

# Gardening Today

The bright sunny days of the week brought lots of gardeners from hibernation to find - lots of things wrong in the garden. Calla lilies pushing through the ground were an awful mess, shoots of bleeding heart appeared to be broken off, daffodils and tulips were coming up in places they had not been planted, and not coming where they had been planted; primroses were looking ill.



In the case of the calla lilies and bleeding hearts, slugs are undoubtedly at work. Place slug bait around the plants, protecting from birds by paper pegged down or by shingle placed lightly over bait. Mice may have carried some of the bulbs a little distance from where they were planted. Let them bloom where they are and reset where wanted following blooming. Either trap moles or place bulbs in wire-basket protection. Primroses have likely suffered from a strawberry weevil. The plants may be moved now, although they would do better if moved after they have bloomed. Baiting for the weevil with poison apple bait (it may be purchased prepared) should be resorted to.

Spring Is Here

But spring has actually appeared. At Albany this week, luncheon tables at the Oregon Farmers Union were decorated with Jap-

anese quince in full bloom. I have noted a sprinkling of spirea, a few daffodils and crocuses in bloom in lawns. Mrs. Stanley Riches of Turner was wearing a pale pink camellia Sunday at the Jersey Cattle club meeting, picked in the garden of her brother, George Hubbs of Silverton. At the Valley Farmers Cooperative meeting Mrs. H. H. Paget of Waldo Hills wore a corsage of irises which had the fragrance of spring beauties. Daphnes have been reported in bloom with laurustinus and violets have been in bloom almost all winter.

**Garden Clubs Meet**  
The Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society will meet Thursday night at 8 p. m. at the Salem YMCA.

The Stayton Garden club will meet February 28, 8 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Harold and Mrs. Ralph Harold assisting John Henry, jr., of Brooks will talk on "Specie Rhododendron" and show pictures of several. He has also promised to tell something of them as they grow in England.

**Questions and Answers**  
Mrs. C. M. C. asks if soil in which seed is shown should be fertilized.

Ans: Most seeds will germinate faster if sown in soil which is not fertilized. After germination, the young seedlings will benefit from a small feeding or by being replanted in soil that is slightly richer.

S. J. J. asks if it will kill an old apple tree to prune it after it has not been pruned for a number of years. He wants to save it, the trunk seems sound but the branches are very intertangled.

Ans: The tree will be rejuvenated after correct pruning. If S. J. J. is an inexperienced pruner, it might pay him to hire it done, or he might ask the advice of Don Rasmussen, horticulturist in the county agent's office. S. J. J.'s address would indicate he is not too far from the office. Pruning should consist largely of thinning out weak wood and stopping slender outside shoots. Among the new pruning ideas are to keep the lower branches fruitful and prevent too tall trees.

T. D. sent me a violet to identify. Wants to know if it is a native. Also what is the name of a double blue violet.

Ans: There are so very many varieties of violets that I would not attempt to identify this one. From its foliage, I would say definitely it is not a wildling. More

# In Ski Show



Edith Fairham, Willamette university sophomore and popular local singer, who is among entertainers of a Salem talent show to be sponsored at the State theatre by the Santiam Ski club of Salem. Proceeds will go into a fund for equipping a first aid station in the Santiam ski area. Other performers, in addition to a showing of the movie "Wintertime," are Thomas B. Eddy, pianist; Morris McGwee, Irish tenor; Bruce Hamilton, magician; Phil Blankenship, violinist; Glenn Williams' orchestra and Ben Mosher, master of ceremonies.

likely it is a seedling. There are a number of good double blue violets among the Queen Louise, an old favorite.

C. N. sent me a branch of a camellia which was showing a yellow and sickly appearance. Wants to know what ailed it.

Ans: A long distance diagnosis would be strawberry root weevil eating the bark of the roots at an inch or two below the surface of the soil. A sprinkling of poison apple pumace, which is readily procurable at seed stores, placed around beneath the bushes, controls the adult beetles as they emerge from the ground, while an occasional watering of rotenone, at the rate of one teaspoon to the gallon, discourages the larvae.

# 4 Plan to Go To AVC Meet

Four members of the local American Veterans committee chapter will attend the first annual convention of AVC's Oregon and southern Washington council in Portland on March 1 and 2.

Attending from Salem will be Art Dew, chapter chairman; Vance McDowell, vice chairman; John Cotton, secretary, and Chester Chiles. Speakers at the convention will include Charles Bolte, national chairman of AVC; Portland Mayor Earl Riley; Gov. Earl Snell; E. B. McNaughton and Stanley Earle. The convention will be open to the public.

# Turnbull Remains Journalism Dean

EUGENE, Feb. 22 (AP)—University of Oregon President Harry K. Newburn has announced that George Turnbull would continue as dean of the school of journalism for the "balance of his academic career." He had been scheduled to retire at the end of the present school year, but his intended successor turned down the university position in favor of a government post.

**DINNER GUESTS**  
LYONS—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodaker and Elmer Hatt were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hampton of Salem. Mrs. Hampton is a daughter of the Bodakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olmstead and sons Donald and Walter spent the weekend at the home of her parents at Burnt Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lyons are the parents of a boy born Saturday at the Salem General hospital. He has been named Larry Allen.

# Training for Disabled Vets Shows Gain

Disabled Oregon veterans in school or job training under public law 16 increased by 320 from December to January, while ex-servicemen studying under the GI bill declined by 883, Wayne Smith, veteran administration training officer for this area, reported Saturday.

Despite an overall drop of 563, there were still 25,453 veterans in school or job training with federal assistance at the end of January, Smith stated. Those in colleges and schools numbered 18,354. Job trainee enrollment stood at 7099 after a drop of 439 since December. The continuing \$200 wage ceiling was the chief cause of the down-trend, the VA official explained. Actually, more than 2000 ex-GIs discontinued their studies but 1600 newcomers nearly restored the balance.

# 4-H Leaders Plan for Show

Thirty two Marion county 4-H club leaders met for a training meeting at the Dairy Co-Op auditorium Saturday. Judith Wood and Hazel Stowell, Auburn cookery club, demonstrated making sponge cake. Middle Grove cookery club led by Mrs. John Cagle, exhibited cooking and bread. Mrs. Arthur Stowell leads the Auburn cookery 3 club.

Other club members furnished exhibits for the help of leaders in homemaking, clothing, forestry and woodworking. Discussion groups in clothing were led by Helen Cowgill, assistant state club leader; homemaking by Constance Hampton, assistant county club agent; cooking by Eleanor Trindle, county home demonstration agent; and forestry and woodworking by James Bishop, county club agent.

Leaders expressed pleasure with the material presented which it is believed will be an aid in arranging for the annual 4-H spring show to be held in Salem April 21 to 25. The annual 4-H summer school will be June 17 to 27 while the fall show will be



Roy Acuff in person appears with his famous "Grand Old Opry" show at senior high school auditorium, Friday night, Feb. 25.

held at the state fair grounds, August 27 to 29.

Mrs. Willow Evans, leaders association president, is recovering from the effects of an accident in which she was involved early last December but was unable to attend.

Mrs. John Cage, second vice president, conducted the meeting.

**New Telephones Set Record but Demand Still Exceeds Supply**

PORTLAND — Mark R. Sullivan, president of The Pacific Tel-

ephone and Telegraph company, said in his annual report to shareholders that "We gave more telephone service to more people than ever before, yet the year-end finds us as far from meeting the demand for service as we were at the year's beginning."

The report notes that telephones in service passed the three million mark in October and totaled 3,060,966 at the end of the year. Nearly twice as many new telephones were installed as in any previous year.

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