

## BARNES CIRCUS IS COMING MAY 6TH

The announcement of AL. BARNES 4 RING CIRCUS appears in this issue. The coming of this organization is welcome news, as the AL. G. BARNES CIRCUS is one that always presents a clean, wholesome and entertaining program.

This year, according to announcements, the circus has been greatly enlarged, and in addition to the all new spectacle of Pocahontas at the Court of Queen Anne with the enormous cast, selected from the 1080 employees, other new features are: 180 horses in one big act, The Fea-Ton Tribe of Arabs from the Sahara Desert—their first visit to America, The Canton Troupe of Chinese Circus Artists, The Imperial Midget Family from Bavaria, Joe Martin (himself), The Giant Gorilla Man, Lotus, the only performing hippopotamus in the world, and the Famous Exclusive Al. G. Barnes Feature—40 Dancing Horses and 40 Dancing Girls, and Al. G. Barnes appears in person at each performance.

Owing to the enormous size of the circus this year, the management announces that no street parade will be given in any city visited, however, in place of the omitted procession, a mammoth Open Air Free Exhibition will take place on the show grounds at 1:00 and 7:00 P. M., immediately preceding the opening of the doors to the circus, and the largest traveling menagerie in the world, comprising over 400 rare animals from all quarters of the earth.

The circus performance starts promptly at 2:00 and 8:00 P. M. Ample parking space for autos is reserved on the show grounds and a City Ticket Office, where numbered reserved chairs may be obtained at same price charged on the show grounds, is maintained in each city.

### TO BUILD 18 MAMMOTH ENGINES AT SACRAMENTO

Eighteen powerful locomotives, specially designed to haul heavy passenger trains over steep mountain grades are being built in the Southern Pacific Company's own shops at Sacramento. So it was made known today by J. H. Dyer, general manager of the Company.

The engines will cost \$1,467,720. Dyer also points out that from preliminary plans to completion the locomotives will be Southern Pacific products and that at least 60 per cent of the cost will represent wages. "The decision to build these engines in our Sacramento Shops," said Dyer, "is as important to the Pacific Coast as the establishment of a new industry."

Here's something about these Pacific Coast iron horses. Each of them will weigh with tender, 619,000 pounds. The Collis P. Huntington, first of Southern Pacific locomotives, weighs 39,000 pounds. One of the first "big" engines built on the Pacific Coast weighed, with tender, 57,500 pounds. The engine that drew the first transcontinental train from Sacramento to Ogden weighed 65,500 pounds. The new engines will be of the 4-8-2 mountain type which means that each will have a 4-wheel truck, 8 driving wheels and 2 trailers. There will be two sets of wheels—three pair in each set—under the tender so that under engine and tender there will be 26 wheels.

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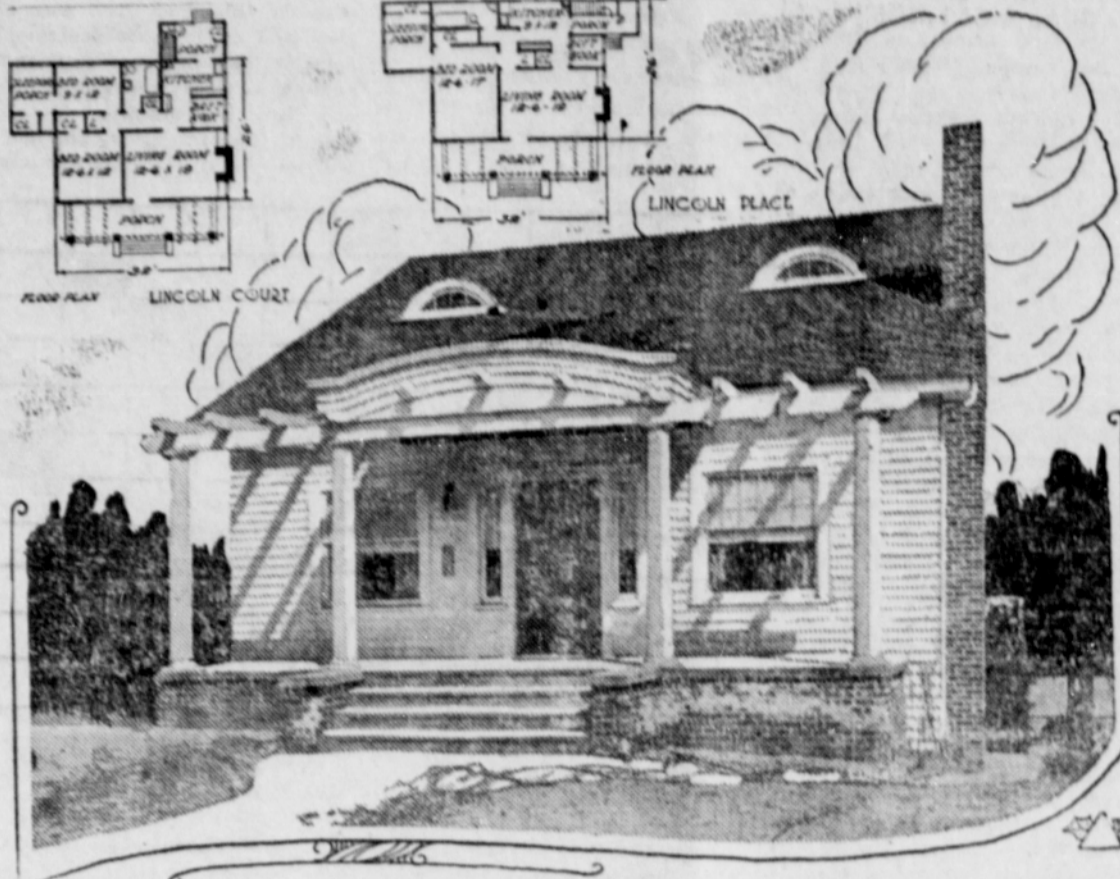
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often found in the smaller houses. The two floor plans are quite different, the big problem being to decide which of the two is most desirable. Both plans arrange for a built in breakfast room. One plan arranges for an extra large sleeping room and porch while the other divides it into two sleeping rooms. The closet space ar-

angement is particularly well worked out.

In trying to pick out a plan for a home the average person finds the chief difficulty in getting a lot of room in a small space. This of course is impossible, but with the many built-ins that are available for the home builder the question of room is often solved.

### CULTURE OF DAHLIA TOLD BY SPECIALIST

BY R. W. GILL, Of Gill Bros. Seed Company, Portland, Oregon

The dahlia is an American production and ordinarily grew wild in Mexico. The flowers of the wild dahlia were small and single. It was named after a Swedish botanist named Dahl. There are seven main classes, all quite distinct in form: Cactus, peony, decorative, show, pompon, single and collarette. The best cut flowers are found in the decorative and pompon types.

Dahlias do best in a sunny location and should be planted in well drained soil containing plenty of humus. Avoid planting them close to large shrubs or trees.

**Work Soil Thoroughly**  
When ready for planting, work the soil thoroughly until it is loose and free from clods. It is preferable to use ground that has been cultivated the previous season, but soddy soil can be used, provided it is worked early in the spring and the grass is well rotted before planting. The soil should be worked deep and care should be taken not to prepare the ground too wet. In case of heavy clay soils, it is well to mix sand with the portion where the bulb is to be planted. In fact, place the bulb in pure sand and cover over. Soil which will produce a good crop of potatoes is satisfactory for dahlias.

It is best to spread fertilizer over the surface of the soil and spade it in. If pure barnyard manure is available, it is recommended, but better results can be had by supplementing this with potash and superphos-

phate. Commercial fertilizer which analyzes about 4-10-10 is very good. Dry ground sheep guano in sacks is a handy fertilizer to use and gives fine results. In addition to the use of any of these fertilizers, we recommend application of blood meal during the blooming season.

Spacing depends upon the fertility of the soil, and as to whether water can be applied artificially or not. Where water can be applied, plant about three feet apart and four feet between rows, or without water, four feet apart and five or six feet between rows.

#### Making Selection

The best method of making a selection is to visit dahlia show gardens and see them in bloom. You can see the habit of growth, freedom of bloom and length and strength of stems. If you cannot see the dahlias in bloom, then make your list from a responsible catalogue.

Oftentimes it is well to leave the selection to the dahlia specialist for all reliable growers know that they can best build their trade by selling varieties which give good satisfaction, as this will mean repeat orders. It is best to buy good varieties even if they do cost more, for in buying dahlias, the original cost is minimized by the increase in bulbs. Most varieties increase from three to five in a season.

The time to plant will depend upon the locality. We are convinced that many failures are due to planting too early. If the blooming season is advanced the heaviest bloom will come during hot weather which, of course, is not desirable owing to sun scalding. Then, too, the plants have a tendency to ripen and by fall are nearly

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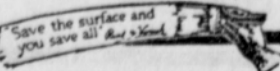
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