

Farm, Home and Garden

By Lillie L. Madsen

Garden Gabbing

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Garden Editor, The Statesman

"You know what," a Willamette Valley architect said to me the other day, "picture windows are sort of going out—anyway, we are told they aren't going to be used so much unless there actually is a picture."

Now that's interesting news! While gadding about the countryside this week we came upon a very nice farm home. It was really an old-fashioned home which had been modernized. Right in front was a huge big picture window—really a lovely window had it been placed on the west where the coast range could be viewed. But no, it was in front, looking across a small country road at a great big barn—and the barn didn't look like either a Currier Ives or even like a Grandma Moses barn. But even the barn seemed more pleasant for a picture window than looking into a bedroom of your next door neighbor—which is so often the case in our suburbs where these huge windows are so often used.

But the countryside does have so many beautiful offerings for picture windows that I'm hoping they don't pass out entirely.

Have you seen the new Jimmy Cricket, a floribunda of coral-orange which was one of the All-American winners this year? It represents the latest stage of development among the floribundas.

Tomatoes are a salad maker's best friend—and they are easily grown if given a little of the right attention which includes the proper amount of sun, water and fertilizer. If you are a small family, even a couple of vines will give you all you need for salad.

Just remember, the more sun, the better. Work up the soil good. Apply commercial fertilizer in trenches three to four inches from the plants and four to five inches deep. Dig a small hole, saturate with water, place the plant about two inches deeper than it was in the box or flat coming from the seed store, firm soil around the roots, add more water and fill the hole. If you have to stake because of space, set the plants 12 to 18 inches apart. If you have space to let them sprawl, put them two to four feet apart in four to five-foot rows.

When irrigation time comes along, be sure the water goes down at least three feet—roots of tomatoes grow deep.

Speaking about tomatoes . . . If you use tobacco in any form, wash your hands before touching the plants, and DON'T smoke around them. They have allergies, and tobacco is one of their worst.

For best results spray the tomato blossoms, just as they begin to open, with liquid hormone—it isn't expensive.

If you plant the right sorts, you should be enjoying tomatoes from your own garden within 60 days after setting out the plants. If you get fairly large plants, set them out with the greatest of care, and give them a little extra attention, you can have tomatoes even before that. Ask the seed store man which will bear the earliest.

One thing I like about Stayton (and there are a lot of things I like about it, too) is the petunia displays in summer. It's a Petunia City—says the garden club there—and the residents go in for petunias in a big way. There's nothing that will add so much glamor to an unglamorous summer garden than petunias. They come in so many different colors and shapes. They bloom so profusely and they have a nice spicy fragrance.

The new F-1 hybrid petunias, the result of many years of perfecting strains, have done a lot to give one more eye-filling beauty. These are arrived at by hand pollination, which makes them a little more costly than other single sorts, but you'll find them well worth the trifling extra they cost.

Among these are Ballerina, Comanche, La Paloma (white with an almost yellow throat), Linda Pink Sensation, Rose Charm, Tango (truly a deep salmon scarlet).

In planting petunias, spacing is more important than most people seem to think. With the F-1's spacing should be 12 inches apart in the rows and the rows themselves should be at least eight inches apart. Water them in the flat one day before setting them out. Work the soil well, and water when the plants are set. Shade them a little for the first two weeks if the sun is hot—but it should like we might have good planting weather for a spell yet.

When once the young plants are established and have begun to grow on their own, give them small monthly applications of commercial fertilizer for steady bloom . . . And don't give them fertilizer too heavy in nitrogen, although some is needed.

Despite the best laid plans of the grow-them-yourself gardeners, usually there's something that fails and you need to fill in. I've been visiting a number of florists, greenhouses and other garden stores this past week, and have been amazed at the many lovely things that are offered. If it weren't that I just can't resist "starting" things, I believe I'd throw away most of my seed packets and cuttings and just buy the plants ready to flower . . . I don't believe I've ever seen better fuchsias—and finally the Willamette Valley has also discovered just how much color geraniums will give in an odd spot or two. Several greenhouses have an unusually fine stock of unusual geraniums this year . . . I've run across many of those with beautiful foliage as colors you haven't been seeing every year in geraniums . . . but they are going fast. I've found two greenhouses already sold out of their supplies.

I found some really fine specimens out at Ferrill's Nursery on Chemawa Road (east of Keizer). Also I found a beautiful specimen of bougainvillea, completely covered with its bright red flowers. The Ferrill's and I all stood around regretting that this won't grow out of doors here as it does in—for instance—Santa Barbara, Calif. I even envied the Ferrill's ability to make it grow and bloom that well in their greenhouse. I have never seen a better indoor specimen.

CRIME GOES TO CHURCH Sunday morning services. Police CAMDEN, Ark. — Between said the thieves broke open the \$300 and \$400 was stolen from the door of the Baptist church and choir rooms of the First Baptist used a skeleton key to unlock the and First Methodist churches here Methodist choir room door. Nine while choir members sang for billfolds were taken.

Two Tomato Vines Will Feed a Family



A couple of tomato vines will furnish enough salad food for a family of three or four and can be tucked into some obscure corner of the garden, or against a fence as the one is here. But the tomato must have sun to produce.

Answers to Garden Questions

Answer—Received 15 requests for different show dates, some duplicates. Answers to all found in Garden Calendar on this page. Will always endeavor to find out show date for anyone who wishes such information. A card to the garden editor, saying what show and what state or city, will suffice.

Question—Saw a beautiful single light pink lilac used in flower arrangement. Do you know the name? N.C.

Answer—There are a number of pink lilacs, any one of which this might be: Pink Pearl (Sweginzowi albidus), which fades to white; Lamartine, a mauve-pink; Esther Staley, which is considered one of the very best pink lilacs. Place an order now for fall delivery with any one of our Willamette Valley nurseries.

Question—When is best time to take cuttings of garden pinks that are in bloom in June. How to take cuttings? What type of soil? N.C.

Answer—There are a number of different flowers, termed "pinks" which are now in bloom. However, here in the Willamette Valley we usually refer to Dianthus plumarius as the pink and to most of us this is known as the "garden pink". Best and surest way of propagating this is by layering. Toward fall, stir the soil around the parent plant, take the branches that have a portion of bare stem, make an incision half way through and along the stem for an inch, and peg this down in the soil without breaking off the shoot. Roots will be formed and good strong plants will be the result in early fall.

It has been found that cuttings made from Dianthus plants growing in the open ground do not root readily, but seem to dry up. How-

ever, I have made cuttings, by taking a "heel" of the joint of an old stem, with good new growth at the top, and started outdoors in the garden. But the loss is heavy this way. They like a warm soil and one that will not become too wet at any time. Frequently they die during winter more from too much wet than from too much cold. Also they like a rich soil.

Question—What's wrong with the enclosed rose foliage. All my bushes look this way and it just makes me sick. They started growing so well, too. I fertilized them quite

heavily and have watered them whenever it was dry, C.T.

Answer—This is mildew. Perhaps you fertilized and watered them too heavily, although roses can take quite a bit of fertilizer. Is the air circulation good? Don't water at night, particularly not in the forepart of the season when the night are downright cold. Start dusting with a mildew-prevention dust. There are many fine ones on the market. Don't overdo this but follow the routine prescribed on the container. You can get some dusts that will take care of both disease and insect trouble.

Question—Have azaleas which have never bloomed. It grows very well and was in bloom when I got it five years ago. What to do to make it bloom? M.O.E.

Answer—Should have a little more information on conditions under which shrub grows. Here are some reasons why azaleas do not bloom: Too much shade, excess use of nitrogenous fertilizers, however, if you mulch with sawdust you must add some nitrogen to speed up decomposition, too little water when buds set.

Question—Have a big camellia which I would like to prune. Will I have to wait until fall to prune it? H.W.

Answer—No, fall is not the time to prune camellias. These should be pruned while in flower or immediately after, if pruning is necessary. Would be better to prune now than wait until fall, but even now you'll sacrifice much of the new growth.

Rose Society Invites Public To Exhibition

Roses in the Salem area will be in their prime for the Salem Rose Show at the Isaac Wellman house, 531 South Cottage St., June 12 and 13, reports Don Smith, chairman of the show committee of Salem Rose Society, sponsor of the show.

Smith is urging all amateur rose growers to enter one or more blooms in the event, pointing out that the winner of the grand championship in last year's show had never exhibited before.

Exhibits must be in place by 11 a.m. Saturday, when judging will start. The show will open to the public at 2 p.m. remaining open until 9. On Sunday the show will be open from noon until 6 p.m.

There will be merchandise prizes for the best exhibit in each division as well as rotating trophies. The three best entries in each class will be awarded ribbons.

There is no entry fee for the exhibitor and admission is free. Contributions will be accepted to help finance the show.

Robert Fitzmaurice, president of the Rose Society, says that while there is a special section provided for roses which the exhibitor cannot identify, each entry in the specimen classes must be correctly named and properly entered. However, the committees on entries and placing will be on hand to assist.

There are also special classes for the Peace Rose and the Crimson Glory Rose.

The exhibitor groups have been divided: one is advanced amateur for exhibitors who have won eight or more points; the other a novice division for the exhibitor who has not entered before or who has not won over eight points in any previous show or shows.

LEE BROS.
REPAIR AND REFINISH
YOUR FURNITURE LIKE NEW
Phone 2-7001 4020 State St.

Garden Calendar...

June 6—Final day of Albany Peony Show.

June 6—Pacific Regional meeting of National Council of State Garden Clubs, including Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona, California and Alaska. Southern Oregon College of Education campus, Ashland.

June 9-10—Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Ashland.

June 8-12—Annual convention of Men's Garden Clubs of America, Hotel Cosmopolitan, Denver.

June 8—Spring Flower Show, Oak Grove Community, Polk County.

June 8—Oregon Geranium Society meeting, Oregon Journal Auditorium, Portland, 7:45 p. m.

June 9-13—Portland Rose Festival.

June 10-12—Lebanon Strawberry Festival.

June 11-12—Portland Rose Show, Portland Auditorium.

June 12-13—Salem Rose Society Show, Izaak Walton League building.

June 12-13—Eugene Rose Show.

June 13-27th annual Iowa State Flower Show and meeting, Iowa State Rose Society.

June 16-17—Spring meeting of Oregon Association of Nurserymen, Corvallis.

June 18—Stayton Garden Club, 8 p. m. Hostess, Mrs. Marie Freres; assisting, Mrs. Lucy Peabody, Mrs. Nell Stewart. Topic: Roses, pruning for fall bloom. "What's New," by Leona Gardner.

June 19-20—Convention of International Geranium and Pelargonium Society, Santa Paula, Calif.

June 19-20—Seattle Rose Show.

June 19-20—Corvallis Rose Show, postponed from earlier date.

June 19-20—Chehalis Rose Show.

June 19-20—Tacoma Rose Show.

June 19-20—Southern California Gladiolus Society Show, Civic Auditorium, South Gate, Calif.

June 20—Providence Day, Scio.

June 21-22—Minneapolis 50th annual meeting and exhibit of American Peony Society.

June 22-24—Annual meeting of Herb Society of America, New York City.

June 25-26—Rose Show, Vancouver, B. C.

June 25-26—Spokane District American Rose Society Show, Spokane, Wash.

June 26-27—American Delphinium Society show, Garfield Park Conservatory, Chicago, Ill.

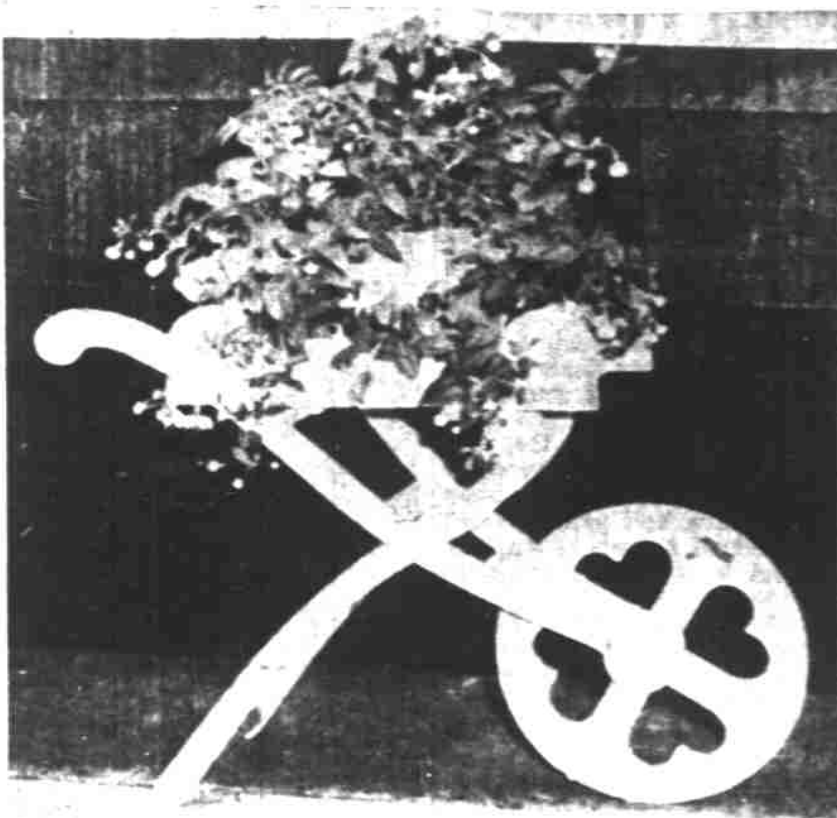
June 26-27—Northern California Gladiolus Society show, Clunie Auditorium, Sacramento.

Fireboats can pump water at such high pressure that the streams can batter down brick walls.

RENT-A-TOOL
Do It Yourself - It's Cheaper
OPEN SUNDAYS
Salem's Oldest Tool Rental
Howser Bros.
1180 South 12th St.

Statesman, Salem, Ore., Sun., June 6, 1954—(Sec. 1)—9

Planter Easy to Move



Little gadgets like this aren't too difficult to make if you have a home workshop and are handy with tools. This particular one was made by George Mais at Silverton and is used on his sister's (Mrs. A. W. Smither) patio at Salem. Mrs. Smither moves it about to whatever spot needs a bit of color. (Statesman Garden Photo.)

POSSUMS AT WHOLESALE the other day he was surprised to catch seven at once. In the "possum's pouch" were six little "possum" cats, but sums—playing "possum."



Outdoor Living

BARBECUES and PATIOS
REDWOOD and CEDAR FENCES

Have us install that long desired Patio and Barbecue in beautiful Rainbow Rock. Enjoy the Outdoors at Home. Easy Terms Arranged.

Rainbow Masonry Products

2040 N. 16th Street
Phone 2-0416 Salem, Oregon

BLISTER-PROOF GUARANTEE

PRINTED ON EVERY CAN OF
MARSHALL-WELLS Imperial
HOUSE PAINT



This NEW KIND OF HOUSE PAINT bonds so tightly on new wood moisture can't get through. New Imperial is fume- and stain-proof, too!

The most severe test you can give paint is on new wood. Here Imperial gives you a startling demonstration of two of its big advantages. It's completely self-priming—sealing the wood pores to provide its own best undercoat. And it's 100% blister-proof—so fully bonded that no moisture can make it blister . . . ever!

Many will say this is impossible—but Marshall-Wells stands behind every can of Imperial with a double-your-money-back guarantee!

Five years of rigid testing on homes and in our laboratories proved that the qualities that make Imperial blister-proof on new wood also make it the most blister-resistant paint you can apply to previously painted

wood! Furthermore, it will not stain from rusting or corroding metals, nor discolor from sulfurous fumes in the air.

Use the new Imperial House Paint on your new home or next repaint

\$5.65
per gallon
COSTS NO MORE THAN OLD STYLE HOUSE PAINTS

At Your Marshall Wells Store . . .

WALLACE HARDWARE

2056 N. Capitol
Phone 3-6877

WEST SALEM HARDWARE

1111 Edgewater St.
Phone 3-3669

Stauffer
CHEMICALS
SINCE 1885

ALDRIN

Controls Corn Rootworms

Stauffer Aldrin protects valuable corn crops against damaging pests. In addition to controlling corn rootworms, Stauffer Aldrin, applied at correct dosage, protects corn from wireworms, white grubs, cutworms and ants.

By spraying with Stauffer Aldrin growers realize the following advantages:

1. Freedom from lodging. Better root development anchors their plant in the soil.
2. More bushels per acre of high quality corn. Only wide ranging, insect-free roots are capable of utilizing maximum nourishment provided by the soil you have so carefully prepared and fertilized.
3. A healthy early stand. No replanting. An earlier harvest.
4. Per acre cost of control is so low and benefits so great that no one can afford to gamble with soil insects.

For healthier soil, better crops order **STAUFFER ALDRIN**. Request complete information and name of nearest dealer.

Stauffer Chemical Co.
Pacific Northwest Division
P. O. Box 68
North Portland, Oregon
Please send Aldrin literature and name of nearest dealer.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zone: _____ State: _____



No Down Payment
Easy Monthly Payments!

This makes it easy
to protect
your home with

CYCLONE FENCE

It's so easy now to guard your home—give your children a safe playground—protect your lawn and flowers. Cyclone is a quality fence, made of heavy, galvanized steel. Lasts longer. Expert erection service. Send for illustrated booklet. Just phone and say "Please mail me the free booklet that tells how I can fence my home." No obligation.

EAST 8105
400 N. E. 11th Avenue
Portland 14, Oregon
UNITED STATES STEEL

Let Us Ride Herd
On Your Heating
Problem, Podnah



Glossheat Suits Western
Living!
Call

RADIANT GLASSHEAT
OF SALEM

1540 Fairgrounds Road
— Phone 4-6263 —