

# Rich Family Designs Own WS Dwelling

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Up on Salem Heights avenue at almost the crest of the first hill—301 West Salem Heights, to be exact—is one of Salem's first, if not its first, contemporary style homes.

The sign on the driveway light post announces the Lawrence A. Riches.

The ideas for the house were their own, but the plans were drawn by an architect.

A bright coral has been used on the exterior of the house. The garage has been attached to the house via a breezeway. The roof has just enough pitch to miss being flat.

### Opens to Living Room

The entrance hall of the house opens into the living room. At the very end of the hall next to the living room is a doorway opening onto the patio, which is closed on three sides.

In the living room varying hues of coral are found combined with green. One wall, that on which the fireplace is located, is of a coral that is almost rust. The fireplace, itself, is brick with a natural wood border and above it is a huge mirror.

Carpeting in the living room and on the dining room floor is of a darker green and the living room furniture combines a light green, beige and rose and dark wood.

In the dining room the furniture is of natural color wood with upholstery on the chairs in a light coral. Windows in both the living room and dining room are clear to the floor along the east side to take advantage of the view to the east. The kitchen, which has the working idea separated from the breakfast nook by a counter, has been done in Chinese red and white, with a touch of yellow.

The nook furniture is of yellow and chrome.

### Brings Garden In

Bringing the garden right into the house are the flower boxes on the nook and kitchen windows with red tulips and spring flowers in yellow and white. From the kitchen one can enter the dining room or the hallway going to the bedroom section. Walls of the hallway at either end are in brown and the side walls in chartreuse. Asphalt tile has been used on the floors in the kitchen, hallway, bath, utility room and the dining room of the two bedrooms of the Riches, as well as in their daughter's room.

Just down the hall from the entrance hallway is the den and TV room.

The utility room not only has the laundry equipment, but cupboard space and counter space. In the boys' bedroom a cowboy paper has been used on the walls. Rose predominates in the bedroom of the two daughters and the paper here is a country scene.

### Has Carpeting

The master bedroom is the only bedroom having wall to wall carpeting. The designs on the paper here are in blue, green and white and are of a rose and a bird.

With the size family the Riches have, one needs two bathrooms, which they have. The larger one is in coral and on one wall is a Chinese figured paper. The second bath is done in yellow to give a feeling of light because it is off the breezeway.

## Home Owners Ask for More Bath Space

Home owners want more bathrooms, and are getting them.

Eighty out of 100 owners of one-year-old homes told interviewers of a building magazine recently that they wanted more than one bath. Half of the families wanted two baths, one-fifth would settle for one and a half baths, and one-tenth longed for more than two.

The greater household harmony that comes with extra bath facilities can be achieved by improving existing houses, many home owners have found. At the same time, sale-ability of a house is enhanced by the improvement.

Possibilities of finding a suitable spot for added bath facilities are increased since the FHA, federal mortgage insurance agency, no longer requires outside windows. Besides flexible location, an inside bath offers an advantage in warmth. With an exhaust fan, it will be ventilated better than an outside bath that depends on an open window.

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## One of First Contemporary Houses



The Lawrence Rich family at 301 W. Salem Heights Ave., have one of Salem's first contemporary homes, if not its first. The exterior is pictured in the top photo and below is a view of the living room with the mirror above the fireplace reflecting the combined cupboard and bookcase of cedar paneling dividing the living and dining rooms from the entrance hall. (Capital Journal photo)

## Foliar Feeding Has Upsurge In Popularity

Foliar feeding, feeding of plants by means of fertilizers absorbed through the leaves, has become a popular practice and a leading topic of discussion among gardeners in recent years.

Resultantly, there has been an influx of soluble fertilizers placed on the market to meet this growing demand.

Basically, the openings, called stomata, are very numerous on the lower epidermis (underside) of the leaf blade. These are the passageways by which plant foods enter the blade.

A fine, misty spray must be directed upon this undersurface during the forenoon when the sun is shining brightly, in order for good absorption to be obtained. The stomata are not fully opened when there is little sunshine, hence the absorption is not good then.

Tests have shown that during the first hour 35 to 50 per cent of nitrogen and 10 to 15 per cent phosphorus are absorbed by plants.

Only soluble plant foods, of course, must be used in this type of feeding. Such may be mixed with normal sprays for fungus and insect control.

Foliar feeding should be used as a supplementary feeding rather than a complete plant food. Its great advantage lies in the quick absorption of the food by the plant, results being noticed more quickly and sickly plants soon returning to their original vigor.

Each 2 weeks for roses. Tests show that one spot application are comparatively ineffective, but, four or five applications a season on orchards or bushy fruits and shrubs are needed. For roses, apply every two weeks for best results.

Manufacturers have quickly come to the fore with fertilizers for foliar feeding. These are highly soluble fertilizers containing the needed plant foods, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, boron and magnesium that are all absorbed during this feeding process.

In using this type of fertilizer, it is wise to read the manufacturer's directions and recommendations carefully and follow them explicitly for best results.

### Heat Work Needed

Modernization of the heating system is the answer to sluggish heat, higher than normal fuel bills, and uneven heat distribution, says the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau.

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## Your Garden Notebook

DO YOU KNOW?

New lily growth each Spring should be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture to prevent disease? Lily stems often wander underground, so, weeding close by should be done by hand?

Permanganate of Potash will help remove green slime from pots and lawn moss may be reduced by watering with it 1/2 to one ounce per gallon of water for each square yard?

When pansy stems grow long and seem about to expire, they may be covered with loose, rich soil and will make a fresh growth and continue blooming until Fall?

## Coming Events

April 19-21—Primrose Panama, Kirkland, Wash.

April 25—Spring Flower Show, Oswego, Ore.

April 27-28—American Aricula Society Show, Portland.

April 27-28—Primrose Society, Carnival of Flowers, Bremerton, Wash.

May 10-11—Annual Spring Flower Show, Salem Garden Council, Salem.

June 7-8—District Rose Meeting and Show, Medford.

June 10-16—Rose Festival, Portland.

June 11-13—National convention, Men's Garden Clubs of America, Portland.

June 14-15—Rose Show, Salem.

June 15-16—Fort Vancouver Rose Show, Vancouver, Wash.

July 11-13—Puget Sound Lily Association annual show, Seattle.

June 16—Open House, Seattle Men's Garden Club, Seattle.

Aug. 2-3—Begonia Show, Salem.

## Ag Chemical Draws Notice For Promise

Among other new agricultural chemicals, a liquid nematocide, VC-13, produced by a Virginia Carolina Chemical company, is attracting attention for the promise it holds for the control of nematode diseases of plants, provided proper amounts and proper methods of application are used.

The chemical, while still in its experimental stages, can be used on lawn grasses, African violets, azaleas, boxwood, carnations, chrysanthemums, coleus, dahlias, gladioli, lilies, hollies, iris, roses and many other plants, according to initial tests made.

The method of treatment, so far approved, is by drenching the soil with one gallon of VC-13, diluted with water, for 1000 square feet of soil. Balled and burlapped plants may be treated by dipping the ball in a one percent solution for one hour.

Trials of this new chemical have shown excellent results on peach trees severely infected with root knot.

The outstanding feature of this new chemical, according to those who have experimented with it, is that it can be used around living plants without harmful effect. Nevertheless, it is a poison and should be treated as one.

When further exhaustive tests have been completed and its full effectiveness noted, it is expected that the new chemical will be made available for the home gardener as well as the commercial grower.

## African Violet Group Slates Initial Show

The Northwest Conference of African Violet societies is slated to hold its first annual African Violet Show in connection with the 1957 conference meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for May 25 and 26, at the Women's Club building in Portland.

The show theme will be "Northwest Violets of Friendship," which will be carried out in the staging and by entries in the classes for arrangements and plantings.

Show schedules and regulations will be mailed to all National Violet Society members whose names appear in the latest handbook, however. If persons interested do not receive this mailing they should contact either the local club or Mrs. H. A. Hillwert, 11900 S. W. Butner Rd., Beaverton.

## Many Persons Tab Month of April as Best Spring Blooms Are Big Reason for Their Feelings

Many persons believe, and rightly so, that April is one of the most picturesque months in the Willamette Valley because of the many fruit trees coming into peak bloom and the many varieties of flowering forms of fruit trees used in home landscaping.

This preponderance of spring bloom, typical of the valley, has developed a greater interest on the part of home owners to include some of these flowering tree beauties in their home plantings and including, where possible, fruit bearing trees that also have colorful flowers.

Oregon's fame in this field is widespread, exceeded probably by only the tremendous planting of flowering cherry trees in Washington, D.C.

Among Earliest to Flower—Flowering cherries are among the earliest flowering trees to come into bloom and their decorative value is increased by the fact blooming is concentrated in one early season outburst.

The Cherry-plums, or flowering plums are the first of the ornamentals to put on their show of beauty in the spring with lovely double, pink or white blossoms according to variety.

The flowering plums are smaller trees than most of the fruit tree groups and, thus, serve admirably in the small home garden.

Following the flowering plums in order of bloom come the truly magnificent flowering cherries. There is a wide range of varieties in flowering cherries with the most popular and, probably, the most striking at maturity, being the variety known as Kwanzan. It is a double-flowered rose-pink type.

It may reach 30 feet in height at maturity but grows erect with its branches hidden by the numerous flowers giving the appearance of an enormous vase of blooms. The single-flowered flowering cherries usually bloom a little earlier than the double sorts. The variety in types and shades is quite large, there being even dwarf varieties, weeping types and ones with nearly white blossoms.

Crab Apples Next—Following the cherries in season of bloom come the flowering crab apples among which there is, again, a wide selection in flower form and color. Some of the fruiting crabapples are worthy of use for the distinctive bloom itself, but the added reward of delicious fruits for pies and jellies must not be overlooked.

Bechtel's Crab is, perhaps, the most popular of the flowering crabapples with fully double, pale pink blossoms.

One of the most floriferous of flowering trees in the Spring is the Floribunda Crabapple. The buds

## Questions Answered

By MARK M. TAYLOR

Tulips are up, foliage good but flowers are, apparently, shriveled and do not open. What is wrong? Anon.

There is a possibility that the tulips you have are Parrot tulips whose buds are oddly shaped and twisted before they open to their exotic shape. On the other hand, if these are known varieties, not confused with the parrot types, you may have an infestation of narcissus fly. This can be a deadly pest if not controlled. At this season, the fly is laying its eggs and the grubs, as they are hatched, can wreck the bud. If not controlled, these will spread to the soil and infest the bud themselves. I would suggest the immediate use of DDT to combat this insidious pest. When you lift the bulbs at the end of the season, make sure that they are sound before storing. If the maggots appear in the bulb, the bulb should be destroyed and the soil the bulbs were growing in will have to be fumigated before planting there again.

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It is apparent that this is going to be a good year for aphids as they are appearing on roses early in the season. A good nicotine, lindane or chlordane spray should be applied to your roses every week or 10 days from now on throughout the growing season. Be sure to combine your insecticide with a good fungicide spray to save yourself a lot of time and trouble. Get the bugs early in the season and keep them off of your plants and protect against diseases and you will have fine roses.

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I have been told it is unwise to cultivate around camellias and rhododendrons but, the border where I have them planted is grown up with weeds and I would like to cultivate them out. Can I do this without harming these plants? G. R.

Camellias and rhododendrons and azaleas are shallow-rooted plants and, thus, close cultivation is harmful. However, you may cultivate to within the branch spread of the plants without harm. For removal of weeds closer to the plants, hand pulling is advisable. Mulching of these plants with leafmold or peat will help keep down weed growth during the growing season and will protect the roots against drying in the hot weather to come. It, also, makes weed pulling easier.

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