



# Northwest Gardens

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**STRAWBERRY ROOT WEEVILS**... are among the most insidious of our home garden pests. This you begin to realize as the questions appear with increasing frequency on how to control them. "What is the worm that is in my tuberous begonias?" Or, "Why did my azalea plant start to wilt and then just die completely?" Or, "How can I kill Strawberry Weevils? I counted 154 of them in my LIVING ROOM."

You get the point, don't you? It's just that this pest is building up in greater and greater numbers each season. Not only that, but it is found attacking a gradually extending list of garden plants until now it is found on many, many of the very best and most popular.

Let's take a look at the list... Tuberous Begonias, Fuchsias, Primroses, Strawberries, Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Camellias, Rhubarb, Raspberries, Blueberries, Perennial Phlox, Columbines, Lily-of-the-Valley, and the report has come in that they have recently been found on Peony roots and on Michaelmas Daisies.

Frankly, it begins to look as though we are in the process of building up to a major infestation of these obnoxious fellows.

The best work on Strawberry Weevil has come out of Oregon. The report indicates that there are several (too many) different kinds, varieties or species of closely related insects which make up the group which we usually call Strawberry Weevils. The largest of the gang is the Black Vine Weevil.

Control is by two methods. (1) work into the soil one of the good dusts that has been prepared for the purpose and which is available at all garden supply stores and (2) use a bait during the time that the adult weevils are above ground (June to mid-September) laying their eggs.

Every garden where the susceptible plants (above) are grown will profit from the use of BOTH methods. The worms (grubs) work beneath the ground, on the roots of their favorite plants (or on the tubers of Tuberous Begonias).

They also may develop to such an extent in beds of young Camellias, Rhododendrons and Azaleas that the plants may die from the fact that each one has been girdled... girdled just as effectively as rabbits sometimes girdle young trees in orchard or nursery. The

girdling action is done by the worms (grubs) and always is found just at or immediately below the soil surface.

By all means, dig the soil dust into the ground when Tuberous Begonias, Fuchsias, Primroses, Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas, etc. are being planted, or dust it over the soil surface in established plantings, and employ the bait in the indicated period, too.

**AMONG THE MOST SATISFYING**... of all small garden trees are the several types of Magnolias which grow so well anywhere in the Northwest. These are sometimes called "Tulip Trees", but should not be confused with the giant Tulip Tree of the Appalachian country (which also happens to be one of our best for ornamental purposes).

Magnolias of the Cup-and-Saucer types are about the best for general use. They yield heavy crops of bright, showy blooms in early spring, before the leaves appear. For white, get the variety Alba or Alba Superba; Rustica Rubra gives a two-toned effect, rose to rose-purple outside and white on the inside of each petal; Lennei (pink to rose) is very, very good.

About the only difficulties encountered with Magnolias arises from a fungus disorder which sometimes distorts the leaves and causes them to fall prematurely. Do a neat calcium poly-sulphide sprays should help control it. West of the Cascades (and in warmer sections east) the evergreen-leaved Magnolia called grandiflora is wonderful. The creamy-white blooms, of large size (and fragrant) are produced all summer long.

**CUTWORMS AND BULB FLIES**... can be controlled by the same soil dusts which are used for Strawberry Weevils, or one can employ a good cutworm bait for former. Bulb flies (on narcissus and daffodils) lay their eggs among the leaves. After blooming time is over, dust the foliage with something containing Lindane.

Don't forget the Moss Phloxes when you are planting the rocky, rock wall or slope. They spread out beautifully among the rocks, and bloom is exceptionally heavy. Colors are white, pink, rose and rose-red.

Tomatoes are among the most adaptable vegetables for the small garden. West side gardeners will

find that they can tuck in a plant or two of a reliable variety like Early Chatham, anywhere along the house or out in the border, and get plenty of fresh fruit. With the rise in interest of vegetable gardening, tomatoes should be among the first types to plan for.

Corn is next in line in our own garden. Give tomatoes the warmest spot in the garden, and boost them along with a fortified chemical mixture until the second "hand" of flowers opens. Anywhere in the vegetable garden one can and should employ some of the materials which supply the so-called minor or trace elements which make for healthier human beings.

Tuberous, in either the single or double forms, are outstanding as summer-flowering bulbs. Wonderful fragrance is one of their important contributions.

Sow Cosmos seeds where you want the plants to bloom. Remember Fuchsias and Tuberous Begonias for that shady or semi-shady bed or window-box, and protect them against weevil.

The Sassafras tree of the east is excellent for the small home grounds and our native, wild, red-flowering Currant is among the best of its kind.

### SPRING STYLE SHOW

Oakridge presented its first Spring trade fair and style show and found it a worthwhile enterprise.

Says the TELEGRAM, over 500 people jammed the school auditorium to inspect the displays of the event heralding the bursting of buds and birds on the wing.

Great attention was directed to a hamster which sort of stole the show by its antics. Except for timing, this star performer would have set everyone talking for she is anticipating a litter within a week of the show date.

## School District Clerks Tabulate Travel Distance

In order to receive reimbursement for expense of transportation, school district clerks must compile the number of miles each child lives from the school, according to information received at the county office of Austin Scrafford, superintendent.

Part of the Basic School Support Fund report also requires days attendance and days absence for each child, resident and not resident.

Washington county schools are asked by the county fair board to again display activities at the annual county fair. Last year, an entire building was allocated for the purpose and 20 schools participated with attractive displays which reportedly evoked favorable comment from those who viewed them.

The inservice program for county teachers will be held at Hillsboro union high school August 28, 29, 30 and 31. Scrafford states, followed by sessions in home school buildings.

At the March 29 meeting of the Oregon Educational Association executive committee, the spring business meeting was dated for April 24, 8 p. m. Appointed to fill vacancies were: Loy Marshall, Forest Grove, president, and M. B. Wells, Beaverton, first vice president.

Group chairmen from the eastern end of the county include: Rural teachers, Elsie Underwood, Cedar Mill; English and social science, Geraldine Sanford, Beaverton; mathematics and science, Vernon Hood, Beaverton; music, LaMar Bell, Tigard.

### MAKES HONORS LISTING

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, (Special)—Robert Myers, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Myers, Beaverton, is one of 11 students on the University of Oregon law school's honor roll for winter term. The 11 students included each have an accumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Myers is in the third-year class of law majors.

## THREE GARDEN CLUBS ENJOY BOYS' CUP CAKES IN BIG WAY

By Mrs. Edna Blethen  
**McKAY-PROGRESS**—The three 4-H Garden clubs met at the home of Mrs. Harris Hansen April 5. Refreshments were furnished by Gregg Altenhofen and Lewis Bacon. The cup cakes were made by Gregg and over 3 dozen was needed.

Eugene Whyttenberg was announced the leading salesman with 5 subscriptions to the Beaverton Enterprise turned in to his leader.

All three clubs have received their standard certificates.

Individual entries have been made by 12 members in the Flower and Rose club.

**DOUBLE BROKEN ARM**  
Paul Felsler received a double broken arm while playing at school Friday April 7. One bone was broken in such a way that a silver plate was used to draw the broken bone in proper position. He is in Jones hospital, Hillsboro, recovering satisfactorily.

**ONTO BULL MOUNTAIN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Schill and family moved to Bull Mountain Saturday. They formerly lived on Gladys Stevens property.

### SHIP MAKES PORT

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Blethen drove to Longview to spend the evening with a brother J. K. Blethen and other officers of the S. S. China Bear. The ship had returned from Japan.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Blethen whose home is in San Francisco had dinner with the Blethen here.

The S. S. China Bear sailed Monday April 10 for the Orient.

**YOUNG RONALD CLARK**  
A son Ronald was born March 26 to Mr. and Mrs. George Clark. They have a daughter Joyce.

**FIG FOR MARBLE GUESS**  
Lorraine Stark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stark won second prize in a marble guessing contest held recently by a Portland mail order house. Her prize was a registered Chester White gilt.

**COMPLETE HALF PROJECT**  
Mrs. W. Gagnens' 4-H sewing II girls were treated to a party at her home recently.

This was a reward for completing half of their year project work.

## BEAVERTON ENTERPRISE -Friday, April 21, 1950

### PTA DADS' NIGHT

The PTA meeting Friday 14th is Dads Nite. The men will take over entertainment and refreshments. A minstrel show directed by Jim Farmer will be the evenings high light.

The local Campfire group will have an art and craft show. Pie will be featured from the cafeteria.

### PIANIST PERFORM

Irma Taylor Spark presented her pupils in a piano recital Saturday April 8. Seven from this area performed.

### 4H SKATE PARTY

The 4H Cooking I girls enjoyed a skating party at the Onks. 15 girls went escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Butler.

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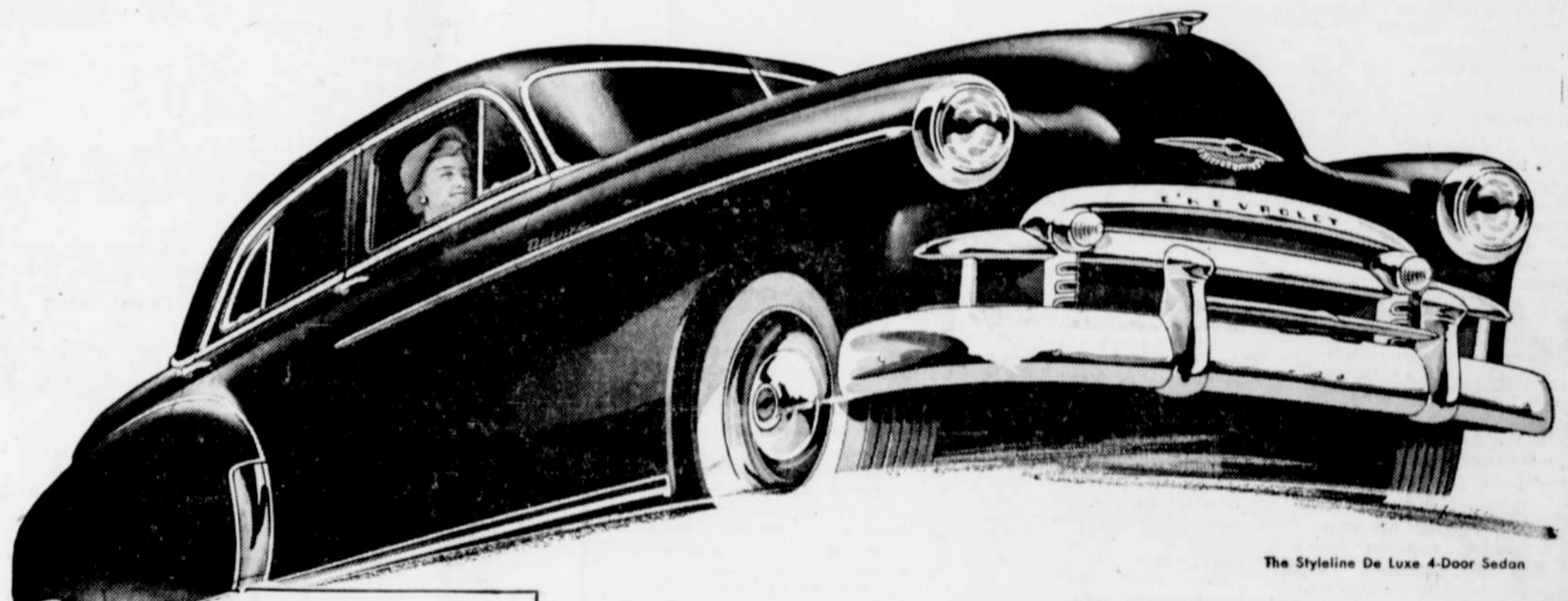
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, (Special)—Paul Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Wilson, 1085 S. E. Franklin St., Beaverton, pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity on the University of Oregon campus during spring term open rushing. Wilson is a freshman major in art and architecture.

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