

Oregon's Work Picture Better

SALEM, Ore. — (AP) — The State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported this week that employment has picked up considerably in Oregon but is still under last year's high. More people are finding work in agricultural communities, while fewer are finding jobs in lumber and other heavy industries, officials said. Unemployment in Oregon hovered around 41,000, with insured unemployment remaining 20,000. Migratory workers accounted for many of the job seekers. Administrators predicted that

more seasonal jobs will open up next month in canning and packing industries as late crops are brought in.

Wolf Creek Items

WOLF CREEK—It was a shock to the old timers of this community when word was brought to them Sunday morning that Melvin Jeffers had died at Redmond that day. Mr. Jeffers had taken suddenly ill late Saturday evening while "calling" for an old-fashioned dance near Redmond. He was rushed to the hospital but died soon of a heart attack. Mr. Jeffers' mother, Mrs. Madora Jeffers and one brother, Russell Jeffers, live in the community. Also a son, Carl. All the old neighbors and friends wish to express their sympathy to the family that is left.

Garden Grapevine

By Arthur Prescott

Increasingly frequent questions at this time of year are asked regarding when to dig bulbs of various kinds. Particularly is it asked of ones that have finished flowering but it brings up the subject of all bulbs and how and when they should be dug. It is early for some, right for others and late for a third group.

TWO BULB GROUPS

In general bulbs may be divided into two groups based on their flowering periods, spring or summer. Both groups will vary in the earliness of bloom within their season which further affects the date they are dug, or planted. A further division is that based on whether they are hardy or tender bulbs.

Digging of bulbs for storage is related to their flowering date as is also planting. Of course, actual time of digging is determined more definitely by the maturity of the specific bulbs and when they are most completely dormant. Maturity generally follows flowering although there are some exceptions to this where a bulb flowers at one season and makes its growth at another. Another exception is found in summer flowering bulbs particularly where they are classed as tender bulbs in that maturity is never actually reached. Their growth is checked by frost and dormancy and maturity becomes a matter of proper digging, curing and storage.

SPRING FLOWERING BULBS

The spring flowering group is the one which it is really late to dig. In most cases they have long since matured their bulbs. Foliage has mostly disappeared and consequently their actual location in the ground is somewhat of a mystery. The best known examples of these are Tulips and Narcissus. They and many like them are ready to be planted again. If for some reason it is necessary to dig them now, action should be taken immediately before fall root growth has started. This includes also those which were lifted from original beds and heeled in elsewhere to mature their bulbs.

If you must dig some members of this group do it now to avoid root injury. They may be dug and promptly replanted, or if still completely dormant held for later planting. When they are to be planted later they should be thinly spread so they will dry without rotting and planted later. This should be done where they are not exposed to sun or more moisture. When you are ready to plant divide the clumps as they naturally separate. Where there

is variation in size of one kind it is best to plant the smaller ones in an area where they may be allowed further growth to reach blooming size again. The average tulip will bloom from a bulb of one inch diameter. Narcissus vary somewhat depending on variety. Those producing bulbs of large size will require a larger bulb than tulips to produce a flower. The smaller flowers such as Crocus and Scillas may be judged flowering size on a similar basis of comparison with the larger bulbs in a clump considered the average. Generally speaking these will flower at a much smaller relative size than Tulips or Narcissus.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

The most common of the summer bulbs are Dahlias and Gladiolus, but there are others which must be considered. There is no blanket season in which this group may be dug. It is common practice to make successive plantings of gladiolus which of course makes successive digging necessary unless one is to leave them all until the end of the season. This digging of other things is also affected by when they were planted and how long their season. It is best then to know what conditions indicate maturity of each of them and how to handle the dug bulbs.

GLADIOLUS

The Gladiolus bulb or corn as it is more correctly called is dug on a basis of its condition. Growth after flowering is essential for the bulb. Maturity is reached when the foliage loses its green coloring and becomes yellow and more or less dry. The tops are more or less persistent, so digging may be postponed until all the bulbs in one's garden are mature. However, to avoid the unsightly brownish tops they are usually late ones when tops have been killed by frost. After digging, tops dug as they mature, or for very are cut off a couple of inches from the corn and the bulbs are spread out to dry and cure. Tops are burned to dispose of insects and disease. As the bulbs dry they are cleaned of all dead portions and the old base. Separate the bulblet and the corns and place in shallow open boxes for storage. If trip has been present, the bulbs should be dusted with DDT for storage. This may be done by shaking dust and bulbs in a sack until all parts are covered. The surplus dust may be used again. A storage place for Gladiolus must be safe from frost and neither too dry or too moist. This digging of gladiolus is usually a yearly operation, but they may be left in the ground a second year if necessary. Losses over winter do not occur here except in unusually cold winters.

DAHLIAS

The Dahlia does not mature normally, but is ready to dig when hit by frost. Good practice is to dig immediately after frost to avoid absorption by the bulb of injurious juices from the dead portion. Dahlias are dug as a clump, washed free of dirt and allowed to dry off before storing. Sun, rain and frost should be avoided while they are curing. Storage space used for winter vegetables will take care of them also. Avoid too moist an atmosphere. In home garden practice, the clumps are not divided until planting time in spring, when buds become visible on the stem end of tubers.

Dahlias may be left in the ground several years, but they are best replanted every year. They are probably not quite as hardy as gladiolus. Two years growth also produces an almost undividable clump. As a rule Dahlias need no treatment for storage if properly cleaned and dried. In spring, when divisions are made, cut surfaces should be dusted with sulphur.

TUBEROUS BEGONIAS
Begonias, like Dahlias, are cut back by frost before maturity. It is absolutely essential with them,

even more than with Dahlias, that they be dug immediately after frost hits the tops, and the tops cut off. The adhering soil is allowed to dry before cleaning the tuber. When dry, gently remove the soil without injuring the larger roots. For greatest storage safety place in boxes between layers of dry peat or other loose material. This holds moisture in the tubers, but does not allow touching tubers or moisture from the air to start rot. Injured surfaces should be lightly dusted with sulphur. Moisture and cold are serious storage problems, although too dry an atmosphere will also injure the bulbs.

OTHER BULBS

Among the other bulbs are many of varying treatment. Amaryllis Belladonna are one of those which flower and grow at different seasons. Bloom comes in September, but foliage growth in the spring. They are best left undisturbed for years, but when necessary, should be dug immediately after foliage dies down. This will be early or mid-summer, depending on the moisture they receive. They bloom best in a location where not summer watered. Dig tubers and replant immediately if possible. To get flowers they should be in the ground by early September. Separation of clumps should be done only where attachment between bulbs is almost gone.

Most other garden bulbs can be compared to types already mentioned and the digging and storage decided on the similarity to others. Timely digging, proper curing and the right storage are the prime factors with all bulbs.

News from Wendling

WENDLING—On Friday night our Wendling contingent of fire fighters was called to a fire in Eastern Oregon, along the southern slope of the Ochoco National Forest. The fire was placed under control and the fire fighters returned to their headquarters here Sunday night.

Final announcement is being made of the Wendling Old-Timers' third annual picnic, to be held at Swimmer's Delight on Sunday, Aug. 21. This picnic will include all former employees of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company at Wendling, their families and guests. Each family is requested to bring a potluck dinner, dishes and silver. Coffee and pop will be furnished FREE. Gates will be open at 10 a. m., and dinner will be called at 1 p. m.

Mrs. Betty Adrian, Saux Center, Minn., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cruickshank. Mrs. Adrian and Mrs. Cruickshank are sisters, and this is their first visit for sometime. Visiting at the home of John H. Downing and family are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Keene, Salem. Keene is an uncle of Downing's.

Atomic City to Get New Radio Station

RICHLAND, Wash. — (AP) — Cascade Broadcasting Co., operator of radio station KIMA at Yakima, was awarded a lease to construct and operate a 1000 watt radio station in Richland, the atomic city's first station. The announcement, made by General Electric Co.'s commercial facilities division, said the lease is contingent upon the ability of the company to obtain Federal Communication Commission licenses. A. W. Talbot of Seattle is president of the company. R. Lee Black is vice-president and manager of KIMA, a Columbia Broadcasting Co. affiliate. Consulting engineers for Cascade are making location studies for the new station.

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