

BETTER QUALITY IF VEGETABLES GROWTH IS FAST

Vegetable gardening is more a test of technique than flower gardening for the average amateur. The dahlia fancier, who measures the size of his blooms, and some other varieties of garden specialists may not agree to this statement. But the average gardener does not specialize in flowers; and his sense of taste and consciousness of tenderness in food are more exact indications of quality than his observation of the beauty of his flowers.

The first object of vegetable garden technique is to keep them growing without interruption. Fast growth is an indication of good health and normal development, which produces vegetables of the proper type. When growth is interrupted by any cause, the character of a vegetable changes. The change may not be evident in color; it is always evident in size; it is always evident in the texture of the fiber. Sometimes the flavor is noticeably changed. Leaf lettuce, which grows slowly, becomes tough and bitter.

Three factors govern the speed

of growth—soil, water and plant food. All these are subject to control in city gardens. Temperature has an effect upon growth and when it is abnormal it may spoil a crop. Temperature is beyond control, but it rarely varies sufficiently from normal to have more than a temporary effect upon crops.

Make your vegetable garden in a spot where it can be watered. Prepare the soil deeply, driving the blade of the spade down perpendicularly its full length, breaking up the soil thoroughly. In the old days you would have spaded in each year from six inches to a foot of stable manure, but nowadays it is rarely obtainable. One must use the modern plant foods, which on the whole are easier, pleasanter, and more effective.

One does not spade in the modern plant foods. They are much more quickly available to plants than manure. After the soil has been prepared and raked smooth, then the plant food should be broadcast and raked into the top three inches. A balanced plant food should be used which contains all the food elements in good proportions. It may be used liberally.

During the season applications of plant food should be made by sprinkling along the row at the rate of a tablespoon to a yard of row. For plants which it is desired to force, such as head lettuce, weekly applications will be effective.

The standard application of a

balanced plant food is four pounds per 100 square feet (a space 10 x 10 feet square). You may figure one pound per pint, so an area 10 by 10 feet requires two quarts. One quart will feed 30 square feet and one pint 25 square feet.

Where smaller quantities are required, use a rounded tablespoon per square foot. For convenience, here is a table showing some common areas and the standard balanced plant food application for each:

6-ft. x 5-ft. equals 25 sq. ft.—requires 1 lb. (or 1 pint).
5-ft. x 10-ft. equals 50 sq. ft.—requires 2 lbs. (or 2 quarts).
10-ft. x 10-ft. equals 100 sq. ft.—requires 4 lbs. (or 4 quarts).
20-ft. x 30-ft. equals 600 sq. ft.—requires 24 lbs.
25-ft. x 100-ft. equals 2,500 sq. ft.—requires 100 lbs.

Plenty of Seeds Available For All Victory Gardening

Is there a shortage of seeds for victory gardens? This question was answered at a meeting of the victory garden committee of the Chicago metropolitan defense area by James A. Young, executive secretary of the American Seed Trade Association in a very positive manner.

"You have only to go to the place where you usually buy your garden seeds in order to learn that anything you ask for is available," he said. "In a great majority of cases not even the prices have advanced for the quantities which are purchased by home gardeners."

"The garden seed trade is accustomed to carry large reserves of seed," said Mr. Young. "There is always the possibility of a crop failure, and to protect the country from a food shortage in such event, the trade usually has on hand enough to supply a one-year demand."

LINSY SISEMORE RITES ON MONDAY

Final rites for Linsy C. Sise-more will be held at Klamath Falls Monday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will be in the Jacksonville cemetery Monday afternoon.

Mr. Sise-more, for the last 42 years a resident of Fort Klamath, Ore., passed away in Portland, on Friday, March 20, 1942, at 5:30 a. m., following an illness of three weeks. He was a native of Sams Valley, Ore., and at the time of his death was aged 72 years, 8 months and 8 days. Surviving are three sons, J. R., of Fort Klamath, J. E. and L. Orth Sise-more of this city; also two grandchildren. Mr. Sise-more was a member of Klamath Falls lodge No. 1247 BPOE.

Mr. Sise-more was well known in the Rogue River valley. He was at one time a deputy sheriff of Jackson county.

DEFER DECISION IN BOYLEN CASE

Portland, Ore., March 21—(P) Federal Judge Claude McCall today withheld until Monday a decision on a defense motion for a directed verdict in the trial of Tom Boylen, Jr., Pendleton sheepman charged with converting mortgaged sheep to his own use.

LOCALS

To Conduct Rank—Talisman Lodge 31, Knights of Pythias, will conduct a large class through the knight rank March 23. Delegations will attend from Grants Pass, Ashland and Klamath Falls. Final plans will be made for a Pythian dance to be held in the hall next week. Chancellor Commander Fred Knox requests all members and visiting knights to be present. Refreshments will be served.

Improving—Mrs. H. C. Hoehne of Roseburg is reported to be recovering satisfactorily at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Cachelin, 707 Oak street, following an automobile accident, March 14 in which she suffered slight injuries and severe shock. Mr. Hoehne also suffered severe shock but has returned to his home in Roseburg.

Ex-Judge Dies—Word was received here yesterday of the death in Grants Pass Saturday morning of Grant W. Matthews, 74, former Josephine county judge, of a heart ailment following an illness of several months. Funeral services will be held in Grants Pass at 2 p. m. Monday. The body will be cremated. Mrs. Hattie Alden of 20 South Orange street, a close friend of the Matthews family, left Saturday afternoon to be with the survivors and attend the final rites.

Good Plan Saves Work



Four Steps to a Well Planned Vegetable Garden

A carefully planned layout will save many hours' work in planting and cultivating your victory garden. Make your plan during the early months before the soil can be turned.

While good vegetables will grow in crooked rows or even if the seed is broadcast over beds, the work of cultivating and caring for the plants is immeasurably reduced if the seed is sown in straight rows.

Take the trouble to stretch a line, and mark the row with exactness; it will save hours when the time comes to push a wheel hoe down the aisle between them.

Rows running north and south are best to let sunshine reach the soil after the plants are well grown. Distance between the rows may vary considerably. In small gardens, well supplied with plant food, rows of low-growing crops may be as close as 6 inches.

The best distance for crops not exceeding 2 feet in height is 18 inches, which enables you to cultivate each aisle in one trip with the wheel hoe.

Your plan should provide for the whole season. This means in some cases, two or more crops grown in the same row. Where several successive crops of the

same vegetable are desired, there are two methods of getting them. Either sow at about the same time early, midseason and late varieties, which will come into yield at different times, or make several sowings of the same variety, 10 days or two weeks apart.

Where directions say sow in a drill, it means a shallow furrow. Sowing in hills does not mean in elevations, unless you live in a section of heavy rainfall. It means a series of spots, evenly spaced, at each of which several seeds are sown, as contrasted with the continuous row which is termed a drill. Vine crops are usually sown in "hills," and they need room to spread.

Plan your garden so that early sowings are made at one end, and the rows are added in regular order, as planting proceeds, so that the planted area is always complete without vacant space. This simplifies cultivation and irrigation.

Remember that to sow in straight rows, to thin out properly so your plants have room to grow, to cultivate faithfully so that weeds never grow, and protect your plants against insects and diseases—these four points carefully observed will make your garden one of professional quality.

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Fined \$5—William David Reagan, 230 Beatty street, was fined \$5 in the city court Friday for failure to stop at a stop light.

Chorus To Meet—The Rogue River mixed chorus will meet at the Junior high school Monday at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be prompt.

Teachers To Meet—Medford grade teachers will meet at the Girls' Community club at 7:30 p. m. Monday. Jackson school teachers will be in charge of the program. Washington school in charge of refreshments.

From College—John Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen, of 418 Court street, is home from Oregon State college at Corvallis, for a week-end visit with his parents.

On Furlough—Frank Hull, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hull, of 517 South Grape street, arrived on the noon plane Saturday from San Francisco to spend a short visit with his parents. Frank is a second class yeoman in the U. S. navy, stationed at San Francisco. He will return to his post Sunday night.

Townsend Club 2—Regular business meeting will be held by Townsend Club No. 2, Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Kurtz Studio, 204 North Ivy street. The latest news "flash" from Washington, D. C., will be read. New cards and Gold Seal awards will be available. The public is invited.

Enlist In Army—John L. Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Logan, Sr., of Sams Valley, 730 West 14th street, shaver manager of the local Montgomery Ward store, have enlisted in the army, according to word received from the headquarters office of the recruiting district, in Portland.

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New Daughter—Mr. and Mrs. John Wells of Eureka, Cal., are the parents of a daughter born March 14 in Eureka. The baby has been named Nan. Mr. Wells is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. S. Wells of 30 Keene Way drive. Mrs. Wells is in Eureka with her son and daughter-in-law and plans to return to this city later in the week.

Enlists—Among enlistments reported from Portland yesterday was that of Woodrow W. Shaver, 931 Murray avenue, Medford. He enlisted in the infantry at Ft. Lewis according to his wife, Mrs. Vivienne Shaver. Mr. Shaver was head of the electrical appliance department at Montgomery Ward's here during the two years prior to his enlistment. He had worked for the company two years.

Police Requested—City police yesterday requested more strict observance of the regulations for making left and right hand turns at the intersections along the one-way streets. Vehicles turning left out of the one-way traffic must be on the left hand side of the street before approaching the intersection. Cars making a right hand turn into a side street must have pulled into the right lane before nearing the intersection.

Hearing Recused—The public PUC hearing in the matter of the application of Marvin C. Mayo and S. W. Kohn of the City Transfer and Storage company to acquire by transfer a permit authorizing operations as a common motor carrier of property anywhere for hire in intrastate commerce in Oregon, held in the courthouse Friday afternoon, was recused until next Friday morning at Salem. An attorney for Medford-Crescent City Truck Line asked for the extension, explaining the truck line didn't have its briefs prepared.

Plane Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scripser arrived last night on the northbound United Mainliner from Oakland, Cal. Leaving were J. Sousa to Seattle and C. Bennett, to Portland. Arriving last night on the southbound plane from Portland were R. Arbogast, J. Chandler, A. Fleishman and A. Carvin. A. Schmid departed for Los Angeles. Arriving last evening were J. Smith from Portland and B. Dolan from Seattle. Leaving yesterday afternoon were D. Berhimer, H. Sandburg, and R. Dunlap to Portland and W. Nixon, to Salem. Arriving early yesterday afternoon were F. Chapman, from Salem and L. Conger from Portland. F. Watkins departed for San Francisco. Arriving yesterday noon from San Francisco were Mrs. Adrienne Steward and F. Hull. F. Runtz departed for Portland. Leaving yesterday morning for Oakland were L. Bush and P. Sterling. R. Chapman arrived early yesterday morning from Los Angeles and J. O. Cooksey departed for Portland.

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License Exams—Tests for operators licenses will be conducted from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Examiner Ward McReynolds said yesterday. Applicants will be examined from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. on Thursday.

Policeman Injured—State Policeman S. A. Hawley was slightly injured early yesterday morning when his Chevrolet patrol car left the road about an eighth of a mile west of the Four Corners junction of Midway road and overturned. Hawley, according to State Police Captain Bert J. Staats, was following a truck and was blinded by dust.

Reported Better—Friends of Frank Hagerty, 211 Cottage street, will be pleased to hear that he is improving from a recent illness and expects to be out soon.

Buys Stamp—Roger Peyton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peyton of Chestnut street, wanted money for the purchase of a defense stamp yesterday afternoon and decided the only way to get it was to work for the dime. And that is what he did. He offered to sweep off the walk in front of the Mail Tribune building and was rewarded for his work and given an extra dime besides for his earnest efforts.

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