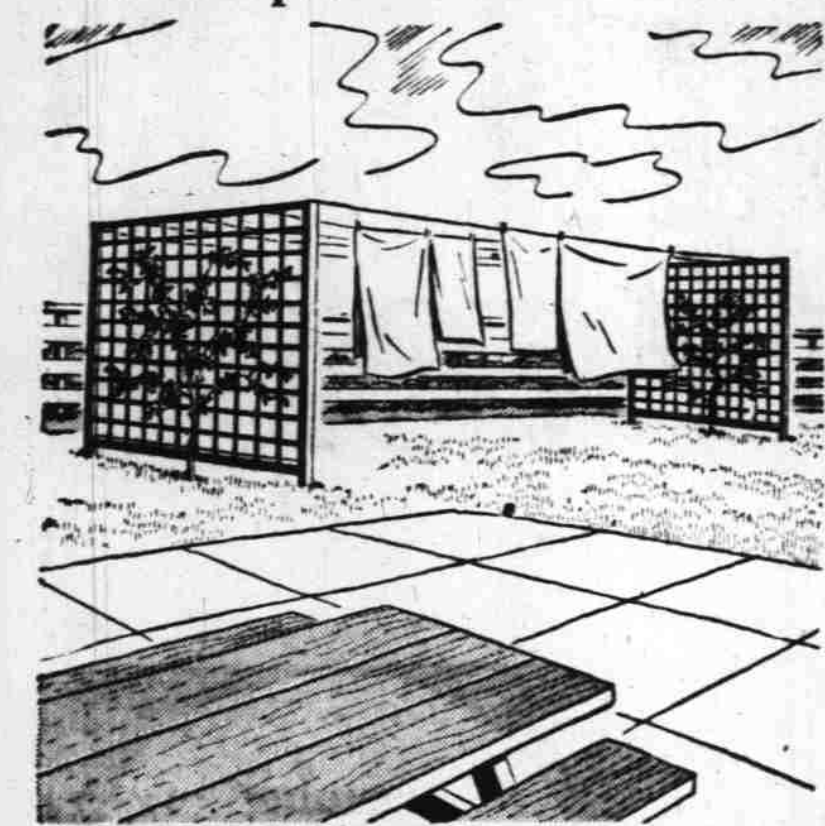


Ranch-Style Offices Mingle With Suburban Homes in Menlo Park

By LEIF ERICKSON
MENLO PARK, Calif. (AP) — How would you like an office building going up in the block where you had bought a new suburban home? It's not a gag question. In Menlo Park the home-owning neighbors of Prudential Insurance, of Magna Engineering, and of Sunset magazine like having them next door. Their "country style" office buildings harmonize architectural-

ly with the neighborhood's homes. And their landscaping will match a country club's. The companies' lawns, and their shrub and flower layouts, are a laugh-keeping up with the Joneses' challenge for nearby home-owners. The companies can afford high priced gardeners. The people of Menlo Park, a peninsula suburb 30 miles south of San Francisco, are impressed with the way their "garden office building zoning" is turning out. And, says Menlo Park's mayor, Charles P. (Chuck) Burgess, the companies make important and helpful taxpayers.

Dress Up Your Clothesline



Monday's billowing wash needn't rob you of the use of your patio. You can screen off the clothesline with a simple yet attractive lattice fence at each end of the lines. This lattice screen can be built of western red cedar to match the yard fence. Climbing roses (if kept away from blowing-reach of clothes) or other vines along the screens will make them even more effective, so the hostess doesn't have to feel uncomfortable about a wash in full view. Inexpensive, these screens can be made decorative enough to add charm and interest to the landscaping.

Garden Gabbing

By LILLIE L. MADSON
Garden Editor, The Statesman

THAT SUNDAY TRIP—And I'll be careful to keep my directions straight today. Last Sunday I said "Division" when I meant "Mission." Mission Street seems a dividing line to me—there, that's my excuse. Fortunately—my letters and notes tell me—most folk knew where Bush's Pasture is even if they don't know the name of the street. Others, when they got out to Division—the opposite side of Salem—didn't find the Pasture, looked at the gardens there, asked how to get to Bush's Pasture and made the jaunt anyway. That's one of the benefits from living in city not too far.

And I found out that some folk read my story.

Today's suggested trip will take you a little farther a-field. The rhododendron exhibit by the Portland chapter of the American Rhododendron Society opened yesterday at Crystal Lake Spring Island. It will be open today as well. The island is in the Eastmoreland golf course, with road signs directing you to Eastmoreland from the super-highway as you enter East Portland.

Here you'll find one of the largest and finest rhododendron plantings in the country. There are around 250 varieties of species and 300 different hybrids represented. Everything from the R. sinogrande, a 20 foot tree native to western China, to the small-leaved Lappinicum found in many parts of the world. There is even one tough species from Lapland. You won't find the sinogrande in bloom as it takes some 12 to 20 years for a tree rhododendron to bloom, but the foliage is magnificent. I'll warn you, start out right after church . . . you'll need time. You can spend hours in the garden selecting the plants you want . . . and you'll find magnolias, Japanese maples, azaleas and other choice shrubs and trees, too. The garden will be open until dark tonight. There's a 50 cent charge, and the funds raised through this will be used to further the building fund for a permanent exhibition building. Children under 12, when accompanied by their parents, are admitted free.

WHAT A DAY—Dennis Day has been signed for the starring role in the 1955 Portland Rose Festival's Thursday and Friday (June 9-10) musical extravaganzas to be presented in the Multnomah Civic Stadium. Dates for the 47th annual Rose Festival are June 8-12.

It took some "talkin'", says Gerry Frank, chairman of this year's festival program committee.

Starlight Serenade, the name given this two-night musical variety show, will include other top-flight entertainers comparable to the popular program presented last year which featured Gordon MacRae, Ed Sullivan, Tex Ritter, Dancing Waters and the Portland Symphony Orchestra.

The rose show will be the Friday and Saturday of Rose Festival Week. Looks like Mid-Willamette Valley roses may be ready . . .

CHORES OF THE WEEK—Now that daffodils have completed—just about anyway—their long spring bloom, snip off the seed pods before too much of the strength that should go into the bulb goes into unneeded seed production. But leave the foliage until it turns yellow. If you look on it right, it isn't at all unattractive. Some growers like to scatter some 5-10-5 over the daffodil bulbs to give them a good feeding for the summer, and then repeat again with the same fertilizer along in October or November.

And if you can get around to it, now's the time to prune that forsythia that so many of you wanted to prune in earlier spring before it bloomed . . . Be looking over your primroses before the last blossoms fade to decide—and mark—those you want to divide for additional plants. The best time to divide them you know, is just after they have finished blooming. Then water them well. Before planting out into new locations, mix some aldrin into the top six inches of soil in the bed or planting space to protect the plants against root weevil—one of the worst enemies of primroses.

SEA AROUND US—In the sea of green around many homes there is always the possibility of swarms of weeds because weed seeds infest every soil. Time was when weeds dominated the home scene, successfully resisted hand-picking, chopping, pulling, scalding. In early lawn care days, writers suggested many hideous tortures for destruction of dandelion, plantain and their ilk.

Easy lawn tending came into its own just after World War II when it was found that a wartime chemical, 2,4-D was the nemesis of the broad-leaved despoilers. In the early days the chemical was available only for spray application, a godsend, but still tedious work. Over five years ago researchers developed a way to adhere this chemical to granular particles. The dry form, called 4-XD, seems easier to use with practically no danger to valuable plants and shrubs from the drift or volatilization of spray-applied forms.

Homestead Land Sale Considered
WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to allow public sale of former Oregon homestead lands found unsuitable for farming because of lack of irrigation has been introduced by Rep. Coon (R-Ore.).

He said there would be a "good many thousand" acres of such land, including tracts in Lake County around Ft. Rock, and in Jefferson County.

Coon said modern irrigation methods such as pumping and sprinkling now make it possible to farm the once arid land.

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Caterpillar Control Now Advocated

Tent caterpillars don't grow easier to control as time moves on. They get tougher. So the thing to do is to get at them right now when they aren't too old.

The Statesman Garden Editor has had a dozen requests this past week for methods of killing the pests. There's only one sure way. Get at them! You can use either a dust or a spray, but use one soon. Spray the surface over which they crawl and spray the nests. DDT or lead arsenate will do the work. So will some of the various trade-named dusts and sprays.

There's a trade-named vegetable dust that is very effective in controlling pea, raspberry, loganberry or other worms on vegetables. With the peas, raspberries and loganberries, just dust the vegetable dust into the open flowers. If you go over the planting about every fourth day, so as to catch each new crop of flowers that opens, the worms will be no trouble from the fruit worms. For currants, gooseberries and blueberries, wait until petals have fallen off and the young fruit is seen to be forming. Then apply the vegetable dust about once a week, making sure you cover the tiny berries with it.

Reporter Ban From Ike's Office Lifted

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House ban on reporters visiting President Eisenhower's office was lifted less than 24 hours after Presidential Press Secretary James C. Hagerty imposed it.

Said Hagerty: "I apparently blew my top." And he added with a grin: "I am entitled to blow my top once in a while, but let's forget it."

Hagerty, who used to be a newspaperman himself, put the President's office off limits to reporters Wednesday after several of them heard and reported a remark Eisenhower made to Secretary of Welfare Hobby about the Salk polio vaccine.

As the newsmen heard it, the President said on the subject of the vaccine: "I couldn't be happier that my grandchildren have had it."

This caused some surprise. So far as the public knew only the President's grandson, David, 7, has had a polio shot.

Eisenhower's other grandchildren — Barbara Ann, who'll be 6 May 30, and Susan, 3 — are younger than the age-groups covered in the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis' inoculation program.

Under this program only first and second graders have been vaccinated, together with those third graders who received shots of a non-protecting substance in last year's field trial.

Asked about the President's remark, Hagerty showed considerable irritation. He told newsmen after checking that only David had been inoculated. And he told them, too, they would no longer be permitted to accompany photographers into the President's office.

PAINTING X-RAY PLANNED
STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Rembrandt's "Claudius Civilis" is to get an X-ray examination. The National Museum, like a lot of art lovers, wants to know why a floating sword mars the 1661 masterpiece. Details of his weapon began emerging about a century ago. Aware Rembrandt may have done the painting over an old picture, the museum ordered the X-ray probe. It's expected to take six months.

News Director Quits KEX Post

PORTLAND (AP) — Bob Thomas, long-time news director at radio station KEX here, will leave the station May 31. His resignation was announced Friday by Mel Bailey, KEX program manager.

Bailey said Jess Leonard, announcer-newsman, will succeed Thomas as news editor. Thomas has been with the station since 1945. Before that he had been news editor from 1941 of KGW-KEX when the stations were a combined operation.

His future plans were not announced.

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Questions - - Answers

Question — Can you tell me what is wrong with parrot tulips enclosed. I moved them in December when we changed places. Last year they bloomed beautifully. Is it the soil? Or some bug?

Answer — Looks like botrytis blight, sometimes called tulip fire. It is especially bad in rainy springs like we have had this year. Remove into a paper bag plants with serious infection, or at least cut off diseased portions of leaves. Cut off all fading flowers before petals fall; cut off all foliage at ground level when it turns yellow.

Question — Can I take starts from heather? Will this grow from cuttings, and if so, how? I have tried frequently and every-time failed. S. G.

Answer — It can be done. You may either start new plants by layering (pegging down a limb until it roots) or by cuttings. The latter do best if taken from the half-ripe new wood in late August. They root best in a sharp sand. If a little bottom heat is available, so much the better, but if not, they will root in a pot of sand, peatmoss and a little soil, mixed well together. Keep them in the dark until roots are well established.

Question — When is it one treats for the narcissus fly, and how often should one divide the bulbs? E. L.

Answer — This is the time of the year you dust for the flies. Putting a chloroform or lindane around the daffodil beds will do a pretty good job of control. Usually the bulbs are divided in home gardens, every three or four years. Don't do this until the foliage yellows. If your bulbs are crowded, the fly is much harder to control.

Question — By any chance can you tell us when the outdoor operas are at Coblenz and the opera festival is at Munich? We saw announcements of them earlier but have not been able to find them since we became in July and would like to get there for the operas. E. P.

Answer — The Coblenz Outdoor Operetta season is on from June 25 to Sept. 12, and the Munich Opera Festival is from Aug. 12 to Sept. 11.

Question — Can you tell me when Yellowstone Park opens? I thought it was open the year around, and friends of ours tell us it does not open until July 4. C. C. C.

Answer — Yellowstone National Park opens June 20.

Question — We have one walnut tree on our lawn. Last year it suffered from blight. Can you tell us what to do for this? M. P.

Answer — Your county agent, D. L. Rasmussen in the Marion County Court House, just sent out notices that it is "now time to be getting your spray or dust equipment ready for the first walnut blight control application." He adds that newspapers and radios will carry notices of spray or dust times.

Growers will have a choice of several spray or dust combinations. Materials in the various combinations include yellow cuprochrome, copper A compound, or other copper material, dusting sulphur, talc and benlate. Custom-mixed dusts, however, would be best for those of you with just one tree.

Question — I bought some beautiful Columbine plants with long spurs and excellent colorings. The bed is only three years old, and now most of the very fine varieties have turned into small, old-fashioned ones again. Is this natural, or did the grower sell me poor plants? H. A.

Answer — The old-fashioned short-spurred Columbines are about the hardest of all our flowers, but the new ones are much more graceful and colorful. However, after two or three years, the hybrids seem to die out, or reseed themselves into the parent stock. The best way is to start new seed about every two years — and don't save seeds from your own stock if this tends to revert. You might save the seed from some of your better plants. Don't let the others go to seed. I've seen fine Columbines last for years if seed pods were all removed, the plant given a little fertilizer and the weeds kept out of the beds. Columbines need well drained soil.

Question — Tell me something about peony culture. I've tried for the past three years to have some good ones, but don't have the faintest idea why I haven't. So instead of me trying to tell you what I've done, would you mind telling me what I should do to have good ones? K. L.

Answer — In the first place, I hope you didn't plant anything but good, healthy roots. Roots should have no less than three, and preferably five, eyes. Planting should be done in the fall. A sunny situation, well-drained, should be chosen. The crown should be barely below the surface of the soil. Too deep planting has been the cause of more failures in peony bloom than any one other thing. Regular spraying with bordeaux mixture, from the time the plants are no more than two inches high until blooming time, controls the botrytis which is so destructive to peony bloom. As soon as flowers begin to fade, cut them off, and remove all foliage in fall, burning it. Don't disturb them if you have them growing in the right place. You will lose bloom, if you move them every year or two.

Question — How can I keep my phlox red? Is there something you can feed them like you do hydrangeas? Twice I have bought good bright red ones and after two or three years all I have is that horrid purplish-lavender color. R. E.

Answer — This is your own fault, and there isn't anything you can feed them to correct it. Take out the magentas as soon as they bloom. Cut off the flowers of all phlox as they fade. You have permitted your phlox to go to seed. Almost all colors revert to their original color when permitted to go to seed.

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STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. POLLAN

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DATE	WORDS	WORDS	WORDS
MAR. 22	1 Your	31 In	61 Possessions
APR. 20	2 This	32 Successfully	62 Care
MAY 21	3 Looks	33 Rather	63 Or
JUN. 21	4 You	34 Persons	64 Social
JUL. 21	5 Dreams	35 Consult	65 Vary
AUG. 21	6 Health	36 Something	66 Know
SEP. 21	7 Perhaps	37 May	67 Valuable
OCT. 21	8 You	38 Should	68 Who
NOV. 21	9 Beware	39 Significant	69 Or
DEC. 21	10 You	40 Concerning	70 Counselor
JAN. 21	11 A	41 You	71 Evening
FEB. 21	12 Need	42 On	72 Social
MAR. 21	13 Problem	43 Now	73 You
APR. 21	14 Mean	44 There	74 Now
MAY 21	15 Time	45 Met	75 Relax
JUN. 21	16 Sam	46 Efforts	76 Cash
JUL. 21	17 Like	47 Mate	77 For
AUG. 21	18 Of	48 If	78 Development
SEP. 21	19 Lucky	49 Could	79 Acted
OCT. 21	20 A	50 Learn	80 Promise
NOV. 21	21 Is	51 Be	81 Financial
DEC. 21	22 For	52 You	82 Facts
JAN. 22	23 Keep	53 Choose	83 Of
FEB. 22	24 You	54 A	84 Or
MAR. 22	25 Rest	55 Associates	85 Today
APR. 22	26 Watchful	56 Love	86 Guidance
MAY 22	27 Tricky	57 And	87 Impudence
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