News of Farm, Home and Garden

'Lovely' Sight

Tree Blooms Again on Lawn Of Postoffice

By LILLIE L. MADSEN Garden Editor, The Statesman

Driving down State Street past the post office lawn Thursday, I noted The Tree in bloom So I know that before the week is over someone will call or write me a note to ask "What is the name of that lovely tree in bloom on the State Street side of the Post Office lawn?"

I'm going to beat the inquirers to the draw and tell them ahead of being asked: It's Albizzia Julibrissin, variety rosea.

We go through this every year, and anyone who has seen the tree doesn't mind hearing about it again, 'm sure-or, for that matter-being reminded that it is now in bloom and worth going several miles to see. I wouldn't want any of the newcomers to our area to miss seeing it.

As a whole the Albizzia is a tree for a sub-tropical climate, and only this species is hardy enough to survive here. That it is hardy, has been definitely proved as it has survived a number of rather severe winters in the valley.

The tree is closely related to the Mimosea, or acacia trees, and cultivation is much the same. The difference between the Acacia and Albizzia tree lies in the stamens, which are free in the former and united as base in the latter. Too, the acacias are be-

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There's no better-known grassman in the United States than Louis Bromfield, novelist, whose organic farming at the famous Malabar Farm at Lucas, Ohio, has drawn international attention. Harry L. Riches, former Marion County Agent, was once a guest at the ranch. Here Bromfield is pictured at his home, keeping his lawn green and healthy by feeding, through the hose, a soluble, allnutrient fertilizer.

lieved to be more short lived than have purchased plants from cer- ten by you saying that late June is the Albizzia.

drive by to look at the tree while ments will know what I mean. it is in bloom.

nual reached my desk this week and on the cover is pictured the letters from four valley gardenlovely new red Chrysler Imperial, the patent for which is now pending. This is an origination by Walter E. Lammerts introduced by Germain's in Los Angeles. It won the Portland Gold Medal in 1951 and was the All-American Rose Selection this year.

Besides the new and up-todate information on care of roses and the listing as well as illustrating of the newer varieties, the book this year contains some interesting general rose reading, such as the story of the White House Rose Garden which was started 40 years ago at the direction of the first wife of Woodrow Wilson soon after he became president.

gardens, rose show awards. . . .

I particularly liked the article ripen." by Philip Armstrong, of Dalton, Pa., which deals with the old Plant Roses." His general answer is "It All Depends," but he amplifies fully, giving considerable worthwhile information on reasons for various planting times. Another fine article is the one

by E. Eugene Pfister, president of the American Rose Society, who urges more simplicity in cultural practices for roses.

"Because many people have the idea that growing roses is an tices and help make rose growing ing, or partially so. more popular," says he, while going on to give some of the important steps in becoming fa- what Dr. J. H. Hanley, widely miliar with the care of roses.

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tain back-east firms, in response and July were iris planting time. Remember - don't forget to to deliberately faked advertise-The spindly, weak plants, halfdead if not entirely gone, as they The 1953 American Rose An- reach you through the mail, represent a sad garden story. I've had ers this week complaining of this.

and wanting to know what to do. The best rule for home gardeners to follow is to hunt for the plants they want from reliable nurseries and plant growers close by. Take the ad you read in the magazine to your own favorite nurseryman or plant grower, and chances are you'll find he has the same plant in far better condition. If he hasn't, he'll likely get it for you and when he gets it for you he is responsible for obtaining a good article. But certainly all out-state firms are not to be criticized-just some.

A. G. B. Bouquet, Oregon's top There are also articles on early vegetable expert, reports that American rose hybridizers, on vegetable gardeners should not re-Pioneer roses, municipal rose with the idea of "exposing the fruit to sunlight so that it will

question of "When Should We able temperatures for ripening, color contrast. Grows easily from better, the professor says.

Furthermore, he adds, the valuable foliage of a tomato plant is useful in protecting the fruit from sunscald. Those gardeners who train their plants on vertical supports are sometimes prone to remove plant leaves which is "an undesirable and unnecessary prac-

Later on, in the case of rain. arduous task, we, who grow roses, the foliage will protect the fruit like bracts on statice seed must ter lilies and cacti, the former should simplify our cultural prac- and quite possibly prevent crack-

I was also interested to hear known Pacific Northwest horticulturist had to say about flower-Don't believe everything you ing woody plants . . . "rose. read. . . I've said that a lot of rhododendrons and heathers . . times-even if I'm hoping you these three comprise the very

believe what I write. But some best of all the groups of flowerthing should be done about out- ing woody plants. West-side garlandish advertising claims - and deners, bent upon using only the this is not referring to our own easy-to-raise woody plants, could advertisers-but those that claim employe these three basic types outlandish things for back-east to produce colorful landscapes at plants. Those of you who may most any time of the year."

Now in summer, the many fine kinds of heaths and heathers are jums all root well from side right at their peak of bloom. Those who are fortunate enough to have extensive plantings of them, mixed plantings of Callunas or Erica vagans varieties, and the houses which say that a high perseveral lovely forms of Erica centage are doubles, you may be Cinarea and Daboecia (the Irish surprised to find how many real-Bell Heather), for example, are ly are double. One time I bought right in the middle of the sight- a couple dozen plants, all supto-behold period. Main cultural posed to be double. All turned points with the heaths and heath- out to be single. I had sown a ers are: Give them a light, well- package of seeds, from a house drained soil; an acid soil (or acid which said these seeds would fertilizers), shear them off after yield many doubles, and I got they flower; treat soils with some only a couple of singles from the soil dust to protect them against entire group. I have not tried strawberry root weevil, and give starting cuttings from stocks, althem a little extra stimulation in though I frequently have started the watering.

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Answers

Question-This may not seem ike a regular garden question but the door leads to the garden -What can we use to paint a copper screen? Have been told that it needs protection. M. F. G. Answer—A good grade spar varnish will give a copper screen

Answer-Probably Aldrin insecticide. This was cleared as tuber flea beetle controller sometime ago. Scientists say this insecticide if properly applied, will trol tuber flea beetles, Western spotted cucumber bettles, and wireworms without affecting the quality or taste of potatoes. They recommend two to five pound lots of Aldrin to the acre, disked into a newly prepared seed bed for a depth of six inches. There are also various dusts used on the tops of the potato plants-but these should have been started sometime ago.

Answer-No, irises are funny things-you can plant them from June to late autumn-but the earlier you get them in, the better blooms you really get as a rule.

Question-What's wrong with inclosed sample of our cedar. What to do to save tree? Also our low growing cotoneaster is all tings from petunias grow so easicovered with spider webs. Seem ly and would make much better to be drying it up. What to spray with? L. R.

Answer-Cedar shows damage from needle miners and cedar tip Don't try starting them in too moths. Several species of these rich soil. They do very well in seed field day, Corvallis, 10 larvae, web needles and mine sharp sand and bloom shortly a. m. into twigs, killing them. Winter after striking roots. One of my is spent in these mines. Spray double ones broke off a month with light-medium summer oil ago, and I stuck it into the bed emulsion plus nicotine sulfate in along side of the others. It kept early spring, or lead arsenate right on growing, not even stopthrough spring and summer. Use ping its bloom. lead arsenate on web worm on the cotoneaster.

Question-What's creeping Zinnia? Is that the real name for it? roses in England and France, on move leaves from tomato vines A neighbor is growing a plant which she calls this. R. A. C.

Tomatoes develop a desirable cover, especially when combined some fresh foliage and if there color largely by virtue of favor- with Royal Carpet Alyssum for are any seed pods, I might do

> got some statice seed which had more than the same depth. Keep strawlike coverings. I rubbed the soil moist around roots until these off, thinking may be the bush becomes established. Howseed hadn't been cleaned prop- ever, don't drown it. It seems to erly. The seed hasn't come up. be one of the most difficult Would taking out that stuff make things to describe-just enough, the difference? B. D.

> be left on. The seed always comes like more and the latter like less. this way and the proper way to There's no "just right" amount. plant is with the closed end of the bract pointing down. There are four seeds in each bract. If more than one sprouts, the seedlings should be thinned to the strongest one.

Question-(Really a reply, for which I send my thanks.) The double stocks don't produce seed, only the singles do. I have started many stocks from cuttings just like geraniums. That's the only way I know how to get that particular color again. Save seed of the single colors you want. Wall flowers, snapdragons, delphinshoots, S. W. E.

Question-Can I start petunias der 150 pounds or more of pres- from cuttings? Last year I had a lovely double one but it didn't pellent to fungus rot and ter- winter over. I tried all spring to mites.. One of the best wood pre- find another one just like it but

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Question-Some weeks ago on your agriculture page on Thursday you mentioned a new insecticide for flea beetle control for potatoes. I meant to keep the clipping and evidently lost it. Would you repeat the name of the material? G. A. T.

Question-Is it too late to plant iris? We are newcomers here, but before we arrived, a Salem relative sent me a clipping writ-We'd still like to get some in. A. R. C.

closed plant and flower? When deners, 1:30, home of Patsy Brutwould be the best time to trans- ka. Demonstration of club's kit plant a small holly tree about for corsages. three feet tall? E. R. K. Answer-I'm sorry I am unable 1:30. Answer-This is really Sanvi- to identify the leaves you sent

talia. It makes a fine ground me. If you'll send me a flower, seed and practically all seedsmen

Question-This early summer plenty of roots and reset at little

Answer-Probably. The straw- one nice thing about growing wa-

Answer-Whereas you do get quite a percentage of singles, if you buy the seed from reliable wallflowers that way. Verbenas, too will start nicely from cut-

couldn't. Now I have another one

Use Weeds, Garden Club Told HOMES FOR AMERICANS Statesman News Service

KEIZER-When you pull weeds from your garden do you carry Ferrill told the Carlhaven Garden Club Thursday night.

If the weeds are left on the ground after pulling and worked into the soil, humus is restored. Ferrill suggested that when grass clippings are used as a mulch that they be arranged in layers with soil to provide breathing space. If sawdust is used as a mulch, the 3-4 year old variety is the best as the decomposition has already started and it will become available as plant food sooner than the new sawdust.

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erroneous idea that just because them to the fence and throw them soil is black; it is very fertile. away? If so, you shouldn't, Ed The black coloration may be due to decomposition in the soil and have nothing to do with fertility. A red spil indicates the presence

of iron in it and a yellow soil is usually due to poor drainage. There will be an exexcutive meeting Thursday at the home of the glub president, Mrs. R. C. Gayton. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Dr. Peter DeMarco, 4649 Harcourt Ave., on September 3.



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I like very much and hate to lose it. Will it winter over in the Garden

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Aug. 12-Annual vegetable

Aug. 12-Mt. Angel Garden

Aug. 13-14-Major Gladiolus

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construction is suggested.

Answer-You could probably

plants. You could winter over

the old plant if you wished, and

Question-Can you identify en-

Unless you are an expert at

the fall rains set in. Dig with

without too much water. That's

Question - To settle an argu-

ment, can you tell us approxi-

mately what Oregon's 1953 straw-

berry crop is estimated at? How

it compares with last year's? A. R.

ly over 30,000 tons of berries

without stems. This production,

according to USDA, is 10 per cent

larger than last year, and 56 per cent above the 1949-51 average.

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Oregon processors through July

17 totaled around 57,000,000

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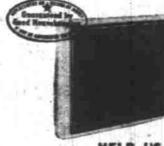
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