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Home Owners Urged to Buy From Oregon Nurserymen

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Recently we have had complaints concerning and inquiries about, some house to house peddling of landscaping plans and nursery stock, usually on a "order basis to be shipped at "proper planting time" with payment to be made upon receipt. Investigation shows these organizations are out of state businesses with local salespeople.

Far be it from us to criticize any legitimate business enterprise, but we cannot but issue a word of warning to local house owners against the possible "gyp ad or bait." The situation in the mail order nursery business has become so serious in recent years that many gardening organizations are taking action to warn their members. Garden magazines, and others, are advising in the so-called "rackets" existing in the gardening and nursery business.

Unfortunately, whenever any type of business becomes very active and successful, the unscrupulous ones enter the field, too. A few years ago the American Association of Nurserymen staged a campaign called "Plant America" to prevent so much sending abroad for nursery stock, bulbs, etc. The local nurserymen backed this program with their own campaign "Plant Oregon," a worthy idea and one which should be continued today. Nowhere but in our own Pacific Northwest can you obtain plants, shrubs, trees, etc., that will perform ideally in your home garden. First, because the plants, etc., are acclimated to our soil and weather conditions. Second, plants grown in local nurseries are of varieties suitable for local culture.

We have, personally, had some experience with purchasing plants from out of state with usually sad experience! Too often the plants were not shipped at the proper planting time for our local conditions; were poorly packed; improperly dug or of a variety different from that ordered.

We do not mean to imply that

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ALFRED MUNDT, City Recorder July 14, 1954

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Glossary of Flower Terms

By MARK M. TAYLOR

To the beginning gardener, especially, although it is rather surprising the number of experienced amateurs in the same category, the botanical terms referred to in magazines or newspaper articles, and in lectures by competent authorities, are confusing if not wholly unintelligible.

Therefore, we list a glossary of botanical terms with the hope that such will aid in a better understanding by the home gardener.

Calyx—the outer circle of floral leaves.

Conifer—a tree bearing cones, such as pine, etc.

Corm—a solid bulb-like part. Corolla—the inner circle of floral envelopes, either separate as petals or united.

Deciduous—trees or shrubs that lose their leaves in late fall or winter.

Genus—the first name of a plant, may be subdivided into a number of species.

Florets—individual small tubular flowers that make up a cluster, panicle or raceme.

Perianth—the floral envelope considered together in which there is no distinction between calyx and corolla.

Petal—the separate leaf of a corolla.

Pistil—seed bearing flower organ. Root stalk—underground thickened stem.

Rhizome—a root stalk. Sepal—leaf or calyx. Stamen—pollen bearing or male flower organ.

Stolon—horizontal stem taking root at the tip. Tuber—thickened underground part with buds at the top.

Variety—a subdivision of a species, given as the third scientific plant name.

Node—that part of a stem at which leaves and buds have their origin.

Panicle—a loose spike-like arrangement of flowers on a stalk.

Perennial—a plant that lives and flowers each year for more than two years.

The foregoing is far from being a complete glossary of botanical terms, but should serve as a basic understanding of terms used by horticulturists everywhere. The horticultural names for plants which include the genus, species and variety names are more complicated and lengthy, hence will be the subject of a separate article in the near future.

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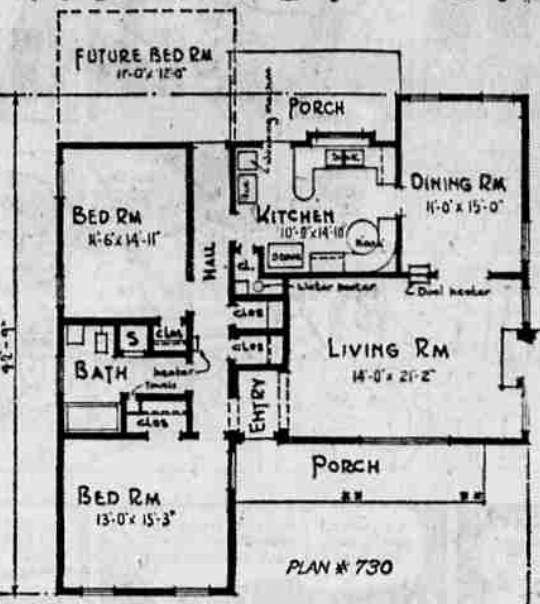
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HOMES FOR AMERICANS



A CALIFORNIA DESIGN for a house without a basement, this plan has expansion possibilities. A future bedroom is easily added at the rear. This is Plan 730 by J. Lloyd Conrich, architect, 593 Market St., San Francisco 5, Calif. As built, the house has wide redwood siding and stucco exterior, oversized brick chimney and a shake roof. Two wall furnaces provide heat. The house covers 1,340 square feet.

(Further information and blueprints available from architect)

On the House

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER

AP Real Estate Editor

Plastered dry walls are one of the newest and smoothest developments in modern building technique. Heretofore you took your choice between plaster and dry walls. Now you can have both the speed and economy of dry wall construction and a coat of quick-drying (paint-it-the-next-day) plaster, thanks to an invention by Vito Busatti.

This new material is a white mortar dry-mix preparation which can be applied as thin as 1/32nd of an inch over gypsum wallboard, plasterboard, rocklath, concrete, cinder block, brick clay, adobe, iron and steel.

If this material is all that it is cracked up to be, it will be a welcome addition to the shopping list of the do-it-yourself handyman, who wants to finish his basement, add rooms in the attic or obliterate seams and nail dimples in dry wall panels.

The inventor recently won approval of his new plaster from the New York Board of Standards and Appeals. That approval made it legal to use the stuff in skyscrapers. Joseph Platzker, former commissioner of housing and building for New York City, called it to our attention.

"It can be troweled to a marble-smooth finish even by the most inexperienced hand," said Platzker. "It dries rock-hard without cracking, chipping or peeling, and it can be wallpapered or painted in a matter of hours with no special sealing or priming coats."

He pointed out that home builders, using gypsum wallboard and a single coat of the new plaster are saving the tedious and costly problem of taping, filling and sanding joints as well as the

prime coat of sealer needed on the porous paper surface of wallboard.

"In labor time," he added, "it takes two mechanics and a helper only two days to completely plaster the average 5-room dry-wall home with this material. The next day the painters can move in."

A companion joint filler, developed by the same inventor, eliminates the taping and filling of joints in dry wall construction when you don't want to plaster. This filler also can be used as a tile cement for bathroom fixtures, for cracks around bathtubs and as a wood filler. It is rated to resist a surface pull up to 162 pounds per square inch.

Valley Ram Sale Catalogues Ready

Catalogues for the Fourteenth Annual Willamette Valley Ram Sale to be held at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany on Saturday, August 7, are now available according to word received from O. E. Mikesell, sale secretary.

The catalogues list 215 head of stud rams, range rams and ewes in the Romney, Lincoln, Corriedale, Columbia, Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, Cheviot, and Suffolk breeds. All animals are yearlings and guaranteed breeders.

The sale secretary says that sheepmen not on the regular mailing list may receive a catalogue by writing O. E. Mikesell, Willamette Valley Ram Sale, Albany.

Stockmen to Hold Picnic July 25th

Marion county stockmen will hold their annual picnic at the Silverton city park on Sunday, July 25, at 1:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Marion County Livestock Association and it is open to all livestock raisers, says President Henry Ahrens of Turner.

The days schedule calls for lots of livestock, visiting, swimming for the kids and the usual full menu for all.

Vegetable Crop Field Day Set

Increased commercial vegetable yields through fertilizers, irrigation, improved varieties and weed control will highlight the Oregon State college fourth annual vegetable crops field day near Corvallis August 3.

From 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. growers, fieldmen, seed dealers and other interested persons are invited to view experimental plots that will be staffed by research workers. The experimental farm is one-half mile east of the Corvallis Willamette river bridge, then north about one-half mile.

Points of interest include weed control trials in Blue Lake beans and sweet corn through different rates and time of applying dinitro sprays, new chemicals for weed control in other vegetable crops, and vegetable insect control with soil insecticides.

Visitors will see new varieties of beans, sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, rhubarb and beets. Crop responses to combinations of plant spacing and rates of fertilizing and irrigation are on display. Soil-packing in vegetable fields through movement of equipment has been duplicated in a Blue Lake bean field to test the effect on moisture penetration and crop production.

United Defense Fund Man Visits

Eli Fox, associate director of public relations for the national United Defense Fund is in Salem today to confer with the staff and board of the Oregon Chest of which the United Defense Fund is a member.

The United Defense Fund is a federation of five national agencies, chief of which is the USO. Other agencies are the National Recreation Association, United Seaman's Service, National Social Hygiene Association and the United Community Defense Services.

Fox, who is touring the western states at the request of General Omar Bradley, na' 1st campaign chairman of the United Defense Fund, said Oregon now has 39,912 service personnel on duty in the armed forces and that of these 2100 are from Marion County.

In connection with his visit to Salem today, Fox will appear before the budget committee of the Salem United Fund to explain that body the present program of the United Defense Fund and the budget of the organization for 1955.

Fox will also visit Portland, Astoria, Corvallis and Eugene in connection with his present tour.

The budget of the United Defense Fund for Oregon for 1955 is \$151,000.00 of which the board of directors of the Oregon Chest has approved \$129,000 for inclusion in its campaign this Fall.

Deadline Fixed for Five-Ton Club

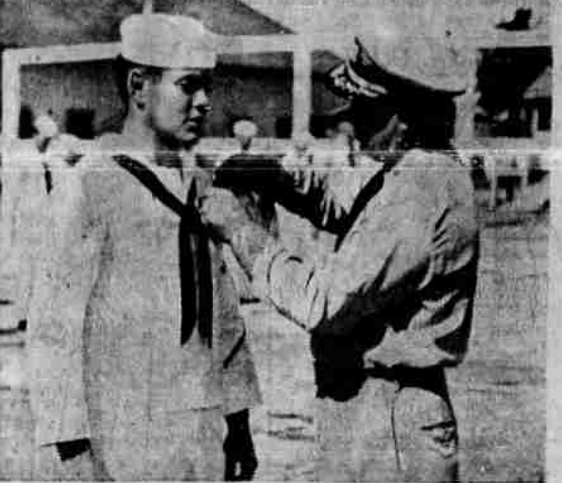
Application for membership in the Five Ton Strawberry Club must be completed by Friday, July 23. This deadline for eligible growers from Marion county has been set by D. L. Rasmussen, county extension agent.

To be eligible, a grower must have harvested an average of at least five tons per acre from a total of five or more producing acres. Application blanks may be obtained from the County Agent's office in Room 75, Courthouse, Salem, or from processor fieldmen in Marion county.

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Harold D. Swinford, utilitiesman third class, USN, (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Swinford of 1290 South 15th street, Salem, is presented the Expert Rifleman Medal Award by Capt. C. S. Dalley, civil engineer corps, USN, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Center at Gulfport, Miss., Swinford returned to the United States in the fall of 1953, after duty at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. (U.S. Navy photo)

Questions-Answered

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Q—Why would a gardener that has been doing well drop its buds?
A—S.

ANS—Lack of sufficient humidity is the usual cause of bud drop, though sudden changes of temperature, draughts, etc., will have a like effect. Suggest you set the pot in a pan of water to allow moisture to be soaked up through the bottom. This will increase humidity, too.

Q—What would be a good quick-growing shade tree?
A—The Tulip Tree is very popular for this purpose. It is often used as a parking strip tree.

It gains a good site, is fairly fast growing and gives a splendid color effect in the Fall as its leaves change color, becoming a brilliant yellow. It is also a very clean tree. Do not confuse this tree with the magnolia, because of its name. Birch is a good rapid-growing tree, also, suitable for a border planting and is very graceful in form. The Chinese Elm is one of the fastest-growing trees, but may be disappointing as it loses its leaves in early Fall and does not afford any display of color before so doing.

Q—When should the hardy perennial hibiscus bloom locally?
A—Z. T.

ANS—About the first of August, usually.

Q—How do you root geraniums?
A—F. B.

ANS—Take cuttings 4 to 5 inches long with two or more leaf buds. Use only plants that have been rested, and kept trimmed. Take cuttings in Fall, Winter or Spring. Plant in standard potting mixture.

Q—Please recommend a ground cover for a shady garden beneath trees and large shrubs?
A—O.

ANS—Vinca Minor, better known as Myrtle Periwinkle, is an evergreen training plant with dark green, glistening leaves that will cover an area in a short time. It has lilac-blue flowers in Spring, too. Pachysandra is also evergreen but with small white flowers in May.

Q—Flowering Almond leaves are infested with a rust-appearing growth (leaf enclosed). What is this and what is the remedy?
A—L. T.

ANS—Your trouble is a fungus disease, known as rust. In this case it appears to be a Hawthorn rust, a disease which utilizes Hawthorns or firethorns as host. Re-

Q—What is the recommended fertilizer formula for porch boxes or window plants?
A—T. M.

ANS—5-10-5 is generally acceptable.

Q—What is the correct time to sow seeds of larkspurs?
A—D. B.

ANS—Sow in Fall, preferable.

Q—How frequently should lawns be watered?
A—W. R.

ANS—Light daily sprinklings are advisable and a periodic soaking so the soil is moist to a foot deep, then don't water again until the soil is dry.

Q—What would you suggest as a good painting by a white picket or lattice fence?
A—O. T.

ANS—Roses are very acceptable. Use climbing rambler sorts and train to fence. You can set various shrubs in front for a nice effect.

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