

Gardening Today

Judging from the amount and type of inquiries reaching my desk in recent days, there are many new "land" owners and most of them are interested in gardens. This is encouraging. People who plan to remain in a place only a short while are not interested in their grounds. Those who think their place as more or less "permanent" usually take an interest in planting and repairing.



note, too, that there is greater interest in gardens — both ornamental and utilitarian — than there has been before. And the Willamette valley has always been somewhat interested in gardening.

During the past week I had the privilege of viewing two very attractive gardens. The one was at Silverton, the other at Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooley have this spring, completed landscaping and planting their home grounds. It is unusually attractive. A large fire place has been added. Espalier trees line the walls. Other shrubs and small trees are arranged in interesting fashion to give privacy to the outdoor living room. Golfing and fishing, we felt as we stood near the fire place, would definitely suffer if this were ours — and if we did fish and golf. I was especially interested in two camellias which one does not see often. They were the Goshuruma, slender and tall growing, used, one on each side, of the garden door leading from the garden to the living room.

At Silverton, I stood in the archway formed from the huge laurel hedge separating the gardens of Mrs. George Steelhamer and Dr. and Mrs. R. J. VanCleave. The hedge, which has grown remarkably fast, must be 15 feet tall and at least four wide. To the front of the homes this hedge makes an impenetrable wall, very formally separating the neighbors. But at the back a large arch has been cut and a little walk leads through in very neighborly fashion. Mrs. Steelhamer has the back of her garden lined with flowering shrubs and bright annuals. At the VanCleave home the back is laid out in formal beds after the fashion which we usually associated with England or New England. Neatly clipped low boxwood separates rosebeds and cutting beds. Soft turf, very green, makes wandering between the formal beds interesting. The VanCleave house also added a small greenhouse at the rear of their garden.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: L.V.H., who is vacationing in Idaho, writes that The Statesman in his garden articles, follows her to her sister's home. The sister wants to know something about iris. Says she has some broad-leaved ones which do not bloom but grow very well.

Ans.: Rhodin Cooley, nationally known iris culturist, says this may be due to a number of reasons. Too deep planting, late spring frosts which nip the buds in the foliage before it comes out, too much shade. He suggests trying them in a new location and

then if they do not bloom, discarding them.

D.T.O. says that year after year her peonies bud but never bloom although the plants look healthy enough.

Ans.: Any number of reasons may be given; too deep planting; too shady a situation; poor drainage, plants need dividing, disease, especially of the roots; boritrytis blight disease, roots infested with nematodes; lack of fertilizer; lack of moisture, lack of sunlight; injury to buds due to late frosts.

Replant them in September into a sunny location with good drainage. Throw away diseased plants (and by throwing away, I mean burning). The crown of the plant should be only one or two inches below the surface of the soil.

R. O. D. asks how to rid roses and cherry trees of little "green worm" which makes lace-work out of foliage. Seems to be a similar worm on trees and bushes.

Ans.: Dust or spray with lead arsenate, or all-purpose spray or dust. They are easily controlled.

C. W. M. reports all his leaves are falling from his crabapple tree. They turn black, then curl up and fall off. He wants to know should he spray.

Ans.: Yes, use a bordeaux. It may have to be repeated.

A. L. B. writes that he has heard of a commercial sprayer and wants to know if this refers to someone who will come around and spray a tree or two in a home garden, and if so where can one be found. And what do they charge?

Ans.: Yes, there are several men who do custom spraying both in the country and in towns. I think the price varies somewhat with the number of tree you have. As you give your address as Salem, call W. G. Nibler at the county agent's office at Salem and I am sure he can direct you to someone who does custom spraying. I do not know what the price is this year at Salem. In some of the smaller towns the charge is \$1 a tree where there are less than six trees and 50 cents for each tree when there are more trees. One advantage in having a reliable man spray your trees is that he uses a power machine with much more force than you can possibly get with the smaller hand methods. The spray is forced through all the branches and spraying is, as a rule, more thorough.

DE Survives Jap Kamikaze Strike at Sea

SEATTLE, June 30 — (AP) — The U.S.S. Ball, a destroyer escort, was berthed here today for repairs after a rendezvous with five Japanese kamikaze planes off Okinawa the afternoon of April 12.

It lasted half an hour and at the end the sturdy little ship had a grotesque decoration—the tail end of one suicide plane sticking out of a doorway after its wings had been sheared off as it hit the quarterdeck. Simultaneously the kamikaze's 500 pound bomb, torn loose, had kept right on going.

The Ball's skipper, Lt. Cmdr. Crittendon B. Taylor, Lima, Ohio, said, "Luckily, nobody was in the part of the ship where the bomb hit, and only two men were near the part of the ship hit by the plane. Yet our casualties were extremely high (21 killed and 38 seriously wounded) because the bursting shrapnel was so near the port side."

Commander Taylor said four of the attacking planes were shot down into the sea—three by the Ball and the fourth by a nearby cruiser. The fifth was the only one successful in pressing home his attack.

Visits Army Camps — Father Hildebrand, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church in Mt. Angel leaves Sunday, July 1, for a visit to army and naval bases in California where Mt. Angel men are stationed. He has acted as contact person for the Mt. Angel men in military service and edits "Cheers," a monthly magazine for service men by Catholic parishes of Marion county.

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Ernst Lubitsch's eagerly awaited new comedy, "A Royal Scandal," starring Tallulah Bankhead, Charles Coburn, Anne Baxter and William Eythe, is now showing at the Grand Theatre. Saucy as a wink of the eye, scandalous as a keyhole peck, the 20th Century-Fox hit tells the saga of three wonderful days and three wonderful nights in the life of a queen who fell alone on her throne and needed men to surround her. Miss Bankhead appears as amorous, glamorous Catherine the Great; Coburn, as her confidential adviser, Anne Baxter as her lady-in-waiting; and William Eythe as the young lieutenant who obeys every command—with pleasure. The picture was directed by Otto Preminger.



Alan Ladd and Gail Russell find a mutual interest in each other in this scene from Paramount's latest thriller, "Sally O'Rourke," now showing at the Elsinore Theatre.

Children Find Forgotten Dynamite Coche

SILVERTON—Little seven-year old Dale Broesig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Broesig of Scotts Mills and his sister, Marguerite, aged nine, escaped with minor injuries a few days ago when dynamite which they had found in their grandfather's barn exploded. Dale was treated at the hospital for a severely injured hand and other burns while his sister escaped with only a few burns.

The grandfather said he had not seen the dynamite for 18 years and had forgotten about it. Last time he saw it was when he hid it from his own children.

Carroll, Baker Start Monday At Supper Club

"Carroll and Baker" is the main attraction starting tomorrow at Leonard's Supper Club. Harry Carroll is the composer of "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," "By the Sea" and many others. Polly Baker is rated the top singing comedienne of the year. Other artists on the floor show will be Sonia and St. Clair, "smoothies of the dance floor"; Rusty Colman, M.C.; and the Supper Club orchestra with Howard Rott directing.

Tuesday nights are Ladies nights with women admitted free and Thursdays are "Barrel O' Fun" nights.

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Escape Serious Injury in Blast Following Recent Discovery

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'Frenchman's Creek' Stars Joan Fontaine, de Cordova In Tale of Woman's 'Escape'

If you are to believe the rumor that is spreading about "Frenchman's Creek," this Paramount technicolor production which arrives today at the Capitol Theatre, is all things to all movie-goers.

For those who are enthralled by great romance, "Frenchman's Creek" is a powerful love story set against a thrill-studded background. Joan Fontaine and Arturo de Cordova, co-stars in the picture, are a romantic team to rival any yet seen on the screen. For those who want scope, color and action in their filmfare, we are told that none of these elements is lacking in the picturization of the novel by Daphne du Maurier, author of "Rebecca." In the film, there are two thrilling hours of daring love and dangerous adventure.

It has been said that Academy Award winner Joan Fontaine plays the most spectacular feminine role of the year in "Frenchman's Creek," a part which demanded immense versatility. As the Frenchman, master of a pirate ship, Arturo de Cordova should be established in the forefront of male personalities.

Basil Rathbone, always a favorite on the screen when he portrays a scoundrel, plays Lord Rockingham, the meanest villain in captivity. Some of the other noteworthy actors prominently cast in "Frenchman's Creek," are Ralph Forbes, Nigel Bruce, Cecil Kellaway and Harold Ramond. According to those who have seen the picture, Director Mitchell Leisen, responsible for the recent hit, "Lady in the Dark," has done a masterful job in supervising "Frenchman's Creek."

The story tells about beautiful Lady St. Columb who yearns for a life unfettered by the callings of a London court. She gets her wish by leaving the city for her country home, Navron House on the Cornish coast. Perhaps in the hearts of all women lurks one persistent dream that she might leave behind her all the cares and attachments of daily life and literally sail away in the arms of a romantic, adventurous man.

Miss Fontaine does just that by feigning illness as an excuse to escape in the clothes of a cabin boy.

Mt. Angel Flax Growers Elect New Directors

MT. ANGEL—The annual Mt. Angel Flax Growers association report read at the meeting at St. Mary's auditorium last week showed \$621,797.72 was paid to the growers for flax grown.

This year's sales amounted to \$229,716.78, and \$66,927.13 was paid out for labor.

The year's operation had 1400 tons of straw deseeded and run through the retting tanks; 1700 tons of retted straw went through the scutching machine.

The election of directors was held with Albert Bochsler, Albert Diehl and Joe Oberstner being elected directors.

It was announced that the 1940 certificates of interest are now being redeemed upon presentation at the office. The 1941 certificates of interest are now being distributed.

Mrs. Jessie Carter Is at Sister's Home

UNION HILL—Mrs. Jessie Carter, who underwent a major operation at the Salem General hospital, is sufficiently recovered to go to the home of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Crabtree, in Salem for a while before returning to her home here.



Tender romance story of Paramount's technicolor film, "Frenchman's Creek," arrives today at the Capitol Theatre co-starring Joan Fontaine and Arturo de Cordova. This Mitchell Leisen production is an adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's best-selling novel which has thrilled millions of readers. In the able supporting cast are Basil Rathbone, Cecil Kellaway and Ralph Forbes.

'Royal Scandal' By Lubitsch Is Feature at Grand

One ambition of every actor and actress is some day to act in an Ernst Lubitsch picture.

Pretty Anne Baxter has finally achieved that ambition in Lubitsch's "A Royal Scandal," the new 20th Century-Fox romantic comedy now at the Grand theatre. The young star, who won sensational acclaim in "Sunday Dinner for a Soldier," plays her first "glamour" role in "A Royal Scandal," she is a lady-in-waiting to Catherine the Great, played by Tallulah Bankhead, who unexpectedly finds herself as the queen's rival for the attentions of William Eythe, a dashing young lieutenant.

On the production set, someone asked Anne exactly why Lubitsch comedies have such an appeal for audiences. More than anyone else in the business, Lubitsch has a saucy insight into human nature, which makes for good clean fun. And, in addition, he gives people credit for being intelligent. He leaves something to their imaginations.

"To me, that is 'the Lubitsch touch'—the thing that makes his pictures distinctive. Both the people who act in them, and the people who see them, have the uncommon pleasure of using their own imaginations."

Cherry Crop Is Variable In Cloverdale

CLOVERDALE—Cherry picking started in a number of orchards this week, and if weather continues favorable, will see a large part of the crops into the market before many days. Not so many cherries set on this spring and several orchards will not warrant picking. Albert Hennies and Everett Vickers picked their's during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, while Mal Dake began the picking of his three acres on Saturday. Due to help being scarce some Mexicans are being used for the cherry picking.

Haying has been in full swing here this past week. Many have it cut and shocked already for the hay baler to come and finish the job. So far hay is of a fine quality with no rain on it. A few of the more fortunate ones have their hay baled and in the barn.

Marion County FU Quarterly Convention

Only 14 Vote—Only 14 votes were cast at the Gervais high school district, Monday, June 25. The budget was approved and Ernest Andres, whose term expired, was reelected. Andres is from the St. Paul area of the union district and has been chairman of the board.

Alfred E. Smith Attended School

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