

## Gardening in Northwest

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The Gorgeous *Gladiolus* is one of those with plenty of size and color, which, along with the fact that it is not too difficult to handle, makes it an ideal flower for men growers, as well as for the lady of the house. Men usually choose things, like roses, dahlias, rhododendrons, tuberous begonias, and glads, all of which possess the attributes for which the majority of men gardeners are looking. With gladioli, especially in a year like this one when there are all kinds of beautiful, large bulbs (corms) at hand in seed and garden supply stores, it would be almost unthinkable to do without them.

The first planting should have gone into the ground earlier, or at least as soon as the soil became dry enough to work. If you missed that early planting, by all means get one in now. The idea behind the early planting is definitely not just to be rushing the season. The thought is to have gladioli blooms ready for the home use, or for the market, as soon as possible, then, by putting in more bulbs at intervals until June, the flowering period can be much extended, even to frost.

### Needs Good Soils

Soils for glads should be as good as you can make them. To dig ample amounts of organic matter in at the time the bed is being prepared, and to incorporate along with it a substantial application of a complete fertilizer, is to set the table well. The spot where the glad corms go should be out in the full sunshine, too, else the naturally long stalks may become weak, spindly and drawn. Set the glads down about six inches below the surface of the soil so as to give them a firm anchorage that will help hold the long stems against the wind. Shallower planting is sometimes desirable, especially for those who want to encourage the formation of small bulbils (cormels) which grow out on short, underground stems and which, when planted in rows much as one would sow bean seeds, will yield new plants that are exactly like the parent variety.

The big difficulties with glads comes from a complex of diseases, plus the two very bad insect pests, thrips and red spider. Since thrips and the diseases often winter-over on the corms themselves, it is always wise to treat them with a good all-purpose dust before planting. If thrips invade the glad patch after the plants are up, the same dust will control, but, if a brown, seared appearance begins to develop during July or August, be sure to look out for red spider. Control is by means of a TEPP spray.

The beautiful Firethorn which adorns so many gardens here in the northwest where the climate is almost perfect for it, should be examined right now for scale insects and aphids. If the berries and leaves for your firethorn were scummy-looking (with a black, sooty mold) last year, the chances are excellent that the scale insects and aphids which were responsible will be back again in force. Spray or dust for the aphids now, even though few, if any, can be seen. The whole idea is to get them early, before they build up in numbers, thus preventing a heavy infestation. A good rotenone-pyrethrum-plus-spreader spray should serve most efficiently to kill them. The same spray, applied about the middle of May, and again at mid-June, should control the scale, by kill-

ing the unprotected youngsters (crawlers) before they have a chance to sit down and cover themselves with the protective coat which characterizes them.

### This And That:

More and healthier seedlings can often be obtained by treating seeds of vegetables and flowers before sowing them. Your seedsman has the stuff.

For one of the better hardy annuals among the bulbs, try *godetias*. Flowers are colorful, cup-shaped and will persist for weeks even in hot situations.

Some of the true cedars (*Thuja*) are affected by a disease which causes severe defoliation, *Berchmann's disease*. For control, use a good copper spray, drenching the plant outside and inside.

Among outstanding improvements in vegetables, the new types of hybrid cucumbers are right up near the top. May is the time to outplant them, but you can sow them indoors now. To avoid legginess, give the seedlings plenty of space (by planting in individual plant bands) and keep them in full light, close to the glass.

### Brace New Trees

One real key to success with newly-planted trees is to have them braced properly (from three sides). Without such help, the old root system is very apt to move back and forth in the wind, making it almost impossible for a complete and full complement of new roots to grow out. Just to be sure that the trunks of young trees will not be scalded by the sunshine with the bark falling away, usually on one side, it's a sound plan to apply a coat of white tree paint.

Flowering cherries are wonderful landscape features. *Mr. Fumi*, with its broad, flat crown hanging full of clusters of pure white, double blooms, is one of the best. Another which has exceptional possibilities in every home planting is the autumn-flowering cherry (*autumnalis*).

## Prospect

Prospect, Apr. 5—Diane Christianson return home March 29 after being confined to the Community hospital with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Perry and family have moved to Murphy, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lily and son, Mike, visited the R. Robertson family March 30. The couple traveled on to Portland, leaving their son with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Robertson.

Mrs. Harold Knudsen's mother, Mrs. F. L. Cadwal, is visiting the Knudsen family. Mrs. Cadwal traveled from Pilger, Neb., and arrived in Prospect March 29. Mr. Cadwal arrived earlier in the month.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Vines and family visited in California last weekend.

Miss Ruth Pollock will visit in Portland during the school spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Popp and daughter, Christie, went to Seattle, April 4, to visit Mr. Popp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Popp.

Mrs. Charles Fanger left Wednesday to go to Portland to visit her husband who has been undergoing treatment in the St. Vincent's hospital. Mr. Fanger will return to Prospect with her this week end.

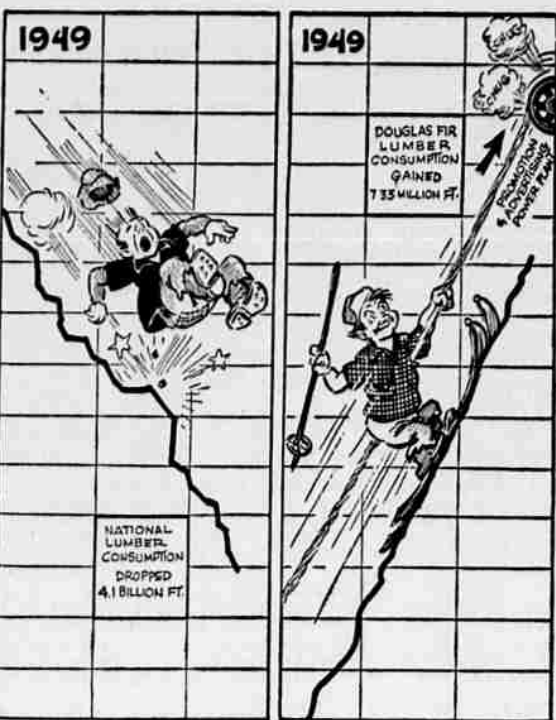
Friday night, April 7, the young people of the Nazarene church will attend a zone rally in Ashland. Rev. Marvin Sporeleder will be speaker. He conducted a series of meetings this fall in Prospect.

Ray A. Millard was operated on in the Sacred Heart hospital April 4, at which time one of his legs was amputated.

Harold Swanson returned home from the Sacred Heart hospital recently after receiving treatment for a crushed foot.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Shultz, left April 3, to visit friends and relatives in Portland. Mr. Shultz will attend the O.E.A. conference there Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goode will visit Mrs. Good's mother in Bandon, during the spring vacation.



**WEST COAST WOODS GAINING**—The cartoon above, prepared by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, demonstrates graphically how west coast woods have gained in public acceptance during 1949. Much of this gain has resulted from active promotion of the products of Pacific coast forest products, the association believes. In 1949, west coast mills in western Washington and Oregon shipped 733 million more board feet of lumber than during 1948. Each year since the war, sales and shipments of Douglas fir, west coast hemlock, sitka spruce and western red cedar have climbed higher. But during the same period, lumber consumption of products from other producing areas dropped off more than four billion board feet. The west coast gain represented wages to loggers and mill employees of \$23,822,500, the association said.

## Roseburg To Vote on Airport Improvement

Roseburg, Ore., April 5—(U.P.) A \$200,000 airport improvement bond issue election will be held here June 6.

Two readings on the measure have passed Roseburg's city council and final action will take place at the next meeting. A second election, to determine if the city budget shall exceed six per cent limitation by \$71,997.17, is slated for May 2.

At Monday night's meeting, the council approved daylight saving time for the city beginning April 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boothby visited in Medford, Sunday and Monday. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hagebusch.

The Church of the Nazarene in Prospect will hold a sunrise service Easter Sunday. Persons planning to attend should meet at the church at 6:00 a.m. They will then go to the place where the service is to be held. The service will be followed by an outdoor breakfast, providing weather conditions are favorable. In the afternoon the Young People's chorus will present an Easter program for the veterans at Camp White. This will be followed by a coffee hour at the hospital. Sunday the chorus will repeat the program in the Chapel of the Pines at 7:30 p.m.

Jake Jones was taken to the Community hospital early Monday but was able to leave Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and the children then traveled to Salem in the afternoon.

Instruction in old time dances is held every other Saturday night at the Upper Rogue River Grange hall, for Grange members and their invited guests.

Sonja Staggs will visit her father and step-mother and their family in Oroville, Cal., during the spring vacation. Her father will go into the hospital for an operation after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sellers of Bakersfield, Cal., visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Loyde Sellers here recently.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Wilde on Easter Sunday, instead of the regular meeting at the Grange hall. A program will be held. Jimmie Lee will play a trumpet solo, the Lord's Prayer. Several other musical numbers are scheduled and there will also be group singing.

Louise Degman will visit her mother in Portland, during the spring vacation.

Wayne Bradley, twin brother of Merle Bradley, was injured Monday night when two logs rolled over him. He was taken to the hospital and died at 3:00 a.m. Tuesday.

The Prospect Shopping Center has been remodeled. New gondolas have replaced the old. Approximately 90 feet more shelf space was added to the store.

Norman Hallyburton is spending the spring vacation at his home in Klickitat, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Uther A. Rogers and family plan to spend several days this week end at the coast.

Virginia Long, who has been visiting her family in Prospect for the past three weeks, will return to Portland this week end. She is taking nurses' training in the nurses' division of the University of Oregon Medical School. She was just completed her first year of training.

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## The Grange

Roxy Ann Grange

Next regular meeting of Roxy Ann Grange will be held Friday evening, April 7. A number of interesting topics will be discussed and Mr. and Mrs. Ory Moore will be given third and fourth degrees. All members are invited to attend as a special Easter program is being arranged by the lecturer, Caroline Wolfe.

### Gold Hill Grange

Gold Hill Grange has put into operation its new Bau dual electric-blower ventilating system, completing the first step towards eventual modern Artie-circle air conditioning, by Modern Plumbing and Sheet Metal Co. of Medford.

Approach of the warm season makes this announcement of special interest, as several large Grange degree initiations are planned for the coming months, and it is particularly pertinent for patrons of the weekly Saturday night dances sponsored by Gold Hill Grange to ammortize the building debt.

The new blower system, exhausting 14,000 cubic feet per minute, changes the air in the auditorium every three minutes.

## Hong Kong Faces Acute Water Shortage

Hong Kong, April 5—(U.P.)—The government warned today that it faced an acute water shortage unless residents conserve the diminishing supply.

A royal air force plane dropped leaflets over the city, listing various conservation measures and warning against "criminal waste."

Engineers estimated reservoirs would be dry before the end of May unless there was substantial rainfall in the meantime.

At present the water supply is cut off 10 hours daily.

The last great drought occurred here in 1929, when residents were forced to line up for water rations and no ships were permitted into the harbor without a quota of fresh water.

## Search Continues For Portland Flier

Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., April 5—(U.P.)—Capt. Fred C. Ouder Kirk said today he did not know how long the search would continue for Lt. Col. James G. Thorsen, 32, Portland, who has been missing since March 24 in an F-47 fighter plane.

Captain Ouder Kirk is officer in charge of search operations here. Yesterday 30 planes participated in the search, but turned up only the wreckage of another old plane wreck. The wreckage was the sixth found since search operations began, and it was sighted in the mountains near Tucson, Ariz.

Before he disappeared, Thorsen radioed he had run into bad weather near Las Vegas, Nev., while on a flight from Providence, R. I., to Los Angeles.

Cable cars were invented in San Francisco.

## Flying Bandit's Desire To Stunt Results in Capture

Guthrie, Okla., Apr. 5—(U.P.)—A flying bandit's desire to "stunt" with his getaway plane over the home of relatives led to his crashing the plane and to his capture, authorities said today.

Jim Robinson, 28, Enid, Okla., was charged with robbing the First State Bank of Okarche, Okla., of more than \$3,780. State officials wanted to question him in an unsolved slaying.

Authorities said that Robinson drove a stolen automobile from Okarche to a point near Crescent, Okla., parked the car and took off in a two-seat Aeronca plane he had left nearby.

**Greeting Downfall**  
But he decided to greet relatives at the home of Ernest Rudd, uncle of Robinson's wife Aline, 20, and that was his downfall.

"I heard the plane come over the house low and I ran outside," said Mrs. Rudd. "I saw it was Jim and I waved at him. He waved back. He was zooming and dipping the wings and just stunting around. He came back over the house, and suddenly the plane just dropped. It looked almost like he did it purposely."

The plane crashed in a clump of oak trees about two miles from where state police had put a road block at an intersection in their hunt for the bandit.

**Bandit Unconscious**  
Robinson was unconscious when Farmer Ernest Rudd dragged him from the wrecked plane. In the wreckage officers found the bank loot and four guns.

Leo Morris, vice president of the bank, positively identified the injured flyer as the robber, police said. Robinson regained consciousness in a hospital here but refused to discuss the hold-up.

Jake Sims, chief of the state crime bureau, said Robinson was a suspect in the robbery and fatal beating of Carl Goldsberry, Enid appliance dealer, last February. Goldsberry was beaten to death with a metal piece taken from a wishing machine in his shop.

## Astorian Saw Sub Off Oregon Coast

Astoria, Ore., April 5—(U.P.)—Charles F. Drury, 65-year-old skipper of the Astoria tuna boat Kiska yesterday revealed he sighted an unidentified submarine off the coast near Crescent City, Cal., March 7.

Drury was torpedoed during World War II while serving as a liberty ship captain.

The fisherman had just returned from San Pedro on the Kiska. He said he watched the surfaced sub from a distance of about four miles observing it through powerful binoculars. It was between the Kiska and shore, about five miles out.

"It was what I'd call a conventional silhouette," Drury said. "A modern submarine of average size, some 300 feet long and fully surfaced."

## 50 Swimmers Learn Despite Handicaps

Chicago (U.P.)—Fifty expert swimmers have learned to swim with their legs in splints or their bodies taped.

They went through a five-day course here to find out what it is like to swim while physically handicapped.

Thus, they are better equipped to teach swimming to handicapped persons.

The unique project was part of the American Red Cross swimming project for physically handicapped persons.

The 50 men and women instructors are Red Cross national field representatives and safety directors of 16 midwestern states.

**AS EASY AS THAT**  
Charlotte, N. C.—(U.P.)—Police nominated as the world's coolest thief the man who walked into the American Trust company, scooped a money bag from a teller's window and walked out without being seen. The bag contained \$1,000 in cash.

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## Belgian Abandons Coalition Government

Brussels, Belgium, Apr. 5—(U.P.)—Albert Deveze, Belgian liberal leader, gave up his attempts to form a coalition government today after failing to get King Leopold to abdicate.

Deveze handed his resignation as premier-designate to Prince Charles, regent of Belgium, soon after returning from Pregny, Switzerland. There he talked with the exiled king. Leopold reiterated his readiness to return to the throne if parliament asked him.

Deveze was understood to have urged the king to accept a compromise proposal. Under it the king would have returned to his throne temporarily, then abdicated in favor of his son, Prince Baudouin.

After Deveze called on the regent, a brief palace statement said only that the premier-designate handed back to Charles his mandate to try to form a government.

**NURSES GET PENTHOUSE**  
Madison, Wis. (U.P.)—Penthouses usually are found at the top of big hotels or apartment buildings. Here's one that will be at the top of a hospital. Plans for Madison's new \$450,000 hospital include a penthouse addition to provide living quarters for 12 nurses and the hospital superintendent.

## One Way To Receive Her Groceries Free

Windsor, Ont. (U.P.)—A local theater manager agrees that people are funnier than anybody. During a Saturday matinee quiz program, a young girl contestant was told to go to a grocery store and order several dollars worth of groceries. Then she was to tell the cashier she had no money.

The girl returned to the stage and recounted her mission.

"What did the cashier say when you told her you had no money?" the master of ceremonies asked.

"Oh, nothing," the contestant replied. "You see, I didn't go to the cashier. I sneaked out of the store."

Then she pointed to a large bag of groceries at the side of the stage.

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