

Gardening Today

One of the questions so many gardeners ask in the fall of the year is: Should we plant our shrubs and trees now or wait until spring?

O. B. Howell, extension specialist in ornamental horticulture, Washington State college, gives this answer: "If the soil is heavy, spring planting is best. But if the soil is light and sandy, either fall or spring planting is all right."

Many persons who plant shrubs or evergreens in the fall have trouble with browning needles, winter-drying and windburn. As protection against such winter ills, Howell advises gardeners to wrap some burlap around the young trees. Sometimes it is enough just to put a burlap screen on the windward side of the tree. But in other cases it may be well to wrap the burlap completely around the plant, provided that the plant is strong enough to support the burlap when topped with a coating of ice -- and there are times we have that much ice even in the Willamette valley. The smaller and weaker plants, when they are covered with burlap, should be made rigid with stakes.

On Planting Roses
Those of who who have read my column in previous years, may remember that I like to plant roses around Thanksgiving time (preferably on the day itself). In looking around for new roses this

year, I ran across the five new ones which have been named "All-America roses for 1948."

Four of the prize winners are hybrid tea roses -- Diamond Jubilee, a buff colored; Nocturne, the very dark red; San Fernando, bright red and Taffetta, carmine rose. The fifth, Pinkie, a light rose-pink, is classed as a floribunda.

A sixth rose, High Noon, yellow in color, was awarded a sectional title designating it as a plant adaptable only to the more temperate climates of the southern and Pacific states, so it can be used here. I would like to know if anyone has grown High Noon here this past summer and what its reaction has been?

Garden Calendar
Oct. 23--Brooks Garden club show.
Oct. 25-26--Salem fall fair, sponsored by Men's Garden club, Valley Motor's show rooms, Center and Liberty street, Saturday 2 to 9 p. m.; Sunday, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
Oct. 30--Salem Camelia and Rhododendron society.
Nov. 1 and 2--Annual mum show, Portland Masonic temple.
Nov. 3--Salem Garden club.
Nov. 14--Jordan Garden club, Minnie Giesler home.

Questions and Answers
Mrs. M. S. There are a few camellias in bloom now, but it is quite early. February is a much more normal time, as M. S. indicates. The other day I wandered around in Frank Doerfler's garden (finding no one at home) but I did discover three camellias in bloom. I couldn't find the labels on the plants, but the one to which Mrs. M. S. refers is Daikagura. (The Doerfler blooms were still there when I left.)

ACZ writes that friends of hers at Toledo leave their dahlias in the ground the year around and the plants come up in the spring with fine blooms. Wants to know if we can do that here.

Ans.: It has been done in the Willamette valley, but it depends entirely upon what type of winter we have. Too, while the dahlias may come up one year and do fairly well, this will not continue. Dahlias are like potatoes, you may have volunteer potatoes for a year or so, but before too long, the tubers disappear.

D. D. A. writes that at some

flower show she wrote down "Buy Capitane Baltet for sure this fall! now she is all in a puzzle because she cannot remember what this is: Whether it is a shrub, a perennial or "what."

Ans.: There is a lilac by this name and it is very likely that her notes refer to this. It is a very lovely lilac in a soft rose-lilac color. If there are any other flowers by this name that some reader may know of, I will be glad to pass the information on, if it is given to me.

V. R. C. asks for the colors of a group of roses.

Ans.: Charlotte Armstrong is a cerise; Rubaiyat a brilliant red; Show Girl, a deep pink. Mme. Jules Bouche, white, with a pink-tinted center; Mandalay, yellow; Bountiful, pink; Panorama, pink.

O. C. T. asks for information on the use of coal-tar compounds in the control of root weevils. Says he understands it has been tried on some plants. Asks if it injures them or if it will give a disagreeable flavor to radishes.

Ans.: Considerable experimentation has been done with coal-tar compounds and I have seen it claimed that these compounds give a 90 per cent cure on root maggots that work in carrots, onions, radishes, strawberries and primroses. I do not know what effect it might have on rhododendrons or azaleas. Experimenters report that it leaves no disagreeable flavor. The compounds are mixed with water and poured on the soil around the plants to be treated. I have been told that the strawberry and primrose plant foliage take on a dark, healthy appearance from the treatments.

E. C. H. asks if there is a deep red violet. Said she had heard one was being advertised.

Ans.: I have not seen the bloom so cannot say how deep a red the violet is. I too have seen it advertised in some garden magazines as Viola Cucullata rubra.

S. O. T. asks how deeply rhododendrons should be planted, and when.

Ans.: Plant them at anytime of the year when you can obtain ball-beds. They should be planted about the same depth at which they were growing in the nursery, definitely not more than one inch deeper.

FDR's Aide Given Fine for Tax Evasion

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18--(AP) Eugene B. Casey, white-haired 42-year-old millionaire who was one of President Roosevelt's wartime executive assistants, "with a passion for anonymity," Friday was sentenced to pay \$30,000 in fines and serve a jail term for failure to pay income taxes.

Casey entered a plea of "no contest" to a 10-month-old indictment accusing him of evading \$70,384 in taxes for 1941-42-43. Federal Judge W. Calvin Chesnut imposed a \$10,000 fine and a six-month jail sentence on the first count of the indictment. He ordered \$10,000 fines and six-month terms on each of the other two counts but suspended the jail sentence provided Casey pays all taxes, penalties and court costs and helps the government uncover any further liabilities.

Casey, a farmer, real estate operator and engineer who lives near Washington at Gaithersburg, Md., pleaded innocent and was tried on the indictment in March but the jury disagreed.

When he changed his plea today, internal revenue agents offered testimony that Casey owed \$105,000 more in taxes for the three years.

They said they did some re-checking after he testified in March that he was worth \$2,500,000 although "practically broke" in 1932.

Crowds Laud, Critics Cold To Margaret

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 18--(AP) Margaret Truman made her first full-length concert appearance last night, receiving enthusiastic applause from an audience of 4,000, which included her mother, but only a cold appraisal from critics.

The late arrival of the first lady and her party delayed the concert, scheduled at 8:30 o'clock, for 15 minutes.

The daughter of the president, attired in a bouffant off-the-shoulder pink taffeta gown with

of the mothers lived in Salem, 109 outside of Salem and 50 resided out of Marion county.

Heart disease led the cause of deaths in the county last month with 17 fatal cases listed. Cancer caused five deaths, automobile accidents four, other accidents six, and diabetes caused three.

Two cases of poliomyelitis were reported and one each of lobar pneumonia, chickenpox, typhoid and whooping cough.

an overskirt of blue and white embroidered net, was cheered loudly, particularly for her singing of Gretry's "La Fayette," but critics in the audience were not so whole-hearted in their approval.

Fred Lissfelt, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, declared: "In one word, childish."

Donald Steinfirt, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, said: "It is a pleasant, sweet voice, but it lacks volume and maturity. She sings with clarity and a certain amount of precision, but leaves a great deal to be desired in musicality."

She received nine curtain calls, responding graciously with three encores, in addition to her 11 concert selections. Admirers sent sev-

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Legion to Conduct Rites for Ensign
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Larkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn M. Larkins, was one of the service men whose bodies were returned to this country recently. The parents' request that the post conduct services was directed to Commander Lawrence Osterman, Chaplain C. V. Richardson and Elmo Lowe, commander of foreign burials.

French Maritime Walkout Settled
PARIS, Oct. 18--(AP) - Government and maritime union representatives announced last night in agreement to end the strike which for two days had tied up all French shipping in French ports. The five-day subway and bus strike in Paris remained deadlocked, however, as both the government and the communist-dominated general confederation of labor stood pat. The sailors will get a 15-cent per hour raise.

Double Bridal Shower Given at Marion Home
MARION - Hostesses for a double bridal shower were Mrs. Fred Schermacher and Mrs. William Karlin at the Schermachers Wednesday honoring Mrs. Joe McCoy and Mrs. Jake Keneeling recent bride. Present were Mrs. Gus Hageman, Mrs. George McCoy, Mrs. G. C. Jones, Mrs. J. D. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. Erickson, Mrs. Edna Coulson, Mrs. J. A. Wiser, Mrs. F. L. Comstock, Mrs. Dewey Place, Mrs. M. H. Robbins, Dorothy Ruggels, Mary Lonck, Mrs. Herbert Snider, Mrs. John Wilkinson, Mrs. Herman DeLangh, Mrs. Evelyn McCoy, Mrs. Elsie Turner, Mrs. Joy Coulson, Mrs. J. S. Calavan, Mrs. A. Schermacher, Mrs. William Wolfe, Mrs. Jennie Knieling, Mrs. Carl Albertson, Mrs. Myra Birch, Mrs. Elzy Pickard and Mrs. G. Wilson.

Historians believe that the direct ancestor of American comic strips was the British Hogarth's "The Rake's Progress."

Births in County Continue Ahead of 1946 Figure

The 245 babies born in Marion county during September boosted the 1947 total to date to 2,039 compared with 1,396 for the first nine months of 1946, according to a report released Saturday by the Marion county department of health.

Sixty-four deaths occurred in the county last month, bringing the year's total to 626, which is nine under the number for the same period last year. Twelve infants under one year old died last month.

In the stork department, 107 boys and 138 girls were born in the county last month. Eighty-six

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