

### Catholic Women Plan Bazaars and Dinners

SILVERTON, April 20 (Special)—Mrs. L. B. Scharbach is general chairman of the pre-Easter bazaar of the St. Monica's Altar society to be held Saturday at the Bloch Electric shop. Her assistants will be Mrs. Leo Gier, Mrs. Tom Miller, Mrs. John Abel, Mrs. Ben Zollner and Mrs. V. Thomas. Mrs. Luigi DeSantis is president of the society.

The St. Monica spring festival and Italian dinner has been set for May 5 at the parish hall.

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## Gardening Today

Garden club members and other flower lovers are attending the camellia show at Salem this weekend, sponsored by the Salem Camellia and Rhododendron Society at the Y.M.C.A. John Henny, camellia grower in the Brooks area is chairman of the committee with Mrs. Homer McWain, Doratha Steusloff, Walter Barkus and Mrs. Lillie Madsen. H. T. Irving as the other committee members. C. L. McDonald is president of the society. The show opens again this morning at 10 and continues until 9 p. m.

The American Rhododendron so-

ciety, Portland, will hold a Rhododendron show at Portland on May 11 and 12.

One of the most enjoyable evenings I have spent in a long time was that of last Wednesday when a few of us were asked by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Judson to view the stop-motion pictures of plant growth. Ben Newell, assistant county agent, was running the machine. The pictures were taken at the New Jersey Agricultural experiment station. The growth of 24 hours was shown in eight seconds. The leaves of the little plants stretched each morning almost as a cat or dog does when it gets up from resting. It reminded me of the Midwest where one could stand on a warm sunny evening in a corn field and actually hear the corn grow.

Any one who has an opportunity to view these pictures should certainly take it. They were taken to show the difference in plant growth when the minor as well as the major earth chemicals were present in the soil.

I asked Vivienne Harold of Stayton to give us some information on their "Petunia Town" and she writes most entertainingly of the project:

"In February 1941, I suggested to the Garden club (Mrs. Harold writes) that we solicit orders for petunias, the orders to be turned over to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loose, local growers. This was really our beginning.

"I was made chairman of a committee and platted the town with a garden member to each section. In April, Mr. Loose began bringing into town flats of sturdy plants, some already in bloom.

"Then during the early part of 1942, to fight off a feeling of pessimism and to spruce up the town for the boys coming home on their first leaves and furloughs, it was voted again to plant petunias.

"I believe the petunias have a direct part in the fact that so many ex-servicemen are building new homes at Stayton. I know they helped those of us who stayed home, over many a hard spot. Many strangers who have come

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judged in the fall in these classes: landscape, parkings, borders, beauty spot, porch and window boxes, 4th and junior gardens, churches and commercial. Points are color harmony, 30; attractiveness of design, 30; quality, 25; visibility from street, 15.

"There are about six plants for every man, woman and child who live here."

Mrs. Harold adds that the Stayton Garden club plans a flower show in May.

**Week's Work**

Take the lists of "musts" you gathered at the flower shows of the past few weeks and place the order with the dealer. Sure as the world, if you don't by next week you'll have mislaid it and you'll never find it again until it's way after planting time.

Watch out for the folk who want to spray your cherry trees for cherry fly now or your peach trees for leaf curl. While we have some very honest and reliable sprayers among us, we also have some "gip" artists who just want to spray for cash rather than for disease or insects. Be sure the man who rings your doorbell with a spraying in his hand knows his business: You spray for peach leaf curl in the autumn and during the dormant season. You spray for the cherry fly during the fly season -- which is usually from the last of May until June 15. If a good spray salesman calls at your home and wants to spray your trees for something and you are very vague about the information yourself, call Gerry Nibler or Ben Newell, county agent's office and ask if it is the right time for that spray. (Or if you live in Polk county, Walter Leth at the Dallas courthouse). It won't take but a minute and you might save your trees as well as your money.

Plant as many vegetables as possible, but don't sow all your seed of one kind at the same time. Successive seedings will lengthen your season of harvest. Don't let weeds eat up the plant food in your garden. Because of difficulty in obtaining plant food, our gardens are suffering from mild forms of famine. Weeds, before they have gone to seed, make an excellent source of leafmold. One evening not long ago I heard a couple of gardeners telling how they wished they had some compost, at the same time as they told how nice an outdoor fireplace was because "You can throw all your leaves and weeds and things into it to burn and you don't have to have it messing around." Those two statements in the same breath do not make garden sense.

Questions and answers:

Mrs. D. C. reports she has trouble with columbines, carnations, pansies, stocks and other plants which "fall over and die" when they are about 1 1/2 inches tall.

Ans.: Damping-off is undoubtedly the answer. This can be prevented largely by treating, before sowing, either the soil or seed with heat or with chemicals. The soil should be baked for about an hour. Formaldehyde is the chemical most often employed for

here to live say that Stayton has such a nice appearance. Probably the petunias work two ways. They attract the eye of the newcomer away from eye-sores, and make the home-owner more beauty-conscious. Certainly the comments on our petunia town have been numerous.

"Petunias should be transplanted once, about six-dozen to a flat and grown on in warmth until about four to six inches, then hardened in a cool frame. The seed is started in February and very lightly covered. Plants can be grown outside about May; but would give a much shorter season of bloom and be straggly if not transplanted.

"Petunias must have sunshine, good drainage, a reasonable watering. Sometimes they have grown five-foot long branches. One year we decorated a picnic table for 150 people and a float for a parade and after all the picking, the petunia plants bloomed longer than any other year, so they definitely like some pruning or bouquet-picking to start out new growth for later blooming.

"For bedding, good varieties are Topax queen, Celestial Rose, Snow Queen, Cream Star, Heavenly Blue, Blue Bedder and Flaming Velvet.

"Large ruffled ones like Theodosia, Lace Veil, or any large ruffled single or double make wonderful bedders as well as porch or urn plants.

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damping off. Mix 2 1/2 tablespoons of 40 per cent liquid formaldehyde with five times the amount of water. Sprinkle over a bushel of soil and mix well. Formaldehyde dust may be used at the rate of 8 ounces to a bushel of soil. Seeds may be sown 12 to 24 hours after the flats have been treated and thoroughly watered.

For treating seed red copper oxide, purchased under various trade names, is beneficial. Use a small pinch of the material in an ordinary packet of seed, shaking well together in a bottle.

The disease may be checked partially by improving the conditions -- thinning the plants, giving them more air, withholding too much water, reducing the temperature, stirring the surface of the soil or applying dry sand to the soil.

T. R. asks when to divide her primroses.

Ans.: The best time seems to be right after they flower unless you are saving some for seed. In saving for seed, pick up all but one stem of seed pods to a plant.

L. T. R. asks when to prune lilacs.

Ans.: Do not prune too heavily. All pruning should be done im-

### Three Year Old Dies at Turner

TURNER, April 20 (Special) Funeral services for Kenneth James Roberts, 3, who died Wednesday, were held Saturday at the Christian church. The Rev. Gene Robinson officiated. The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Roberts.

Other survivors are two broth-

ers, Richard and Charles, and a sister, Beverly; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Bones of Turner, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Roberts, who arrived Tuesday from their home in Paradise, Calif. The child was born July 7, 1943.

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