

## Gardening Today

By Lillie L. Madsen

Some of you, when you were small and if you lived on a farm, must have gone out to the barn New Year's eve at midnight to see if the cows were standing. And the cows, hearing you approach, just at the stroke of midnight, obligingly did get up and so you were convinced that the legend was no myth.

Back of each myth there is Little Siam usually some foundation of truth. It may be back quite a bit, or it may be covered up pretty well, but if you dig it out, there it is. This grain of truth being present is very much so in reference to garden legends. Grandmother wasn't just superstitious or queer when she put nails or other iron material around her hydrangeas "to keep the color bright." Since Grandmother gardened, it has become general knowledge that acidity will make the common hydrangea bloom blue and that the pink ones come from soils that are more neutral or alkaline. Coffee grounds were supposed to "make your roses bloom better."

If the grounds are put on at a sufficient depth to form a good mulch, they do improve your roses during the heat of summer. If you put poison under your primrose foliage on Halloween you would keep the evil spirits away, said early gardeners. Here in the Willamette valley, the garden slugs are apt to be the evil spirits which roam in our garden on Halloween, or thereabouts. Most gardeners now do bait for slugs in the fall of the year. But in pioneer days the poison bait undoubtedly did away with a number of garden pests which harmed the primroses in autumn.

Some lilacs may not bloom until they are seven years old, but it is not because lilacs are nostalgic and cannot bear to be removed from their parent stock. The old-time lilacs usually didn't bloom earlier in life. Now we have a number of new hybrids which come into bloom at a much earlier age. Besides this, we have learned that applications of bonemeal in the fall and plenty of sunlight (so choose your lilac location carefully) will bring even some of the

older varieties into bloom somewhat earlier.

When the squirrels put away a particularly heavy stock of nuts, that means a heavy and hard winter and you must mulch your shrubs better. Next spring, the shrubs look unusually well and you know the little ground animals were right. During the summer, because of the large number of nuts which have disappeared and because of the way the grain is following suit, the men folk decide that the squirrels have become too numerous again, and poisoning is undertaken. Next fall the nuts do not disappear so rapidly and you do not mulch so heavily. In a couple or three years the process is repeated. It really doesn't matter that the truth is if you followed the same plan of mulching, without paying attention to the squirrels, your shrubs would also look well.

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Questions and Answers

S. T. asks if she can plant Madonna lilies now.

Ans.: These should be planted in August or September. However, if you have some bulbs, get them into the soil without delay.

L. W. asks if bare spots on the lawn should be sown to grass seed now.

Ans.: No, it would be better to wait until later in the spring.

G. R. writes that she has just come west and has noted that there are some pussy willows in bloom and wants to know if they usually bloom at this time.

Ans.: Pussy willows are apt to bloom almost anytime from October to late March in the Willamette valley. Their best time is usually in late January and February.

M. R. L. asks if roses may be pruned now.

Ans.: It would be better to wait until late February or early March. Some growers head back long shoots of the roses in autumn, and this seems to be a good practice, but heavy pruning should be left until early spring.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The war year 1948 found the United States using about six times as much electric power as it used in 1918.

## Halls Ferry Holiday Guests Are Numerous

HALLS FERRY—Gail Williamson's mother, Mrs. P. L. Davis of Estacada, is spending Christmas week with the Williamson family.

Girl Scout troop 62 of Halls Ferry sang carols in the community Monday night. Mrs. Gail Williamson is leader.

Mr. and Mrs. John Painter brought their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Kuriz, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks had as their guest Mrs. Weeks from Monmouth.

The Paul Ficus family spent Christmas in Salem with Mr. and Mrs. Frank James.

Hugh Schuebel of Los Angeles is spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schuebel. The family spent Christmas at Milmo with Schuebel's mother, Mrs. Lettie Schuebel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurstie Totton of Silverton spent Christmas with the Klein family.

Ray Barker and son, Gary, spent Christmas in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. H. Goin and new baby son, Michael Ray. Mrs. Ray Barker, who went there Tuesday, will remain with her daughter for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Nichols entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Croson and son, John, as Christmas guests. Jane Nichols, who is attending school at Corvallis, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Phillips and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hyster in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barker had as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conklin, Mrs. Charles Barker, Miss Jeanne Conklin, all of Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Conklin of Corvallis. Mrs. Edith Knuths and Jack Divine of Pistol, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Al Conklin of Silverton, Mrs. Clayella Allen and Mrs. Jean Bronson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen have named their baby daughter Connie Laverna.

## Brooks Surprise Party Given Sam Crawford

BROOKS—A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crawford, to honor Crawford on his birthday anniversary. Music was furnished by Ruben Roth and Hank Sabrowski.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hillier and Jesse, Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawford, Buddy Parkes, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hillier, Betty Lou, Bonnie Jean, Shirley Ann, Ileana, Vernie, and Iris Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hillier, Texie Lou, and Teddy Hillier, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Pat, Betty, and David, Mr. and Mrs. Art Morgan, Katie Neithof, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Crawford, Violet, Richard and Albert Crawford.

## Royal Romance Tops 1947 List Of Memorable Weddings, Many Noted Persons Die During Year

By Ruth Cowan

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The royal wedding of Britain's Elizabeth and Philip, topped the romances of 1947 but there was many another to make the year a memorable one for marriages.

And if cupid had a gay and busy time, 1947 was important, too, to those other chroniclers of mankind—the stork and the grim reaper.

Babies arrived to make many homes happy, high and low. Death removed from the scene such one stalwarts as Henry Ford and Nicholas Murray Butler.

The wedding of Princess Elizabeth, heiress to Great Britain's throne, to her prince charming, Lieut. Philip Mountbatten, was a front-page story in nearly all parts of the world—except Russia.

By all royal wedding standards, the London marriage of Elizabeth and Philip was austere.

Not so was that of Maria, duchess of Montaro, 21, daughter of the enormously wealthy Spanish Duke of Alba, and Luis, 24, son of the Duke of Sotomayor, in Seville.

An American romance for the books was that of William Clay Ford, 22, and Martha Firestone, 21, grandchildren of those two

cronies, the late Henry Ford, auto manufacturer, and Harvey Firestone, tiremaker.

Two of the world's richest women, Doris Duke, tobacco heiress, and Barbara Hutton of the dime store millions, were again in the marriage news. Doris, divorced from James H. R. Cromwell, married in Paris Ferdinand Robison, now dominican ambassador to the Argentine. After saying "never again" when her third marriage ended, Barbara was wed in Switzerland to Prince Igor Troubetzkoy, a Lithuanian.

In the U. S., descendants of two former presidents figured in the marriage news: Abram Garfield, Cleveland architect and son of the 20th president, and Helen Matthews, 45; Lloyd B. Taft, 73, grandson of President Taft and son of Senator Taft of Ohio, and Virginia Stone, 22.

Two remarriages of note were those of (1) Lord Inverchapel, 65, British ambassador to the U. S., and the Chilean beauty, Maria Teresa; and (2) Richard Kleberg, 59, former Texas representative, partner of the world's largest private cattle ranch and Mamie Seary Kleberg, 57. The Klebergs' remarriage took place in a Washington hospital where he was recovering from a heart attack.

As for births in 1947, into a world that has not in recent years been so happy with royalty, was born the fourth daughter to Crown Prince Juliana of the Netherlands, 37, and Prince Bernhard.

Henry Wallace, possible third party presidential candidate, became a grandfather for the second time when a daughter was born to Robert Brown Wallace, 28, and his wife in Philadelphia.

A son, and their third child, was born to President Miguel Aleman, 44, of Mexico and Mrs. Aleman, 36.

The McCormick-Patterson newspaper families have new heirs. To Ruth Elizabeth McCormick Miller, 26, niece of Col. Robert R. McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, and Maxwell P. Miller, Jr., 28, a son was born, their second child; a boy was also born to Josephine Albright, 33, daughter of the late Captain Joseph Patterson of the New York Daily News, and her husband Ivan Albright, 50, Chicago writer.

Her first child was born to Bette Davis, 39, actress and William Grant Sherry, 32, her third husband. Too, it is now papa "Hank" Greenberg, 34, baseball "home run" king for he and his wife, the former Carol Gimbel, 31, New York department store heiress, became parents of a son.

Leaving the world scene through death in 1947 were the bearers of many noted names—Mrs. Martha Ellen Truman, 94, mother of President Truman; Stanley Baldwin, 80, thrice premier of Britain; Henry Ford, 83, auto manufacturer; Nicholas Murray Butler, 85, president emeritus of Columbia university.

And still others—Carrie Chapman Catt, 88, militant suffragist and world peace advocate; Ogden Mills Reid, 64, editor-publisher of the New York Herald Tribune; Meredith Nicholson, 81, Indiana novelist; King Christian X of Denmark, 78; Grace Moore, 45, opera; Pierre Bonnard, 80, one of France's "big four" of modern art; Fiorello H. LaGuardia, 64, New York's former fiery little mayor.

And from the Washington scene has passed one of the nation's most lavish hostesses, Evelyn Walsh McLean, owner of the Hope diamond.

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6	KSLM News KOCC KLOCK KOIN News KEK Farm Hour	Time Keeper KOCC Klock KOIN Klock KEK Farm Hour	March Time KOCC Klock KOIN Klock KEK Farm Hour	Farm Parade KOCC Klock KOIN Klock KEK Farm Hour
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8	KSLM News KOCC News, Orch. KOIN User News KEK Fred Waring	Farm & Home Orchestra Roundup Fred Waring Breakfast Club	Pioneers West. Melodies Jack Search Breakfast Club	News Over Coffee Rosemary Hospitality Breakfast Club
9	KSLM News KOCC News KOIN News KEK Tommy Dorsey	V. Landish Organ Monks Ant. Jenny Tommy Dorsey Shouldn't	Pastor's Call Marching Helen Trent Tommy Dorsey Hollywood Bkfr. Hollywood Bkfr.	Art Baker Marching Our Gal Sunday Tommy Dorsey Hollywood Bkfr. Hollywood Bkfr.
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KOCC, 880 K.L.—Monday—10:00 News; 10:15 Especially for Women; 11:00 Concert Hour; 12:00 News; 12:15 Noon Farm Hour; 1:30 Bldg. 20m Cowboy; 1:45 Holiday; 1:50 Melody Lane; 2:50 Let's Get Acquainted; 3:30 Memory Music; 3:50 On Report; 4:15 15 min. News; 4:30 Music Masters; 4:50 News; 5:15 U.S. Navy Band; 4:30 Strictly Jazz; 4:40 Children's Theatre; 5:30 On the Tube; 5:30 Sports Club; 5:50 News; 6:15 KOCC Organ; 6:30 Music of Czechoslovakia; 7:15 Farm Hour; 8:00 U.S. Reporting.

8:15 Xmas Seal Party; 8:45 News; 9:00 Music That Endures; 9:45 Evening Meditations; 10:00 Sign Off.

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