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## Blossom Day Routes Should Include City Streets, Country

Another Blossom Day has passed but with the blossoms not up to the quality or quantity of former years. All of which sets me to thinking that Salem, as the "Cherry City" is overlooking many a good bet for publicity and tourist recognition. Blossom Day is a splendid idea and appropriate to the "Cherry City," but the routes usually take our visitors to the rural areas rather than throughout the city.

If the season is not right on the chosen day the orchard blooms are either sparse or not at their best. This can be overcome to some extent by a more general use of the flowering cherries in street or home plantings within the city. There are much more colorful blooms than the fruiting variety, too, coming in a range of colors from white through deep pink to single or double in form.

Every home should have a flowering cherry with its stiff, erect branches covered with blossoms before the leaves appear, or, in some cases, fully developed. Variety Autumnalis gives a second show of color in the fall and hence is particularly valuable. Other excellent varieties are:

**Prunus Subhirtella** (Japanese Cherry) is one of the earliest, is low branched, wide spreading and seldom gets over 25 feet tall.

**The Siebold Cherry** has large clusters of pale pink flowers and, as it is slow growing, it makes a good lawn specimen where there is not too large a space available.

**Prunus Eubhirtella Pendula** is the very popular weeping cherry seen locally as a lawn specimen. Seen in full bloom with its lacy, drooping branches of delicate pink flowers it is an arresting sight.

**Prunus Avium Plena** is a tall tree with a grand showing of part white flowers.

**Prunus Yedoensis** (Yoshino Cherry) is a clean, fast growing tree to 40 feet or more. Its flowers are single and pink and it blooms very early.

**Kwanzan** is our favorite and is used extensively around here. It has large, double flowers in clusters that completely hide the limbs when in full bloom and they come when the leaves are very small and of a bronze shade. It is available in two shades of pink, either a deep pink or a very pale shade that fades to almost white as the flowers mature. When space permits these trees are beautiful planted in groups, combining these two shades. A good example of such planting is found on Willamette campus where several of these trees are now at their best. They grow to a good size and make very satis-

factory shade trees, pleasing in form.

While on the subject of the "Cherry City," I recall a few years ago a letter to the editor of this paper written by a tourist who had stopped here during the cherry season. This depicted the fact that we didn't make more "ado" over our cherries. His suggestion was that each hotel or motel should have some local cherries displayed, or even presented to guests with the compliments of the management. Then, he contended, Salem would always be recalled as the "Cherry City." There is merit to this suggestion.

It has also been suggested that flowering cherries should be planted around the Capital Mall to further carry out the theme (sort of a miniature Washington, D. C., if you will). This would be an ideal illustration of how uniform street tree planting would work. But, principally, it would impress upon our state visitors the beauty of Oregon's capital city. It would appear to me that our civic organizations are failing to take full advantage of Salem's unique position in the center of the cherry production. We should play it up more and more. Publicize it in every possible way, make "Blossom Day" a never to be forgotten sight by viewing beautiful ornamentals in bloom inside the city and acres of orchards just outside. Then, during the fruiting season, place displays of our cherries at strategic locations—in hotel lobbies, restaurants, motels, etc. Even a cluster of delicious cherries in a little paper plate inscribed "Compliments of the Cherry City, Salem, Oregon" would elicit many compliments and would be carefully preserved by the recipients. Particularly, would such be of benefit whenever a convention is staged in Salem during the fruit season.

We have lots of beauty and many attractions in Salem. Let's take advantage of them! Let's have a new street tree ordinance and let's plant more flowering cherries in the Cherry City!

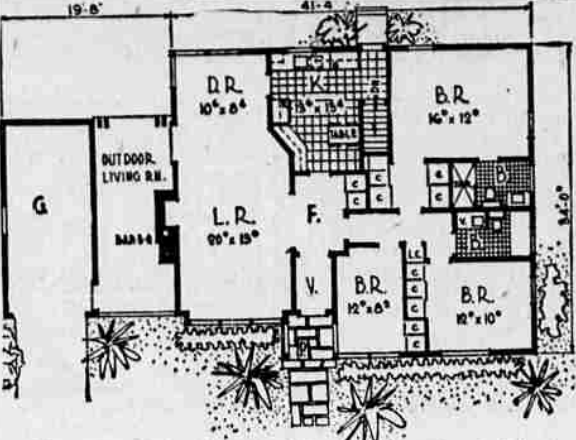
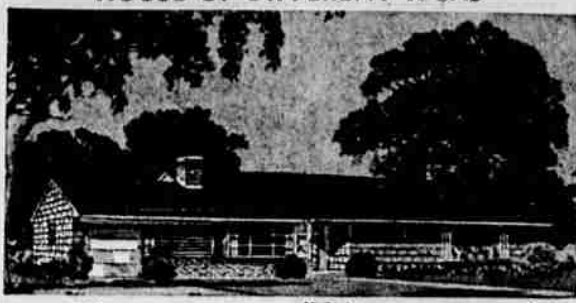
## Sudan Grass May Fill in Pasture

Summer pasture from annual plants may supplement permanent pastures this year. Sudan grass may help fill in a pasture gap for dairy, beef or sheep.

Extension Crop Specialist Rex Warren says Piper is the superior strain. Seed comes from California and Wisconsin. Common Sudan and Sweet Sudan seem to be very similar on experiment station trials while Piper excels.

Marion county agents say that moisture and temperatures will soon be all right for seeding. 30 pounds of available nitrogen will pay dividends in feed. For sheep some growers report good results from adding a few pounds of Rape to the Sudan.

## HOUSE OF DIFFERENT IDEAS



Here is a design full of "different" ideas by Architect Herman H. York. The house is so practical from both the builder's and home owner's point of view, that it was almost inevitable for the Small Home Guide board of judges to award it first prize for excellence of design. Something brand new is the lowered front opening of the breezeway, which ties house and garage together as a unit, yet allows full play to summer breezes. Another good feature is the double bath arranged back to back, with one unit private to the master bedroom. Floor area 1,339 sq. ft. Information on blueprints and cost can be obtained by writing to Small Home Guide, 82 W. Washington, Chicago 2, Ill.

## Questions Answered

BY MARK M. TAYLOR

**Q**—What is wrong with my azaleas? After blooming the leaves fall off.—Mrs. M. H.

**Ans.**—This is a fungus disease best controlled by spraying with Bordeaux mixture at 10-day intervals through the growing season.

**Q**—How should I plant tuberous begonias in a wire basket hanging on porch?—Mrs. M. H.

**Ans.**—Line basket with sheet moss (obtainable at your florist) and then fill with usual tuberous begonia soil mixture. Tubers for hanging basket type are planted in the same manner as other tubers except the tubers should be set near outer edge of the basket.

**Q**—Should a lawn be cut real short at this time of year?—Mrs. M. H.

**Ans.**—No. Set the mower at about 2 inches then lower a quarter inch each week for a couple of weeks.

**Q**—I bought some ivy plants in pots. When I watered them the water stayed on top. I know this shows a hard cement-like soil. Should I report them?—Mrs. H. E.

**Ans.**—Yes, report in fresh soil, using 1/2 part peatmoss or compost to hold moisture and adding one part sand to lighten it. This should make the plants "take hold" and start growth. Always sift the soil to remove all stones.

**Q**—Will native rhododendron stand transplanting? Mrs. J. T.

**Ans.**—Yes, they can be transplanted if care is taken to get a good ball of earth and all of the roots. Best idea is to purchase one from a nurseryman and be sure rather than run the risk of killing the plant. Besides, you have to be careful where you dig the wild ones lest you violate a law regarding their removal.

**Q**—I would like to pot some azaleas for indoor bloom. What type of pot is preferable?—J. H.

**Ans.**—Ordinary clay pots evaporate much moisture through the porous sides so a glazed pot is preferable. The size of the pot should be about one inch larger in diameter than the root ball. Put broken crockery or gravel over drainage hole to assure good drainage. Next, put some soil in the bottom of the pot and then rest the root ball on it. Fill balance of space with good soil. Do not pile soil up on top of the root ball. The soil should be even with the soil line on the plant, over the entire surface of the pot.

**Q**—I have a large Christmas Cactus in a five gallon pail. Could I replant it in two large cans or pails? What mixture of soil is required?—Mrs. M.L.A.

**Ans.**—I don't believe that

you would gain by such a move. However, you can start new plants very easily by taking 3 inch cuttings. Use 1/2 soil, 1/2 sand and 1/2 leafmold, compost or peatmoss and add a little bonemeal.

**Q**—What is wrong with my begonia. I don't know the name of this one, it is waxy-looking and gets little red flowers and they look dried. What is wrong with it?—Mrs. M. A.

**Ans.**—Must be lack of moisture. It should be kept moist at all times. Water by setting pot in a pan of water for several minutes. It is advisable to add a liquid fertilizer occasionally, too.

**Q**—What is a good fertilizer for tuberous begonias?—Mrs. T. M.

**Ans.**—Use a liquid fertilizer for ready consumption by the plant. The liquid fish emulsions have proven excellent in tests and come highly recommended by professional growers.

**Q**—Have a flowering almond that seems to be putting out quite a rank growth of suckers that do not bloom. Should these be removed?—Mrs. R. F.

**Ans.**—Yes, these suckers should be removed promptly as they will weaken the plant growth and will not develop into flowering branches.

**Q**—I have heard that city water is harmful to plants. Is this true?—A. F.

**Ans.**—The chlorination of municipal water does have a certain harmful effect on some plants, particularly house plants. Orchids, for example, must have rainwater only to insure purity. But, for general garden use there is no noticeable harm in city water. Some gardeners have solved this problem (and helped their water bill also) by drilling a well for irrigation purposes!

## Coming Farm Events

- May 4, 5, 6, 7—Marion county spring 4-H show, Dayton.
- May 5—Marion county Milk Marketing public hearing, state library, 9:30 a.m.
- May 7—Polk county Homemakers Festival, Rickard.
- May 7—June Dairy Month meeting, Salem.
- May 7—Milking Shorthorn breeders field day, Roger Dumdi farm, McMinnville, 1 p.m.
- May 9—Clackamas county Spring Quernsey show, Canby.
- May 11—Oregon Cattlemen's annual convention, Multnomah hotel, Portland.
- May 14—Salem 4-H spring show, 225 North Liberty street, Salem.
- May 16—Clackamas county Spring Jersey show, Canby.
- May 19—Oregon Sheepmen's field day, Oregon State college, Willamette mall, 9 a.m.
- May 23—Marion county spring Jersey show, Salem, State fairgrounds.
- May 23—Benton-Lane Pat Lamb Show, Junction City.
- June 4—Lebanon Strawberry Festival, Junction City.
- June 5—Salem Business Men's Fair, Tour.
- June 6—Marion county Pat Lamb show and State Sheep Dog Trials, Turner.
- June 8—Oregon State Orange convention, Medford.
- June 10—Annual Farm Crops field day, Oregon State college.
- June 13—Willamette valley Quernsey spring show, Salem.
- June 18—Annual 4-H Summer school, Oregon State college.

## Jersey Highest In Butterfat

Top butterfat producer during March was Herb Coleman's Jersey, Linda of Woodburn with 88.8 pounds, reports Ben A. Newill, county extension agent in compiling the milk production for this area. The cow produced 1550 pounds of milk. A. J. Minke, Mt. Angel, was second with Barnet, a Guernsey, at 86 in 1195 pounds of milk. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Muller, Jefferson, were third with Ramona, a Jersey, at 85.1 pounds and 1520 pounds of milk.

Total production for the county, according to the Marion county D.T.L.A. was one million pounds of milk and 27 tons of butterfat. The average production was 699 pounds of milk and 34.8 pounds of butterfat, taking into consideration the cows that were dry.

In the volume of milk department, a grade Holstein owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crook of Woodburn was tops with a production of 1884 pounds of milk. Paul Thomas of Turner had a grade Holstein that gave 1980 pounds and Koenig Brothers' Holstein at Woodburn, produced 1940 pounds.

## Prudential Makes Loans in Oregon

Loans totaling \$1,604,282 to finance real estate development throughout the state of Oregon were approved by the Western Home Office of the Prudential Insurance Co. during the first three months of 1953, it was announced yesterday.

Harry J. Volk, vice president in charge of western operations, said that this total represented 113 individual loans. Of these \$1,093,728 was for

## OLD KINKS IRONED OUT, MILES SAVED



residential, \$202,792 for commercial and industrial and \$303,462 for farm properties.

In the 11 western states and Hawaii, approvals amounted to \$35,230,952. The majority of the total disbursement for the period went into residential financing. This item represented \$25,053,649 as against \$5,904,486 for commercial and industrial and \$4,272,817 for farm.

**OKEH SCHOOL BUDGET**  
Woodburn—An average turnout of voters approved a levy of \$118,870, in excess of the 6 per cent limitation for the Woodburn district school budget for 1953-54, by a vote of 131 to 75. The total budget for the district is \$174,916.

The United States has 36 lightships stationed around its coast.

The Jones Ranch-Mitchell paving job in Eastern Oregon on the Ochoco Highway, 22 feet wide, estimated to cost \$321,000, is scheduled for competition August 31, 1953. Old road is in foreground. The new cuts curvature from a total of 1.621 degrees to 404 degrees. It will save time and gasoline. (State Highway Commission Photo)

## To Sell Surplus Wool To Japan

Washington (AP)—Possibility of selling a 125 million pound stockpile of surplus wool to Japan was raised Friday at a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing.

Ray W. Willoughby, president of the National Wool Growers Association, told the committee the possibility is "being explored," and urged the government to make every effort to bring about the sale.

The wool is a part of the 1952 clip upon which Commodity Credit Corporation support price loans expired Thursday night. The government loan amounted to 54.1 cents a pound for grease wool.

Willoughby said his association had asked the government to extend the loan expiration date, but that the request had been rejected.

"Inasmuch as the government now owns this stockpile, we will mention publicly for the first time that we have been exploring the possibility of the sale of the entire 1952 surplus clip to the Japanese government," he stated.

## Clear Lake

Clear Lake—The annual meeting of the Claggett Cemetery association will be held at Clear Lake school Monday at 8 p.m.

Mothers of next year's first-grade children are invited to meet at the church Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Mrs. Edith Haulman, the Marion county health nurse, plans to show a film and will have forms for

the physical examinations children must have before entering school. Mrs. Hancock, first-grade teacher, is inviting the children to visit school from 1:30 to 2:15. Mrs. Delbert Bair, community health chairman, is arranging the mothers' meeting.

Mrs. Dale Boyd, who was injured in an auto accident Sunday, has remained at the hospital for X-rays but is expected home soon.

## WEEDS ARE DIFFERENT

"How can it kill leaf weeds without injuring the grass?" That is the question so frequently asked concerning 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T.

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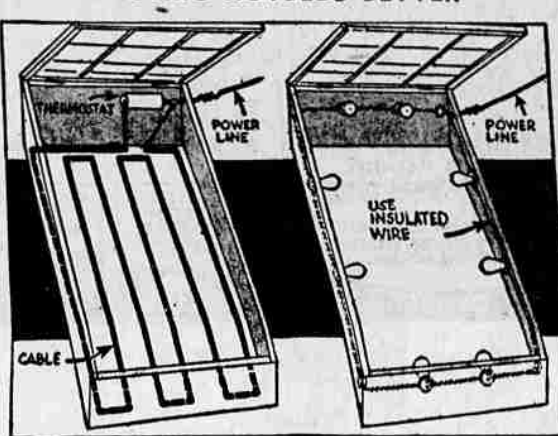
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## ELECTRIC HOTBEDS BETTER



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## Garden Notebook

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Of the various species of brooms (Cytisus) we are, locally, most familiar with the shrub that has naturalized itself throughout most of the valley and along the seacoast, the Scotch Broom (Cytisus Scoparius). It was brought to this country from England in early times and quickly naturalized along the eastern seaboard and soon migrated westward until today it is, by many homemakers, considered a pest. Its yellow pea-like flowers in May are striking without doubt when it is in full bloom, lining the roadways as it does in many sections in Western Oregon. It persists in spreading by the scattering of its own seed and by underground rootstocks.

The faults of this beautiful native, because we must admit it is beautiful, should not deter us from using other brooms in our home plantings. Here are a few:

- Cytisus Albus** (Portuguese Broom) has white or yellowish-white pea-like flowers in June. Grows only one foot tall. Attractive for background plantings in your garden.
- Cytisus Dallimore** (Dall-

more Broom) has yellow flowers suffused with pink. Pea-like blooms in May.

**Cytisus Purpureus** (Purple Broom) Purple, pea-like flowers, branches are long and slender. It is a most striking plant when in bloom.

There are a number of English hybrids of unusual interest:

- Burkwood**—Deed red flowers.
- Daisyhill**—Cream and rose flowers.
- Lady Moore**—Primrose and crimson.
- Standord**—Orange and red.

These hybrids are of a habit similar to our native Scoparius, though more easily restrained.

NEW WOODBURN LAWYER  
Woodburn—Irving D. Brown of Salem will open a law office in Woodburn Monday, May 4, at 253 Front street, the building formerly occupied by the telephone company. For the past few years he has been employed in the state treasurer's office. He is a graduate of Northwest university in Portland and was admitted to the bar in 1930.

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