



Northwest Gardens

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SWEET PEA CULTURE—This is the time of year when Sweet Peas can be planted for best results. Some specialty growers, shooting for prize winners at flower shows, start them in the fall, winter them in coldframes in individual containers, and set them out in March. But the average home gardener will get all the flowers she wants from direct seeding in late February or as soon thereafter as the soil is workable.

When it comes to selecting the varieties, every seed store has choice colors and types, either in the solid shades or mixed. Since the development of the Cuthbertson strain, we feel that these hot-weather resistant sorts should be included in every planting. That does not mean that the somewhat larger-flowered Spencer peas should be omitted, not by any means. We like both forms, and use both, since each one supplements the other.

SEED TREATMENT and CULTURE—Bone meal and rich manures or composts are among the best materials to have on hand for the Sweet Pea planting. Take out a full spade depth of soil, or somewhat more, along the row and work the manure or compost into the bottom, getting it down to a depth of about eighteen inches.

Incorporate some bone meal or a good complete fertilizer which contains a little limestone into the lower spit and sprinkle it liberally over the top. Firm that lower spit, and begin backfilling with the topsoil, to which has also been added a small amount of bone meal.

The trench in which the seeds are sown should be about six inches deep, a deep "V"-shaped one. Treat the seeds with something like Spergon to keep fungous diseases away and, if one desires, this is the time to inoculate with the prepared nitrogen bacterial mixtures.

Cover seeds with two inches of soil, and as the seedlings stretch, draw in more soil around them from the sides until the original "V"-shaped trench is evened off. As soon as the little seedlings appear above ground, use your booster solution to aid in getting the young plants quickly established.

HOUSE PLANTS OFTEN NEED BOOST—at this season. Days have lengthened perceptibly and there is a noticeable picking-up of growth as evidenced by the formation of more vigorous tufts of new leaves.

This is nature's own way of calling our attention to the fact that the plants can now stand more food and more water. Booster mixtures, prepared especially for their energizing action, can now be applied as the beginning of a regular program.

Use them at half strength this month, same in March, but jump to full strength treatments, once a month, starting in late April and continuing through the summer until the house plants are brought back in again next October. Especially to be recommended for this use are the booster mixtures which carry not only the

major chemical elements which plant growth requires, but also the so-called minor trace elements, too.

Almost all the house plants can be treated in this manner, whether they are left indoors or plunged into the garden soil outside. The principal exceptions are those cactuses which become dormant during summer.

TIMELY GARDEN BRIEFS—Not only Sweet Peas, but also other garden legumes (beans, peas, etc.) are benefited by inoculation with nitrogen bacterial mixtures.

This is the season to check trellises and fences. Treat any new posts, etc., that go in as repairs, with one of the penta compounds to preserve them.

For an efficient operation, try planting Sweet Peas on the north side of a trellis, reserving the south side for a later seeding of colorful gourds. When the peas are done, the gourds will be all ready to take over.

Don't forget the sprightly radish—easy to grow—refreshing on the table. To keep the maggot away, mix a dust containing chlordane into the soil and apply more of it to the seedlings after they come up. No need to be troubled with wormy radishes now.

February Daphne, with flowers of lavender-rose, is a honey in any garden. Put it close to the Forsythia, so they can be seen together at flowering time.

The true firs are wonderful trees for home landscapes, large or small. Native kinds like Alpine, Noble and Lovely Firs, as well as several others that our nurserymen grow (Colorado, for example) are really superb things. Not much affected by insects or disease, either.

BARNES School Notes

(Held from last week)

Mr. J. E. Becker attended the Northwest Regional Conference of Elementary Principals, Saturday, February 11, 1950, at McMinnville, Oregon. Principals from seven Oregon counties were present. Rex Putnam, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Frank Bennett, Superintendent of the Salem Public Schools, were main speakers.

The keynote of the convention was that every decision made by a principal should be made so that all considerations are secondary to the benefit of the school child.

MAGIC SHOW

The Jimmy Hahn Show came to our school Tuesday, February 8. Mr. Hahn visits schools the year around to entertain children with magic tricks, impersonations, and humorous films. The bus brought the Tualatin View children to Barnes for the show.

FACULTY MEETING

At the weekly faculty meeting for the Barnes and Tualatin View teachers, Mr. Becker showed a strip on the scope and function of the National Education Association. This is the teachers' professional organization.

TRIP TO DEPOE BAY

Dick Pettigill of the fifth grade went to Depoe Bay with his parents Sunday, February 12. Dick's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Osburn, were along.

STUDENT IN CALIFORNIA

Mary Jo Noel is on a trip to California and has been gone for ten days. She sent a package of valentines to her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Hoaglin of Beaverton, and to her classmates.

NEW STUDENT

Janet Kennedy entered our 4th grade last week. She last attended school in Salem, Oregon.

REPORT TO CLASS

Stuart Hall, of the 4th grade, made a report to his class about his experiences on a recent trip to Oregon City.

CONTRASTING MURALS

Mrs. Verne Hoaglin's 4th grade has two murals on display: one of snow covered city and the other

is of a desert scene. The latter scene correlates with the present Social Studies lessons.

TRIP TO EUGENE

Peggy Arthur, with her parents, made a trip to Eugene, Friday night, and they brought Peggy's grandparents back with them for a return visit.

Special St. Valentine's Menu

There was a special treat in the Cafeteria Tuesday in honor of St. Valentine's Day. There was brick ice cream with a heart in the middle. The ice cream was donated to the school cafeteria by Mr. L. D. Wilkins of the Cedar Mill Food Center.

Open House and Hobby Show

Friday night at 8:00 o'clock, the PTA will present open house and hobby show at Barnes School. Tualatin View children will present their work and hobbies in conjunction with the Barnes children at the same time in the Barnes 1st and 2nd grade rooms.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

The A.B.C. Neighborhood Club, comprised of Girl Scout leaders from A—Aloha-Huber, B—Beaverton, and C—Cedar Mill, met in Barnes School, Monday afternoon, February 13, for one of a series of gatherings designed for planning of troop activity programs. Miss Helen Cantine, Counselor, from the Portland Girl Scout office, was guest speaker and adviser. Another interesting guest was Mrs. Robert A. Freidenrich, Cedar Hills, a former member of the Girl Guides of Switzerland, who has volunteered to be a leader for a much needed intermediate group at Barnes School.

Attending the meeting from Aloha-Huber were: Mrs. Donald Bassett, Mrs. Theodore B. Clair, Mrs. Ernest Masters, and Mrs. F. M. Saunders. Mrs. R. W. Webster, Mrs. R. E. Cassell, Mrs. Edward Locke, Mrs. A. H. Klug, Mrs. Ira Butterworth, Mrs. Ralph R. Sullivan, and Mrs. H. E. Carter all of Beaverton. Mrs. V. C. Miner, Cedar Mill. Mrs. Thomas Smithson and Mrs. A. E. Lulow representing the Tualatin View area, and the Barnes leaders, Mrs. Chris E. Olsen, and Mrs. M. M. Brown were others in attendance.

Pat Garvin and Rita Stone, Reporters.

BEAVERTON ENTERPRISE—Friday, February 24, 1950

Fruits And Nuts Expect Improved Market Prospect

Oregon's fruit and nut crops are expected to find somewhat better market conditions in 1950 than existed in 1949 according to the latest agricultural situation and outlook circular issued by the Oregon State college extension service. The circular is ready for distribution by county extension agents.

What happens to national income will have much effect on prices, but prospects beyond 1950 are more favorable for fruits than for nut crops because nut production will increase faster, according to L. R. Breithaupt and M. D. Thomas, extension economists.

Large crops in Oregon and the nation sent prices tumbling in 1949 but production in 1950 is likely to be smaller. Carryover of canned and frozen fruits at the start of

the processing season is also expected to be less than last spring. Retail prices of canned fruits have been low compared to other foods. Fruit production in this country has almost doubled in the last 30 years but the bearing acreage declined a little. The sharp decline in apple and prune acreage is now being reflected in smaller crops.

Further increases in national production of pears, peaches, cherries, oranges, and all kinds of tree nuts are expected. Strawberry market prospects are considered favorable but production may soon be back to the prewar level. Except for gooseberries, production of other small fruits is up to or above the prewar average.

Altogether, the outlook report contains three charts, several tables, and sections discussing the immediate and long-term prospects for fruit and nut crops which have been worth around \$30,000,000 to Oregon growers in each of the last two years.



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