

Lincoln Birthday Moral: Abe Often Failed, but not When it Counted Most



FAILURE marked his first entry into politics. He lost a campaign for the Illinois legislature in 1832, although he won in 1834.



FAILURE of his store at Salem, Ill., in 1832 ended his only attempt to set up a commercial enterprise. This project left him with a heavy load of debt which he paid off slowly and painfully over a period of many years in Illinois.



FAILURE of two romances preceded his marriage to Mary Todd in 1842. Mary Owen broke off relations in 1838 and legend links him with Ann Rutledge who died in 1834. Even his engagement with his future wife was broken once, in 1841.



FAILURE marked three campaigns for Congress. He lost for the House in 1843, but won in 1847. He lost '54 and '58 Senate races.



FAILURE struck again when he was defeated as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the vice presidency at the party's 1856 convention.

Willamette U. Speakers Win

Jack Gunn and Elliott Motschenbacher, students at Willamette university, won first place in debate in the College of Puget Sound Invitation Speech tournament held in Tacoma Friday and Saturday.

Other Willamette winners were Frank Lockman, second in extemporaneous; Motschenbacher, third in interpretive reading; Tom Bartlett, second in after-dinner speaking; and Jack Gunn, third in impromptu speaking.

A European species of beetle-hunting wasp presses down on the bodies of its prey to open an armored joint through which it can sting it into paralysis.

Gardening Today

Very shortly it will be crab apple planting time again at Salem. Folk living along Liberty and Skyline roads are going to hear something special about it from the Little Garden club of Salem, Mrs. R. E. Cartwright tells me. There is to be a crabapple tree planting contest sponsored by this club.

The first objective of the planting will be to make this an outstanding part of the Salem Blossom day drive. The second objective, members tell me, is to get all the trees planted, ready to be judged on Blossom day for most effective planting, general neatness of garden and best contribution in combination with bulbs or other blooming material with the red crab apple. The club is offering nursery stock as prizes in the contest. The garden column editor is looking forward to more information on the contest.

Calla Lilies
Several requests for information on calla lilies have reached me recently. How many varieties are common? Any new varieties? What will they do outdoors? These

are some of the questions asked. South Africa is the native abode of the calla lily and here it grows wild along streams and is fed by natives to their stock. The calla lily is a lover of damp soil with plenty of rich humus. Here in the Willamette valley we grow both the Podrey and the Baby calla out of doors and (I am wondering what January did to them) they have withstood the cold and damp of this section very well. The yellow calla is also grown outdoors here but is more tender and is not so profuse a bloomer. But it is lovely when it does well.

Two lesser known varieties are the Rose calla, running from clear pink to pink with a tinge of magenta, and the black throated calla, pale white or greenish yellow, with a large black-purple spot on the base inside of the throat. The rose calla grows well as a house plant, and since it comes from Natal, a hotter and drier section of South Africa than the area from which the calla comes; it grows well in hot, dry rooms. I have not seen either of these two grown outdoors in the valley, and if anyone has tried them, I should like to hear about it.

Garden Calendar
Feb. 14—Sweet Home Garden club, Timberland Manor, 1:30 p. m.
Feb. 16—Salem Rose society.
Feb. 18—Stacy Garden club.
Feb. 23—Raspberry growers, Stayton City hall, 1:30 p. m. Discussion of diseases and varieties.
Feb. 24—Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society.

Questions and Answers
M. R. asks what winter spray may be used to help control mildew on floribunda roses.
Ans.—Use winter spray of lime sulphur and weekly dusting with sulphur in growing season. Do not water foliage frequently during growing season, and if necessary, wash the foliage off early in the morning so that it does not go into the night in a wet condition.

E. S. N. asks if there isn't a substitute for soil that can be used in flats for starting seeds and which is immune to damping-off.
Ans.: Yes, there is a material, vermiculite, now being packaged under a number of trade names. I am sure you will find it at the Salem garden stores. If not, they will. I know get it for you. Follow the directions for its use carefully and use flats of new, clean lumber, or flats that have been scalded with boiling water. Fill seed flats with two inches of the material and smooth the surface without pressing down. Cover with newspapers and do not ex-

pose to the light until the sprout appears. You will find that the root systems are much longer and that the plants may be lifted out much more easily because of the friability of the soil.

B. L. E. asks when to prune lilacs. Wants to head them back now. Asks if they should be fertilized. Says hers are good varieties, but neglected and bushes covered with moss and old seed stems.

Ans.: Do not prune until after flowering. But do nip off old seed pod branches, or any broken pieces. Spray while dormant with lime sulphur and give each bush a good feeding of balanced fertilizer. Bonemeal once a year is also very beneficial to the lilac. It is best put on in late September or October. However, if put on at once, it will be of some benefit this spring.

T. B. R. asks if fuchsia cuttings will start in water.

Ans.: Very readily. Just place them in a glass of water and leave them alone until rooted. You can do this almost anytime of the year.

I. J. asks what is wrong with monkey puzzle trees. Says she likes them but that most people make fun of them, and asks if I like them or think them odd.

Ans.: There is nothing wrong with them if you like them. They are odd and I am not personally (since she asks me) too fond of them. I never see one but what I think of a statement made by Reginald Farrar, English garden authority: "I prefer to leave monkey puzzles to those who have mon-

keys to puzzle." I am a little inclined to agree with him. They are not plentiful and are found only at nurseries which specialize in odd things. Occasionally, one sees a specimen that is used rather well and is good looking -- but, so far as I am concerned -- it has been only very occasionally.

Stayton Union Hi To Vote on Bonds And Consolidation

STAYTON, Feb. 12 — Union high school district No. 4 directors have authorized an election in the amount of \$280,000 for financing construction of a new high school plant on its site on West Locust street in Stayton.

Election will be held in a special meeting for that purpose Friday, March 11, at Stayton high school.

On that same date, an election on the question of consolidating Union High School district No. 4 (Stayton) and No. 5 (Aumsville-Turner) will be held concurrently in the two high school districts between the hours of 2 and 7 p. m.

Methodists Plan Father-Son Dinner

A father-son banquet will be held at Jason Lee Methodist church

Wednesday at 6:30 p. m., it was announced Saturday. The Men's fellowship of the church is sponsoring the dinner. Boy Scout troop 3 will present a program. Gordon Gilmore, Salem, Cascade area council scout executive, is to give the main talk.

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Monday, Feb. 14 — Martha Taber, Elfstrom's Home Economist with "Penny Wise Suggestions."

Tuesday, Feb. 15 — Mr. George F. La Bode of the Salem Chemeketa — "Belonging to the Chemeketa is Fun."

Wednesday, Feb. 16 — Mrs. Elsie Gonzos of Juiz de Fora, Brazil — "Brazil is my Home."

Thursday, Feb. 17 — Mr. David C. Dunaway, President of the Salem Art Association — "What Art Means to Salem."

Friday, Feb. 18 — Martha Taber — "Home Freezing to Save Time and Money."

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