

Home and Garden . . . By Lillie L. Madsen

Autumn Work Means Beauty Next Spring in Bush's Pasture Park

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AMONG THE BEST—That's what the Salem City Parks are growing into. It won't be long before folk will be coming from all over to view the bloom in Bush's Pasture Park.

During October, the Salem Men's Garden Club planted several thousand daffodil bulbs from the Brunk Gardens. Actually the planting was done by Campfire Girls and the men—er—looked on.

The club was also responsible for the planting of 107 varieties of peonies, donated to the club by Henry Hartwig, noted Salem peony grower, who is a member of the club. Then Jack Brydon donated 37 tree peonies and Knight Pearcey added 25 tree roses to the Municipal Rose Garden also in the pasture-park.

SAVE THOSE LEAVES—Don't get in such a hurry that you think it will be much better and quicker to rake the foliage from the trees into the street to be hauled away. Your garden—if you have any garden at all—needs every bit of the humus those leaves will make. Make a compost pile at the back of your lot—and later you'll be very happy about the humus you'll have to add to the garden.

DON'T CLOSE UP SHOP TOO EARLY—That's a warning issued by H. L. Schudel, state college agronomist.

Don't, says Schudel, put away the lawn mower too soon. The lawn needs mowing just as long as it continues to grow in fall and winter.

Don't clip too closely, but it is important to keep the grass from growing into large rank masses, Schudel cautions. When the lawn is mowed often enough, so that clippings average between a half inch and an inch, it is generally beneficial to let them remain where they fall.

Homeowners troubled with sick lawns may have either a fertility or lawn disease problem. If the lawn is run-down in general, Schudel suggests a soil test to determine fertilizer needs. Patches of poor lawn may indicate a disease problem. The plant clinic at the state college will diagnose the soil free of charge.

PINK PATCH—Sounds pretty, but it isn't. This is a fungus disease, particularly in red fescue lawns. Cool, wet weather favors increase of the disease. Symptoms are irregular, circular patches in the lawn that turn brownish-white and dead looking. Coral pink fruiting bodies of the fungus may also appear on grass blades.

Control recommendations include application of any standard mercury turf fungicide used according to manufacturer's directions. Also effective is a mercuric mixture of two parts calomel with one part corrosive sublimate at the rate of three to four ounces per thousand square feet of lawn. The mix can be sprayed on in enough water to cover the area or be broadcast in dry form with sand as the carrier.

One caution is issued: Mercury compounds are deadly poison and should be handled with extreme care. After applied to the lawn in diluted form, they present no hazard. The materials are also highly corrosive to all metals.

DOLLARS LOST—Gladiolus corms rotting developing in storage causes growers thousands of dollars loss each year. To the commercial grower, this spells disaster, and to the home gardener comes a lot of disappointment.

Much can be done at digging time to ward off this fungus which destroys corms in storage. Early digging of corms is very effective to keep to a minimum the fall build-up of the problem. Dig corms as early as possible. They should have been dug by now—although I saw a couple of glads in bloom in a Salem garden this week.

Dry or cure corms immediately following digging. Temperatures for drying may range from 80 to 90 degrees. Temperatures from 90 to 95 degrees will actually kill rot fungus, and where equipment is such that high temperatures can be used, they should be. Home gardeners may not be equipped to use the 90 degree range, but almost everyone can get an 80 degree temperature even in the basement.

Corms may be washed off to remove dirt prior to curing. If soil is left on the corms, they should be stirred occasionally to get a good, even cure.

Remove old corms as soon as separation takes place easily. Get the corms cleaned, let them set for three to five days to season, then place in storage at around 45 to 50 degrees.

Lindbeck New President of Garden Group

Al Lindbeck has been re-elected president of the Salem Garden Council with Mrs. Jack Bartlett as vice president and Miss Ellen Quail as secretary.

The show committee has been reorganized with a member from each of the 14 clubs which are represented in the council. Eugene Crothers has been named chairman of the committee. Members are now discussing show dates for the spring events and these will be announced shortly, according to Lindbeck.

The Salem Rose Society, which meets Tuesday night at 7:30 at the YMCA, will discuss suggested changes in the annual Salem Rose Show. Plans are also being made to enlarge the rose gardens at Bush's Pasture with approximately 750 new bushes to be planted this spring. Efforts are being made by the rose society to receive certification for the garden or a portion of it, as an official test garden for the American Rose Society, Lindbeck said Saturday.

American-made potato chips of 1954 would about fill the space occupied by the Empire State building.

The name Michigan comes from an Indian word Michigamaw, meaning great water.

This Week in Home, Garden

Top back rose bushes about one-third if they haven't been kept pruned as roses were cut. This prevents wind-whipping.

Remove suckers from lilacs, apples, check roses for stock root growth and remove these.

Bait heavily for slugs. They are still working.

Rake leaves which have fallen to prevent matting on grass.

If you haven't already done so, put the lawn furniture away. Wipe it dry and in first spare moments, make any repairs that's needed.

Outdoor Coffee Table Idea Given

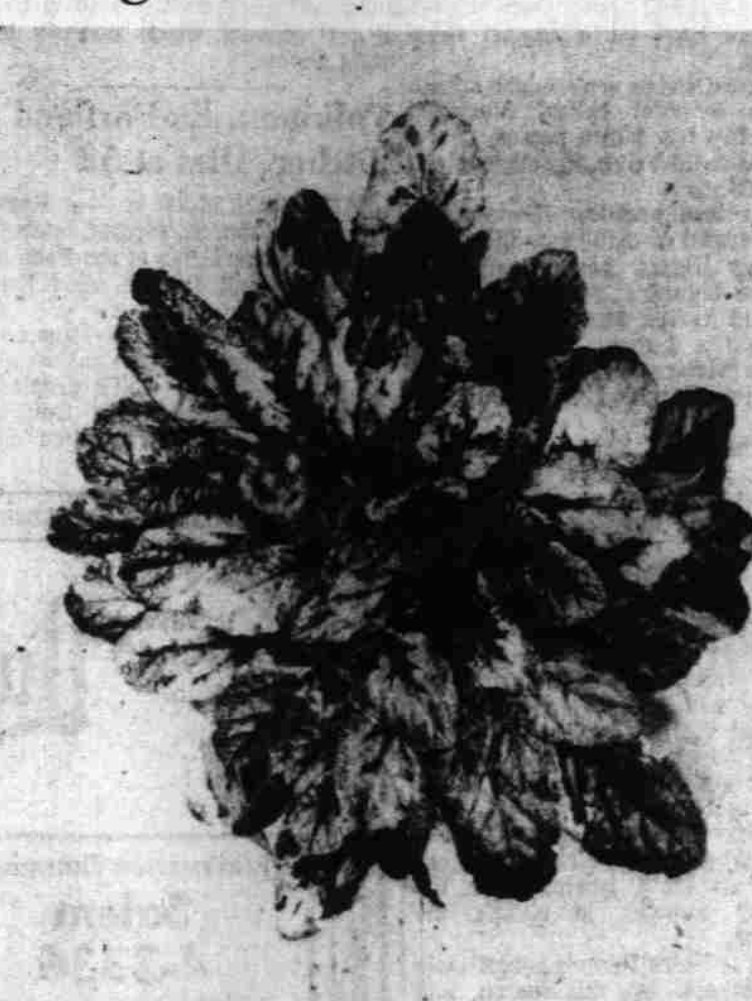
You can make a handsome outdoor coffee table or bench for your patio or garden all in one afternoon. All you need is a piece of fir plywood and some plumber's pipe and fittings.

Here's the trick. Cut a panel of 3/4-inch plywood to the size of table you want, 3x6-feet, 3x8-feet, or 2x4 feet. Nail some lumber stiffeners to the underside and face the edges with 1/2-inch hardwood strips.

Use the plumber's pipe for legs. One-inch pipe is ideal. Fasten the pipe to the table by screwing it into a standard metal flange which can be attached to the underside of the table.

For an outdoor table, be sure to use exterior-type fir plywood with completely waterproof glue.

Akiga Rainbow Introduced



This colorful little low-growing edging plant, is a new member of a very old family. This is Akiga Rainbow, recently developed by The Gardening Council. In addition to edging, the Ajuga is used to line a walk, path or driveway. In California, where the Ajuga is used a great deal, it is frequently seen as taking the place of grass around a tree. Here where grass grows so well, this is not necessary, but the Ajuga is good as a ground cover in difficult places.

Questions & Answers

Question—Am very anxious to find out what to do to get rid of moles in tulip bed. Had a lot of flowers last spring, but the moles have been working since. But I have bought a lot of new bulbs. H.S.

Answer—There are many suggested methods to get rid of moles, including poisons and gas bombs. These are all obtainable at garden supply stores with full directions on their use. The surest way is to get a good mole trap and trap persistently. When you have a mole in the trap, you know that mole won't work any more.

Question—Can you tell us how many different species of forest trees in the United States? P.R.

Answer—In a recent report I noted the figure given as 1,027.

Question—Can you tell us who the first logger on the West Coast was and about what year he began logging? Puzzle Workers.

Answer—I find a British explorer, Captain James Cook, listed as the first white logger. He logged some fir trees in 1778 on Nootka Sound, Vancouver Island, for mast for his ships, the Discovery and Resolution.

Question—Is there any way you can dig and hang up Geranium plants and keep them over winter? I have taken some cuttings but have such nice big plants, hate to see them freeze. Is this a good time to take the cuttings. C.D.

Answer—Some people report saving their geraniums by hanging them head down in a cool, but frost-free spot during the winter months. I have saved them over by putting them in sand, keeping it a little damp but not damp enough to rot the plants, and storing them in a spot of from 45 to 50 degrees. Cuttings taken now should root, particularly if given a little bottom heat.

Question—Is there any way to take the squeak out of a rocking chair. Can't find that it is loose any place, so don't know why it does squeak. C.D.

Answer—A little oil in the "joints" of the chair will usually help. Some rockers just naturally squeak, it seems, but oil will usually take care of this.

Question—Can you tell me how to soak rolled up paper to make Yule logs? F.F.

Answer—Take four pounds of blue vitriol, 3 pounds of rock salt, and one gallon of water. Roll tight packages of newspaper, tying firmly into log shape. Mix blue vitriol rock salt and water, using glass or crockery container. Soak newspaper overnight, then press out as much as possible and put in warm place to dry out before burning. The "logs" burn with a bright blue light.

Question—Have been checking over my garden, making notes of troubles during past season. . . and I'll be firing questions at you this winter to get ready for correction for next spring. I do have quite a

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Valley Girl Visits Creek Farm Homes

Donna Lingle, Clackamas County girl, who is spending several months in Greece as an Oregon International Farm Youth Exchange writes entertainingly of her experiences there. Donna, who is a junior at Oregon State College, has three more weeks in Greece. She writes this week:

"The last two weeks I have spent in two villages in Greece—one, Magoula near Sparta, and the other, Svolica near Trilopolis. It had been raining a lot in the mountains here and we haven't been able to do much farm work.

Like Oregon Homes

"In Magoula, I stayed with a very prosperous family. They had quite a nice, big house and a nice orange orchard. The houses of Magoula are not all clustered together like in most of the villages here. In Magoula they are scattered on their various plots of farmland like the houses in Oregon.

"Near Magoula are many beautiful high mountains—among them is a smaller mountain on which are the old ruins of Mystra. The first Sunday I was in Magoula the young woman in the agriculturist's office at Sparta and some of the girls of Magoula and I went to Mystra.

Remains of Castle

"On the very top of the mountain are the ruins of a castle. Part of the way down are the remains of the King's Palace. All along the mountainside are the ruins of many homes of old Mystra. Also on the mountain are several churches and a monastery. The churches are particularly interesting as they have very ancient and beautiful paintings on the walls and ceilings. The paintings represent different stories or passages from the Bible.

"In between the days of rain, we plowed a small field with a big cow—rather a neighbor plowed the field and the young husband of the house and I hoed and raked the field. The next day we planted endive and celery plants. This didn't take long as the field is quite small—probably 1/4-acre. Friday, the day before market day in Sparta, we picked pomegranates. The family has eight trees. The oranges aren't ripe yet."

Make Drilling, Nailing Easy

Need a handy tip on how to start drilling holes in fir plywood? Those who work with metal nearly always carry around a center punch to start drilling holes. This also works for fir plywood panels, where a small punch hole will enable the drill to start more easily.

Another useful tip for drilling fir plywood is that when nailing or drilling into the edge of any panel, a common fault is in getting slight splintering of the end. This can be eliminated by using a small clamp which compresses the area where you are going to do the nailing or drilling. The clamp can be put on in a jiffy, the nailing or drilling done and the clamp removed in a couple of seconds.

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Garden Calendar

Nov. 13 — Final day of South Salem Garden Clubs annual Chrysanthemum show, Salem Heights Community Hall. (Story elsewhere in this issue.)

Nov. 14-15 — Annual Christmas Show of Washington Federation of Garden Clubs, Seattle, Olympic Hotel.

Nov. 15 — Salem Rose Society meeting, 8 p.m. YMCA.

Dec. 1-2 — Three-Score-Ten Oregon State Horticultural Society meeting, Corvallis.

Dec. 3-4 — Christmas Treasurer Chest Show, Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Multnomah Hotel, Portland.

Dec. 5 — Smithfield Show, Garden and Agricultural Exhibit, London, England.

Dec. 5 — Salem Garden Club meeting, Woman's Club House, 2 p.m.

Ancient Plant Family Gets New Member

As old as Joseph's coat and just as colorful. That's the Bugle (Ajuga) plant family, dating back to Biblical days. Now the family has a new member — the Ajuga Rainbow.

Far more colorful than older members of its family, its metallic-like variegated foliage appears in striking rosettes of rich bronze, pink, white and green.

Like its Biblical ancestors, it grows six to eight inches in height and holds its foliage from early Spring until late fall. It can be adapted easily to fit any modern landscape plan with perfection.

The Ajuga Rainbow is a hardy, low-growing perennial plant which thrives in almost all parts of the United States.

In May and June, the short spikes of purple-blue flowers combined with the colorful foliage, form a bright spot. It grows equally well in full sun or partial shade. The plants should be set from 12 to 15 inches apart.

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