

Don't Look Now...

but . . . looking at the architect's drawing of the proposed county courthouse, we wonder why the officials don't just hire the top designer over at the Salem Box factory and save the county some money on fees. His rates are probably low.

Makes it legal . . . Us Democrats, we do things up right. We don't swear on just one Bible, we swear on two Bibles.

Without a care . . . looking out of our frosty window this morning at the shrubbery beneath, we saw brand new shoots of pale green on the daphne, as if it hadn't

been a cold, hard winter. Why the little shrub looks like it is ready to burst into bloom!

About time . . . Don't believe what the political writers say about the legislators getting underway with their pile of work—it isn't so, there are only three milk cans out on the window sills at the Marion hotel. Wait until the front of the building is literally covered with orange crates of canned milk, cheese, coke bottles, and other evidences of life, that's the real barometer of what's cookin'. . . . Maxine Buren



Miss Joe Ann Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Walker of Grants Pass, whose engagement to Colmar D. Pyske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bjerke of Salem, has been announced. No wedding date has been set. (Bishop-Moderne).

Women's association of the First Presbyterian church will hold a 12:45 o'clock board meeting and 2 o'clock session on Wednesday at the church. Mrs. Francis Allen will sing and Mrs. Ivan Fowler will talk on her trip to Guatemala.

St. Helena's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. C. W. Wood, 570 Judson street at 8 o'clock.

Recent graduates of AAUW will meet Thursday night at the home of Edward Dyck, 121 Duncan st., at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Eleanor Trindle will give a talk on "Furniture Arrangements."



Dean Ava B. Milam, of the school of home economics, Oregon State college, who will be speaker at the luncheon meeting of the Women of Rotary at the Golden Pheasant on Monday.

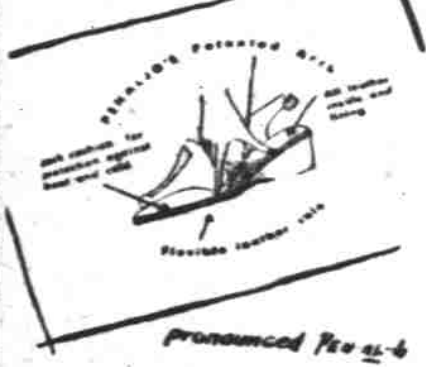
Dean Milan to Speak
Dean Ava B. Milam of Oregon State College will be the guest speaker at the Women of Rotary luncheon on Monday noon at the Golden Pheasant. The luncheon is scheduled for 12 o'clock instead of the usual one o'clock hour. Mrs. Ivan Stewart will introduce the speaker.

Mt. Angel — George Schmidt, president of Mt. Angel Business Men's club has been named local chairman of the annual March of Dimes contributions to combat polio.



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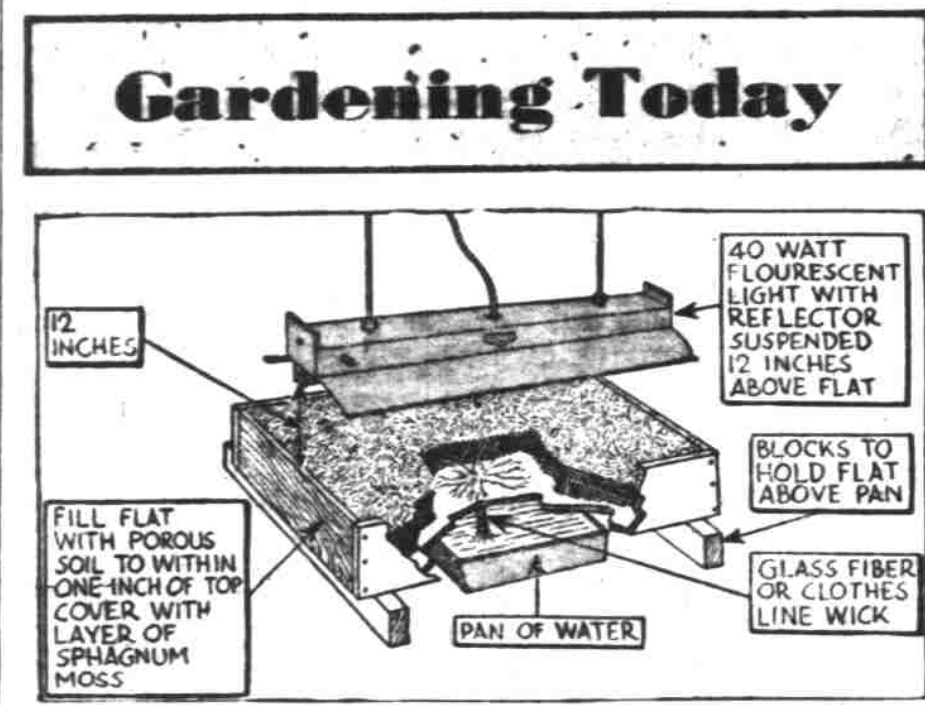
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Legislators See Results of March of Dimes



March of Dimes scrolls filled out and pasted up with contributions from members of the Oregon legislature are perused in the above photo by Elmer Church, left, Salem head of the 1949 dime campaign, and President of the Senate William Walsh, Coos Bay, center, and Speaker of the House Frank Van-Dyke, Medford, at right. (Statesman photo.)



Pictured here is inexpensive equipment which will insure ample light and water to home-grown seedlings and protect them from disease.

Just like in grandmother's time, some light window in the house is still a good place to start plants indoors.

However, improved methods, which take the "guess" out of the project have been added. In other words grandmother's methods of sowing garden seeds in a box to grow in the kitchen window during the late winter and early frosty spring have been subjected to a series of rigid tests. Sometimes grandma succeeded, and sometimes she failed; without exactly knowing why.

Science must know why. If all the protective measures which have been recommended in the last few years were applied to a single seed box here is what it would have:

Automatic watering, by the wick method, to make sure the soil never dried out.

A layer of sphagnum moss on top of the soil, in which the seeds were sown to prevent diseases, especially damping-off which cannot develop in the anti-biotic moss.

A lamp, preferably fluorescent, suspended a foot above the box, so it can be turned on to supplement the daylight, whenever light is needed.

Equipment Not Costly
With this equipment, none of which is expensive, any amateur gardener ought to be able to sow seeds of flowers or vegetables in an indoor box, and bring the seedling plants up to transplanting-size without disaster.

Most important of these devices is probably wick watering, which is as simple as an oil lamp. A wick, preferably of fibre glass, is passed through a hole centered in the bottom of the box. The top of the wick is imbedded in the soil, the bottom drops into a pan below the box, and as long as there is water in the pan the soil will be kept moist. With a large enough pan you can leave the box for days without attention.

Fungus Prevented
Sphagnum moss will not allow plant fungi to develop. By spreading a layer of moss on top of the soil, sowing the seeds in it, and covering lightly with more moss, germination will be quick, and loss by disease nil. But the moss will not take up water from below, and if wick-watering is used, it must be watered from above until the seedlings grow roots which reach the soil.

Artificial lighting is not necessary where a south window, unshaded by outside trees or building, is available. But where it is not, if a fluorescent lamp is hung over the box, as indicated by the diagram, and kept lighted all night, the plants will get enough light. It will not be needed until the plants sprout. Mazda lights may be used, but they should be hung higher, so that the night temperature of the box does not rise above 65 degrees.

Garden Calendar
Jan. 27—Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society.
Feb. 3—Salem branch of the American Begonia society, 8 p. m., YMCA.
Questions and Answers
T. D. has asked frequently when

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Detroit Man Recovers At Memorial Hospital
DETROIT — Making a satisfactory recovery from a major operation is Joseph Wright. He is allowed visitors now in room 109 at the Salem Memorial hospital.

Last week visiting him were Vern Alvin, manager of the Idanha Veneer Co., Gordon Skidmore, bookkeeper for the same plant, also Bill Hamilton who had been in the hospital for a tonsillectomy one day the first of the week. He is the man at the veneer plant. Wright is the clipperman there.

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