

# Chrysanthemums Coming Into Bloom

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WHERE TO GO—My suggestion is out to Black's Gardens at 2270 Chemawa Rd., to view the Chrysanthemums which are just coming into fine bloom. Marvin Black, who is grower of the 'mums, has about two acres and more than 500 in his display garden. A great many of the blooms are creations of Dr. Kraus, who is world-famous for his chrysanthemums.

The contest which has been going on for some years, is on again. This "name the winner" or selecting the "most popular 'mum" game can be played at Black's, too. A dozen lucky winners will each win six free chrysanthemums.

Beginning today, noted valley flower arrangers will fill the new "arrangement gallery" on the Black place with chrysanthe-



Here is the most flamboyant of all tulips—the Parrot tulip. The individual flowers are large, the petals are irregular, and marked in countless patterns of color. They are best used against a white wall or at least a light-colored wall, which will show off their brilliant colorings to best effect.

mum arrangements. A new group of arrangements will be on display from Saturday through Wednesday each week during the season. Peak bloom in the gardens is expected to be from this week end through Oct. 10.

A REPORTER'S PREROGATIVE—This preview business. We went out to the garden this past week to see what the rest of you might be looking at today and the next days to come. Of course the chrysanthemums were not yet at their best, but we did see some mighty nice ones, both among those not yet named and among those already with a name.

One of our favorites from the last two years still remains unnamed, but we were assured it was to receive a name this year. It has the most velvety garnet coloring with a touch of gold. I hope you all look at it when visiting the gardens today or during the next few days.

There was also a small button type of white and rose and a touch of yellow that appealed to me very much.

Over in the division of the garden, where the named varieties are found, I liked Mohave Gold—a bronzy 'mum. Lipsick, a small low growing border cushion variety, was also among my favorites here, as was Chorale, an apricot shaded one and Alpinglow, a pink and gold.

Other previewers liked Raggedy Ann very much, but I'm not so fond of this type as many of the others. Somehow, this type never gives the appearance of neatness or even the casualness which I like in flowers.

Certainly, there are sufficient varieties here in the Black Gardens to please all tastes.

SPRING NOT FAR AWAY—When you think of tulips you think of spring. But unless you do a little thinking about them now, you won't have any to admire in your garden in spring.

Tulips are versatile, which makes for a good garden flower, of course. They come in a great variety of color; they come in quite a variety of shapes and if you plant correctly, you can have a tulip blooming period for almost eight weeks. Remember that early blooming varieties should be in the ground by mid, or not later than the end of, September. Midseason and the later blooming varieties can be planted as late as mid-November.

Tulips look best in mass plantings. In recent years, one notes they are used a lot in double or triple line along entry walks, against walls and fences. Also used well this way is the Breeder tulip, somewhat taller than the Darwins, but less formal in growth. Their stems are strong and stiff and they come in both solid and multi-colored varieties. Most of them bloom in May and they are very good massed or used in planter boxes.

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If your taste is for the Darwin flowered forms, the tall, straight-stemmed varieties, you will find them too, blooming in April or in May, according to variety. In recent years, one notes they are used a lot in double or triple line along entry walks, against walls and fences. Also used well this way is the Breeder tulip, somewhat taller than the Darwins, but less formal in growth. Their stems are strong and stiff and they come in both solid and multi-colored varieties. Most of them bloom in May and they are very good massed or used in planter boxes.

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**TO SEEK MONUMENT**  
PORTLAND (UP)—Commissioner Stanley Earl has decided to recommend to the City Council that the old Pioneer Postoffice be preserved as an historic monument, but under continued ownership of the federal government.

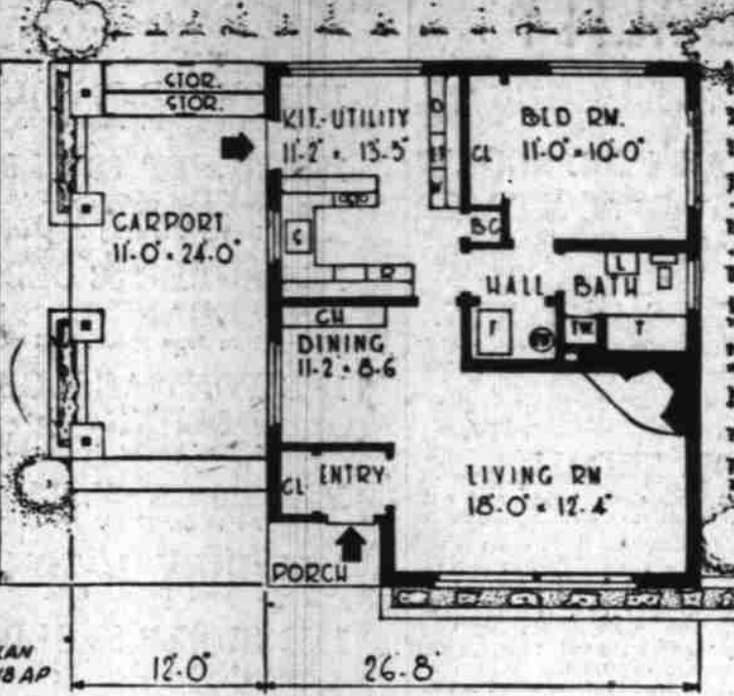
**LOST AND FOUND**  
ROCKLAND, Me.—(UP)—Eyeglasses lost overboard by a lobsterman, Otis Lewis, of Ash Point were found a few days later in a trap in the same vicinity by another lobsterman, Augustus Stone.

## Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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RIOT	CREPITATION	MALL	
MONITOR	UNITE	IDEALLY	
NOVEL	DEE	ADORN	
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RELATE	WAS	ANI	SUNDRY
ROMAN	TAR	CREST	
PAPERER	LANCE	AVERAGE	
ALUM	RETARDATIVE	URAL	
NORM	GNOME	SAVER	DIVA
TELA	EATER	SHALE	ELEN

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## HOMES FOR AMERICANS



**AP Newsfeatures**  
THE DEMAND for retirement homes is sparking the planning of economical and compact, yet comfortable houses in smart designs. Here is a one-bedroom model envisaging the use of brick, stone and cedar shakes on its exterior. A front window wall and a corner fireplace are features of the living room. Sliding doors are used throughout the interior to avoid wasted space. This is plan H-418AP by the Homograf Co., 11711 East Eight Mile Rd., East Detroit, Mich. The house covers only 825 square feet, contains 8,434 cubic feet and the carport adds 288 square feet. It fits a narrow lot.

## This Week In the Garden

Order all tulips you want for October and November planting. Start planting daffodils. Take cuttings from geraniums, fuchsias. Keep withered roses cut from plants. Don't neglect watering fuchsias and other pot and hanging basket plants.

Set out that row of strawberries in space provided. Use certified plants, no matter how small the planting. Go visit chrysanthemum gardens to select type you think best suited for your own gardens.

If you use peat moss as a mulch, be sure you soak it well first. Dry peat moss keeps rains from soaking into the roots.

Set out the extra azalea or rhododendron now. Pull up annuals that are past their peak blooming and compost those that are disease free. Burn others.

Cut down perennials through blooming. Cut out dead limbs from trees and shrubs while foliage still on so that you can see them.

## Turkeys Attack Injured Farmer

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UP)—A 52-year-old farm hand, attacked by a flock of 3,600 turkeys while he lay helpless after a tractor overturned, remained hospitalized here with serious injuries.

Moses Nissley said the turkeys, weighing 25 to 30 pounds each, picked at his body and face and leaped on him while he lay beneath the tractor for three hours Tuesday. The tractor caused a spinal fracture.

## Wreck Fatal to Oregon Soldier

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UP)—An Oregon man stationed at Norton Air Force Base here was fatally injured Friday night when his motorcycle skidded, hit a telephone pole and hurtled 81 feet into a parked auto.

California Highway Patrol officers said Hepry C. Huffman, 24, of Harrisburg, Ore., was dead on arrival at County Hospital. He suffered a broken neck.

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## Questions Answers

**Question**—We have moved to a place on the edge of Salem and have four acres around us. In this is a small orchard—about a half acre, and we want to plant it into a grass that sheep will eat. Our youngsters have five sheep as a 4-H project. We thought the orchard would be pretty in a permanent green with sheep. Will the sheep eat the bark of the trees? What should we plant? S. P.

**Answer**—Why not birdsfoot refoil, the one with the narrow leaf which grows prostrate? It's a good food and it makes a pretty green. It increases the fertility of the soil, too.

It has a matting type of growth and it may be mowed if the sheep do not keep it down. It will grow early on wet soil, giving the sheep a little earlier pasture than some crops. It doesn't need too much water, but may turn brown in late summer if not watered.

To plant, cultivate the ground three or four inches deep before sowing the seed. If the soil is very acid, sweeten it with lime. Cover the area with a complete commercial fertilizer. Firm the soil well. It is well to use a commercially-prepared birdsfoot refoil inoculant on the seeds right before sowing. You can buy the inoculant where you buy the seed. Sow about one pound of seed to every 500 square feet.

After established, do not use nitrogen fertilizer but use fertilizers high in phosphate. Sheep do not eat bark, but will nibble on low-hanging branches.

**Question**—Have a small green house. Want to sterilize flower pots which have green growth on them. Also along place where I stand. Don't like looks of it. W. N.

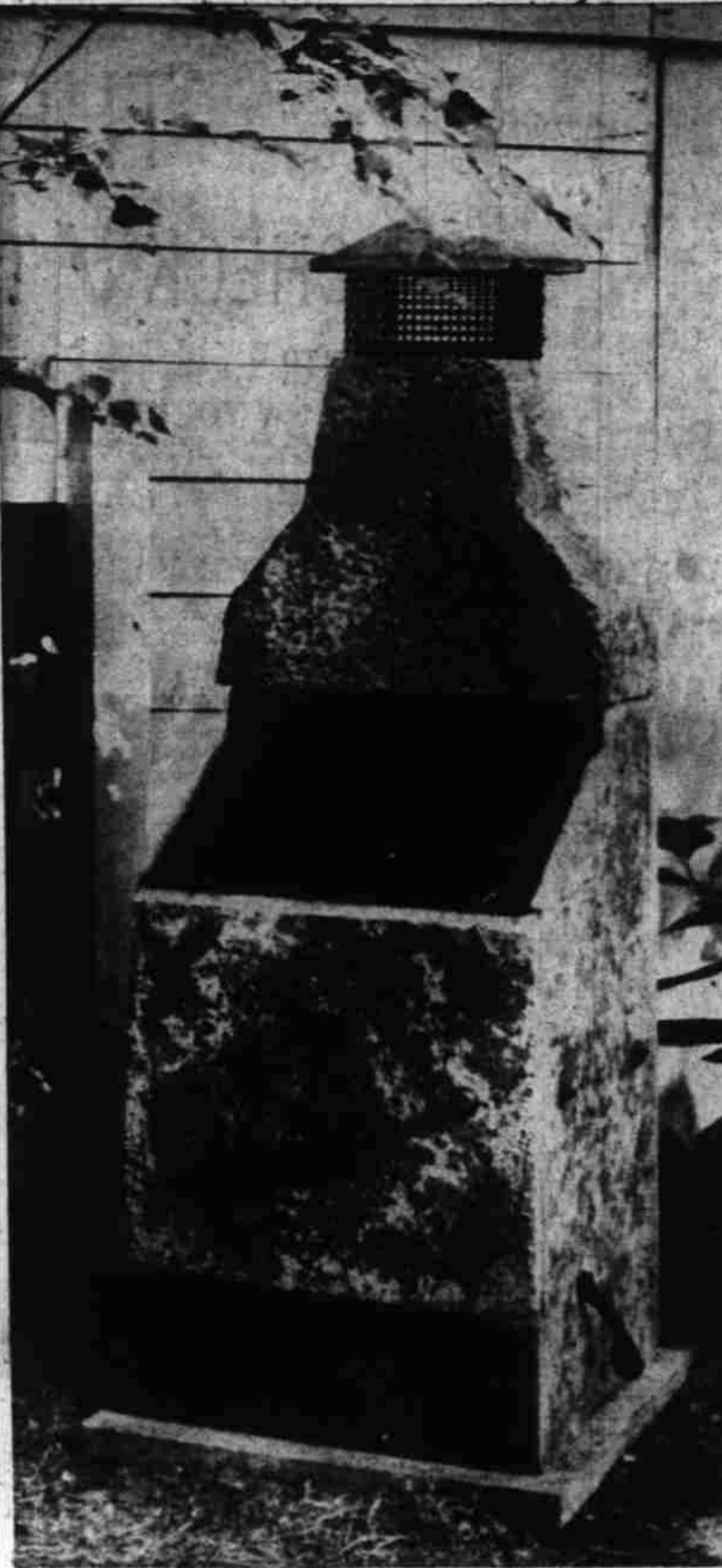
**Answer**—Use a household bleach, such as you use for your dish-clothes and tea towels. Usually two tablespoons to a gallon of water will do the trick. Leave the pots in a solution over night. A similar one, or the one in which the pots have soaked, may be poured on the "floor" to kill the green growth.

**Question**—What does one use to help decay compost more rapidly? I've put quite a bit of prunings and a lot of leaves into a pit-like spot in the garden which I wanted to fill. The material just lies there, never seeming to get any different. Will it ever decay? I thought it would do so in a couple of years, but it just doesn't. Someone mentioned that there is a material to help the process along. Y. S.

**Answer**—Calcium cyanamide, will do it in a few months.

**Question**—A friend sent me some seed marked Dierama Pulcherrima from Missouri. She had been visiting in a famous garden there she said, and one of the groundsmen

## Takes Care of Debris



An incinerator such as this, placed in an inconspicuous place in the back garden is an aid to keeping a home neat and free of debris that is not suitable for a compost heap. This particular incinerator was displayed in the recent Oregon State Fair garden exhibit and attracted considerable attention. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

gave her the seed. She lives in an apartment in Los Angeles, and has no use for the seed. But what is it? It could be a weed for all I know. Won't plant it until I hear from you. N. N. H.

**Answer**—This is sometimes called fairy wand, and I'm not sure it is hardy here. Try starting it in early spring, when you start other plants. It must have a sunny spot in the warmest part of your garden. It has bulbous roots, when once developed. It has grass-like foliage and the flowers grow on leafless stems. The flowers are pink or bluish or white, as a rule. I've seen it around San Francisco and Oakland, but never here. Would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have grown it in this area.

# Garden Calendar

- Oct. 1-2—Seventh Annual Corvallis Chrysanthemum show and field day.
- Oct. 1-2—Early English Chrysanthemum show, Mt. Scott Community Center, Portland.
- Oct. 1-2—Regional Men's Garden Clubs of America meeting, Corvallis.
- Oct. 1-2—Portland Fall Rose Show, Information Center, Portland Chamber of Commerce.
- Oct. 12—Mt. Angel Garden Club open meeting, City Hall, Clatsop Miles of Charles H. Lilly Seed company, speaker, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 25-27—24th annual Seattle Chrysanthemum Show, Norway Center auditorium, Seattle, Wash.
- Oct. 28-30—Vancouver Men's Amateur Chrysanthemum Society annual show.
- Nov. 5-6—Annual Chrysanthemum show, Portland Study Club, Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Information Center, 1020 S.W. Front Ave., Portland.
- Nov. 15—Salem Rose Society meeting, 8 p.m., YMCA.

## PLANTS MAY NEED WATER

Dry weather over some areas of the country makes it necessary to water ornamental trees and shrubs on the home property to help them through the winter months. Many home owners tend to neglect the watering after the summer months have passed and cooler weather arrives, but should it not rain for a few days, plants may need water. After a long dry spell it takes days of rain before the soil contains enough water.

Blueberries, which are not susceptible to serious diseases or insect pests, are valued as much for their foliage as for their berries, when planted on the home properties. The foliage turns bright red in the fall.

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