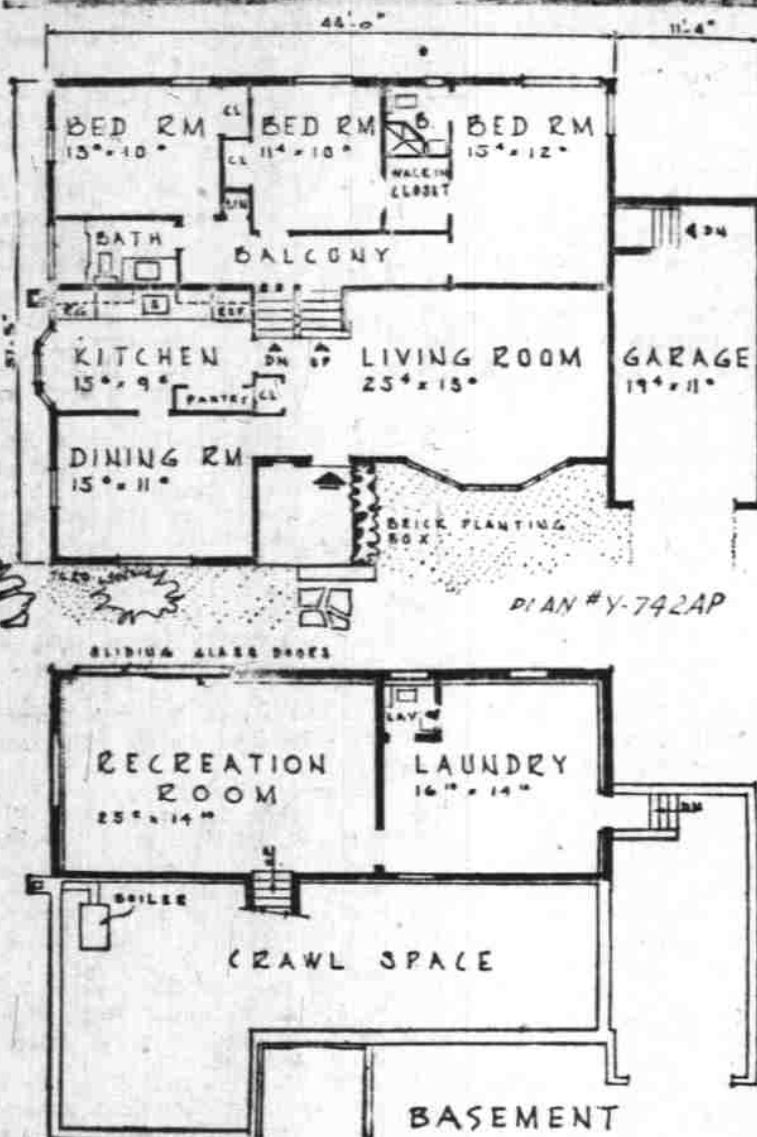


WILLAMETTE VALLEY FARMER

News and Views of Farm and Garden --By LILLIE L. MADSEN

HOMES FOR AMERICANS



AP New Features
DISGUISED—This ranch style facade actually is the front of a split level house. The plan splits from front to back instead of side-wise. Bedrooms are raised half a flight above the living room level with a picturesque balcony forming a hallway. This allows for a large recreation room and laundry under the bedrooms and half a flight down from the living room level. This is plan Y-742AP by Herman H. York, architect, 90-04 161st St., Jamaica 2, N.Y. The house covers 1,441 square feet without garage which figures separately.

Garden Gabbing

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

WE GO TO A PICNIC—The Men's Garden Club of Salem was host at "Ladies Night" and the place was the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Buren at Lincoln's Landing in Polk County. It is a beautiful spot and early in the evening before food, we wandered about the gardens admiring the amount of astilbe, the pentstemons, the garden carnations—all the old-fashioned flowers that are so right in the gardens of an old-fashioned place such as this.

During the meeting itself, Dr. Buren, by request briefly sketched the history of the Landing, telling that before the days of railroad this was an important wheat shipping point, with half-mile long trains of wagons lined up to unload during the flush season. There were ferries, a schoolhouse, a church, flouring and lumber mills, a beehive factory, a store—quite a little town—in addition to the numerous warehouses along the banks.

There were 92 folk out for the meeting, held Tuesday night.

WINNERS—Prizes for the evening were two beautiful deep red glazios and a huge tuberous begonia from the Ray Claggett. One went to Mrs. Buren, and the others went home with Mrs. Jack Bartlett, and Mrs. A. Regier of Dallas.

Dave Cameron, as a member of the Salem Park board, thanked the Salem Rose Society of which Eugene Carothers is president, for the markers which that group furnished for the new municipal rose bed in Bush's Pasture. Dave also thanked the Men's group for the share it had in helping other Salem garden organizations in furnishing a sprayer for the garden.

Ben Coomler told of how well the garden at the Methodist Home on Statesman Street was doing and George Candea commented on the many favorable remarks that were coming in, in reference to Salem's Rose Garden.

J. Earl Cook, president and Henry Hartwig, the peony man, introduced the speaker.

UNFRIENDLY BUGS—That's what we heard about first. And the Strawberry root weevil was declared Public Enemy No. 1 in the garden. The speaker was Charles Starker, entomologist for the Pacific Supply Cooperative at Portland, and a son of the famous Carl Starker, known for his arrangements, his books on arrangements and his ferns.

Charles talked about pest control in the home garden. He had slides to show the various types of insects, their damage and their control.

There are two groups of root weevils in Oregon. The adult weevils of the first group are black and are most common at lower elevations. The larvae are present from July to May of the following year. The small black root weevil adults are three-sixteenths of an inch long while the large black weevils are three-eighths of an inch in length. The adults usually appear in late May and continue to emerge until September.

The other group of weevils is gray in color and is found at elevations above 350 feet in the Willamette Valley chiefly. The weevils are in the larval stage throughout the summer and fall. Adults appear at the end of fall. They spend the winter in or on the soil and lay their eggs in April and May.

Root weevil larvae are easy to locate by digging three to six inches beneath or beside the plants they attack. A hand trowel is a handy tool to use in search for them since it disturbs only part of the root system. The black root weevils are easiest to find in April and May. The gray root weevil larvae are easiest found in August and September.

Among the ornamentals these weevils damage are primroses, rhododendrons, azaleas, saxifrage, and scores of others.

Controlling the weevil in the strawberry or primrose patches can be done quite successfully by soil insecticides, mixed with the top six inches of soil. Dieldrin, heptachlor and Aldrin were the suggested insecticides. Baits used from May until August was suggested, too.

Charles also discussed aphids, lace bugs, thrips, whitefly, caterpillars, oyster scale, spiders, mites, pear psylla, symphylids, cutworms, slugs, earwigs, pill or sow bugs, millipedes and the 12-spotted beetle.

FRIENDLY BUGS—You might not like the big black beetles you sometimes dig up in the garden, or that you find crawling around beneath your plants—but protect them. They are on the hunt for slugs and cutworms, Starker told the group. And lady bugs may not look very industrious but they can make big inroads on aphids. The young of the lady bugs, resembling little lizards, are particularly good at attacking aphids, he said.

NEW CONTROLS—Malathion, according to Starker, is one of the best finds in the new control insecticides. This will control, he pointed out more than 75 bugs on 40 crops. He also discussed the uses of heptachlor, lindane, methoxychlor, rotenone. He added that with the new insecticides also came new responsibilities. A poison to an insect was also toxic to people, and the labels on packages should be read and obeyed with the greatest of care, the speaker warned.

THAT SUNDAY TOUR—Your garden editor was scolded this week by some of the readers (I found out I did have some) because no mention was made of where-to-go. There's a spell at about this time of the year when it seems most awfully nice to remain at home in one's own garden of a Sunday afternoon—and perhaps just snip off those withered roses—look over the plants for insect injury—add a little mulch to that on the azaleas and rhododendrons—pick the sweet peas and the pansies—turn the fuchsias so that the blooms are kept the same the whole way around (this is for the hanging baskets and pots).

But today would also be a good time to take a ride around Stayton—the petunias, for which that little city is noted, are lending lots of color to the gardens there. Don't just ride down the main streets. Take a jaunt over the back streets, up over the hill toward the Santiam hospital... everywhere you'll see petunias, and note how much color they can add to a summer garden!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED—The Oregon Cactus Society picnics today at 1 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cluster, 12225 S.W. Terwilliger boulevard in Portland. Members are to bring their own lunches... The Oregon Florists plan to picnic for Wednesday evening at Willsada Park.

Outdoor Dining Enjoyed at Lincoln Landing Home



LINCOLN LANDING—Outdoor dining at its best was enjoyed this week at the country home of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Buren, when the Men's Garden Club of Salem were hosts to their wives and other lady friends. Garden talk was carried on throughout the informal dining. Here are seated from left to right, Mrs. Darwin Biewer, Mr. Biewer, J. Earl Cook (president of the Men's Garden Club), Mrs. Cook, Peggy Cooke behind Ben Coomler. Standing are Mrs. Burtin Bennett, Moody Benner, vice president of the club, and Mr. Bennett, secretary. (Statesman Farm Photo)

Garden Calendar...

- July 21—Brooks Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m. no-host luncheon at home of Mrs. D. R. Madison, Keizer.
- July 22-23—Lily Show, Seattle, Frederick & Nelsons.
- July 28-30—Begonia Show, Vancouver, B. C.
- July 30-31—Begonia and Shade Plant show, Loyal Heights Fieldhouse, W. 77th St. and 21st Ave., N. W. Seattle.
- Aug. 4-13—Begonia and Fuchsia Show, Gresham.
- Aug. 6-7—Portland Gladiolus Society Show.
- Aug. 11—Annual Herb Tea, Lebanon, 1 p.m., home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Michelson, 951 Park.
- Aug. 17-18—Gladiolus Festival, Grants Pass.
- Aug. 18—Salem African Violet Society no-host supper, Mayflower hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 20-21—Grande Ronde Gladiolus Show, La Grande.

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Questions & Answers

Question—The foliage on our rhododendron is becoming very pale green. Some of the lower leaves on the plant have turned yellow and are beginning to drop off. The plant just doesn't look healthy at all. A. K.

Answer—See special article on this page. This will give you the symptoms of the same various ills.

Question—Will root weevil bother astilbe? We had some very good ones a few years ago. They began looking sick and this year almost aren't. A neighbor said they were probably bothered by root weevils, but I thought these bothered only strawberries and primroses. S. E. R.

Answer—No; root weevils injure a great number of plants, including astilbe. Have you tried digging down around plant to find out if there are root weevils?

Question—What is wrong with enclosed leaf of rhododendron? C. D.

Answer—Looks like damage of the adult root weevils. Bait during the summer beneath the plants or dusting the foliage with a stomach poison helps control. You can use aldrin dug into the top six inches of the soil around the rhododendrons. This digging will injure some of the feeder roots, but they will recover. I like best dusting the foliage with a stomach poison.

Question—Along our back fence, where we once had a compost heap there are so many flies. Each year they seem to return to this spot and are more numerous. Sometimes the pickets are almost black with the awful insects. We have tried DDT but they just seem to lap it up, and come back for more. That's the only place we have flies to any extent but they go around from there and bother us, always seemingly returning to the same spot. Is there anything else we can spray with that is more effective than DDT? F. D.

Answer—You might try malathion, one of the new sprays or dusts. Use about 5 tablespoons (or what the container tells you) in a gallon of water. Add around six tablespoonsful of sugar to the mixture. Spray on the fence, being sure to wet the entire surface thoroughly.

Question—We have a lot with onion thrips or aphids and were told to use malathion. Is this poisonous to us if we use it on the onions? Y. L.

Answer—Most of the directions say not to apply to onions, lettuce or potatoes for at least 10 days before harvest. In any event where it has been used, even earlier, wash all material used most carefully. Read the warnings and directions on the package.

Question—How to get rid of the little clover enclosed. Seems to be taking the lawn. Is kind of pretty, but am afraid of it. It gets into flower beds, too. Tried pulling it but it just comes back stronger than ever. R. M.

Answer—Use a broadleaved weedkiller such as 2,4-D. Follow directions on container, and be very careful that the material does not get on other plants as it will kill these, too. Will not kill ordinary lawn grass if used according to directions.

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