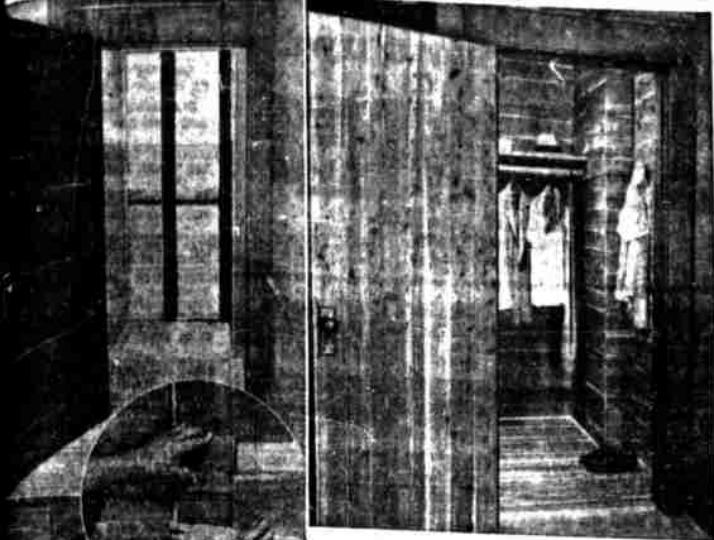


# Work Closet Magic With Fragrant Cedar



The whole family will cheer the "do it yourself" fan who convert a dull, ordinary closet into a colorful cedar closet. Aromatic red cedar is the wood with the pleasant aroma that does two jobs—it preserves and beautifies. Cedar closet lining, available at lumber stores, is tongued and grooved for snug fit and easy application. It's a pleasure to work with cedar. Just fit panels in place and nail through plaster or wallboard to wall studs. Line ceiling, floor and door, too. Don't paint, varnish or otherwise finish the cedar—that seals in the aroma which so effectively protects against moths.

# Capital Journal HOME PAGE

## Rustle of Spring Heard in Many Parts of Garden, Home

By MARK M. TAYLOR

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" was never more truthful than now. A walk around the home garden already shows plants preparing for their Spring activity, buds forming on trees and shrubs, bulbs pushing their noses up through the soil and even some precocious shrubs or perennials starting to bloom. The Jasmine

on our South garage wall was starting to bloom some two weeks before Christmas and also the Saxifrage, but we ignored them as it seemed almost too early. Now, however, with Christmas past their look of Spring is welcome.

This should be an indication that if one is planning to plant shrubs and trees this year—time is on the wane and planting should be done soon so as to take advantage of the mild weather we have been experiencing. Planting now will permit a healthy root growth before Spring that will pay dividends in bloom. Plant deciduous trees and shrubs now. These can be planted bare rooted. Plant evergreens, conifers or broad-leaved. These should be balled and burlapped when purchased from your nurseryman to keep all roots intact and to prevent any drying out.

Roses should be planted without delay, and don't overlook the many splendid new varieties that are available.

Little protection should be needed for newly planted trees or shrubs this year, providing our weather continues moderately temperate. The greatest hazard we now have is from cold and drying winds. Young trees or large shrubs will probably require staking the first year. Roses can be kept upright by firming the soil well around the roots and root stalks. If necessary, stake, too. No extensive mulching need be practiced unless a severe cold is forecast as a mulch can be a hindrance at times by preventing new growth from pushing upwards.

## Line Closet With Cedar For Good Scents

Here is a tip for the "do-it-yourself" fan: to find a fascinating project, just look in the closets of your home.

Converting a dull, dark closet into a "cedar chest you can walk into" is an easy, fast job anyone can do. It is simply a matter of lining the closet interior with moth-repellent red cedar, a moderately priced material produced in tongued and grooved strips for snug fit and quick application.

"The beauty and protection of cedar paneling can make your closets as sweet smelling and attractive as a fine aromatic cedar chest," the handicrafters point out. "Cedar is that wood with the pleasant aroma which serves a double purpose in your closets—it preserves and it beautifies. It's pleasant and enjoyable to work with cedar."

Cedar closet lining may be obtained at most lumber yards. It is 3/4-inch thick and comes in random lengths up to 8 feet. There is a choice of widths from 2 to 4 inches. Some home craftsmen prefer the narrower widths. They make a light, snug wall and may cost a little less. The strips are bundled, with each package containing coverage for 30 square feet.

The first step is to remove old braces and hooks from the walls. The wall studs can be located by punching holes in the plaster with a thin nail. Each wall is then built up with the cedar strips, fastened to the studs with four-penny nails. Set the nails slightly. It is not necessary that end joints occur over the studding. The interlocking action will hold in place any short pieces that may come between the nailing bases.

Screws for shelves, hooks and hanger rails should penetrate well into the studs for extra strength. When no corner molding is used, the joints should be measured carefully to insure a tight fit. If there are any outside corners, the strips at such points may be sawed off evenly after they are nailed up. It is not necessary to miter outside corner joints. The workability of cedar allows you to overlap one board on the other, leaving a smooth which can be sanded to smoothness.

Red cedar closet lining should never be sealed or painted. Paint, varnish or other finish of any kind will destroy the pleasant aroma and protective properties of your cedar lined closet. An occasional dusting with a dry cloth is all the attention it requires. To obtain maximum protection, the door should be weather-stripped or otherwise made reasonably snug fitting.

For complete protection and beauty, the door, floor and ceiling should also be lined with cedar.

## Many Nations Favor Rose

By MARK M. TAYLOR

The United States of America is the only major nation in the world which has no national flower. While each of the forty-eight states honors one of its native plants, the nation has never chosen a representative symbol from nature.

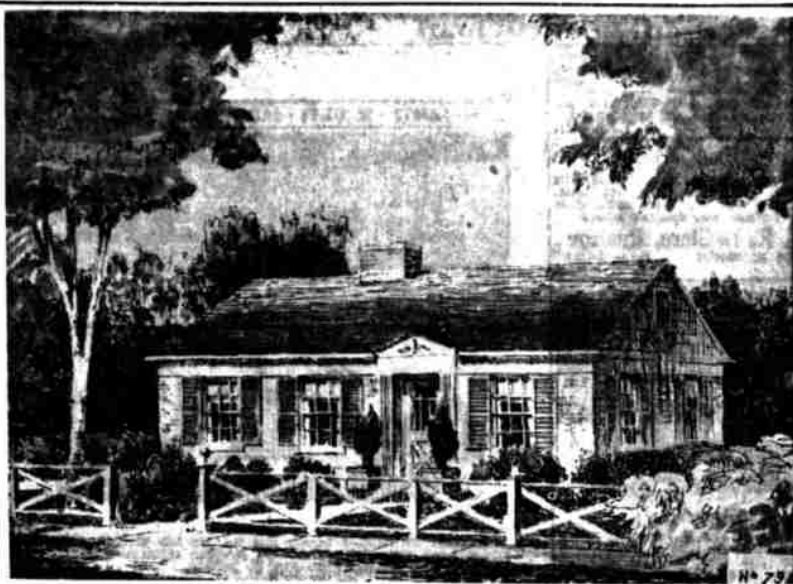
National flowers are seldom, if ever, chosen deliberately. Their recognition is based on popular tradition, historical association or the dramatic whim of the people. Were the choice of flower symbolic of the U. S. left up to a vote of the people, the rose would win by an overwhelming margin. According to All-America Rose Selections, a Gallup Poll conducted three years ago showed that Americans favor the rose over all other flowers by the staggering margin of nineteen to one! An earlier poll conducted by a magazine in 1930 listed roses as the first choice, followed by columbine, the violet and gold-rod.

On a local basis, the founding fathers of the United States showed their partiality to the rose, and it is the official symbol of four states and the District of Columbia. New York and Iowa favor the wild rose, North Dakota the Prairie Rose, and Georgia the Cherokee Rose. The District of Columbia's official emblem is the American Beauty, a name which has become world famous. Actually, American Beauty roses are no longer widely used, having been replaced by improved modern varieties such as those developed under the All-America testing system.

The rose is also listed as a national symbol for several foreign countries. England, Honduras, Rumania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Iran and Turkey pay homage to the beautiful flower which is known above all others throughout the world.

Several countries honor more than one flower. France, for instance, which was identified by the lily until the climax of the Revolution in 1789, now lists the red poppy, white ox-eye daisy and blue cornflower to symbolize the tricolor. The name of the rose appears in connection with other countries, although the flowers are not really roses. War-torn Korea, for instance, is represented by the Rose of Sharon and Switzerland by the "Rose of the Alps" which is really a form of rhododendron. In far-off Tibet the rose apple symbolizes the sovereign state.

Perhaps the strangest selection of all has been made in Wales where the leek, a species of onion, holds the exalted position of the national flower.



This Little House combines practically all the features found in larger homes and provides the additional convenience of having everything on one floor. There is no danger of accidentally falling down the basement stairs and the additional convenience of doing laundry and other chores on one floor is considerable. This house should provide a maximum of convenient living at a minimum cost. Plans may be secured from the Model Home Planning Co., 1414 North Woodward, Royal Oak, Mich.

## Forcing Brings Early Blooms

By MARK M. TAYLOR

When one begins to tire of winter (and who doesn't!) one can always bring spring into the home a little earlier by forcing into bloom some of our own spring flowering shrubs and trees.

Already Jasmine is beginning to bloom out doors, so branches of it can be easily forced into full bloom for gay yellow indoor color. Shrubs that can be forced are those that bloom on last summer's wood. Buds form by fall and after a short dormant period, the buds are ready to burst forth in all their glory. All they need is proper amounts of heat, light and water. Forcing supplies these needs in ample quantities so the buds set to work immediately. Pick branches of jasmine, forsythia, daphne and, of course, pussy-willows, that have a good showing of buds. Immerse the entire branch in cool water for about 12 hours then remove and set in vases of cold water in a sunny window, if possible. When brought into a warm room life begins again for them. Of course branches should be carefully selected from these shrubs so that their absence does not mar the symmetry or beauty of the plant prune as you pick is always a good motto!

## Your Garden Notebook

By MARK M. TAYLOR

**Do You Know?**  
In planting balled and burlapped shrubs, it is not necessary to remove the burlap? Just cut the strings and plant the burlap and all. Burlap will rot away.  
That plants grown in "cans" should have the can cut off before planting?  
It will soon be time to spray all deciduous shrubs and trees.

If branches of trees or shrubs become broken by wind, or for other reasons, cut off, making a clean wound. All except smaller branches should have the wounds painted with protective tree paint to prevent possible infection.  
That jasmine is blooming now?  
Spring blooming bulbs are already on their way through the surface of the ground in anticipation of spring?  
Old Christmas greens can be used as a protective covering for perennial or bulb beds if a freeze is forecast?  
That more home vegetable gardens are expected in 1954 than ever before?  
The home vegetable garden motto is "Grow more—eat more—preserve more in '54."  
That zinnias are among the easiest of annuals to grow?  
Pussy willows are opening? We noticed some furry tufts appearing on the top branches of our pink variety the week before Christmas.  
That the leaf of the Pin Oak has deeply cut (5 or 7) irregularly pointed lobes which are bristle-tipped?  
Your editor extends best wishes for an abundant New Year!

## New Varieties by Home Gardeners

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Home gardeners may breed or discover many valuable new varieties to benefit the gardening world. The J. V. Edlund of Albert Lea, Minnesota, should be thanked for the Giant Sensation type of cosmos, earliest and largest of the cosmos. He saved the seed and entered it in the All-America Selections trials, where it won a silver medal upon introduction.

The double nasturtium was discovered or brought to light by a private family cook in Los Angeles. A preacher in Florida found the Dixie Sunshine or chrysanthemum-flowered marigold which, crossed with other types, started dozens of beautiful new marigold varieties. Dixie Sunshine and a number of its progeny have merited All-America Selections after field trials throughout the country. The amateur gardener, probably by virtue of unorthodox proceedings, has discovered many sports or mutations, sufficiently outstanding to be introduced as new varieties. As gardening zeal increases, the home gardener is ever one the alert for such differences. We recently reported A. J. Hardie's discovery of a geranium mutation which may possibly be commercialized. Your editor, too, had the thrill of finding a chrysanthemum sport which he expects to eventually be classified as a new variety.

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## Questions Answered

By MARK M. TAYLOR

**At what age does Magnolia (the evergreen) bloom?**  
—B. S.  
— Usually blooms at 5 years. Some precocious ones may bloom earlier. Conditions happen to be favorable. Do not be disappointed if some delay as this tree is a slow grower when it does begin the wait is well while.

**May roses be planted now?**  
— Mrs. E. S.  
— Yes, all woody plants may be planted now, they have a chance to develop root systems in time for spring bloom. Some local growers advocate December planting as the most favorable time. This depends, however, on our weather conditions which are not always good this time of year!  
— Could a rambler rose be trained along a hedge? — L. T.  
— This is possible but not very practical. Why not a rose hedge instead?  
— You have referred several times to liquid fertilizers. Are they? — Mrs. R. C.  
— These are fertilizers containing necessary plant nutrients in liquid form for more rapid assimilation by the plant. These may be propounded chemically or may be of the form, such as fish emulsion, etc. A liquid fertilizer may be made by substituting a sack of manure in a bucket of water for several days. The resultant liquid is diluted until it is about color of weak tea.

**Are Redwood trees native to Oregon?** — W. A.  
— Yes, actually they are called Pacific Coast Redwoods rather than California Redwoods but for the fact

this subject. I understand that you can harvest a commercial planting every 4 years.  
— I want to have a rose bed in my garden. What are the requirements as to soil, site, etc? — Mrs. A. W.  
— Roses like full sun, a deep, well-enriched and well-drained soil and freedom from competition with weeds and other plants. Roses like a 5-10-5 fertilizer worked into the soil. Keep well supplied with moisture, but not puddled. Spray regularly, prune properly and you'll have beautiful roses.

## All American Selection Few

By MARK M. TAYLOR

While the sport pages of the newspapers have been filled with announcements of selections to various All American teams recently, as is customary at the end of any athletic season, other All-American selections have also been made, even though not of the athletic sort. We even have All-American selections of roses, other flowers and vegetables.

We have already announced through this column the selection of Mojave and Lilibet as the All American roses for 1954, but now comes word from the headquarters of the All-America Selections that the new flower selection has been made, based upon 40 flower trial grounds with resident judges throughout the country testing and screening new varieties from seed. This year only one new flower, besides the rose selections, has All American recommendations. This choice flower in the new Blaze Zinnia, a giant in size but with quilled and curled petals to show airiness and good taste as cut flowers in arrangements. Its color is flame orange and it measures up to five inches across and stems are from 2 1/2 to 3 feet tall.

Last year's winner was the Comanche petunia and is one of the finest of all. The Silver Medal petunia is a favorite in salmon pink. Reports indicate that zinnias and petunias are our most satisfactory and popular annual flowers, as they bloom all season and provide types to suit all tastes. No new vegetables were recommended for awards this year because of the high qualities of vegetables already in commerce. However, the All-American Committee did prepare plans for an All-American garden 25 x 50 feet which will serve the average family with the best in garden vegetables. We will discuss this plan in detail in our next week's column.

## Dr. L. C. Cady, U. of I. Heads Scientific Group

Spokane (AP)—The Northwest Scientific Assn. Tuesday elected Dr. L. C. Cady of the University of Idaho as president. Other new officers are the Rev. T. J. O'Leary, Gonzaga, vice president; Dr. F. J. Schadege, Eastern Washington College, secretary-treasurer; Dr. John M. Forkett, University of Oregon, counselor.  
Dr. Cady succeeds Dr. H. P. Hansen of Oregon State college.

**FOOD PACKAGES GIVEN**  
Athens, Greece (AP)—U.S. Ambassador Cavendish Cannon Wednesday handed over the first of 500,000 food packages sent from America as holiday gifts to needy Greeks.

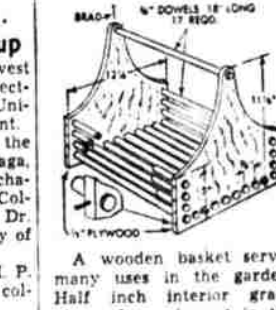


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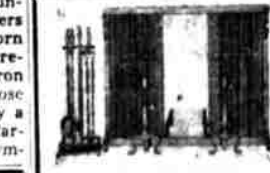
## Make Do



A wooden basket serves many uses in the garden. Half inch interior grade plywood can be cut in the pattern and dimensions shown here. Bottom, sides and handle are made of one quarter inch dowels fitted in holes bored in the plywood and secured with brads.

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