Your Garden

# Capital A Journal HOME PAGE

# **Questions Answered**

Q. — A friend advised me that if ed roots. Can I pot them up now?

I planted my daffodil bulbs at least —R.L.
eight inches deep they would not — Ans. — Prepare them for pot regist inches deep they would not need to be dug and reset for several years. Is this true? Have also been wondering if this deep planting will not delay their blooming?

—R.L.

Ans. — Prepare them for potting by gradually adding the soil mixture to the water, and then pot. This will keep the rootlets intact.

Q. — A friend gave me a box of geranium cuttings packed in moist sand. I stored them in the garage, as advised, but now they appear dead. What can I do to save them? — Mrs. J.W.

Ans. — Deep planting of daffo-dils is a common practice to al-leviate the need for resetting and to prevent a mass of growth as the new offsets form. Shallow plant-ing encourages formation I fisets and z is used in naturalizing or commercial plantings. Deep plant.

Ass. — Place in a container of water with cut ends in the water. They may still form roots though appearing dead. commercial plantings. Deep planting may delay blooms alightly.

Q. — I want a small edging plant to keep grass from creeping into the flower beds. What do you recommend? — R.L. appearing dead.
Q. — Isn't now the proper time to prune roses's — C.J.
Ans. — Usually local gardeners prefer to prune roses in February so as to bring them into bloom about June 1. I have pruned some f mine as early as the middle of January but there is risk of more freezients.

Ans. - Grass creeps into the lower bed because it is cultivated flower bed because it is cultivated and fertilized so it reaches for the food there. A border of Alyssum, Candytuft or primroses will help your problem and give bloom, as well. You might try dwarf Daphne,

Q. — I have several African Vio-let leaves in water that have form-

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Best advice: Consult your County Health Department, your plumber, or a septic tank service company, for advice on cleaning your tank. Use MD Toilet Tissuel



Q. - A friend gave me a box

freezing weather.

prevent uprooting by

Q. — Should Mexican Orange be pruned now? — O.N.

Ans. — Prune after flowering, except when planting it may be necessary to prune back one third.

Q. - Should shrubs be staked to

Ass.—For newly planted shrubs, yes. After they become well-established there should be enough root systems to hold the plant upright but during the first year staking

may be necessary. It depends somewhat, of course, on the ex-posure to winds. Plantings near buildings or walls are more pro-

tected, naturally, than those in the open or on a hilltop location.

The first annual meeting of the Mt. Angel Soil Conservation Dis-trict will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, January 15, reports Jim Jackson, chairman, board of district super-visors.

Sors. Chairman Jackson says that the

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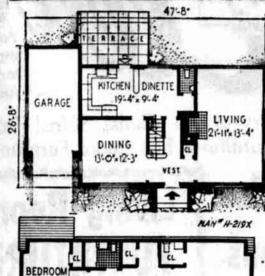
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#### Prune When Knife Is Sharp And Bear in Mind 8 Reasons

By MARK M. TAYLOR

evening program includes discussions by Ray Nickerson, Cave Junction, president, Oregon Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors; Al Sharp, regional hydrologist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and by Mel Rigdon, district, conservationist An oft quoted rule of thumb are comparatively worthless any-concerning the pruning of delicious shrubs and trees is "Prune when the knife is sharp." The plant gets Nature's full attention. Rigdon, district conservationist, Mt. Angel. Items of business in-volved the annual report and elec-

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There are really only eight reasons for pruning and these are: (1) To preserve the natural character of the plant, (2) To remove diseased, dead or defective portions, (3) Restore old plants to new health and vigor, (4) To increase the production f flowers and fruit, (5) to obtain an unnatural shape or type, (6) To encourage the production of larger flowers or fruit, (7) Balance the tops and roots and (8) Prevent damage to life and

If pruning is justified by any one or more of these reasons, then go to it! Prune deciduous material while it is dormant. In preserving the natural character of the plant, pruning is confined to that which makes it maintain its normal shape in life, had it grown undisturbed. For example, in our garden or home grounds planting we sometimes overcrowd plants so that they cannot as-sume their natural tendencies. Pruning will aid in this because of the natural tendency of all plants to resume their

shape and beauty even after be-ing severely damaged. Probably one of the most important reasons for pruning is to remove diseased, dead or de-

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real merit in that is that pruning requires a clean, quick cut to prevent damage to the remaining part of the tree. However, pruning is a necessity in many instances but should only be done when a reason for its exists. In other words, promiscuous pruning merely for the sake of exercising some garden activity should be frowned upon.

There are really only eight is not usually attempted all at once, but is consumated over a period of a few years, to gradu-ally get the plant back in shape and to match the growth as it

> To increase the production of flowers and fruit: With many this is referred to as disbudding, that is removing buds so that the remainder develop more beautiful-ly in size and color. With chry-santhemums, disbudding causes santemums, disbudding causes those huge blooms so cherished in the fall. With grapes, disbud-ding tends to sweeten them. Pruning of fruit, or thinning Pruning of fruit, or thinning (which is the same process) is widely pareticed to produce a larger, better fruit. This is a process; simply of limiting the number of seeds to be produced by the parent plant. Producing seeds is the plant's ultimate purpose, so to limit this all of the plant's growth effort goes into the few remaining fruit-bearing branches.
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> To obtain an unnatural shape

To obtain an unnatural shape or type: Such type of pruning in-cludes the dwarfing of plants by pruning methods, or the training of plants in espaliered forms, not consistent with their natural tenpruning and training and may be required by reasons of limited space in the garden. The pruning or shearing of hedges, too, comes within this category, for if left untended the hedge be-comes confused, too broad and

To balance the tops and the roots: The root system must be capable of absorbing enough nutrients from the soil to maintain its top growth and to pro-duce flowers or fruit. If the root system is limited, then it is good reasoning to proportionately limit the top growth. That is why when you buy a bare-rooted tree from your nurseryman you prune the top back somewhat as you plant it in order to give the roots opportunity to establish them-selves and then start feeding for

new growth.

To prevent damage to life and property: This is most important. If a low-hanging tree branch is such that a passerby walks into it injuring an eye, a lawsuit is possible—a good reason for prun-ing! Also, any growth that ob-scures vision of motorists at cor-ners should be removed in the interest of safety. Such pruning, too, should be done to afford clearance of power and telephone

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# **Roses Popular** In History

By MARK M. TAYLOR pay the rent of property "One red rose yearly if the

with "One red rose yearly if the same be demanded" is a delightful thought. Some such provision has been found in several old deeds from the early days of this country. The earliest yet found dates from 1731 and covers the tract of land at West Grove, Pennsylvania, on which the building of the present Red Rose Inn was begun in 1740. The land was part of an original grant from the King of England to William Penn. In 1731, this parcel was deeded to his grandson, also named William Penn, with the provision that payment be a red rose yearly if demanded, and the deed was so recorded.

ed.

In 1928 a part of this tract
was purchased by the ConardPyle company, well-known growers and hybridizes of rosewith no knowledge of the Red
Rose Rent provision. The new
owners restored to beauty with
infinite care the historic old Red
Rose Inn with the care of the

infinite care the historic old Red Rose Inn with its seven fire-places, Dutch ovens, old cup-boards, hand wrought hardware, etc. The surrounding terraces and gardens were also restored to their original heauty.

In searching the records to find the date of original construction, the provision for payment of one red rose yearly as a rental token was discovered. Since 1937 the new owners decided to present not only one red rose, but 205, one for each year that had not been paid. These payments have each year These payments have each year been made to a direct descend-

ent of William Penn.
This charming idea has great
historical significance. In olden historical significance. In olden times x man was commonly required to pledge his sword and his life to the service of a feudal lord or landowner. This became a lien on the property and passed from father to son. In 1215 the Magna Carte in England cut down this character of rent. Charles II made use of a symbol such as the rose instead of human servitude as rent.

It was our privilege to know the late Robert Pyle of the firm that acquired the Red Rose Inn property, and his tales of the historic old place were such that

property, and his tales of the historic old place were such that we could not help but appreciate the significance of the change in law and thought, away from lifetime servitude toward greater freedom and dignity for the individual. Incidentally, Robert Pyle loved the Willamette Valley, having visited it often, seeing rose gardens, professional and amateur, from Eugene to Portland. He once remarked to us that this was a rose grower's paradise!

It was natural for the sons of

paradise!
It was natural for the sons of William Penn, the great peace-loving Quaker, to use the symbol of the rose in this way in their new English colony. It pointed out that no longer did the feudal lords have their private soldiers for neighborhood. the feudal lords have their private soldiers for neighborhood fighting, or to rent out for ready cash. So, on a Saturday early in September of each year that it is possible to hold a festival, one red rose is paid to a direct descendant of William Penn, as a reminder that human freedoms that were so hard to gain must be preserved, and are not to be taken lightly.

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(Editor's note: Data concerning Red Rose Rent Day furnished by the Conard-Pyle company.)

ASAMA ERUPTED

TWICE
TOKYO U. - Mt. Asama, a volcano 100 miles northwest of Tokyo, erupted twice Tuesday, blowing ashes over two nearby resort towns. No damage was reported. Mt. Asama has been active since Dec. 27.

WILLIAMSTON, N. C. (P)— Law enforcement officers paid no heed to signs around a thick wooded area warning: "Private property. Keep off." In the woods was a big gas-fired copper was a big gas-fired copper still and 2,800 gallons of H. H. Watson, engineer in the

sisting Nature. She does her own

pruning occasionally by menas of pruning occasionally by menas of storms, other times by over-crowding the plants, such as in the forests where branches exist only well up off of the ground because of lack of sunlight. So, in planning your pruning progra make sure you qualify under or of our eight reasons. If the need cannot be justified by one of these, then don't do it. If it is so justified by any one or more of these reasons, then, when so justified is the time to prune member, too, in pruning, have your tools sharp and make quick, clean cuts and, if necessary, paint the wounds to prevent infection.

# REMODELING GIVES MODERN LOOK



Remodeling gave clean modern lines to the old house shown above in "before" and "after" versions. A new roof of colorful asphalt shingles, new paint for the widewalls, and shutters were major changes.

# On the House

Home builders, the Federal Housing administration, the Vet-erans administration and local

electrical codes have been blamed for the new houses with

blamed for the new houses with old-style wiring. In New York's vast Long Island suburban field, where more than 4,000 new homes have been sold in one week, only 60-ampere panel boards have been installed even in fairly large all-electric homes. "No house should have less than a 100-ampere panel board," comments House & Home, adding, "extra cost: \$5."

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We have filled our homes with electrical gadgets and appli-ances which were not even in-vented when most of our houses were wired for electric lights. We plug all of these new conveniences into the same trickle of power and naturally the volt-age, or pressure, goes down.

The toaster dries out the bread instead of giving it a quick gold-en brown. The coffee maker slows down. Breakfast is late and we're late for work.

The problem is so universal that industry leaders are con-

"Not one builder's house in 20 is adequately wired for electrical living," says House & Home, trade publication of the building industry

home building industry.

"In practically every home built before World War II, wiring is more than inadequate: it's obselete." says Business Week, examining the "appliance boom that has led to a crisis."

The electrical load in the average home has increased 100 per cent since before the war, according to the power compan.

according to the power compan-ies. But wiring has not kept

"With so many more room coolers, electric blankets and other new appliances, all cir-cuits (not just kitchen circuits' should be three-wire." If you doubt that all this is taking money out of your pocket consider these examples com-piled by electrical engineers of the National Adequate Wiring Bureau: Fitzwilliam, N.H. (AP)—Impatient because snow was lacking, the New England Sled-Dog club fixed wheels to their runners for a six-mile race.

Bureau:

1. A toaster plugged into a wiring system which has a voltage drop of 10 per cent—common in a majority of homes—takes 31.5 per cent more time to brown a piece of toast and consumes 28.6 per cent more current than when plugged into an adequately wired circuit.

2. An electric toaster takes 28 per cent more time to reach its

per cent more time to reach its required cooking temperature and wastes 19 per cent of the

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3. A lamp loses 34 per cent of its brilliance where there is a voltage drop of 10 per cent on your house circuit.

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#### Notebook By MARK M. TAYLOR Potted plants need frequent feeding because of restricted roof areas. The newest rose sensation is

Mojave, the first orange-colored That the rarest color in flow

ers is blue?

Cottonseedmeal, iron sulphate and sulphur may be used to make a soil have and acid reaction?

Midget vegetables have gained nuch favor for use in freezing Carnation cuttings started last month will be ready for potting now. These can still be taken and will be ready for potting next

GEN. HULL INSPECTS NATIONALISTS

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John E. Hull, U.N. Far East commander, inspected Chinese Nationalist military forces in southern

Formosa Tuesday and lunched with

Gen. Chou Chi-Jou, chief of the

Nationalist general staff.





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