

Gardening Today

By Lillie L. Madsen
A question which every home gardener should answer before he sows a seed this spring: How many seeds should he sow for every plant he expects to grow? It is not uncommon for a hundred seeds to be sown in space sufficient for ten plants. This means a crop reduced by crowding unless much work is expended on thinning out the excess plants.

There is good reason for sowing more seeds than will be allowed to grow, but when this is overdone there is a waste of seed and work.

Seeds that germinate slowly such as carrots, parsley and parsnips, should be sown more thickly than others because the seedlings are feeble, and the force

of many acting together helps break the soil crust and bring the sprouts to the surface.

L. H. Bailey, dean of horticultural teachers, expresses this opinion: "Thinning is a process of selection, and the best are allowed to remain. It is evident the chances of obtaining the best are greater when the gardener leaves one plant out of ten rather than one plant out of three."

But real selection is impossible if seeds are sown so thickly the roots of the tiny plants become entangled, and it is impossible to remove single plants without disturbing neighbors. The thickest sowing, therefore, should allow each seed sufficient space to develop as individual.

The surest way with small seeds is to take a few in hand and let them fall through the fingers into the light furrow which has been prepared. Get close to the ground, and with a little practice you can quickly acquire control so that the seeds will be evenly distributed, each sufficiently distant from the next to prevent entanglement.

Keep the seeds in line as well as you can. It helps to let the

garden line which was used in making the furrow remain in place until the seeds have been dropped.

It also helps to mix the very small seeds with dry sand before you begin to sow, using two or three times as much sand as seed. This spreads the seeds out better.

Garden Calendar
March 14 — Sweet Home Garden club, Lola Crenshaw, president, Timberland Manor.
March 14 — Dayton Garden club, Mrs. Lynn Williams, president.

March 17 — Salem Rose society, YMCA, 8 p.m.
March 18 — Stayton Garden club.

March 24 — Brooks Garden club, Elva Aspinwall, president. Questions and Answers.

L. L. D. asks how to pronounce gladiolus plural.
Ans.: I'll take the liberty to quote from Sunset's garden book: "More and more gardeners have decided upon 'gladioli' for both singular and plural, with the accent on the 'o.' Differences of opinion, however, are the spice of gardening, so if you prefer gladiolus, gladioli or even gladioluses for the plural, stick to your guns. After all, the 'i' ending is Latinly correct, although the world often ignores this in the process of anglicizing a word; and as for the last named above, well, there is such a word as galluses!"

I. H. asks how early dahlias may be planted.
Ans.: As soon as all danger of frost is over. Dahlias freeze very easily and we frequently do have some rather late frosts. Some growers say they get best results if the tubers are planted no earlier than May 20. Other plant late in April or early in May.

F. S. T.—Was told that strawberry weevil will injure rhododendrons and azaleas. Is this so, and if it is, what should one do to control?

Ans.: A sprinkling of poison apple pumace, readily procurable at seed stores, placed around and beneath the bushes, controls the adult beetles as they emerge from the ground, while an occasional watering of rotenone, at the rate of one teaspoon to a gallon, discourages the larvae. The bait may kill birds in the garden, too, and some gardeners put a fine wire netting over the ground—choose one too fine for birds but not fine enough to keep out the beetles. Don't, as one gardener did last year, cover the bait closely with cheese cloth. In the primrose bed, keep about one teaspoonful around the crown, and under the leaves of each plant during the spring-summer season, replacing it each time a rain washes it away. This pest has become a real menace to our mid-Willamette gardens. Some Portland gardeners report there is little trouble with it there. We can't say the same here.

Grand Island Pupil Winner In Art Work

GRAND ISLAND—Elwin James Mandigo, age 12, 7th grade student from Grand Island school, has been notified he is one of the nine first-place winners from this state in Milton Bradley company's national—"America the Beautiful" crayon art competition for kindergarten and grade school students.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mandigo of Dayton. He will receive a mounted engraved plaque. National winners, chosen from state winners in each grade, will be presented with \$500 government bond scholastic fund awards. Over 80,000 drawings were entered.

It is hard to say who is the more excited about James' success, he or his teacher, Mrs. Beaty, under whose guidance fledgling artists from Grand Island school prepared their entries.

Installation of SAE Chapter Next Week End

Formal installation of Willamette university's chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is slated for next weekend with several national officers to be here to officiate.

The group is now known as Phi Alpha, but will become Oregon Gamma chapter.

An informal province convention will be held in conjunction with the installation. Meetings will be Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning and afternoon.

Entertainment is in charge of the chapter, headed by Charles Bowe of Coos Bay and the Salem Alumni association, of which Robert Brady is president. Program will include a smoker at the chapter house Friday night, formal installation Saturday afternoon followed by a banquet for new members and alumni, formal dance Saturday night at chamber of commerce rooms, and Sunday afternoon an open house and tea at the chapter house with Mrs. Elizabeth Higbee, housemother, as hostess.

Dr. Charles E. McAllister, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Spokane will be the principal speaker at the banquet. During the banquet there will be a dinner for SAE wives and mothers at the Phi Alpha house.

National officers to be here to install the chapter are G. A. Ginter of Cincinnati, Ohio, national president; Emmett B. Moore, vice president; Lauren Foreman, executive secretary, and Al Scoth, chapter supervisor, as well as Glenn T. Nygreen, province president.

The average altitude of Spain is 2,000 feet, higher than that of any European country except Switzerland.

President



G. A. Ginter (above), national president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and Lauren Foreman, executive secretary, are to be here next weekend to install the new Willamette university chapter of the organization.

7 Extension Courses to Start in Salem

Seven new night classes for adults will begin here Monday and Wednesday sponsored by the extension division of the state system of higher education. All will be held at Salem high school.

The extension course program includes:
Monday — supervision of teaching, room 206, instructor, Dr. Robert B. D. Baron of Oregon College of Education; art structure III, room 205, instructor, Margaret

McDevitt, Salem public schools art supervisor, both carrying three hours credit and lasting 10 weeks; elementary algebra, room 208, instructor, James Ferris Price, Oregon State college, carrying four hours of credit. Classes are from 7 to 10 p.m.

Wednesday — a speech for the classroom teacher, room 214, instructor, Dr. Kenneth Scott Wood, University of Oregon; foundations of physical science, room 215 instructor, Anton Postl, Oregon College of Education. Each carry three hours credit and are from 7 to 10 p.m.

Other courses include a two-hour course in lower division painting, room 205 from 7 to 10 under Carl Hall of Willamette university. A course in advanced sight reading also will start Wednesday in room 105 from 7 to 9 p.m. under Gretchen Kremer, Salem public schools supervisor of music. Members of this class may elect to gain an additional hour of credit by taking choral conducting following the regular course. Additional information on

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE GARNET STREET FROM MARKET STREET TO NEBRASKA AVENUE

Notice hereby is given that the common council of the city of Salem, Oregon, deems it necessary and expedient and hereby declares its purpose and intention to improve Garnet street from the south line of Market street to the north line of Nebraska avenue in the city of Salem, Marion county, Oregon, at the expense of the city, by the street improvement act of 1949, which are now on file in the office of the city recorder and which by this reference hereto are made a part hereof.

The common council hereby declares its purpose and intention to make the above described improvement by and through the street improvement department.

By Order of the Common Council February 22, 1949.
ALFRED MUNDT, City Recorder
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the classes may be obtained from Dorathel Froehlich, Salem high school, phone 3-4143.

This opening also coincides with the spring term opening of the Salem public schools adult education program. Director George D. Porter reported that a housewives' sewing course, to include alteration and tailoring will open its spring term Monday night at 7:15 o'clock. It will be held each Monday night by Mrs. Esther M. Greer in room 101.

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