

A Children's Theater Will Be Sponsored

A children's theater will get underway in Salem soon under the sponsorship of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. Classes are scheduled to begin Saturday, Oct. 10 with registering of children to take place Friday morning, October 2 from 10 o'clock until noon in the basement of the Salem Woman's Club, 460 North Cottage Street.

The project is part of the AAUW program for enriching education. Arrangements are being made by Mrs. Arthur Sprague, chapter president, and Mrs. Benjamin Dawson, chairman of the art committee. Mrs. M. R. Ringnalda will conduct the classes.

Mrs. Ringnalda will be present Friday morning at the Woman's Club to talk over plans with parents and to register children for the play group. The registration is necessary, she said, so that children may be divided according to ages and so that an estimate may be made of the size needed for the permanent meeting place.

All Ages Invited
Children of all ages are invited to join the group and take part in acting, play-making, staging and production. If enough parents are interested, puppet shows for ages four to six will be offered as a special feature.

Public performances of the plays will be given from time to time. A special section for children with speech difficulties will be arranged if a demand arises.

Martin Home Scene of Rites

The W. A. Martin home in Monmouth was the scene of a wedding on Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. when Miss Lucy Hudson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. C. F. Hudson of Moscow, Ida., became the bride of Donald C. Martin, son of W. A. Martin of Monmouth.

The Rev. Walter Nyberg officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Miss Joyce Martin and Frederick Martin, sister and brother of the groom, were the attendants.

Mrs. Dora E. Scott played wedding music and Miss Violet McFarland sang.

The bride was attired in a navy blue and white suit and the maid of honor wore a royal blue suit. Their corsages were of orchids.

A buffet luncheon was served at noon to the members of the family and immediate friends.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be at home in Portland, where they are employed at the KPTV television studio.

Silverton—The Silverton unit of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Oct. 9, at the home of Mrs. Alfred Down on West Main. Mrs. M. G. Gunderson will serve as chairman of the day.

There will be a nominal charge for the classes.

Formerly drama director at Willamette University, Mrs. Ringnalda has had long experience with both adult and children's dramas. At one time she conducted her own children's theater in Salem, and has done work with children in radio as well as special dramatic therapy. She has given workshops in creative dramatics for teachers at Willamette University, University of California Extension Division, and Oregon College of Education.

Into the Open

Gardening Techniques Known, but Ignored by Lover of Great Outdoors

By MAXINE BUREN
Statesman Woman's Editor
There's another smarter and more learned writer on the subject of gardening on this paper, but every once in a while we find our horticultural thoughts bursting their bounds, so we snitch a bit on Lillie Madson's territory.

We are in a mood for gardening—on paper that is. Looking through a perfectly gorgeous gardening section of a New York newspaper, we find that it says little about the actual problems of gardening, but the headlines give us ideas.

This year we did something sensible—something we have never before done. We took ourselves and a pencil and paper and walked around our garden making notes on what we should do to produce better effects next year. "Set Helium back farther," "Put zinnias in masses along wall," "More large leaved greens on southeast side of house" and so on.

We'll carefully go over these notes when wintertime comes but probably ignore them in the spring. But it was a fine idea, and we may unconsciously follow some of our own suggestions.

We, a rank amateur, have found that in a very small way we can propagate plants even though we break all the rules—especially the one that says water the poor little things when they are getting a start.

IN SIGHT, IN MIND
We located ourselves a place at the left of the back door. This spot is one we always keep watered because it is handy to the source of supply, and we see it every time we go in or out of the house. It is sandy and shaded.

We last year started half a dozen hydrangeas which we surprisingly pinched off bushes of unsuspecting friends. This year they are thriving bushes and we shall put them in permanent spots come winter.

A little propagating bed also yielded several very nice rosemary starts, some rose cuttings and broadleaved evergreens that looked like they wanted to start, and did.

Though this feat would probably be beneath the notice of a successful gardener, to our immature mind, it seems quite wonderful and so very, very inexpensive. We shall add to our enterprise in a bigger way this season.

SMART FOLKS
If you too are a gardener who finds this eternal \$5 and \$10 a month for shrubs a drain on the economy, you'll feel as we do that even six successful plants a year helps the looks of things and goes great guns with the ego.

This year too we greatly widened our viola supply. We went carefully over the plants, pulled some entirely apart and planting some 15 to 20 small shoots with minute roots in flats. These should be planted out later and cut back in January or February to make nice shaped plants.

Of course the fact that we forgot to water the flats and the little plantlets found life too difficult does not mean that the idea was not a good one. Dead violas, it seems do not need cutting back in January.

Now's the time for planting bulbs, and next spring's display of hyacinths, tulips and daffodils will be a wonderfully rewarding for this autumn's efforts.

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