

Valley Farm News

Silage Clinic Mayflower Hall

For the purpose of developing a program of more and better silage for 1953, a clinic will be held at Mayflower hall at 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 16. All silage for grading and discussion, County Extension Agent Ben A. Newell states.

Dr. I. E. Jones, professor in the dairy department and using silage, Johns is considered one of Oregon's top men on feeds and feeding.

has just been completed. On January 9, 25 New Hampshire chicks were started under a heat lamp in the store. One month later, February 9, all the chicks were healthy and lively, weighed an average of one pound per bird, and had been fed an average of two pounds per bird.

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February Work For Gardner

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Normally February is an "off" month for the gardener, but there is still much that can be done. Start to do anything that will make spring tasks easier.

Have you sprayed your trees and shrubs for scale with a miscible oil spray?

Have you painted, sharpened or repaired your garden tools and checked your needs along that line?

Have you ordered your seeds and made an inventory of your shrubbery and tree plantings and selected specimens for those "vacant spots"?

Be sure to prune roses this month.

Do not delay these things. Spring will come soon, then garden activity will be high and time limited! Check your lawn mower to see if it is in shape for the tasks ahead. Stock up on plant labels and check your hoses and sprinklers; replace, if necessary, or make additions as may be needed.

Select seeds for your Liberty Garden and for your annual or perennial beds. It is often a good idea to have your dealer set those you want aside as they may be out of stock when you get around to buying.

Be sure to remove any mulch placed over bulbs as a winter protection. (Do this by hand as a rake might injure shoots that are already starting through.)

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HOME PAGE Capital Journal

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By MARK M. TAYLOR

Grafting, to most persons, seems an interesting but intricate process. It is, however, quite simple and affords much opportunity for the propagation of rare woody plants.

What is grafting? Grafting is the bringing together of two plants for the purpose of forming a union so that they will grow as one. Why is this advisable? Grafting is used to create more rapid growth of a certain variety by attaching it to an established root system. It permits more than one variety to be grown a single plant and permits plants of both sexes to exist on one root system thereby insuring pollination and resulting fruit. It is also a means of changing the appearance of a plant that may have been damaged.

Grafting is not difficult if a simple procedure is followed:

Always graft just before the sap rises in the stock (the plant with the root system).

Always graft related plants (graft apple on apple, and so on).

Tools needed are few: A sharp knife, a hatchet, a wedge, grafting wax, rubber bands, a curved saw.

Select your stock (the plant with root system) so that the part, or branch, to be grafted is not too small. For a scion (or cion) select a twig with three or four buds. First, let's look at a cross section of tree and examine its structure. The outer layer is bark then comes an inner bark (this is the growing back) then comes the Cambium, which is a thin green layer between the inner bark and the sapwood. The Cambium is the most important part in grafting so note it carefully. The sapwood develops from the Cambium and gradually becomes the heartwood. This process repeated year after year causes the formation of "rings" by which the ages of trees are told. The lifeblood of the tree runs up through the sapwood.

Having selected your stock and scions, taper into a very thin wedge-shaped twig with a sharp knife. Cut the stock squarely across. Then with a knife or hatchet split the stock slightly holding it open with the wedge. Now insert the scion until the lowest bud is just above the stock. Slant the scion slightly outward until the Cambium of both stock and scion are in contact. Then remove the wedge. The stock will spring back and hold the scion in place. If not, tie with rubber bands so that there will be no binding of the stock. Then cover the whole union with grafting wax.

There are several other types of grafts that may be made but this is the simplest method. When the union "takes" growth of the scion will be noticeable in a few weeks. Grafting of most woody trees and shrubs may be done now and even up until spring, though best results are had by working early before growth really starts. It is really fun for the novice and it can be very interesting to have, for example, several different kinds of apples growing on one tree, each variety coming out at different seasons.

Camellias are often grafted in order to give quick growth to rare or slow-growing varieties because grafting onto an established root system gives the new "top" a greater supply of food. A camellia bush with several different colored flowers is a novelty. I understand that one nursery in Portland has a camellia with more than 100 varieties to it!

With roses, the method of grafting is called budding. It is the same principle but the procedure is different. We will describe it in a future issue.

Grafting should not be done during or just before a severe cold spell. To be successful you must insure and maintain intimate contact between the Cambium tissue of stock and scion. Most grafting is done with dormant scions, either at that season, usually January and February, or by keeping scions in cold storage until plants are ready to receive them.

So, there you have the basic method of grafting, why not try your hand? You can graft good varieties on seedling stock, for example. In my own experience I had very pleasing results by digging some seedling cherry trees that had grown up in an old orchard, transplanting these to a desired location and letting them grow to the proper size for grafting (about one-inch in diameter). Then I took scions from two flowering cherries, a deep pink and a pale pink, and grafted these to the seedling stock. I now have several beautiful flowering cherries at little or no expense. The same was accomplished by grafting a flowering plum (Prunus

Bleriana) to a seedling prunus. It gives a gardener a sense of pride and accomplishment to display such trees with "Oh, yes, I grafted those myself!"

In top-working a tree that has been damaged by storms, the grafting process must be done gradually. Only graft one limb at a time. The entire process may have to be extended over two or three years but the result is the saving of all of the effort that went into the growing of the stock over a period of years.

Q—When should you take carnation cuttings? I had such nice ones last year that I do not want to lose them.—Mrs. P.T.

Ans.—Now. Take only from strong, clean plants using the lower half of the stem. Pull cutting with downward movement to make a "heel." Dip in rooting medium and set in sand. Temperature should be about 50 degrees for best results and shade from direct sunlight. These should root in three or four weeks.

Q—Can any shrubs be rooted in water?—Mrs. T.C.

Ans.—Yes, some shrubs, particularly, lend themselves to this. For example, pussy-willow will put out quite a root system in water and can then be planted into the ground. I have also done this with roses with some success and hydrangeas, jasmine, daphney, etc.

Q—Have a skimmia bush—why doesn't it have berries?—Ans.—Skimmia is dioecious, that is one plant produces pollen and another berries. To solve this problem, which will recur, plant one or two more bushes so that you will be sure that you have a pollinizer.

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Ans.—Velvet bent (Agrostis Canina) is the finest and most beautiful turf grass. It spreads by runners above ground and by underground rootstocks. It is a disease resistant and is the only bent capable of growing permanently in the shade.

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Ans.—It is necessary for the stems to be pollinated and this is usually done by hand, so it is not practicable to try to save seed.

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Ans.—Some will, but many will not bloom until next season, but unlike biennials, they will not die after blooming. Sow early to get plants large enough to withstand next winter's weather.

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Ans.—Sow out of doors any time after weather has settled. They bloom during the second year and die. Seedlings from late sowings should have cold-frame protection.

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Ans.—Annuals complete their entire life cycle in one season. Most of them will bloom from seed sown in open ground as soon as weather settles. For early starts and for wider variety it is a good idea to start seed indoors or in coldframes so they will reach maturity before any adverse weather we might have in the Fall.

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PIN PATER

By BENN VALDEZ

Congratulations this week to six bowlers in Salem who came up with the big effort. First of all, to Lyle (Swede) Anderson, this corner's nominee for the most improved bowler of the year, who Wednesday night moved into first place in averages in the Major league with a solid 190 average. Not bad for a kid; Swede will not be 21 for several days yet. Puts him ahead of such veterans as Pinky Hartwell, Don Poulin, Frank Evans, and Pappy Cline.

Biggest blast of recent times was engineered by the Lana Avenue Service team of the Capitol Automotive league a week ago Wednesday night when they roared in with a 1057 scratch game, the highest in the city thus far this season. Scores were as follows: Yvonne Barber 180, Jake (Dog) Hopfinger 165, Martin Hammond 210, Ken Nelson 257, and Keith Hayes 245. Terrific game for any team in the state, let alone a minor league team of comparatively new bowlers. Deserving of sympathy is Keith Hayes who anchored with a respectable 245 only to lose high game honors to Ken Nelson's big 257. It should happen to me . . . Wonder what the Major leaguers thought as they took the alleys immediately afterwards? . . .

Long ignored by the male bowlers in town, the women keepers will get an opportunity to see one of the finest female teams in the country strut their stuff here on April 20. Coming up to bowl in the University Ragtime mixed doubles tournament will be the Rand's Roundup team from Los Angeles. Faced by blonde and beautiful LaVerne Haverly and her 200 plus average, the gals have been mopping up on some of the better male teams in the southern California area . . . LaVerne is the gal who finished fourth in the women's national match game eliminations with a very fine average. They have asked that some of the top men bowlers in Salem bowl doubles with them in the tournament which has the men in town a little worried. Be embarrassing to shoot a nice series and have a woman beat you by a lot of sticks.

As we got to press several Salem men are still in first place in the state tournament at Hillsboro. John Nuber, house man at the U-Bowl is in first place in all-events with 1776, Pinky Hartwell is in first place in singles with 619, and the Karr's Five Old Misers team is in first place in Class B team event. Looks like this may be a big year for Salem men in the annual classic. Most Salem teams will be going down this week-end or next. Leading the parade will be Brennan Tree Service from the Capitol Major, May & Wilma's from the University Classic and Salem Iron Works from the University Commercial. Whether they win or not, each man will have a big week-end and the thrill of bowling in the biggest state classic since the first one was held in 1939.

They say that bowlers never quit the game, they just keep going until Father Time catches up with them but Salem has lost a fine bowler due to bad health this year. Don Muehlaupt who wheeled for Al Bell's Realtors in the University Mercantile league has been forced from the game by a bad case of bursitis in his bowling arm and must give up the game for a year or two. There wasn't a more enthusiastic bowler in Salem and we will all miss Don. Wife Beryl will keep the family name going, however, as she is still pitching in the Capitol Major and the University Ladies Classic league.

Upholding the name of Salem as one of the better bowling towns in the state was the Capitol Alleys squad which finished a solid third in the annual Rose City team sweepster preceding the Rose City city singles classic in Portland last week-end. Composed of Tom Brennan, Larry Oslund, Tony Vittono, Swede Anderson and Frank Angstad, the gang finished just behind Timber Structures of Portland and Cook's U-Drive of Seattle who are probably two of the toughest tournament teams in the entire northwest. Also bowling were Dean Henderson and Brownie (Webback) Valdez who finished second in the Doubles and would have won first had not Max Hillsberry of Seattle struck out in the last game to win first for he and partner Joe Razole of the Queen City. Sadly enough, no one from Salem finished in the money in singles although Pinky Hartwell came close.

Laugh of the week is on Brownie Valdez who bought himself a new fingertip ball and was proud of the way he could "bust out" of splits. He rashly bet Manager Frank Evans of the University Bowl that he would not have an 8-10 split all night with his new punkin. Sure enough, no sooner was the bet made than, wham! a big 8-10. Since then, he has been nicknamed "Digger".

The entry deadline for the big extravaganza at the Delake alleys has been extended to February 28 in order to accommodate the many teams desiring to enter. This is one of the really big ones on the coast and for a pleasant week-end of bowling, fishing, golfing, or just about anything you want to do, this has them all beat. Entry blanks can be found in both alleys here in the city.

As of 14 January the national leaders in bowling are:
Team Series—Balletines of Scranton, Pa. 3526
Team Game—Alo Balletines 1249
High Individual Series—Jim Lago of Teaneck, N.J. 834

Greys Win Fifth Straight in City Junior High Loop

The Parrish Greys protected their first place standing in the Salem junior high school basketball league last night with a 52-33 victory over the Leslie Golds. It was the fifth straight win for the Greys.

In other junior high tilts, Parrish's Cardinals downed the West Salem Giants 50-42, and Parrish Pioneers defeated Leslie Blues 46-34.

Bob Tom of the Parrish Cardinals was the high scorer for the entire evening's play. He had 25 points.

Leslie Golds (33) Parrish Greys 52-33
Hammett 2 9 Carl Coles 2 14 Leroy Carlson 13 9
Forsberg 9 14 Weaver Merchant 3 14
Subs: Gode, McDonald 4, Cypriote, Gilbreath 2.
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W. Salem Glancs (51) Parrish Cards 46-34
Zales 15 23 Tom McCormack 4 23
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Dale 7 9
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Basketball Scores

HIGH SCHOOL
Jefferson 71, Lincoln 42.
Beason 52, Cleveland 28.
Washington 59, Roosevelt 37.
Macklin 82, Oren 49.
The Dalles 81, La Grande 83.
Marshfield 80, North Bend 84.
Astoria 62, Astoria 45.
Albany 82, Lebanon 81.
Lakerview 81, Redmond 81.
Hillsboro 71, Newberg 88.
Milwaukie 71, Tillamook 84.
Gresham 87, Astoria 84.
Milton-Freewater 81, Pendleton 84.
Clatskanie 80, Rainier 84.
Klamath Falls 86, Orantia Pass 84.
Lake Oswego 84, Condonville (Port.) 84.
Fusion City 47, Cottage Grove 84.
Oakridge 76, Elmira 37.
Arlington 31, Condon 41.
Sius 81, Falls City 41.
Verboort 82, McLaren Home School 43.
Corbett 81, Hill Military (Portland) 84.
Suez of the Sea (Astoria) 81, Neverside 30 (overtime).
Garibaldi 48, Tillamook Catholic 90.
Mt. Vernon 88, Mitchell 42.
Rob 86, Pilot Rock 83.
Knappa 88, Jewell 41.
Perrydale 81, Alsea 32.
Wasco 81, St. Rose 88.
McKenzie 72, Lorain 30.
Rio 81, Harrisburg 30.
Cascadia Locks 84, Mazouzi 41.
Needport 88, Coquille 34.

TIDE TABLE
Corrected for Tides
(Compiled by U. S. Coast & Geodetic Survey, Portland, Ore.)
February
High Waters
Low Waters
Time Height
14 12:39 a.m. 6.2 6:21 a.m. 1.8
15 12:19 p.m. 7.4 7:01 p.m. -0.7
16 1:01 p.m. 8.1 7:43 a.m. 1.2
17 1:11 p.m. 7.3 7:46 p.m. -0.3

plants you have always wanted. February also brings early flowers. In gardens around and about you can find a number of things of interest that are now in bloom. Look for these—and others.

Mediterranean Hybrid Heather.
Helleborus (Christmas Rose).
Jasmine (Jasminum Nudiflorum). Yellow blooms on the bare green stems.
Azalia Mucronatum (salmon blooms).
Flowering cherry (Autumnalis).
Flowering plums (Eleriana and Pissardi).
Lau-ustinus, forsythia, daphne, camellias, saxifrage, pussy-willow, violets, andromeda, winter iris, narcissus (February Gold), primrose, flowering quince.

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