

YOUR COUNTY AGENT:

Gives Garden Planting Discussion

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It takes several days of nice weather in order for the garden to dry out enough so that the soil can be worked, and even then the heavier soils will still be too wet. It's a mistake to work these wet soils too early, as clods will be formed and then the garden will stay cloddy all summer. However, light soils could be worked now and some of our early garden crops planted.

Sawdust Use

There's an increasing interest in the use of sawdust to loosen soils up so that they can be worked a little earlier. A 3-inch layer of sawdust spread on top of the garden patch and thoroughly mixed with the top 6 inches of soil will prevent it from baking and becoming hard during the summertime. It will also improve the drainage so that the soil could be worked earlier in the spring. In addition it will soak up all of the fertility out of the soil, and crops planted in it just won't grow. This can be overcome by adding commercial fertilizer. Two pounds of ammonium sulfate or 10 pounds of complete fertilizer applied to each 10-foot by 10-foot square of garden will overcome this effect of sawdust and allow the plants to grow normally. It's likely as the summer progresses that the plants will again run short of nitrogen and another application will need to be made. This summer application can be lighter. One pound of sulfate or 5 pounds of complete fertilizer to each 10 by 10 foot area should be enough.

Fertilizer Need

It's easy to tell when the plants require more fertilizer, as they will stop growing and lose some of their deep green color, taking on somewhat of a yellowish cast. Any time that this slacking off in growth or appearance of a poor color shows up it's time to add more fertilizer.

Quite a few growers have used sawdust and have been disappointed in it. In most cases the poor results have been due to a lack of sufficient fertilizer. There is one other thing that has caused poor results and that has been trying to mix too much sawdust with the soil. Where 6 inches of sawdust is applied it becomes more or less impossible to mix it with 6 inches of soil, as you have too great a volume of soil and sawdust to handle. As a result, you end up with more sawdust than you have soil. In a condition like this, when the sawdust once becomes dry it's extremely difficult to again wet it, then in the summertime when you apply the water it just runs through this surface layer of soil and sawdust without wetting it, but it does wet the lower area. However, as most of the plants' roots are in this top area they do not get the benefit of the water and will die of drought even though you are apparently watering them frequently enough to keep them in a good growing condition.

As to the actual garden planting, the crops that should be put in now are those which thrive in cool weather but are ruined when the hot weather comes along. Principal among these are peas, spinach and head lettuce.

These crops all thrive in our cool spring weather, but as soon as the hot sun hits them spinach and head lettuce have a tendency to produce seed stalks, and the peas will be wilted and quit producing.

Many people have had such poor results with peas that they have given up growing them. In some cases this disease seems to strike every year, and in other cases it is periodic and will attack a patch only once in 3 or 4 years. Where you have been reasonably successful in growing peas, plant them out as soon as you can and give them every chance to be a success. As the soil will still be cold for quite some time, it would be desirable to treat the seed to protect it against seed rotting organisms.

Seed Treating Material

Arasan and Spergon are two of the newer type materials for seed treating. In addition, as the peas are a legume it's desirable to treat the seed with a bacteria culture. These bacteria will live on the roots and take nitrogen from the air and make it available to the plants. Without these bacteria our legumes make a very unsatisfactory growth. The surface soil will be warmer than the lower layers, so keep the seed fairly close to the surface. A half inch to an inch is plenty deep to plant pea seed this early in the year. Later in the season it would be desirable to plant seed of that size a couple of inches deep so that it would have moisture available and all of the soil would be warm enough. Other seeds planted now likewise should be just barely covered with soil.

Lettuce Planting

In the case of head lettuce it would be desirable to set out eight or a dozen plants in order to get early lettuce and at the same time plant seed in a row about 10 feet long. It takes the seed longer to mature than it does the plants, so by doing this you will have a succession of lettuce instead of having a lot of it today and none of it tomorrow. It would be well to keep an additional 10 feet at the end of the row so that in another two weeks a later planting of head lettuce could be made. By doing this you would have good prime head lettuce for a period of over a month.

A 25-foot row of spinach could be planted now, and save room alongside for another 25-foot row to be planted about the first of April.

Hearing Held On Hail Control

An all-day session on Rogue valley weather control was held last Saturday in Medford with State Sen. Ben Day, Gold Hill, presiding.

No conclusions were made at the hearing called by the legislative interim committee as the committee is only empowered to collect information.

The morning session heard the arguments of those in favor of weather control attempts. A background of the flight operations designed to control hail was given by Harvey M. Brandau and Eugene Koozer, weather control pilots.



Majorette League

Bosshard Lumber Co.	20	12
Lithia Nursery	16	16
Steak House	15	17
Trites Coffee Co.	13	19

Bosshard Lumber Co. won 4 from Trites Coffee Co. to hold their lead, and Lithia Nursery took 3 from the Steak House.

Lydia Crowson rolled high game of 225, and high series of 588.

Esther Monzel and Jeanne Crowe picked the 5-6 split; Mary Morris the 5-7; Edith Stockstill the 5-6-10 and 3-7; and Glenna Mitchell the 3-10.

Keglerette League

Omars	20	12
Newbury's Orchards	17	15
Bob's Lunch	14	18
Park View	13	19

Omars and Newbury's Orchards split 2 and 2, and Bob's Lunch took 4 from Park View.

Marjorie Hutton rolled high game of 185, and Eileen Eaton had high series of 518.

Marie Hubert picked the 5-7-9; Marian Sutherland the 4-5; and Evelyn Wilcox the 5-7.

Elks League

Yanks	24	12
Sox	23	13
Dem Bums	17	19
Browns	8	28

The Yanks and the Sox split 2 and 2, and Dem Bums won 3 from the Browns.

Buster Forney rolled high game of 227, and Gene Morris had high series of 602.

Lorne Martin picked the 3-10 and 5-10 splits; Jim Harker the 4-5-7 and 3-10; Sid Reed the 6-7; and Buster Forney, Gene Morris, Bill Allen and John Wilkinson picked the 3-10.

Classic League

Caton's Garage	24	12
Tiny's Body Shop	21	15
Royal Crown	19	17
Marshall-Wells	8	28

Caton's Garage took over the lead in the league by winning 4 from Tiny's Body Shop, and Marshall-Wells won 3 from Royal Crown.

Karl Johnson rolled high game of 232, and Buster Forney had high series of 587.

Jim Harker picked the 5-6

State Education Problems Aired

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poses the sales tax because of its "black jack" approach and asked that other sources of revenue be found. Moore said he favored sales tax money to be turned over to the general fund, commenting that a better balance is needed between the home, schools, churches and community in studying the entire taxation structure.

Sen. Walker explained that the Oregon Education association has already opposed the November ballot measure which would limit property taxation to 6 mills since the group feels the reduction of the general fund would cancel the basic school program. The State PTA will act on the matter at its April meeting, Mrs. Green reported.

Unified Districts

Varied reaction was also expressed concerning the state unified school district measure which will face voters in November. Sen. Walker favored the bill since he said it presents a clear-cut state-wide plan, has well-established rules and would be referred to individual communities for action. He said the measure should give adequate protection to districts which wish to preserve their independence.

State Senator Ben Day (R), Gold Hill, said he opposed the

split; Wayne Campbell the 5-7-9 and 3-10; Bud Curtis the 5-10; Buster Forney the 4-7-9 and 3-10; Harvey Bergstrom the 2-9; and Jack Zittercob, Tiny Drake, Bob Rametes and Vern McCall the 3-10.

Major League

Peter's Union 76	25	11
O'Bleness Motors	22	14
Selby's Chevrolet	16	20
Oak St. Tankers	9	27

O'Bleness Motors won 3 from Oak St. Tankers to gain on Peter's Union 76 who lost 3 to Selby's Chevrolet.

Elmer South rolled high game of 214 and Bud Curtis had high series of 567.

Chuck Gahr picked the 2-7 split; Karl Slack the 2-5-7; Harley Lane, Bob Rametes and Harry Morris the 5-10; Don O'Bleness the 4-10; and Frank Laws and Bob Pritchard the 3-10.

Nominations Made By Toastmasters

Nominations were made for 1952 officers of the Ashland Toastmasters club last Monday.

Those nominated were Henry Galey, president; Mike Blagich, vice-president; Roxie Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Verne Blue, club grammarian; Winston Marks, education chairman; Chet McCoy, Dr. Edward E. Brown and Ralph Wood, district governor; Wood, Haj McKellips and Bob Edwards, sergeant-at-arms.

McKellips served as toastmaster at Monday's meeting, McCoy as topicmaster and Verne Athanas as critic. Keith Morre was voted into the membership.

In five-minute prepared speeches, Wood discussed mental blocks developed by children and Galey attacked the proposed Columbia Valley administration. Dr. Brown briefly outlined facts concerning the study of bacteriology.

bill when it was presented in the legislature because he felt the method used in obtaining the reorganization was wrong. He said it was time to break away from the increasing centralization of governmental activity.

Sen. Walker praised the current trend of communities to finance building programs on a "pay as you go" basis, and opposed the suggestion that the state help finance emergency construction in "boom" towns.

500 Maximum

It was generally agreed that in the consolidation and building program districts should avoid building schools for more than 500 students. And it was agreed that less emphasis should be placed on construction of elaborate school structures in view of the overall expense involved and the uncertainty of future school needs.

Audience members and panel members concurred that the public is too willing to load the entire school problem in the hands of professional educators. "Our schools will be only as good as we, the laymen, make them," Mrs. Greene pointed out.

Two Ashlanders, Leland P. Linn, school superintendent; and Mrs. Mabel W. Winston, Southern Oregon college registrar, were members of the committee that planned the dinner meeting.

College Band Touring Area

The 40-piece Southern Oregon college band left yesterday for a three-day tour of southern Oregon schools.

The musicians, directed by Glenn T. Matthews, assistant professor of music, will play for 10 school audiences and the veterans' hospital at Roseburg. More than 4000 students will hear the college group.

Play for Veterans

The band appeared yesterday at the Myrtle Creek high school and later in the afternoon at Roseburg high school. They spent the evening dining at the veterans' hospital and presented an hour program for the patients.

They appeared this morning at Sutherlin and Oakland high schools and will present an afternoon concert at Reedsport.

On Friday, the group will perform at North Bend and Coos Bay in the morning and Coquille and Myrtle Point in the afternoon.

Longest Trip

This year's invitational tour is the longest ever attempted by the SOC band and the number of musicians making the trip is the greatest, Prof. Matthews said.

Ashland students making the trip include Lenore Brown, Arthur Ostrander, Robert Blair, Juanita Linton, Norman Gould, Lloyd Bunnell, Harry Kannasto, Gerry Elliott, Lovette Swift, Maurice Bailey, Paul Clute, Richard Reedy, Oscar Bjorlie and Pat Imel.

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BOY SCOUT AREA STILL MINUS EXECUTIVE

The Grants Pass-to-Ashland district of Boy Scouts still is without an executive.

A meeting was held in Medford Tuesday to discuss possibilities for replacing James Harpole but no definite decision was reached. Harpole, who had served in the area for nearly four years, recently transferred to Lane county.

Pelicans Trim Grizzlies Twice

The Ashland Grizzlies hung up their basketball togs last Saturday night after taking a double trimming from the Klamath Falls team in a final Southern Oregon conference series on the Pelicans' court.

The double defeat, 24-18 and 49-29, left the Grizzlies deep in the conference cellar with a 1-11 record.

Guard Harvey Woods led the Grizzlies in conference scoring with a total of 130 points for 11 games. Woods did not see action in one of the earlier encounters against Klamath Falls.

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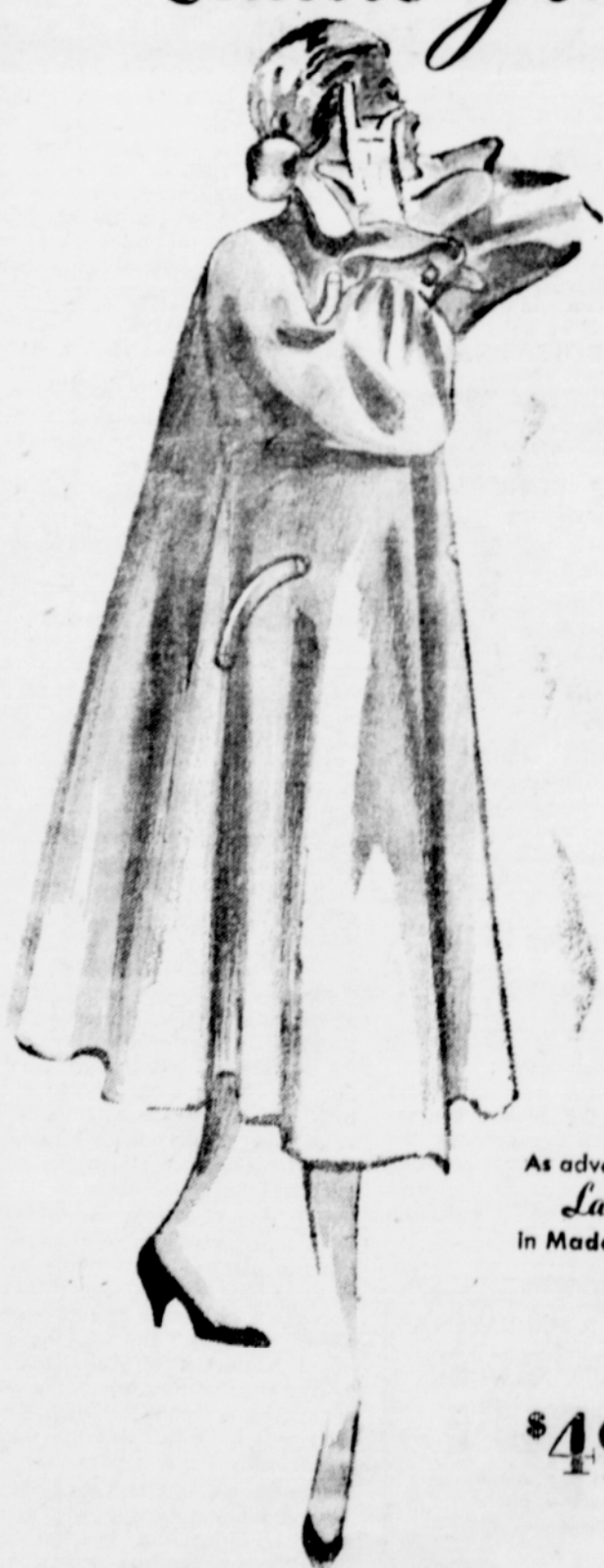
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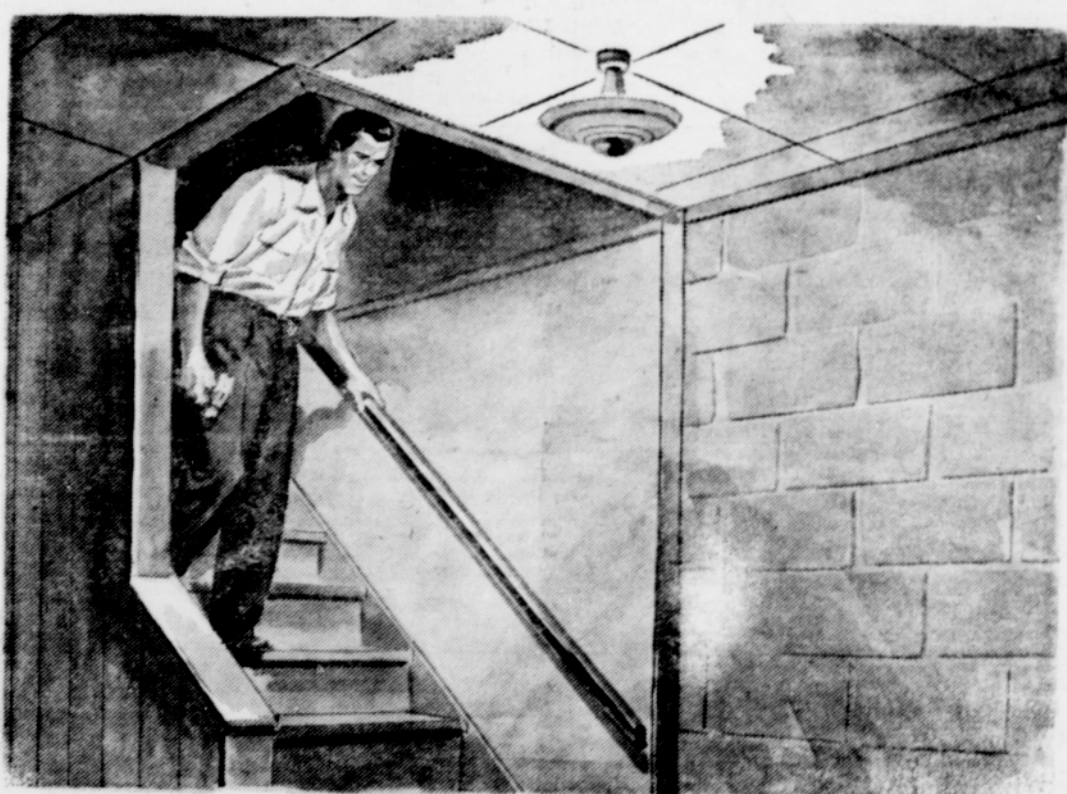
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