

Garden Gabbing

By GARDEN GADDER

SOME LIKE 'EM BIG—And others like them small. While most of the rose hybridizers have been working overtime to come up with the "biggest and flashiest", one California grower has busied himself with the opposite—tiny, thimble-sized miniature roses on plants only six to 12 inches high.

For the past 20 years, Ralph Moore of Visalia has been working on a new race of the baby roses. And the goal has now been reached, these little roses come in a complete range of colors. This is not a case of root pruning as in Japanese bonsai dwarf trees. The new race of roses has been evolved by genetics.

Like other roses, however, they like sunny spots in the garden, a light loam in which to grow, and a lot of organic matter. Space the plants about 12 inches apart for border effect. Set each plant 1/4 inch deeper than originally set and fertilize very sparingly. Light feedings during the summer months keep the bushes in good growing condition.

CLEANING POTS—Try this easy way to remove moss and disease spores from flower pots before reusing them:

Add permanganate of potash to a container of water, until it turns a good plum color. Soak dirty clay pots in soapy water for 10 minutes. Scrub off the loosened moss and dirt. Rinse the pots thoroughly in clear water, then soak them for a few minutes in the permanganate solution.

This solution badly stains the hands, so wear rubber gloves.

GLAD YEAR AHEAD—The Willamette Valley should plant lots of gladioli this year with the state show to be held at Mill City. The gladioli have a marvelous color range, progressing from softest pink to deepest red, from delicate lavender to richest purple, and from light cream to glowing orange.

But gladioli must be planted in the sun. The ideal soil is light. Stagnant soils can be corrected with the addition of sphagnum peat moss. Go heavy on water and easy on fertilizers too high in nitrogen. Set out now, they will bloom in 80 to 100 days, depending upon variety.

WHERE TO GO—That depends upon your inclinations. One look at our Calendar of Events and you see a number of interesting things to do today. First place, of course, that we would suggest is the Salem Garden Council's spring show. This is at the Isaac Walton League and you'll find a story about it elsewhere in our paper today. Then there is Mt. Angel's annual Primrose show. This, we are sure will be excellent this year, too. If you are interested in primroses this is the place to go. If you like to go a bit farther there is the Newberg Men's Garden Club show in the Central School there. Now if you have seen the Salem show Saturday and are itching for a longer drive, why not go out to the coast and cover the 20 Miracle Miles festival and its flower show at Depoe Bay. This show is open from 10 this morning to 6 tonight.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOOK—and would like one, how about something like "The Complete Book of House Plants" (Random House) or "The Tree Identification Book" by George W. D. Symonds with photographs by Stephen V. Chelminski (Barrows). This work considers all details—twigs, leaves, bark, fruits—in good clear, full-scale photographs.

NEW BUT WE THINK GOOD—One of the modern conveniences you may not yet have tried, but which is worthy of a fling are tiny flower pots made of compressed peat or similar material—depending upon the company. Some kinds of flowers can be transplanted readily in the tiny seedling stage, but take a severe shock if moved in the larger plant size for final position in the garden. Try these pots that are designed to be set right in the ground without disturbing the plant at all. Roots grow through the sides of the pot easily and the plant never knows it was moved.

BEAUTY WITH AGE—Unlike some of the rest of us, a tree frequently grows more esthetic as it weathers. The gnarled yet graceful branches look especially picturesque, bare against the sky.

Along with the beauty of age come disabilities and diseases. A fundamental three-point program of care, conscientiously adhered to, will give many added years of enjoyment. This program includes regular pruning, feeding and proper soil aeration. Severe pruning is the immediate prescription for dieback on an old tree.

Famed Texas Fiesta to Be Thrill Filled

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—The 63rd edition of the world famed Fiesta San Jacinto, declared to exceed all its predecessors in glamor, gaiety, color, thrills, excitement and fun, will be held April 21-26. Pre-Fiesta events this year include the popular "Presentation of Miss Fiesta" and a Children's Costume Contest, both to take place in the San Antonio municipal auditorium.

Scholarship Scandal

QUEBEC — The provincial government has announced it will take about \$500 court actions for recovery of \$500,000 to \$750,000 loaned on aid scholarships to students who now have been graduated and are practicing professions. Welfare Minister Paul Sauve said some men in arrears are earning as much as \$50,000 a year.

Flowers to Be Topic of Talk By Mrs. Bartlett

SILVERTON—Interested persons are invited to a meeting at Toney's Thursday night, 7:30 to hear Mrs. Hazel Bartlett of Brooks talking on the growing and arrangement of flowers. Mrs. Bartlett is president of the Capital District of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. Immediately following the discussion period an open auction, "Antiques of Today and Tomorrow," will be held at which time coffee will be served.

Burma Navy Grows

LONDON — Earl Mountbatten, first sea lord, will hand over the Canadian-built British minesweeper Mariner to Burma's navy April 18.

Garden Rogues' Gallery Shows Many Enemies

You won't need an electric bug finder nor a Sherlock Holmes magnifying glass to detect where the enemy is hiding in your garden. You will know by the way he chews your plants and, in some cases, by the trail he leaves. Here are ways to detect some of the more common garden pests that cause havoc in your garden.

Take the slug for example. This chewing pest attacks by night and you can tell of his visit by the silvery tracks he leaves upon your plants. Aldrin stops them in their tracks.

Aphis are small, fragile, soft-bodied sucking insects, found usually under leaves and some have wings, some do not. Often you can trail them by the ants that are attracted to the honeydew the aphids excrete. Aphids cause deformation and curling of leaves. They love young rose shoots as well as vegetables.

An earwig is a dark brown insect about 1/4 of an inch long with a pair of forceps on the rear end of the body. It feeds at night and hides under boards and rocks and in crevices by day. Earwigs like to eat holes in leaves and flowers of vegetables and flowering plants; they won't pass up fruit and vegetables either. Dieldrin is very effective against them.

Twelve black spots mark the cucumber beetle (Diabrotica). This eater is small, greenish yellow and likes among its plants chrysanthemums, coreopsis, cosmos, dahlia, Shasta daisy, sweet pea and zinnia. He likes vegetables for heavier meals.

Know the mealybug by its elongated, oval body which is covered with a white, powdery wax. They, like aphids, excrete honeydew which attracts ants. They live in colonies and can crawl slowly. This describes the aerial mealybug; you will also find a soil mealybug.

As it warms up lawn moths may be seen flying over your lawn at dusk. They are small and usually like blue or bent grass best. Their damage is done by the caterpillars which hatch from the eggs in summer and early fall. Dieldrin and aldrin preparations are particularly effective.

Cutworms, ants, chinch bugs, white grubs and even mosquitoes and fleas that live in grass and shrubs are controlled with this same one-shot dieldrin. A single application is effective against these many major pests.

It is responsible for a three-way kill—dieldrin gets the insects that eat, breathe or touch the chemicals. In areas where Japanese beetles are entrenched firmly, the best control is dieldrin. Available under trade names, this material comes in liquid, dry and granular forms.

In the soil, dieldrin (pronounced "deed-rin") actually protects against insect larvae for years.

--Travel Talks--

PLAN FOR HOME TOUR—Several of Portland's finest private gardens will be open to visitors during Rose Festival this year, according to plans for a special tour being set up by the Portland Junior League in Cooperation with the Rose Festival Assn.

Seven gardens in the West Hills will be included in the tour, which is scheduled for noon to 5 p. m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Rose Festival Week.

The tour will be by bus beginning near the Art Museum with the first stop at the Portland Garden Club building for tea. If the tour program is successful this year plans call for repetitions at future Festivals.

If you have friends or relatives coming west during Rose Festival Week (See Calendar of Events) be sure to tell them about the tours.

STAYING ON THE CONTINENT—The Manoir Richelieu, internationally known Canadian vacation resort at Murray Bay, will open for the 1958 season on June 8. The ivy-covered hotel, overlooking the St. Lawrence River, is a favorite with many American tourists who still feel that the North American Continent has a lot to offer. The Manoir has a number of outstanding attractions, not the least of which are its French cuisine and cosmopolitan atmosphere.

The Norman architecture of the Manoir conforms to the French Louis XIII period, and it is furnished with antiques and objects d'art carrying out this motif.

Folk arrive at the Manoir on roads from Montreal and Quebec through Murray Bay, or aboard one of the cruise ships which sail several times a week all summer from the two cities to Murray Bay.

GOING TO NEW YORK?—A new revised edition of "Hotels in New York City," a folder listing rates, addresses and telephone numbers of 142 hostels, plus which of them have housekeeping suites and which are air-conditioned, is now available from the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, 90 East 42nd St.

IN OLE KAINTECK—The annual spring tour of Kentucky's gardens and grounds has been set May 16 to 18. Sponsored by the Garden Club Tour of Kentucky, the event covers homes in or near Louisville, Lexington, Bardonia, Danville, Frankfort and Stanford. The highlight will be a tea on Saturday, May 17, at the Executive Mansion at Frankfort. On the tour, it is understood, you'll not be told Who-Slept-Here—but WHO-lived here, and the telling is said to sound like a reading out of a page of history. Full details can be had from the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Louisville.

TOURING DENMARK?—Three and four days of touring Denmark by motor coach will be offered starting May 11 and carrying through Sept. 19 by "The Fairytale-Tours of Denmark" with headquarters in Copenhagen. The trips include visits to sites and towns that date to the Middle Ages, the chateau country of Denmark, and Odense, birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen. Further information is available from your favorite tourist agency. Salem has two to choose from.

LOOKING FOR OLD MONUMENTS?—Then don't go to Hong Kong. Hong Kong is not a historic place—little more than a century ago it was nothing more than a fishing village—and so there are no really old monuments or ancient buildings and temples.

The appeal of Hong Kong is said to be in the spectacular harbor with its merchantmen, sailing junks and British, American and other warships, the peak and hills that embrace the port, the stir of Chinese life in cluttered, picturesque streets and the general cosmopolitan air.

Arsonist?



Billy Watkins Moody, 28, faces arson charges. Monroe County, Fla., sheriff's department said total loss of fires attributed to Moody was estimated at over four million dollars. (AP)

Rockets to Spy On Eclipse of Sun in October

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE
AP Science Reporter

WASHINGTON — Soaring rockets will spy on a total eclipse of the sun Oct. 12.

They'll roar up from a ship off Danger Island in the Pacific for this first high-altitude look—150 to 180 miles up—at an eclipse.

Riding above most of the earth's absorbing blanket of air, special instruments inside the rocket may discover new secrets of the sun. It will be the first rocket observations of an eclipse.

This rocket shoot will mark another step in ingenious push-button rocketry for scientific study. The method already has detected unusual bursts of X rays shooting from the sun during solar flares—great explosions on the face of the sun.

Rockets Kept Ready

Push-button means just that. Rockets using solid fuel are kept ready to shoot, and sent up immediately when the sun does something unusual or interesting.

The technique was developed by Dr. Herbert Friedman and associates of the Naval Research Laboratory here, for use during the International Geophysical Year studies of the earth and sun.

Last summer and fall, Naval Research Lab men fired 15 rockets from San Nicolas Island off the California coast, and are shooting five larger rockets from the island this spring to study solar flares.

Shooting the eclipse will be a lot tougher, trickier, and even hazardous. The rockets must be fired from the deck of a rolling ship. And the NRL men want to fire eight within an hour at exact times, Dr. Friedman explains.

The scientific party sails from San Diego nearly two months before the eclipse to get everything set. A forest of eight Nike-Asp rockets, 22 feet tall, will stand on the stern of the vessel.

Timed for Shadow

Rocket firings will be timed to watch the sun as the moon's shadow blocks out more and more of the sun's light. Totality of the eclipse lasts four minutes, and Dr. Friedman's group hopes to have two rockets aloft during that period.

He said "we're interested in seeing how radiations from the sun vary during the eclipse and in measuring emissions from the sun's corona at totality. Maybe we'll find something significant. At any rate, it's going to be a mighty busy hour."

Babson Reports:

Nasser Move Seen as Grab for Oil Authority

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BABSON PARK, Mass.—Usually I do not comment at length on foreign affairs. However, recent developments in the Middle East could have far-reaching effects upon U. S. business. Therefore, I think readers may be helped to know my reaction to these happenings.

The formation of the United Arab Republic, consisting of Egypt, Syria and, eventually, Yemen, is a feather in the cap of President Nasser of Egypt. It will enhance his bargaining power with both East and West. The new Republic is born of the traditional Arab hostility to the State of Israel and of Nasser's fear of the power of the feudal Arab Kings of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan.

This new Union means that Nasser may have nearly absolute power over both Egypt and Syria and perhaps over Yemen as well. It means that he can exercise a greater control over shipments of oil and other goods through the Suez Canal and that he can stop, at will, if it becomes desirable, the flow of oil through Syrian pipelines to the West.

WILL THERE BE A SINGLE ARAB OIL EMPIRE?

Many observers believe Nasser's dream is to create a united Arab oil empire. To do this, the Egyptian leader must break the power of the feudal Arab Kings. Nasser is still a popular figure in the Arab world. He has tangled with Israel, Great Britain, and France and come out fairly well. Although he has not been able to better the lot of the average Egyptian, he has captured the imagination of the masses. It is just possible that he may break the power of the Arab Kings and effect, for a time at least, a single federation of all the Arab states. This would be due to their common interests in oil and their common fear of the State of Israel.

However, for the moment, Nasser's dreams of an oil empire have been jolted by Iraq and Jordan, whose Kings have proclaimed a separate Arab Federation. To such it is possible that King Saud of Saudi Arabia may eventually adhere. In agreeing to form this federation with Jordan, Iraq may defect from the Baghdad Pact which binds her to the West.

NO EARLY STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Nasser will drive hard bargains with European and American oil interests operating in those areas over which he can exercise some control. During the next few years, tensions in Arab lands will be high. The flow of oil to Europe may again be cut off or be slowed to a trickle. Certainly, it will cost more!

There will be no early stability in the Middle East. The two chief Arab factions will jockey for position, versus each other and Israel. If Nasser should come out on top in his struggle with other Arab interests currently resisting his climb to power, he could become a most important oil dictator. However, much will depend upon how long it takes the world to develop an economically feasible means of harnessing nuclear power. I forecast that we will sometime find a cheap way to produce power through fusion, or through harnessing gravity. Then Nasser's, or his successor's power, based on control of strategic oil supplies, could vanish.

EGYPT COULD BE A RICH LAND

Studies show that Egypt's soil contains elements which would favor vegetation if only her fields could receive sufficient irrigation. Unlike European countries and much of our own farm land, Egyptian topsoil is still intact and the life-bearing minerals remain in her good earth. On the other hand, her people are very ignorant and poor.

Some day, Egypt will have her Aswan dam and other vast irrigation projects which will assure her sufficient water for good farming; but there first must come an entire change in her people's character. They are not yet using properly the water now available. Only then can the now arid lands of her great deserts bloom. I forecast, however, that the time will come when Egypt can be a most important country, but this is many years ahead.

Chopin Music Not Soothing?

PHILADELPHIA — The soothing strains of works by such composers as Tchaikowsky and Chopin don't always have the effect you might imagine.

In fact, according to a paper presented Friday at a meeting of the Eastern Psychological Assn., background music of the two composers used for group psychotherapy produced "a significantly higher proportion of hostile and negative responses," than did no music at all.

The paper, presented by Dr. Leo Shatlin, chief clinical psychologist at the Albany, N.Y., Veterans Administration Hospital, and Dr. Carl M. Zimet, of the Yale Medical School, said such rousing numbers as "Knightsbridge March" and "Danza Espanola" brought a friendly and warmer response.

Stamps in the News

By SYD KRONISH
AP Newsfeatures
In this atom and sputnik age, stamp collecting has received new accolades for its "contribution to human society."

On the agenda of the American Chemical Society, now meeting in San Francisco, a symposium was devoted to philately. A special paper prepared by Rudolph Vecerin and Dr. V. F. Payne dedicated to "Chemistry and Stamps" was delivered.

It was cited that every major country in the world has issued stamps honoring the achievements of chemists. Chemists first appeared on postage stamps in 1923 when France honored Louis Pasteur.

In 1951 the United States issued a stamp commemorating the 75th anniversary of the American Chemical Society.

Austria has issued a new 4-schilling red stamp honoring the reactivation of the Austrian Airlines, reports Edwin Mueller, Service on Austrian Airlines had been suspended since the Nazi occupation in 1938. The stamp also marks the 40th anniversary of the first Austrian air mail service established in 1918 from Vienna via Cracow, Lwow, Prasko to Kiev and Odessa. Depicted on the stamp is a four-motored plane in flight.

The Philatelic Institute, a non-profit organization which promotes stamp collecting, has come up with a handy device designed to help new collectors identify stamps.

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