems are very tall. It sells for around \$3 a bulb (a little less now perhaps).

I might try to avoid looking at Wild Rose, a beautiful small pure white perianth with a medium sized crown heavily flushed with pink. My reason for not spending too much time gazing at it would be that where daffodils are concerned my admiration is strong, my spirit weaker and my pocket book even weaker. You wouldn't get many more than four of these for \$100. In almost the same class are the Rose of Trales, Lily Ronalds, Sylvia O'Neill and Fortmarnock. And if you wanted to spend a little real money on daffodils you might look up the Broughshane which in 1944 was selling for \$250.00 a bulb in at least one Oregon bulb garden, or the Bahram, which was bringing a mere \$60 a bulb.

Answers to Questions: Mrs. W. L. R. wants to know

what to do to keep mildew from one of her old-fashioned climbing roses.

Ans.: See special rose article in Spring Garden edition published on Easter Day.

Mrs. A. Diehl describes a disease on her rose canes which to me sounds very much like canker. This causes small, circular reddish spots with white centers on the young canes. In late winter and early spring the spots grow larger, frequently girdling the canes and causing death of all portions above it. Infection takes place through wounds. Prompt pruning out of all cankered canes in early spring is the first step. Spraying or dusting for black spot as recommended in the Easter Garden edition, will keep down canker diseases. Avoid hitting the canes with cultivation implements, or causing other injury to them.

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