

Farm, Home and Garden

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Crab Grass No Longer Necessary

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You can really give notice to your crab grass to vacate. The notice can now be enforced. There are a lot of crab grass killers on the market. If one doesn't work for you, try another. Phenyl mercuric acetate is one of the promising ones. You can get it in a granular dust which you can broadcast by hand or with a lawn fertilizer spreader. Some of the killers are based on potassium cyanate. Another is a petroleum naphtha product. August is one of the good crab grass month killers—before it sends out its millions of tiny seeds.

Way up on the top of a hill above Mill Creek to the east and south of Sublimity, we found some most excellent onions. They were among the largest we have seen. Joseph Spenner, who was the gardener there, said potash did it. He had put quite a bit of potash along the rows after he had planted the onions. It certainly produced.

If you have a small home strawberry bed that has borne for a couple of years, try broadcasting 5-10-5 commercial fertilizer over it at the rate of 25 pounds to 1,000 square feet after the plants stop bearing. Don't let any of the fertilizer stick to the leaves. If your rows have grown matted together, thin them out, leaving only big, healthy new plants. It is wise to pull out some of the older plants, even if they are not too crowded.

Lettuce, like some people, grows bitter with age. It is best to pick and use what you can when it is young, then dig it up and reseed.

Roses, the world's most popular flower, are native only to the continents of Asia, Europe and North America. They are, however, grown on all continents.

Color Slides Are Taken of Noted Gardens

Better Gardens Institute, sponsored by a chemical spray corporation, sent Norvell Gillespie, Pacific Coast garden broadcaster and author to Europe this summer to obtain a number of colored slides of famed European horticultural spots.

Included are views of Kew Gardens, Royal Horticultural Society's Trial Gardens at Wisley, Chelsea Flower show, London's Hyde park, Bagatelle Rose Test gardens in Paris, Empress Josephine's two century old rose collection at Malmaison, Dutch bulb fields and many other places.

Gillespie is to return to Europe in September for a final whirlwind tour to obtain pictures of fall gardens in the British Isles, France and Holland.

The pictures, accompanied with lectures, are free to garden clubs and community meetings in the eight western states. There should be 100 people in the groups to which the pictures will be shown free of charge. Some clubs may go together for a special showing.

Milk alone is not a complete ration for young pigs, due primarily to the deficiency of iron and copper which causes anemia to develop in the pigs.

Garden Calendar

August 9 — Mt. Angel Garden club, 7:30, Mt. Angel City hall, Mrs. Joseph Brockhause, president.

August 9 — Lyons Garden club, Mary Fink and Beatrice Hiatt, hostesses.

August 10 — Scotts Mills Beauty and Utility Garden club, Mrs. Bruno Schmidt home.

August 11 — Jefferson Friendly Garden club, second annual flower show, City hall.

August 12 — Summer Flower show, Silverton Jay-C-Ettes, Eugene Field, Silverton.

August 17 — Lebanon Garden club Herb tea, Mrs. A. G. Kortz, gardens at 576 Walnut street, Lebanon.

August 20 — Dahlia Day, Seaside.

September 4-10 — Oregon State Fair flower show.

September 21-23 — North Marion county fair flower show, Woodburn.

September 30-October 1 — Early English Chrysanthemum society show, The Journal Building, Portland.

November 4-5 — Portland Chrysanthemum Society show, Masonic Temple, Portland.

Colorful Annuals Replace Heavy Shrubbery



Many gardeners who lost their foundation shrubs during the severe winter months were just "sunk" when spring came. The house looked so bare. Now they are not sure but what it might have been rather a good thing. The heavy shrubbery has been replaced with low, colorful annuals. Here a foundation planting of marigolds, in the background, interspersed with dwarf dahlias, and with the dwarf compact Fire Chief petunia in the foreground, give much color throughout the summer (Farm Photo for The Statesman).

The Statesman's Question and Answer Box

Question — Can peony roots be divided now? I have been told to do this in summer and not spring or winter. T.L.

Answer — Why skip fall? The official time for dividing peonies, so the experts say, is September 15 at 9 a.m. However, I would imagine almost anytime in the forepart of September and not much after September 25 would do.

Question — Do the so-called California grapes do all right here? Would some special culture help them out? Mine don't seem to ripen properly. W.J.

Answer — Not so much special culture as special climate — warm, sunny, not so early frost or rain. However, there are some varieties of California grapes which will do all right here. But don't count on them year in and year out to function properly. Ask your nurseryman which of the varieties he has, and which will "do best" here.

Question — When should I plant my daffodil bulbs? I haven't ordered them yet. But I'd like to order them as early as possible so I won't forget to. A.D.

Answer — Order them at once. The dealer will send them to you at the proper time to plant. Usually from September through October is considered the time, although the earlier the better.

Question — My lilies-of-the-valley spread and grow wonderfully well, but the bloom is very scant. I was so disappointed in them this year. Just a few blooms but a lot of leaves. C.M.

Answer — Try confining them with boards dug down in the beds. The bulbs should be planted on the north side where the plants can get plenty of light and filtered sunshine part of the day. They like a soil rich in humus.

Question — My neighbor has some lovely grapehyacinths, growing neatly in her border. I sent for some and they grow foliage in the fall which becomes a mess before it blooms in the spring. Do you suppose my ground is too rich? T.H.

Answer — It could be, but more likely you have a different variety than she does. There are scores of varieties and some of them do send up top growths in the fall, while others wait un-

til spring and the latter are more neat in appearance.

Question — I have a small greenhouse and I'd like to grow some pansies for winter flowering. My friends tell me I can't do this, that no matter when I plant the seed they won't bloom until I set the plants out in the spring. Is this so? P.O.

Answer — Certainly pansies will bloom in a greenhouse in the winter. The seed should be planted at once. Set the plants in benches in early October. Be sure the soil is sweet and light and well fertilized. Pansies are always heavy feeders and growing them indoors make them no less so.

Question — We want to plant some lettuce for fall use. Is this possible? How long does it take before lettuce planted from seed is useable? What varieties should we plant? We don't particularly care for heads. G.H.

Answer — Most lettuce varieties mature sufficiently for using in from 40 to 45 days. Many gardeners sow lettuce during the last two weeks in August. You might try Oak Leaf, Bronze Beauty, Grand Rapids, Early Curled Simpson, Early Prize-head. These are not headed varieties. Headed lettuces usually take from 75 to 90 days to form good heads.

Question — I do not seem to be an onion gardener, yet we like green onions so much. The onions remain small, not much larger than the sets which I plant, and if I grow them from seed they stay very little and thin. What is wrong? A.H.

Answer — Could be a number of things: Root maggots, thrips on the foliage, too poor soil, lack of lime, too heavy soil, too much nitrogen in soil, poor variety.

Question — We borrowed sort of a tannish grey book on flower arrangement from the library once in Portland (it's a newish book) and there is a special arrangement I am interested in. Since then I've written the local library for the book but they keep sending me the wrong one. Would you have any idea which book it might be? There's a picture of a spray of flowers on the cover. I can't remember the name or the one who wrote it. J. P. D.

Answer — With such meager

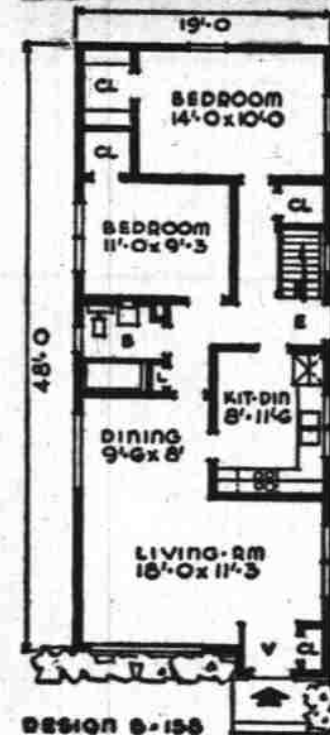
information, I am afraid I'll give you the wrong name, too. I have before me two books on flower arrangements, both "tannish-grey," and both with a small spray of flowers on their covers. Both are very fine, but I'm not sure the special arrangement for which you are searching is included in either one. The one is Rockwell & Grayson's "The Complete Book of Flower Arrangement," published in 1947. The other is Carl Starker's "Western Flower Arrangement," published in Portland, also in 1947. Rockwell and Grayson have another good book, too, on flower arrangement, "Flower Arrangement in Color."

Question — Can you tell us how to kill clover in the lawn without killing the grass? L.R.D.

Answer — A number of the new weed-killers will do this. Go to your favorite seed store and ask for a weed-killer to rid your lawn of clover. It is certainly the simplest way of removing any undesirable weeds or other plants.

Question — Some one sent me a bulb simply marked "Shuk-san," and I have no idea what this is. Can you tell me? O.F.F.

Answer — In my lily year book, this is listed as a hybrid lily. The plant grows from four to five feet high.



THE BAKER is only 19 feet wide and in most cases can be built on a lot as narrow as 25 feet. The plan consists of an L-shaped combination living-dining room, kitchen with dining space, two bedrooms and full basement. If no basement is used, the space occupied by the stairs can be converted into a utility room. Kitchen cabinets line two walls with the sink under the windows. The refrigerator is on the left and the range on the right, which still leaves ample space for a breakfast set. Bedroom closets are large size walk-in closets. There are coat closets in the vestibule and the rear entry. A linen closet is placed conveniently in the bedroom hall. Plans call for a finish of either cedar shakes or wide siding. The roof, with wide eaves, is asphalt shingled. The overall dimensions of the Baker are 19 feet by 48 feet. Floor area totals 912 square feet, while the cubage of this house amounts to 17,328 cubic feet. For further information about **THE BAKER**, write the Small House Planning Bureau, St. Cloud, Minn.