

News of Farm, Home and Garden

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Garden Gabbing

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Garden clubs in the Salem area are getting some good speakers lined up now-a-days. There's the Salem Rose Society, which meets every other month. March is the month for meeting, and this time it falls on March 18. The speaker is Mrs. Nat Schoen, a director of the American Rose Society, and she is going to give sort of a line-up on all the brand new varieties, Bob Brady, who is arranging the program, says. She might also tell a little of the forthcoming national show and convention set for San Francisco this year. (Watch Garden Calendar for dates).

This meeting is at 8 p.m. Thursday night in the YMCA, and Bob says that anyone interested in roses is welcome to come, whether or not a member of the group.

Robert Schreiner, of the famous Schreiner Iris gardens out at Quincy, is going to talk on—no not so much irises—but Daylilies at the Keizer Garden club meeting set for Tuesday night at the Keizer fire hall.

And Mrs. Clarence Halverson, known as Eleanor to most of us, is talking on chrysanthemums at the Stayton Garden club Friday. Eleanor has more than once swept the Portland 'mum shows with her prize-winning flowers.

I'm always glad to hear of what the various garden clubs in the valley are doing and who their speakers are, but I must have the information a week before the Sunday in which the story is coming out, you know.

We've been hearing a lot of late about Linda A. Eickman, who lives near Portland and who brought the first real pink to the primrose world. Those of you who have never tried any hybridizing have missed something. You may go on for years and have nothing—at least nothing someone else hasn't had. And then—By the way, have you noticed that the Burpee Seed company is offering \$10,000 for a pure white Marigold? This isn't one of those gyp offers either, where you have to work so many puzzles, or write so many 20-word sentences, telling how good the company is. This is a regular bona fide offer. This summer look for a white marigold in your garden, and if you find one, do not cut the flowers, but let them go to seed. Send about 100 seeds to W. Atlee Burpee Co., Riverside, Calif., postmarked before Jan. 1, 1955. These will be tested out in the Burpee gardens.

For more than 20 years, the Burpees have been looking for a white marigold. The best so far is Man-in-the-Moon, but it is not white enough. The new flower is supposed to be the size of Man-in-the-Moon but as white as a pure white carnation or aster.

Should it so happen that more than one grower has such a white one in his garden, the first one who sends the seeds which meet the requirements, will get the prize.

A keen interest in roses has come to the fore again this spring. Not that there hasn't always been an interest in roses, but popularity of flowers, like other things, go in cycles. Recently roses have not been at the top of the cycle. Roses are climbing that way at the present.

Perhaps the advent of the improved floribunda roses (the cluster types) is the reason for this. They do fit into many landscape plans.

Now that such roses as Dean Collins, (named for the Portland garden writer), Queen Elizabeth, Roundelay, Carrousel, Vogue are obtainable, it is no wonder that this "new" rose type is gaining wide acclaim. You can cut a whole bouquet from one cluster. The abundant bloom is now gaining the quality of the hybrid, and they are gaining this with considerably less culture or trouble.

There have been a lot of questions reaching me recently on Calla lily culture for the garden: When to divide, what soil, what situation in the garden. Calla lilies do very well out of doors here—and we used to think of them as a rather tender house plant. But, of course, one must have the hardy variety.

If you have old ones, separate them as soon as possible. It would have been better had you separated them around Christmas or early January. If they bloomed well last year leave them alone, now, until next winter. If blooms were scarce, it will be just as well to separate them now.

Prepare the soil with a lot of compost and rotted manure, replant large bulbs where they will not have competition from other plants. Also choose a situation with plenty of sun. However, they will grow in partial shade, and these will be the largest blooms, if not the most plentiful. Addition of commercial fertilizer, two inches from the roots and four inches down from the surface of the soil, will also help. Calla lilies are like the proverbial little boy—always hungry. Bait for slugs as soon as growth starts, or they will eat out the tops of the foliage and bloom before they come through the soil. During the dry period of the growing season, water thoroughly. If you are not replanting, put a couple of inches of decayed barnyard fertilizer and a little commercial fertilizer around the plants now.

Apple Trees Good Shaders For Backyard

The apple tree is still considered a good shade tree in the backyard garden if there is space. The apple has been selected from other fruit trees because it is the one, given any care at all, which is the longer-lived.

The apple tree is beautiful in bloom and the twisted gnarled trunk of the age-old tree is still beautiful.

If a good crop of apple is wanted, it might be best to plant two different varieties no further than 100 feet apart. This gives your neighbor an opportunity to have one in his back yard also, since one tree usually gives sufficient fruit for one family. If your neighbor isn't that kind, have the two varieties grafted on the single trunk in your own yard.

The two which seem to do the best job at self-pollination are Rome and McIntosh. However, many of the other varieties are more desirable. Among the better sorts are Red Delicious, Grimes Golden, Winesap (an old but still one of the finer apples), Baldwin, the late Gravenstein.

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Dairy Meeting Slated by FFA In Linn County

Dairy cattle diseases and breeding of dairy cattle will be topics discussed in the Linn County meeting Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the Albany High School.

J. O. Schnautz, professor of veterinary medicine, Oregon State College, and Floyd Walberg of the dairy husbandry department will be the featured speakers.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by the Albany High School Future Farmer Chapter and the extension service in Linn County. Wallace Caldwell, Albany chapter advisor, will be in charge of the meeting.

Little Magic, Big Sentence

CAPTOWN (INS)—A notorious native witch-doctor, appearing in court at Senaga, Northern Rhodesia, boasted publicly that he had a powerful concoction which would make the magistrate impose a light sentence.

A big crowd packed the court to watch the display of magic. But the magic failed. The sentence was heavy. "Unfortunately for him" wrote the magistrate in his official report, "the accused when mixing his herbs for his brew must have added too much thyme."

PENNY VALUE
TEMPLE CITY, Calif. (INS)—Better look twice, boy, your pennies. Mrs. Irene E. Hill, 45, of Temple City told sheriff's deputies that someone stole a penny she had been keeping all these years. The value of the rare 1904 Indian head coin was placed at \$205.

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Questions---Answers

Question—Am new gardener and one of my friends has a lot of primroses which she says she'll divide with me if I find out when this should be done. Where to plant? How deep? Any other thing I should know about them? I've always wanted a primrose garden. S.S.O.

Answer—They may be divided anytime now that you can get on the ground. Don't try to work up a place for a primrose bed so long as the ground is too wet and sticky. Choose a spot where the plants will have at least partial shade during the hot time of the day. This may seem far off, but before the primroses are through blooming we'll probably have some quite warm weather (we hope). Work into the soil some very well rotted barnyard manure, raw bone meal or a balanced commercial fertilizer. Don't set the plants too deep. The crowns must not be covered. After planting, water heavily to settle soil around roots. The next day give them a booster solution, such as one of the standard fish fertilizers. A mulch of compost, sawdust or peat moss will be beneficial.

A dust containing lindane or chlordane, worked into the soil around the plants, will take care of the root weevil which feed so copiously on primrose roots. Of course the really correct time to divide the primroses is after they are through blooming—but then you wouldn't have any this year, and those divided now, if cared for properly, will give you quite a bit of bloom.

Question—How often should the polyanthus primroses be divided. I haven't disturbed mine for a number of years and they seem to be getting a little smaller than when I first planted them. A.L.

Answer—Usually they do best if divided every two or three years. Many growers divide theirs every other year just as they are through blooming. In doing this, wash the soil off the roots and break the plant segments apart. Trim both the tops and the roots and replant the divisions. Note above instructions for replanting.

Question—What type of soil do pansies like best? I've grown some very nice looking plants from seed which I hope to set out this spring. They are not quite ready yet. When about should they be planted out? Do they want shade or sun? This is my first experience. R.P.T.

Answer—Pansies must have a rich and mellow soil. They do not like too heavy a clay soil. They must have good drainage and some sun. They will bloom in shade, but not as plentiful as in sun. I like a little shade, if possible, around 2 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but even this isn't necessary, as pansies usually are through blooming before hot weather. However, if they are in shade, and if the soil is well drained so that the plants get a good start, they will sometimes bloom almost all summer.

The plants like a mulch and plenty of water when they flower. However, don't water after 4 p.m. or you may have mildew. You may have it anyway, as there has been a lot of mildew in recent years. If it occurs, dust with sulphur.

\$2,000 Bond Set On Check Writer

PORTLAND (AP)—Bond of \$2,000 was set Friday for Charles Raymond Dick Jr., accused of writing \$5,000 worth of bad checks at Reno, Nev.

Federal Judge Gus Solomon issued the temporary committal order pending arrival of a warrant for Dick who was arrested at Eugene Thursday.

A hearing on the case has been tentatively scheduled for Monday.

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Strawberries Outlook for Large Supply

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Farm Editor, The Statesman.
Marketing Oregon strawberries in the year ahead will be highly competitive, the Agricultural Situation and Outlook, published by Oregon State College farm economists, said in its release this weekend.

National supplies may be as large as in 1953 despite reduced acreage in Oregon and some other states. The effects of these cuts may be offset by further acreage increases in high-yielding areas of California.

Black raspberries and boysenberries are reported as probably in the most favored spot among the caneberrys due to the decrease in acreages and the small pack of 1953. The relatively high prices of 1953 are not expected to hold during 1954. However, many packers are holding firm on current prices and will probably continue to hold unless competition from inferior quality forces prices to lower levels.

The commercial crop of red raspberries in Oregon and Washington totaled about 25,000 tons in 1953, a 15 per cent jump over 1952.

In contract the crop of black raspberries was fully one-third smaller than a year earlier and prices jumped sharply as packers bid for the small supply. A number of new acres in this fruit are contracted for by packers in the Silverton-Woodburn-Molalla area.

Boysenberry production declined about 10 per cent and prices advanced.

Reports coming from the USDA Friday, show that California growers are turning their eyes to the favorable market prospects for the boysenberries. Considerable interest in planting new acreages is being shown by persons not now associated with the caneberry industry as well as established growers. A recent survey completed places the California commercial bearing acreage of black, boysen and youngberries in that state at 2,430 acres for 1954, an increase of about 110 acres over the 1953 harvest.

Boost in California
This will be the first time in several years that California's acreage in these berries has increased.

As a whole, "Outlook" for fruit farming, giving two basic national trends in supply and demand. On the supply side, production peaked in 1946, while on the demand side, the nation's population is increasing steadily.

Some further reduction in northwest prune plantings is needed to bring prices for this crop up to satisfactory levels, the farm economists believe. Only a small amount of new plantings will provide crops large enough to supply all present outlets. Cannons are having only fair success moving the 21,000 tons of prunes packed in 1953, even though they paid only \$40 a ton for the fruit.

Housewives Need to Know About Hams

LINCOLN, Neb. (INS)—Understanding "ham language" sometimes helps the homemaker to decide how the meat should be prepared.

University of Nebraska nutrition specialist Kathryn Cooley explains that all cured and smoked hams prepared under Federal Meat Inspection are required, by a 1952 regulation, to be heated to at least 137 degrees (Fahrenheit) internal temperature or treated otherwise to kill any trichinae in the meat.

Thus, any cured, smoked ham marked with the round purple U.S. inspection stamp does not need to be cooked for purposes of safety, but only for good eating.

Federally inspected hams labeled "tender," "tenderized," "tendered," "ready to eat" or "fully cooked" must have been heated beyond 137 degrees—to an internal temperature of at least 140 degrees.

A "tender" ham, while partially cooked, needs some additional cooking in the home kitchen to give it a well-done texture and full ham flavor. The packer's label frequently offers directions based upon the amount of heating his company gives to such hams.

A "ready-to-eat" ham may be served without further cooking, but some are more thoroughly cooked than others. "Fully cooked" hams have been heated in processing to the point at which they have a "fully cooked appearance throughout"—which is a requirement of the Federal Meat Inspection Service for any ham so labeled.

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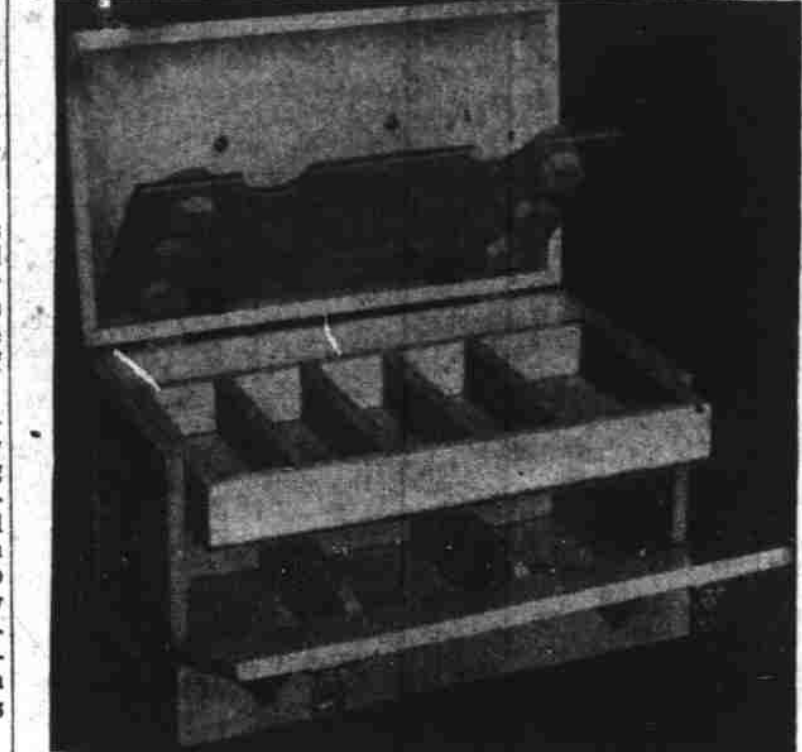
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It's Time to ...

- Plant fig trees.
- Plant blueberry bushes.
- Put slug bait out around calla lilies and primroses.
- Plant a few floribunda roses.
- Sow sweet peas, spinach, radish, garden pea seeds.
- Get soil ready to plant first gladiolus corms.
- Soak gladiolus corms for 15 minutes in solution of one ounce of improved ceresan to three gallons of water, plus 1/4 teaspoon detergent spreader.
- Half the U.S. men who reach age 65 this year will live 12 years longer.

Garden Calendar...

- March 16—Keizer Garden Club, 8 p.m., at Keizer Fire Hall, Robert Schreiner of Schreiner Iris Gardens, speaker. Topic: "Daylilies and Iris."
- March 18—Salem Rose Society, 8 p.m. YMCA, Mrs. Nat Schoen, Vancouver, Wash., speaker. Topic: "New Roses." Everyone welcome.
- March 19—Stayton Garden Club, Mrs. Amanda Gavette, Hostess. Speaker, Mrs. Clarence Halverson, Silverton. Topic: "Chrysanthemum."
- March 23—Irrigation Clinic, Withcombe Hall, OSC, 9 a.m.
- March 25—Lalish Meadow Gardeners, hostess, Anne Zielinski, 1:30 p.m.
- April 4—25th annual convention of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Forest Motel, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
- April 5—Salem Garden Club, Salem Women's Club house, 460 N. Cottage.
- April 11—Mt. Angel Primrose Show, St. Mary's Dining Hall, Mrs. O. J. Williams, general chairman.
- April 22-25—Multnomah County Spring Garden Show, Gresham.
- May 1—Silverton Jay-C-Ettes' Spring Flower Show, Eugene Field Auditorium, Silverton.
- May 4—Salem Garden Council Spring Flower Show, Isaak Walton League Hall.
- May 13-15—American Rose Show and National Convention, San Francisco.
- May 29-June 1—Lion's Club Home and Garden Show, Salem, State Fairgrounds.
- June 4—Pacific Regional Garden Club meeting, Ashland.
- June 8—Oregon State Garden Club Federation meeting, Ashland.
- June 12-13—Salem Rose Society show, Isaak Walton League Building.

Burglars Hit Millionaire's Home Again

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Lavere Redfield, the Reno multi-millionaire who two years ago lost \$1,500,000 to burglars, Friday helped police nab another burglar of his gloomy stone mansion here.

Police booked a self-styled Texas oil man, William S. Clark, 42, on burglary charges. Clark had registered at an expensive hotel here as a Houston, Tex., oil company executive, but admitted to detectives he was released from Huntsville prison in Texas only about a month ago. Redfield, still bitter about the publicity attending the theft from his home in 1952, refused to talk to reporters.

But Chief of Police L. R. Green gave these details: Redfield, in the rear of his big stone mansion, heard the front door close and discovered a man walking down the steps.

The millionaire had neighbors across the street phone police and tell them Redfield was following a burglar.

Police picked Redfield up in their car a few blocks down the street and then nabbed Clark as he came out of a bar on South Virginia Street.

Misprint Puts Reds in Church

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Dr. E. H. Eckel, Trinity Episcopal Church's rector, assured the church and public Friday no Communists have been added to the parish register.

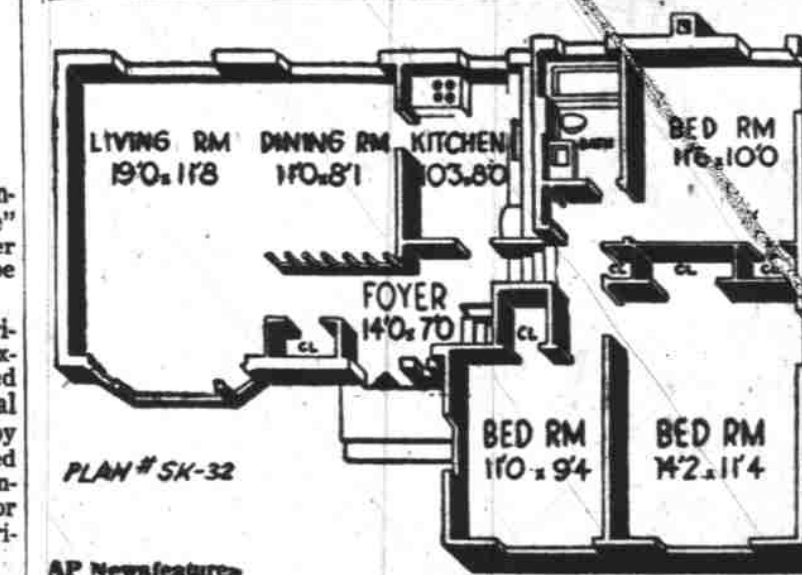
Last week's issue of the church bulletin carried an item reading: "From the parish register—Communists added (2)."

This week's bulletin corrected that to read: "Communists added (2)."

DIESEL CARS
LONDON (INS)—Diesel-engine private cars will make their bow on the British market in April. Britain's first post-war production model Diesel car, now being manufactured by the Standard Motor Company, will, it is claimed, cut motoring costs by 50 per cent.

The United States had no city of more than 100,000 population 150 years ago.

HOMES FOR AMERICANS



AP Newsfeature
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(Further information and blueprints available from architect)

Eugene TV Station Near Test Pattern

EUGENE (AP)—Eugene television station KVAL-TV will start transmitting test patterns late next week, S. W. McCready, general manager, reported Friday.

The station has set April 16 as the target date for being on their air at full power, 55,000 kilowatts, he said.

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