

# News of Farm, Home and Garden

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## Garden Gabbing

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If you are one of those fortunate few who do not have to work on Washington's Birthday tomorrow—and if it doesn't pour down rain—you might well spend the time getting those sweet peas into the ground. The earlier they get in, the more bloom you can have later.

Sweet peas will thrive in any sunny location. They need a rich, well-manured deeply dug soil with good drainage. Arrange a trench about six inches deep. Place the seed four to six inches apart and cover lightly with good soil. Then place another light covering of peat moss on top of this and scatter slug bait or sharp sand on both sides of the trench.

Before planting seed, shake it up in a sack with a bit of semesan. As the plants grow you can rake the soil in around them until the trench is filled level with the surface of the ground.

While we are on the subject of sweet peas, let me suggest that you look over some of the new varieties. There are some new earlier flowering sorts now, many of which come into bloom three to four weeks earlier than the older varieties. Also there are some new sorts which have many more blooms to a stem than the older varieties do.

If you have berry-bearing bushes in your shrub border, prune before the flowers appear. Late flowering shrubs such as hydrangea hortensis can be pruned now. Remember that the flowers develop on the shoots that did not flower last year—do not cut these to the ground.

Pretty soon now you'll be getting your chrysanthemum bed ready for spring planting. Most growers do not ship chrysanthemums for spring planting until late March or April. However, orders are filled in rotation, so the orders placed early will be attended to first.

Perhaps you recall that last fall quite a number of us attended open house at the gardens of Dr. E. J. Kraus at Oregon State College. We noted a lot of new ones which he was going to introduce this year. If you don't remember where you put the list here are a few of his new ones which are available from Marvin Black, out on Chemawa road: Ballerina, an orchid rose, a bushy two-foot plant, heavily covered with two inch blooms.

Chestnut, a reddish chestnut brown, small, fully double blooms with long stems. Purple Sage, another orchid-purple with lilac silver reverse. The petal arrangement of this is irregular. The blooms are rather large. (Marvin adds the supply of this plant is very short.)

Reverence, a light primrose yellow, large and fully double. This begins to bloom about September 10.

Snowspoon, the best white spoon, single in the Northwest but almost double in the Midwest (and don't ask me why). The blooms are snow white and three inches across.

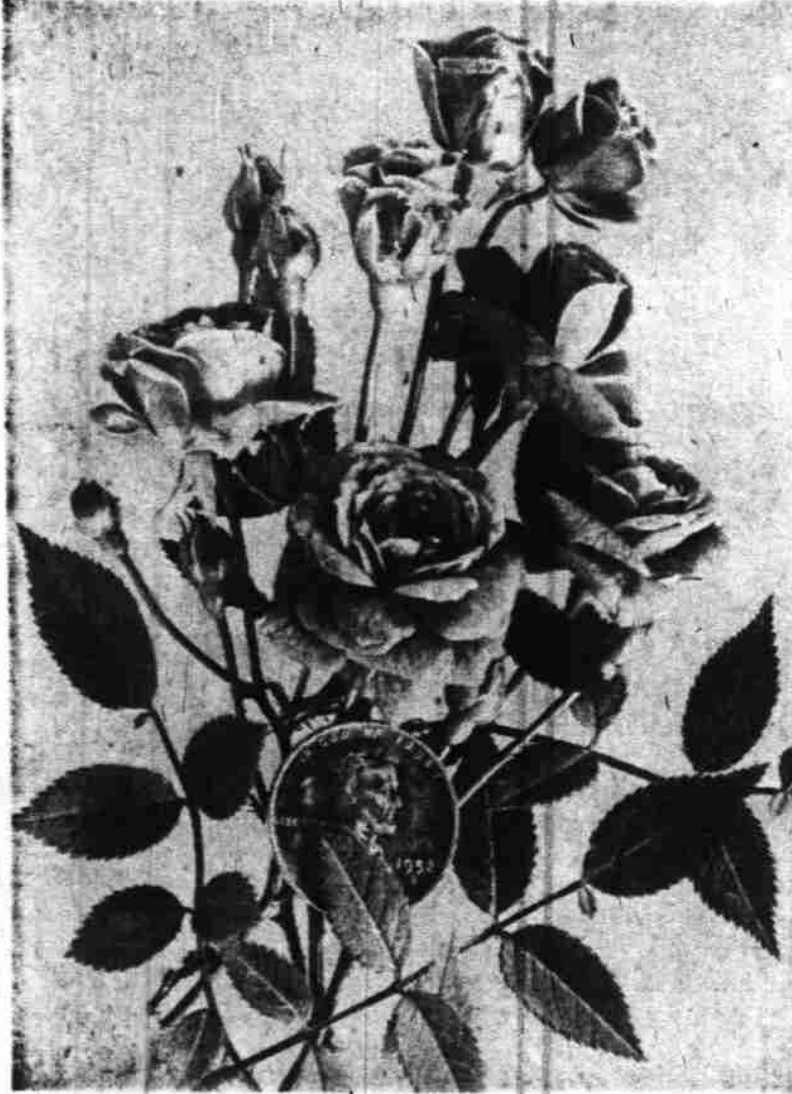
White Rice, another fine white one. Very sturdy, full-double blooms.

Almost everyone has a philodendron, if he has any house plants at all. So few have peperomia, which seem much better adapted to the average small house... particularly is the Watermelon-Begonia (peperomia) suitable. The heartshaped dark green leaves, striped with silver, make a very pretty little plant. The peperomias like a northern exposure, plenty of water and lots of humidity. I frequently see them in florists shops here in the valley and always wonder why I don't see them more often in homes.

Now is the time to think of transplanting your house plants that have grown throughout the winter. Some of these need very little transplanting—that is repeating only every few years. Others should be transplanted every year.

A number of bright red azaleas were received during the St. Valentine season. A south window will suit these plants best for the present. The ideal temperature is 45 degrees at night and little more than 55-60 degrees in the daytime. If a sunporch is available, this is usually quite suitable. Most living rooms or dining rooms get too warm to keep the azalea in good blooming health. Water the plant frequently and very thoroughly but do not let water stand in the saucer or the leaves will soon begin to turn yellow and drop. Most of the azaleas we are getting here are also hardy here, although a few are not. You might ask your florist if yours is, and then, as soon as the weather warms up—April for instance, set the plant out in your azalea bed for next year's bloom.

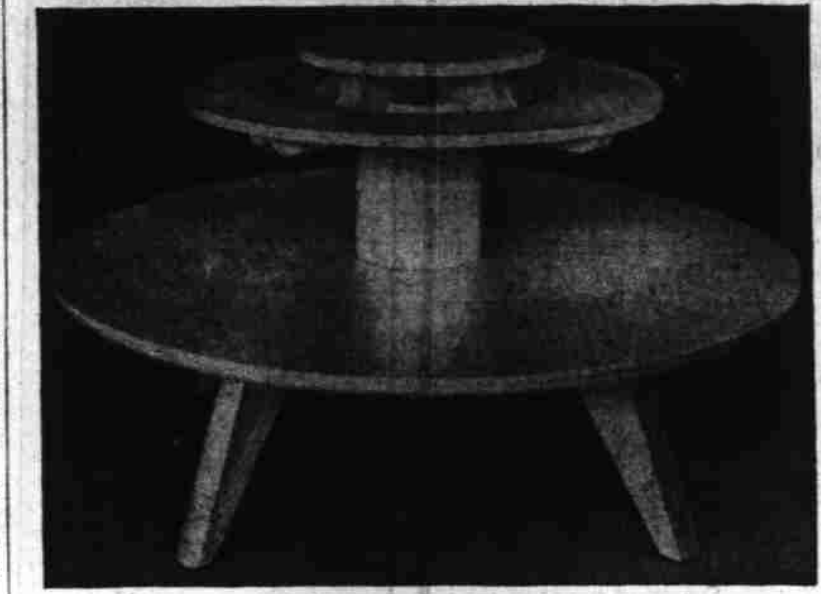
## New Rose Is Size of Penny



Tinker Bell, pictured here, is one of the new small roses that will become quite popular this summer, according to growers who had the opportunity to test it out last year.

## Home Workshop

# Lazy Susan Table Blends With Decor



By BILL BAKER  
Furniture Designer to the Stars

In designing my Lazy Susan coffee table, the purpose was to create a piece of furniture that would blend with any kind of decor, yet achieve distinction by performing a special function.

The main table top is stationary, of course, but the raised Lazy Susan ring and crowning small table top rotate conveniently as a unit.

While the Lazy Susan coffee table looks expensive, it can be built at home for just a few dollars and a few hours of hobbyshop work. If you want to have a lumberyard do the cutting it will add a few extra dollars to the basic cost.

I made the table for my own home in clear white pine, giving it a lacquer finish, but alder wood, gumwood and plywood are other excellent choices. The cost of using an expensive hardwood is somewhat offset by a saving of about \$5.00 on varnish and lacquer, since the choicer woods require only a wax finish.

For informal entertaining in small quarters, the Lazy Susan coffee table is a handy and attractive space saver. Its generous dimensions make it equally suitable for spacious rooms.

The double-decker Lazy Susan unit is readily detachable in a few minutes. You can make this Lazy Susan coffee table in your own workshop in a few hours with the aid of pattern number J01. Every section of the table is given you in its exact size, on heavy-duty paper which can be pasted, taped or thumbtacked right on the wood for simple tracing and cutting out.

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To get your Lazy Susan coffee table pattern, send your name and address together with one dollar (\$1) in cash or money order to Bill Baker, The Oregon Statesman, P. O. Box 1111, Los Angeles, California. REMEMBER TO ASK FOR PATTERN NUMBER J01.

Other Bill Baker patterns available: No. 103, Planter Desk, \$1.

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## Chinchilla Show Set for Feb. 28

Chinchilla pelts will be offered on the western Market for the first time this year. Chinchilla Association of America will sell these pelts through the Seattle Fur Exchange, one of the three largest fur auction houses in the United States.

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## Dedication Set Wednesday at Morningside

SOUTH SALEM—Official open house and dedication ceremonies are slated to be held at Morningside School Wednesday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sup't. of Schools Walter E. Snyder will chairmen this recognition of Salem's latest new school opening.

Snyder is to introduce LeRoy J. Stewart, chairman of the school board who will in turn introduce the members of the board. Other special guests are William I. Williams, architect for the job; Robert Morrow, general contractor; Mrs. Agnes Booth, Marion County school superintendent; Paul Harvey, chairman of the Morningside P-T-A, and Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction.

A salute to the flag will be led by LaMont Perman and Warren Harvey with the invocation delivered by the Rev. Harold Hamilton, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The school, located at South 12th Street and Strong Road, was completed and occupied this year following Christmas vacation.

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## Questions Answers

Question—Where can I get old-fashioned roses? Are there any catalogs out on these? If so would you give me the name? C. L.

Answer—Yes, if you'll send me a self-addressed envelope so that I may reply directly, I'll give you the names of some.

Question—Last year had some madonna lilies that sort of rotted off. You told me to use some spray, which I did and they seemed to come out of it. But I lost the slip on which my information was given. Would you mind repeating? And tell me when to use it. I know I used it several times last year. F.A.L.

Answer—I use Bordeaux mixture. Start in early spring and repeat two or three times before blooming season and again in fall. Read the directions on the container carefully so you do not burn the foliage. It helps, too, to dig some of the dry mixture into the soil around the plant.

Question—When do we spray for peach leaf curl? Have just a few trees but they were badly curled last year. We are not really farmers, so county agent doesn't visit us. C.B.J.

Answer—I'm sure the Marion County agents would be willing to give you any information they could if you'd call them. However, in this case, see story on peach leaf curl spray elsewhere on this page. This information was supplied by our county agents.

Question—Have been hunting for some information on the Jordan Community in Linn County. Can you by chance tell us how old it is and the family names of the early settlers there? O.T.

Answer—It's listed as having been settled in 1847 with a grist mill, the first "business". Settlers were Sheltons, Thomases and Bilyeuses.

Question—I have a spot that seems just suited for a fern garden, and wonder if such a garden is ever planted by itself. There is a pool and some trees—mostly oak. I have always wanted a "green" garden, and am especially fond of ferns. Could you tell me anything about the soil they take and a little about variety? H.D.

Answer—A fern garden is lovely, and does exceptionally well in the Willamette Valley. We do not see it here very often. Some of the nicest fern gardens I have seen were around San Francisco. Ferns will do just as well here. A rock or rather large boulder or two helps out, if you have the space. Ferns like a soil full of humus and if this is not natural where you plant them, add it to the soil. You would enjoy, I'm sure, the book "American Ferns" by Edith Roberts and Julia Lawrence. Your library probably has it in stock.

Question—I'm an invalid and have enjoyed your page so much—dreaming of what I could do if able. But now someone gave me a metal hanging basket with an interior of pottery. It is nine inches across and almost as deep. I used to like greenery in the garden so much and once had a green garden. Would any fern or vine grow well in this indoors? L.O.

Answer—Get the basket filled with a soil of one-half loam, one-quarter sharp sand, and one-quarter well decayed leafmold. Mix the whole together well. Don't plant too much in the basket. It will look better if given plenty of room. Place an upright plant in the center. For this a Boston fern, if you like green things, would do nicely. If you want flowers, the sempervivens begonia would do. For trailers at the outer edges you could use Wandering Jew, one of the small ivies, or smilax. You might also use dwarf alyssum, the small geraniums, a low growing phlox, lanterns. A flowering trailer might be a lobelia.

## Valley News

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## OCE Speech and Hearing Center Plans Open House

MONMOUTH—The Western Oregon Cooperative Speech and Hearing Center on the OCE campus here will hold open house Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Purpose is to acquaint both the public and professional school people with the service of the center, according to Dr. Robert L. Mulder, director of the recently-completed center.

The center is the last of five regional centers in the state to be completed through a cooperative arrangement between the Special Education Division of the State Education Department and OCE.

The geographical region served by the Center in Monmouth is composed of Tillamook, Yamhill, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, and Benton Counties.

General objectives of the center involve clinical speech therapy for children who are organically speech handicapped, and general service to students on campus, to screen for speech proficiency in prospective teachers and to provide on-campus and in-service sources related to special education with emphasis on speech correction practices and techniques for the classroom teacher.

One-day diagnostic clinics are held periodically at the request of local school districts in this area.

## School Lunch Aims Told to Pringle Club

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PRINGLE—Simple food, under sanitary conditions, at a low cost.

These are the aims of the school lunch program as explained by Mrs. Emma Wasson to the Pringle Community Club Thursday night. She stated that there has been a great change in school lunches in the past 20 years.

Menus are carefully planned to make them nutritionally sound. In most cases the teachers eat with the children and good eating habits are stressed.

Principal A. W. Hoerauf, announced that, starting Monday, there will be a ten-minute rest period immediately following lunch, rather than after the children come in from play at one.

Hoerauf stated that the quiet period would give food a chance to start to digest, whereas if the child rushed out to play immediately after eating, blood would rush to the extremities and digestion would be delayed. After the rest period, the children will have the usual play period, returning to their rooms ten minutes later than before.

An "Old-Timers" Day is being planned for April 15. All who have had any connection with the school will be invited to attend this meeting.

## Kindergarten to Start New Term

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WOODBURN—Mrs. L. H. Hildebrandt, of the organization of mothers of children at kindergarten age, has announced the opening date of the second term of classes on Tuesday, March 2.

The school will again be taught by Mrs. T. M. Baxter at Lincoln Grade School.

Mrs. Hildebrandt asked that parents interested in entering their children, cooperate in the project by calling her at an early date. Classes will be held Tuesdays through Fridays as in previous terms, said the spokeswoman.

About 3 1/2 million tons of copra, the dried meat of coconuts, is produced annually.

## Dallas Firm Lands Amity School Job

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AMITY—The bid of \$113,794 of Grubb and Green Construction Co., of Dallas, Ore., has been approved for construction of a four-classroom addition to Amity Grade School, schoolboard chairman Russell Sheldon said Saturday.

Grubb and Green submitted the low bid among 13 contractors who bid on the project. Construction is due to start May 1 with completion due in time for start of school in the fall.

## New Dallas Group Formed

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DALLAS—The young married couples of the Methodist Church have organized a discussion group where problems and experiences of their age group may be presented. The group will meet monthly; the next meeting is scheduled for March 14 at the home of the Clinton (Bud) Fosters.

At the Feb. 14 meeting a film, "Is Your Home Fun," was shown with commentaries by the Rev. Fremont Paul. Officers elected the same evening were president, LeRoy Fritz; Bill Harland, vice president; and program chairman; and Mrs. Bud Foster, secretary-treasurer.

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## Call to Work Looms Soon For Loggers

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GRAND RONDE—The logging business is snapping out of the winter doldrums here, and hundreds of loggers and millworkers in this area expect to be called back to work within the next two weeks.

About 50 men already have gone back to work on the Long Bell logging operation here, Sup't. C. J. Hines said Saturday.

Long Bell's operations closed down briefly at Christmas and resumed, only to be stymied by the mid-January blizzards which plastered deep snow over the area.

"We have had worse winters and longer shutdowns in the past," Hines said.

But the effect of this winter's shutdown was widely felt in Yamhill County by merchants.

Hines said the company hopes to produce about 50,000,000 feet of Douglas fir, white fir, hemlock and cedar this summer and fall. That would be 10,000,000 feet less than last year.

The Murphy Logging Company which operates a big mill and logging operation in the Grand Ronde area is rushing completion of a new log dump on the Yamhill River near Dayton. Mill Sup't. Robert Ross said about 100 men will "definitely" resume operations on March 1. The mill normally can handle 21,000,000 feet a year.

## Polk County Court News

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DALLAS—A marriage license was issued here Friday to Kenneth Ross Dyer, 21, Army, and Glendoris Floyd, 19, student. Both listed Dallas as address.

Suit for divorce has been filed by Donna L. Banks vs. Leonard D. Banks in Polk County Circuit Court. Alleging cruel and inhuman treatment, plaintiff seeks restoration of maiden name of Donna Durfee and equal settlement including Barbecue Tavern. Married July 1, 1951, at Winemucca, Nev.

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