

## Gardening Today

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Mr. and Mrs. Rholin Cooley returned Tuesday night from Nashville, Tenn., where they attended the National Iris society convention which will come to Oregon in mid-May, 1949. It has been known for three years that the society will meet in Portland in 1949 and interest in irises has grown rapidly. Almost 500 iris growers attended this year's convention and approximately the same number will come to Oregon. While the gardens were lovely in the south, they are no more so than Oregon gardeners hope to offer the visitors next year the Cooleys said. The Oregon meeting will be a three-day event and already arrangements are being made to have buses run to the Cooley gardens of Silverton and Schreiner's on route 2, Salem. The hybridizing gardens of Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, one of the best known hybridizers in the nation, will also be opened to the convention visitors.

More care should be taken in planting irises, Mr. Cooley states. It is true he adds, that irises are among the easiest of all plants to grow, but anyone who plans to grow even a few irises should not be content to achieve merely indifferent results. Most irises will succeed well in any type of soil from almost pure sand to stiff clay. Where one may choose a medium heavy, fairly well enriched soil—in other words, ordinary good garden soil—is to be preferred. Go easy on fertilizers, especially animal fertilizers, Mr. Cooley warns. Too much fertilizer will sometimes promote lush growth and eventual rot. Bone meal, well worked in, is safe and good.

Don't plant in deeply shaded situations, and avoid places where roots of large trees or big shrubs rob the soil of plant food and moisture. Be sure drainage is good.

Plant at least two feet apart. After the first year, sparse applications will have vanished. If

immediate effect is desired, plant in groups of three of a kind, about a foot apart, the groups to be spaced at three-foot intervals.

Although comparatively free from garden enemies, soft rot of the rhizomes or spotting of the foliage sometimes manifests itself. The former, usually the result of poor drainage or an over-wet setting, can be controlled by cutting back to sound tissue or replanting. Leaf spot, like the measles, is not fatal, Mr. Cooley insists. Cut away and burn infected foliage and dust with copper or Bordeaux solution.

After flowering season, in June and July, the new offsets or rhizomes are fairly well developed and if removed and planted at that time or during the next few months will generally bloom the following spring. The rhizomes are in a semi-dormant state during these months, and when detached and replanted in moist soil immediately will put out new rootlets and commence growth. If the ground is dry at planting time, pour enough water into the hole to settle the soil about the roots. Watering should not be done unless the ground appears to be getting quite dry, as too much moisture will cause rot and in some instances will promote excessive growth before winter and the bloom center will be killed off by spring frosts.

**Garden Calendar**  
May 20—Salem Rose Society, 7:30, YMCA.  
May 21-23—American Rhododendron society, Portland armory.  
May 21—Stanton Garden club, iris discussion.  
May 23—Rhododendron festival, Florence.  
May 27—Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society meeting, YMCA, Salem, 8 p. m.  
May 29—Spring Rose show, Eugene.  
May 30—Fleet of flowers, Depoe Bay.

**Questions and Answers**  
Q. T. asks when to prune and transplant her winter blooming garden heather. Says it is now

through blooming and looks shaggy.  
Ans.: May prune now cutting back quite severely. Would not attempt to move too large a bush but would divide and move parts of it. Should this rain continue, the division and replanting could be done now. Fall is the best time, however. Early fall.  
N. K. L. asks for identification of flowers and foliage mailed.  
Ans.: This is a Crown Imperial, related to fritillarias. It is an old-fashioned flower, discarded by many because of its unpleasant odor, but it is found in many of the modern gardens.  
S. M. M. sends a leaf of a hollyhock and wants to know what is wrong with it.  
Ans.: The leaf shows rust, a disease that can badly injure and frequently kill, hollyhocks and snapdragons. The plants should be sprayed immediately with good copper fungicide. Bordeaux will do the work. Spraying should continue at two-week intervals throughout the growing season. In the case of snapdragons, the rust-resistant varieties can now be obtained and are usually more satisfactory in the average garden.

## Legion to Meet At New Home

First meeting in new headquarters of Capital Post 8, American Legion, on South Commercial street will take place Monday night, Commander Lawrence Osterman said Saturday.

A motion to lift the ceiling of the post's membership, now limited to 1,051, will be a main item of business, Osterman stated. No special ceremony will be connected with the opening meeting.

The meeting will be held in the post's main assembly hall. The building has undergone renovation and repairs this past week, since the post moved out of its former headquarters at Chemeketa and Cottage streets.

## Candidates for Council to Talk

The two candidates for city councilman from Salem's ward 7 will speak at a public meeting of South Salem Progress club Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Leslie junior high school auditorium.

Howard Maple, incumbent alderman, and Alvin C. Tungate, who is opposing him, will both talk, according to President Russell Scott.

Another speaker, as yet undecided on, will explain current issues regarding Salem's proposed sewage disposal plant, Scott said Saturday.

## Recorder to Measure Flow in Fork of Santiam

Rate of water flow in the Little North fork of the Santiam river will be measured this summer, the U. S. geological survey told Marion county court Saturday.

An automatic recorder will be installed at Taylor's bridge above Mehama late this month, G. H. Canfield, Portland, district engineer for the survey, said.

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## GOP Leads By 19,845 in Registration

An all-time high voter registration in Oregon, 855,631, still leaves republicans 19,845 ahead of the democrats, a final tabulation showed Saturday. The figure compared with the previous high of 602,013 at the 1944 presidential general election and 495,909 for the 1944 primary and 551,753 for the 1946 primary election.

Included in the 1948 primary election registrations are 322,490 republicans, 302,645 democrats, 2,902 independents, 352 socialists, 375 prohibitionists and 6,868 miscellaneous.

Republican registrations exceeded the democratic registrations by 19,845 in 11 counties the democrats lead in the registrations. These are Multnomah, Baker, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Klamath, Linn, Union and Willamette.

**Few Decreases**  
Counties which showed a decrease in total registration from the 1946 general election were Coos, Lincoln, Multnomah, Wallowa and Wheeler. Multnomah county's registration is 1,471 less for the 1948 primary election than for the last general election. Coos county lost 935 registrations, Lincoln 488, Wallowa 42 and Wheeler 98.

The tabulation shows that every county in Oregon, with the exception of Wheeler, has increased its registration, both republican and democratic for this year's primary election, when compared with the 1946 primary.

**By County Figures**  
The republican, democratic and total registration for the 1948 primary election, by counties, includes:

Counties	Rep.	Dem.	Total
Baker	2,957	4,506	7,463
Benton	7,202	4,215	11,417
Clackamas	19,389	19,124	38,513
Clatsop	6,882	6,074	12,956
Columbia	4,897	5,838	10,735
Coos	6,318	7,334	13,652
Crook	1,400	1,803	3,203
Curry	1,412	969	2,381
Deschutes	4,374	6,519	11,223
Douglas	8,901	7,130	16,031
Gilliam	859	616	1,475
Grant	2,670	1,655	4,325
Harney	1,105	1,292	2,417
Hood River	3,066	2,670	5,736
Jackson	13,213	10,691	24,478
Jefferson	770	762	1,532
Josephine	6,178	5,179	11,424
Klamath	8,927	10,334	19,261
Lane	1,292	1,214	2,506
Lane	24,917	20,195	45,112
Linn	4,419	4,395	8,814
Linn	8,098	9,669	17,767
Malheur	4,134	3,365	7,516
Martin	23,538	14,521	38,059
Morrow	1,501	746	2,247
Multnomah	101,230	110,492	211,722
Polk	5,420	4,023	9,443
Sherman	113	257	370
Tillamook	3,130	3,131	6,279
Tillamook	7,322	6,032	13,354
Union	3,344	4,308	7,652
Wallowa	1,342	1,751	3,093
Wasco	4,208	2,259	6,467
Washington	15,271	11,991	27,262
Wheeler	955	447	1,402
Yamhill	7,323	6,103	13,426

Totals: 322,490 Rep. 302,645 Dem. 635,631

Dave O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, attributed Multnomah county's reduced total registration for this year's primary election, when compared with the last general election, to the elimination of so-called "deadwood" from the voting lists.

It was O'Hara's opinion that between 70 and 75 per cent of the registered voters would go to the polls at the primary election this year due to the national campaign now being waged in Oregon, the majority election in Portland, and the fact that all three of Oregon's top officials—governor, secretary of state and state treasurer—are to be nominated.

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