

## Benefit Tea At Griffith's

The newly organized McKinley Mothers club will entertain with a silver tea on Friday afternoon, February 14 at the Fairmount Hill home of Dr. and Mrs. John Griffith. Proceeds from the affair will be used to buy new song books for the school. All mothers and friends and mothers, whose children will enter school in the fall, are invited to call between 3 and 5 o'clock.

The Valentine tea will honor Mrs. Dorothy Rae, principal, and teachers of the school. Valentine decorations will be used in the table appointments. Presiding at the tea urns will be Mrs. Irl McSherry, Mrs. Ralph E. Purvine, Mrs. Donald Cooper, president of the club, and Mrs. Richard DeCamp. Mrs. Virgil Sexton heads the directorate for the

affair and assisting are Mrs. Emil Otjen, Mrs. Arthur Roethlin, Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. J. A. Griffin, Mrs. Arthur Erickson, Mrs. Sam Randle, Mrs. E. Koertge, Mrs. Irl McSherry, Mrs. Locke Taylor, Mrs. Robert Hawkins, Mrs. Richard DeCamp, Mrs. E. C. Hensey, Mrs. Lloyd DeGroot, Mrs. A. Terrence King, Mrs. William Boers and Mrs. Ralph E. Purvine.

Junior Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will meet for a no-host luncheon on Tuesday afternoon at the parish house at one o'clock. Officers will serve as hostesses with Mrs. W.C. Gabriel, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Paul Gemmill, Mrs. Eugene I. Foster and Mrs. Ausin Wilson.

Delta Delta Delta alumnae will meet Monday night at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Carlson, Wallace Road for a 7:30 o'clock dessert supper. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. Charles Clarke, Mrs. Alan Stewart, Mrs. J. M. Morris and Miss Bertha Kohlhaugen.

## Gardening Today



Jim McGilchrist, widely known Salem gardener, is getting quite optimistic. Says he during this cold weather.

"The early garden usually should be spaded and planted in February. He tells that he does this early spading and planting while standing on a plank. He suggests spading a strip just wide enough for a row or two, so that you won't have to step or walk on the newly spaded ground. The strip is planted to one or two rows, then another strip is spaded and planted - right on across the garden piece. He adds, that as moisture is plentiful (how true) in February, he practices shallow planting.

He continues: "Garden peas, sweetpeas, carrots, radishes, beets, lettuce, early cabbage plants, cauliflower, spinach and other early maturing vegetables should be planted in February - if the ground can be worked. In your hotbed, basement or greenhouse, you may start your more tender vegetables and flower seeds this month. They can be transplanted outside when danger of frost is past."

Mr. McGilchrist is right, of course, but you will note he said in the very beginning "usually." This January has not been usual in any sense of the word. Just now, no ground that I know of

can be worked or should be transplanted on at all. The frost has made the top very much of a mess and we really need a quiet, soaking rain to bring our ground out of its present condition. Then, if you have a light, friable soil, it won't be long until you can follow Mr. McGilchrist's suggestion. If your soil is heavy, don't work it when it is wet. You'll be sorry.

Yes, I know. Mr. McGilchrist might and probably it would work for him. I have seen his garden. He is that kind of gardener. He has what is called the magic touch. Salem has a remarkable number of that kind of gardeners. But the advice I am giving here is to the novice gardener: Don't try to get onto the soil before it is workable. It may be before February is over.

Colorful Catalogues It has been a long year since we have had as lovely catalogues as we are receiving this year. Never before have so many color plates been used. And I don't believe that ever in one year have so many new things been offered. It is almost confusing to try to choose.

Your snapdragons bloom the first year, they can be rust-resistant and ruffled and double and of many colors. There is a dwarf blue morning glory that may be used instead of the new Ravel, a blue from Europe, is said to be SOMETHING, new delphiniums, new chrysanthemums (some of these come into bloom much earlier than the old varieties), and even new varieties of vegetables. To relieve that run-down-at-the-heel look of your garden along about September there are two new Michaelmas daisies which have just come over from England. They are Peace, a pink, and Plenty, a soft blue.

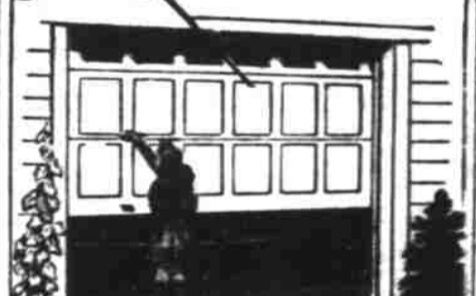
If you get no further in your gardening this spring, you will have gained a liberal garden education by a thorough going over of the new seed and plant books.

**Garden Calendar**  
Feb. 7—Salem Garden club.  
Feb. 8—Woodburn Garden club.  
Feb. 9—Mt. Angel Garden club.  
Feb. 10—Salem Men's Garden club.  
Feb. 10—Little Garden club of Salem Heights.  
Feb. 11—Jordan Garden club.

**Questions and Answers**  
P. T. asks if I will mention

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again the name of the garden book which I told of recently, and the approximate price, and where it can be had.

Ans.: I have mentioned two or three just recently, but I believe Taylor's "Encyclopedia of Gardening" is the most inclusive. This sells at \$5. Salem book stores carry it. If they are out, I am sure they will be happy to order it for you.

G. R. E. asks for the name of some everbearing raspberries—new varieties preferable.

Ans.: The newest variety I know of is September, brought out by the New York experiment station two years ago. I have not seen it and I do not know if it is obtainable here. St. Regis is one of the older varieties. June is another variety.

C. M. asks if readymade soil sifters are purchasable or if they have to be home made.

Ans.—I have seen them on the market at from \$1 to \$1.50. Some of them are adjustable to coarse or fine soils. Some come in sets with sifters for the different varieties of soil you may wish.

O. L. asks how many varieties of heather there are?

Ans.: That would be impossible for me to say. Heather varieties and its relations are numerous. In one encyclopedia (yes, I did try to find the answer) the chronicler said there were more than 300 varieties. Everywhere from a score to many score are listed.

## Bond Election Called At Monitor for Feb. 14

MONITOR — Raymond Davis, chairman of Monitor school board, has posted notices that a bond election to provide funds to acquire property and construct a new school building will be held February 14. Polls will be open from 2 to 7 p.m. and residents of the recently consolidated district are asked to provide \$50,000 in bonds.

The new district is a consolidation of the old Monitor district in Marion and Clackamas counties, Harmony and Grassy Pond in Marion county and Monte Cristo in Clackamas. The merger was effective July 1, 1948. Present plans call for erecting the new school at the present site of the Monitor school.

## Auburn Scout Pack Presented with Flag

AUBURN—Cub scout pack 108 of Auburn district met Friday in the Community hall when members of den three presented the pack with a large flag.

Bob cat pins were given George Dorland and Zan Preeborn. Moving pictures on "Cubbing" were shown by Mrs. Higby. Plans for a covered dish dinner at the hall on Feb. 14 were made. It will be in observance of the scout anniversary.

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