Garden, Editor, The Statesman

It is still true that only God can make a tree, but man has been given the privilege of caring for that tree, a privilege he too frequently neglects.

For instance, shade trees growing under conditions where leaves, grass clippings and other natural litter are removed, require artificial feeding if they are to be kept in healthy, vigorous conditions, says the National Arborist association. Neglected trees usually reach a state of semi or complete starvation even though they may appear normal for time to the casual observer. Then-in a year two or three-that tree becomes subject to insect and disease. It's odd, you know, but the tree borer seldom attacks a perfectly healthy

Use a fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potash-in other words use what is frequently termed a "complete fertilizer." A good fertilizer should contain from 6 to 10 per cent soluble nitrogen. Three to five pounds for each inch of trunk diameter at breast height should be applied to the whole root area, reducing this amount by the proportion of the root system under buildings or pavements where this situation occurs.

Application is best when a series of holes are bored into the soil to a depth of about 18 inches. Distance between the holes should be 18 inches to 2 feet, and they should be bored uniformly over the root system. Soil augurs are the most efficient tools for the purpose. Trained arborists or tree experts generally use air or electric powered tools for the purpose. The advantage of compressed air equipment is that it loosens, aerates and fertilizes all fin one operation. However, while it may act a trifle more slowly, there's nothing wrong with the home method . . . just so that it is used.

I liked this little squib from Bill Egan of the Men's Garden club of Salem: "One of the 'New for '54' is Blaze Zinnia, the only flower to win All-American selection-which doesn't prove anything except that a planting in a corner of your garden this summer should be a good August conversation piece. Crusader is a new Hybrid Petunia described in the catalog as bright, warm rose splashed gaily on pure white petals-which to us means variegated-Fireball is an extra-dwarf, extra compact and extra early blooming Salvia. A white heliotrope called First Snow, an Ageratum called Blue Camp and a couple of dwarf marigolds called Ursuala and Lulu are some minor introductions that might attract your attention. "Finally, as a reminder, seed purchased in excess of this year's needs, will be of very inferior viability by 1955."

It's evident in watching the comings and goings of plantings around homes of ranch-house architecture (why ranch house, when it's in cities one finds block after block of this style house?) that the "new look" has the old-line landscape architect in a tizzywondering what to try next.

The basic landscape principles we all learned in classes of another day house style simply do not apply: Conceal the foundation of a house that has no foundation to hide? Reduce the apparent height, when a healthy jack rabbit could clear the ridge in one jump? Tie down the house to the landscape when the house is al. ready so low that you are more tempted to reach up to its roof and give it a yank to pull it out of the ground? Create a vista-and how, pray tell, on a 30 by 80 foot lot?

It isn't that the new houses are objectionable. Only they do furnish a problem-or, at least, a need for a definite change in thought. A visit to the average nursery isn't too helpful either-it's jammed with plants destined to please the old-line architecture-but not too useful to the ranch-house owner. However, here and there we are finding the nurseryman who has awakened to the new idea and has brought in quite a few of the dwarf things of greater interest.

I've gabbed around, recently, talking with some of the more newly "come out" landscape architects . . . "tell them," one said to me this week, "to plant annuals with only an occasional small shrub own containers for arrangements, for accent

But "they" have been planting annuals-at least 75 per cent of tainers will be furnished. The in- House, Portland. them have . . . and the home owner has found hundreds of attractive formation committee. furnished plants, ranging in height from the ground-hugging thing to the 10- by the society, will furnish names dium show, Santa Barbara, Calif. oot castor bean for the "accent

One good piece of advice I picked up was not to go plant happy and wind up with scores of packets of seed, none of which fit with the others. It's better, I was told, to pick a single class of annuals and stick largely to this until you have felt your way around a little. For instance if you should choose zinnias—there's everything you show closes. The show is open need from the tiniest little dwarf to those standing up two and a half to three feet. You have color harmony; you have ease of cultivation and fertilization, because your plants need all the same care and you have continuous bloom. Almost the same holds true of the marigolds - although these do not give the variety of color - but if you like yellows and brown - what could be better than the marigolds such as the dwarf French, the intermediate height, the larger carnation flowered newer sorts, and on to the taller giant African

Another suggestion is working in Phlox drummondi and betu- counting 10. nias together. These will give you variety in color and size. And the annual larkspur ties in well with these for a taller corner accent. Speaking of larkspurs, I was surprised last blooming season at what had been done with this annual since last I had given it particular attention. Or some of the new snapdragons in rust resistant, double types can be used. Even in snapdragons one as "Skyscrapers." semitalls, and the lower growing kinds - but no ground-huggers yet. Not an annual, but frequently treated as such, the tuberous begonia lends itself well to the ranch-type where there is sufficient shadow and moisture.

Things to Do

Give your Madonna lilies a dusting with bordeaux or spray with 8-4-100 bordeaux mixture. Check iris for leaf spot, if any found spray with bordeaux, leaf-

Plant new asparagus bed, setting plants 8 to 10 inches deep, measuring from crown, and two feet apart.

Pot up and start carna roots for late May planting. Give rhododendrons and azal-

eas a complete fertilizer.

Plant one or two new rhododendrons, camellias or azaleas. If moss on lawn, have husband vigorously rake with iron rake pound to 100 square feet.

Hedge Materials

of appeal was filed Friday for or branch; the best vase of three Flower Show, Eugene Field Audi-Richard Thomson, convicted of trusses or branches and the best torium, Silverton. attempting to kill his business shrub in pot or tub. partner by hitting him over the embankment in a car.

Thomson was sentenced to 20

Thomson's attorney based the appeal on a contention that a con- TRANSPORTS TO ARRIVE fession repudiated by Thomson in Thomson's trial

to remove loose moss and then dew control. (A very fine new apply sulphate ammonia-one trade-named all purpose spray out for roses this year.) Prune out only shoots on climb-Spray roses with all-purpose

spray to start black spot and mil- ing roses that bloomed last year.

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Tithonia, pictured here, is frequently known as Mexican Sunflower, and this particular one, named Torch, was recently an All-American Silver Medal winner. The plants bearing this flower are compact and upright bushy in form. They will grow four feet all. Flowers are firey orange.

Due to Open

The Salem Camellia and Rhododendron Society will hold its 6th annual show at Stan Baker's. Motors, 525 Chemeketa Street on April 10 and 11. Exhibits must be in place by 12 p. m. Saturday so that judging can be deners, Margaret Zahara Home. completed before the show opens to the public at 2 o'clock.

Exhibitors are to furnish their ler. for the camellias and the placing committee will see to it that they get into the proper location.

All exhibits must be left until 8 o'clock Sunday night when the Main Ave. until 9 o'clock Saturday night and opens again at 10 a.m. Sun-

In the arrangements quality of flowers count 35 points with harmony 20. Arrangements themselves count 15 with proportion and balance 20 and relation of the arrangement to the container

Each woman who attends the show will be presented with a ca-

The usual schedule in chorticulture will be followed both for blooms and for potted camellias. A division is being provided for rhododendrons and azaleas which may be in bloom by that time. with ribbons offered for the best truss or plant of hybrids, the best two trusses or plant of species and Thomson Files two trusses or plant of species and the best three trusses or plant of

Another division has been provided for spring flowering bulbs and plants, one for flowering trees or shrubs, with three divisions in Notice the latter: the best single truss | May 1 - Silverton Jay-C-Ette

head and, sending him over an have furnished cash prizes for Odd Fellow Temple. the top winners in the various div-

SAN FRANCISCO P - The should not have been referred to transport Gen. M. C. Meigs is due here next Tuesday from Pusan, Francisco. Korea, with 2.806 Army personnel and 450 Marines.

Garden Calendar...

April 4-Flower Show, Newberg. April 5-Salem Garden Club, 2 p.m. at 460 N. Cottage St. April 5-11-Tacoma, Wash., Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival. April 8-Men's Garden Club of Salem, YMCA, 8 p.m. All men

gardeners welcome. April 8-Labish Meadow Gar-April 9-10-Annual Primrose Show, Kirkland, Wash, Civic Cen-

April 9-10-Oregon Camellia Sobut for individual flowers, con- ciety Show, Oregonian Hostess

April 9-11-International Cymbi-Society annual show, Portland Chamber of Commerce Information Center, S.W. Front St. and

April 10-11-Salem Camellia and Rhododendron Society Show: Stan Baker's Motors, 525 Chemeketa. April 11 - Mt. Angel Primrose Show, St. Mary's Dining Hall. April 14-Mt. Angel Garden

April 18-Salem Blossom Day. April 22-25 - Multnomah County Spring Garden Show, Gresham. April 22-Mill City Garden Club. April 22 - Salem Camellia and

Rhododendron Society Club meet-April 23-Stayton Garden Club postponed from April 161. Host- senate . . . a scant three table- Oregon Wheat Growers League. ess, Mrs. Katie Fery, assisted by spoons to a gallon of water. Look Miss Edna Fery and Mrs. Mary

of Our State." April 24-May 1-Historic Garden Week, Richmond, Va.

er, Scotts Mills. Topic: The Birds

April 25-Rose Show Clunie Auditorium, Sacramento. April 30-May 7-California Garden Show, Oakland, Calif.

May 1-2-Pacific Rose Society Local nurseries and seed stores Annual Show, Pasadena, Calif.

May 8-9-Salem Garden Council Spring Show, Izaak Walton

League May 8-9-Tacoma, Wash., Rhododendron Show, Normana Hall, May 13-15-American Rose Show and national Convention, San

May 23-29-Silverton Iris Show, Cooley Gardens. The Gen. A. E. Anderson is May 26-29-National Iris Meet-

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Questions --- Answers

Question—When to prune for-sythia and Japanese quince? J.B. grown from seed? Someone said Answer—As you cut flowers that these little bright red or after flowering is finished.

Question-My blue cypress is turning all green. Last year, almost all the blue was gone and now there are patches of light brown in the tree. What to do to save it? Or is this natural for this cypress? S. O. P.

Answer-Sounds like the root rot which has taken so many of our Oregon cypress recently. It seems that once it has attacked a tree it is impossible to control. Planting resistant root stocks and chemically treating the soil before planting, seems our only way of saving cypress growth in Oregon.

Question-Would like an annual about three feet tall, and white. Am planting a white garden this year in one corner where there's a green background. But need one annual for this one place. Any suggestions? Y. D. H.

Answer-What about the comparatively new White Wonder Larkspur? This is a beautiful, double flowering plant growing from three to three-and a half feet tall. White canterbury plants, white snapdragons, white foxgloves, are other suggestions.

Questions - Now that flowering plum is leafing out, find some dead wood. Saw in another article where it was now too late to prune. Should I just leave dead wood until fall? G. H.-

Answer-By all means prune off, back to live wood, and paint cut with tree paint. It's too late to cut off healthy branches on maple, birches, walnut and grapes as bleeding is severe at this time of the year. Just a little later when sap-flow slows down, can prune again. But never leave dead wood when once

Question-Please give specific directions for starting tuberous begonias. Had some given me and have never grown them except from plants bought in green houses. T. T.

Answer-To start tuberous begonias, place the tuber, round side down, on moist peat moss. Spray it slightly from time to time until the young growth buds apear, then cover with the peat. two, lift them and plant them in lished you may feed them with one of the organic fertilizers trolling leaf and cane spot. twice a month. It's good insurance to dust the tubers with one April 10-11-American Primrose planting them in pots or out doors, dust the soil lightly. This treatment will help control the soil insects as well as the mildew that has taken its toll in In New Firm the past wto years.

> for leaf spot? L. R. Answer-See "Gardening Gabbing" on this page.

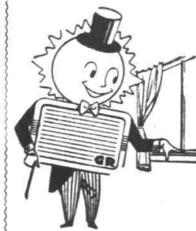
tent caterpillars crawling around in particular. on trees. Didn't know they were out yet? What to do. They are derstanding between the city on my rhododendrons. T. M.

around for webs. Insects feed States will view the film since it Mertz. Speakers: Oliver Brough- nearby. Spray thoroughly.

> Question-When to start chrysanthemums? Q. D.

Answer-Right now take cutroots developed. Some folk take on request as time permits. pieces off or "divide" as they call it, the last year's clump. In so doing take care to take the healthy, new growths at the outer edge of the plant. These may be set out where they are to grow, and a dusting with a hormone powder will help here

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for house use or immediately pink ones along sidewalks and borders-they were used a lot in Victoria last summer when we were there - were all grown from seed. Where can one get

> the sed? F. B. Answr-Yes, both the fibrous rooted and the tuberous rooted begonias grow from seed. Those you mention in Victoria are the former. Christmas Cheer, the red semperflorens grown a lot as a houseplant, grows quite rapidly from seed. Most any of the houses or stores which carry a comparatively complete list of seeds will have the begonia, too.

Question-I brought a Bougainvillea plant here from Santa Barbara when we moved last fall. Was told that the climate wasn't any colder here than there. Now someone tells me this won't grow outside here. Would so like to have it as it was such a lovely thing at my former home. Can you tell me if it will stand the climate here? S. B.

Answer-I'm afraid not. It is rather tender for this climate. We sort of boast that we aren't much colder - particularly if there's a surprise snowstorm there. But when we look at the plant growth in Southern California and compare it to- here then we must admit to ourselves there's quite a difference after all. The Bougainvillea can be grown in pots here and will bloom, particularly the bush

Question-Can you tell us how to get rose films to show at garden club? Heard that national Rose society had some. C. F. Answer-Don't know too much about it, but do know that 1954 All-America rose selections are pictured in 13-minute color. sound 16 m.m. motion picture. Available to adult audiences of 50 or more at only charge for postage. Requests should be addressed to L. Richard Guylay and Associates, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

Question-What to do to control disease of evergreen berries where they get red but fail to get black? A. L.

Answer-Spray with lime sulfur mixed at one to 13. For one gallon of lime sulfur, use just under 13 gallons of water. For one quart of spray use just under When they have made a leaf or 13 quarts of water. The time to spray is when the old canes have equal parts leaf mold, peat moss been removed and the new and sand. Once they are estab- growth is from two to six inches long. This will also assist in con-

of the dusts for that purpose when you start them and before Oregon Wheat and newspapers in one neat, easy-to-find pile. The upper level To Be Shown

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