

### Insurance Company Approves Loans

Another \$1,073,637 was approved for investment in Oregon real estate loans by the western home offices of Prudential Insurance Co. during the first two months of 1953, according to Harry J. Volk, vice-president in charge of western operations.

This represents 87 separate loans with \$651,283 for residential purposes, \$202,792 for commercial and industrial, and \$189,562 for farm properties.

Reports show that Prudential had a total of \$32,447,862 of real estate loans outstanding in this area as of December 31, last.

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## HOME PAGE Capital Journal

### Dahlias From Seed May Bring New Varieties, Taylor States

By MARK M. TAYLOR

The gardener who likes dahlias has some real enjoyment in store for him if he tries raising them from seeds. There is always the chance of getting a new variety, but aside from that there is the element of anticipation and surprise as the seed germination reaches maturity and flowers. The foliage is the same as dahlias started from tubers, but the surprise is in seeing what kind of flower unfolds from the new plant. There is no hokus-pokus to raising dahlias from seed. Plant in a coldframe or hotbed just as you would zinnias or marigolds. Then, transplant to the garden after all danger of frost is past. A soil that will produce good tomatoes will produce good dahlias. The seedlings will bloom the first year. Get your seeds from a specialist. Don't worry about getting the big giants at first. The cost for seed usually runs about 20 for a dollar—this is for the medium variety. Try the less expensive sorts as an experiment. You may get the quilled cactus-flowered blooms or the medium sized blooms that are ideal for cutting. There is no end to the variety you may expect.

The plants will flower and make tubers the first year. Then, you can throw out undesirable plants and save the tubers of the ones you like. If variations in bloom from a seedling do not show up in three years, it will come true to form each year thereafter. If you like zinnias, you will want to try the dwarf dahlias, those gorgeous little single or semi-double blooms of the Mignon or Unwin dahlias. They are easy to grow and produce fine cut flowers. I saw them planted in Union Square, San Francisco one year and they really were a gorgeous sight to behold.

Planting Tubers It is not yet time for setting out dahlia tubers, but this can be done as soon as the ground is warm and danger of frost is past. Dahlias lend themselves well to heavy backgrounds and bedding effects in a massed style. They require neutral or slightly acid soil. A loose loamy soil that does not pack is ideal. Good drainage is essential.

Set tubers from 3 to 5 feet apart each way unless for bedding effects when set in groups of 3, 5 or 7. Be sure to group only harmonious colors and forms or the effect you want will be lost. Dust tubers with sulphur before planting to prevent rot. Set them six inches deep, flat in the ground with the stem or eye upward. Place a stake alongside the tuber at planting time... you'll need it later! Placing it at planting time will do away with the risk of damaging the roots later. Cover the tubers with about two inches of soil. As the hard stem growth appears continue to pull more soil into the hole until you eventually reach ground level. Bone-meal, muriate of pot-

### Gas to Bring Added Power

A great new source of power will be firing the furnaces of Pacific northwest industry by 1955. For, within the next three years Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be supplying natural gas to local industries at a rate of more than 10 billion cubic feet a year, according to the Gas Appliance Manufacturers association.

Industry will not be the lone beneficiary of the arrival of natural gas in the area, the GAMA report discloses. There will be an increase in the use of gas for home heating of nearly 140 per cent by 1955 in the tri-state area, from approximately 36,400 homes in 1952 to more than 87,000 three years hence.

Last year, by contrast, industries in the three-state area consumed only 332 million cubic feet of manufactured gas—which has a lower heat value than natural gas—and were unable to depend heavily on that fuel to relieve hydroelectric power shortages caused by severe droughts.

Basing his predictions on a recently completed federal survey of the nation's natural gas resources and needs for the next three years, F. C. Schaefer, chairman of GAMA's industrial gas equipment division, forecast continued expansion of local industry well into the '60s through the use of gas as a major industrial fuel.

"The Pacific Northwest is virtually the last remaining industrial section of the nation which has not benefited from the ever-growing network of pipelines," Schaefer said.

### POPE TO APPEAR EASTER

Vatican City (AP)—Pope Pius will appear on his balcony at St. Peter's Basilica on Easter Sunday to give his usual benediction to Rome and to the world.

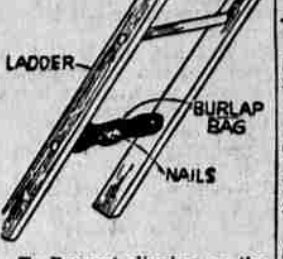
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### Make Do



To Prevent slipping on the rungs of a ladder when working in a muddy area, wrap a burlap bag around the bottom rung. This makes it easy to wipe your shoes on the bag and possibly avoid a serious accident. It's a tip from the American Builder's pool of practical working ideas.

### Garden, Home Tie Suggested

By MARK M. TAYLOR

The recognition of the relationship between the garden and the interior of the home is gaining momentum. Remodeling of older homes is being done to take advantage of garden views from the living portions of the house. This means picture windows and doors from the living or dining areas to the outside garden area. Quite often there is a patio or terrace in close relationship to the living portion of the house. These outdoor areas may be paved, brick or made of flagstone or according to the desires of the home owner. Paved areas are becoming more popular because of ease of installation and maintenance.

At the living area of the house tends to move out of doors, there is also a tendency to bring flower beds closer to the living area. This is often accomplished by a bed of flowers at the edge of terrace or a bordering hedge of flowering shrubs. There is a great tendency away from straight lines in the outdoor area, with graceful contours getting away from the stiff lines of the indoor living areas. The casual manner of arranging plant beds in relationship to the patio, terrace or outdoor living area makes for easier maintenance, too (they are handier to maintain).

If this trend continues, we will find, at least during the summer months, that we spend an increased proportion of our time in these outdoor living areas. Designing or redesigning with these thoughts in mind seems to be the only problem. One must envision the actual use of the outdoor area and how it will look and blend into the house plan. Utility areas or play areas for children must be given consideration, too, as these are problems of practicality.

### Rocket Blast Kills Denver School Man

Denver (AP)—A homemade rocket with a short fuse exploded during an experiment yesterday, killing a Denver school teacher and seriously injuring his 16-year-old son.

The victim of the blast was Warren Francis Geyer, 42, head of the mathematics department at Cole Junior high school here and husband of Donna M. Geyer, nationally known author.

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### Questions Answered

BY MARK M. TAYLOR

Q—Please recommend low growing shrubs or evergreens for a rock garden.—Mrs. S.L. ANS.—Abelia Grandiflora, azaleas (Kurume), Cotton-easter (Horizontalis), Daphne Cneorum and Euonymus Minimus would all be suitable for a rock garden.

Q—What care should be given phlox now.—Mrs. P. A. ANS.—Spray plants as they come through the ground, using a Bordeaux mixture.

Q—I am installing a sprinkling system. Should the sprinkler heads be set to include the flower beds.—G. M. ANS.—Yes, unless the plants in them should not have overhead watering. Roses come in this category. Direct the water to the ground near the roses, not on them, to avoid fungous diseases.

Q—We have used quite a bit of boxwood hedging around our yard. Now this appears to be yellowing, giving the place a run-down appearance. What can be done?—Mrs. N. E. L. ANS.—Boxwood needs plenty of moisture and plant food. Give a feeding of cottonseed meal and water in well spraying with pyrethrum will control insect pests.

Q—Is the flavor of tomatoes affected by the soil in any way?—B. A. ANS.—Yes, if the soil lacks fertility the tomatoes will have a flat taste. Give complete plant food to get better size, color and flavor with your tomato plants.

Q—What are the soil requirements for anemones?—R. G. ANS.—These flowers require a good, rich, deep soil, afternoon shade and sufficient moisture. They prefer an acid type soil.

Q—Can delphinium roots be divided now?—Mrs. S.J.W. ANS.—No, but you may start cuttings from those new shoots just breaking through, however.

Q—What is the best way to control strawberry weevil?—R. S. ANS.—Arsenate of lead spray on apple punice for bait.

Q—How do you apply colchicine to achieve mutations?—W. A. ANS.—Soak seeds, roots scales or cuttings in 0.1 to 0.5 per cent colchicine and water. Or inject in diluted form into the heart of the embryo bulb, seed or tuber. Another method used is to put a few drops of colchicine on the bud with a medicine dropper.

Q—Our butterfly bush was not pruned back after flowering in last year. Should I prune it now?—S. R. ANS.—Yes, cut buddleia back to the ground as blooms form on new growth.

Q—Our Forsythia has grown all out of bounds, how can I prune it now?—L. O. R. ANS.—Cut back about one-half. Be sure to prune, not shear, taking out some of the old heavy stalks.

Q—What is the correct height for lawn mowing in the early season?—P. T. ANS.—Set mower to cut a height of 1 1/2 to 2 inches.

Q—Can you sow annuals in the open now?—Mrs. S. T. ANS.—Yes, you can sow the hardy annuals now. Half-hardy or tender sorts should be started in cold frame or hot bed and set out later.

Q—I have read this apparently conflicting statement: "mulch plants for winter protection" and "mulch plants for summer protection" could one just make it a rule to mulch certain plants?—Mrs. P. L. ANS.—A good idea! winter mulches aid in preventing damage from freezing. Summer mulches to prevent drying out of soil and help retain moisture.

## Garden Notebook

By MARK M. TAYLOR

### DO YOU KNOW?

That you can't expect healthy plants and a production of flowers or fruit without a sufficient quantity of sunshine?

A coating of paste wax to freshly cleaned gourds makes them attractive decorator's objects?

Gourds come in a variety of odd shapes—ball, dipper, bottle and turban shapes in varied colors?

A good companion to the gourd collection is the small red strawberry popcorn?

Swiss Chard yields cooking greens, rich in minerals and vitamins, for a long period?

Cutting of African Violets taken in March will produce flowering plants in 4 inch pots by next February or March?

The bright red foliage on Photinia is often mistaken for flowers?

In growing tomatoes try several different varieties for a variety of flavor and a taste treat.

It's a good idea to rake a lawn vigorously now and then to remove any matted cuttings accumulations?

Rosemary (Rosmarinus Officinalis) is an aromatic herb once supposed to have a stimulating influence on the memory—"Rosemary for remembrance"?

Dutchman's Pipe (Aristolochia Durlor) is a vigorous twining vine with large

leaves sometimes 12 inches long shaded like a Merschbaum pipe?

Materials which may be used to preserve the porosity of the soil are—manures compost, plant residue and synthetic soil conditioners?

Beds of iris should be weeded and a good commercial fertilizer applied now. (Avoid contact with the roots.)

As soon as leaves appear on roses, the spray program should start and be maintained regularly?

If lightning goes through the conductor, what happens to the motorman?

That thorns serve a purpose? They teach us even in plucking a rose one must go about it with care and skill or get stuck!

Pound for pound, the leaves of many of our trees contain twice as much minerals as manure?

There is some work that will never be done if you don't do it?

Evergreens with pale sickly foliage can be much improved with fertilizer and systematic watering?

### Soil Conservation District Meeting

The proposed Butte Creek area soil conservation district will be under consideration during a public hearing to be held at the Scotts Mills grade school building at 8 o'clock the night of Thursday, April 2.

Three phases of soil conservation will be considered: First, it will establish the desirability of a district; second, it will determine whether this area should be an addition to the Silver Creek soil conservation district, or whether it should be separate district known as the Butte Creek district. Finally it will determine district or additional boundaries.

Proposed boundaries extend from Silver Creek Falls in Marion county to the Marquam, Monte Cristo, Wildcat, Beaver Lake areas of Clackamas county.

Robert C. Baum, executive secretary of the state soil conservation committee of Oregon, will be in charge of the meeting.

### Firemen's Dance

The Liberty-Salem Heights district volunteer firemen are sponsoring a good will dance at 9 p.m. Saturday at Dickson's store, at the junction of 99E and the 12th street cut-off. Dickson is providing the space without charge. There will be no admission fee. The Gordy Winchcombe orchestra will provide the music.

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