

Dairy Nutritionist Slates Conferences

Miss Grace Workman, nutritionist with the Oregon Dairy Council, will be in Medford, April 15, 16 and 17, to confer with county health, education and extension leaders.

Miss Workman represents a health education program which promotes the consumption of dairy products and is sponsored by the state's dairy industry.

While here she will contact County Agents W. B. Tucker, Eula Wintermote and Rufus H. Cate Jr.; Mrs. Blanche Frisbie, supervising nurse with the county health department; Mrs. Jean Hart, secretary of the Tuberculosis and Health association; Una B. Inch, county elementary school supervisor; and C. R. Bowman, county school superintendent.

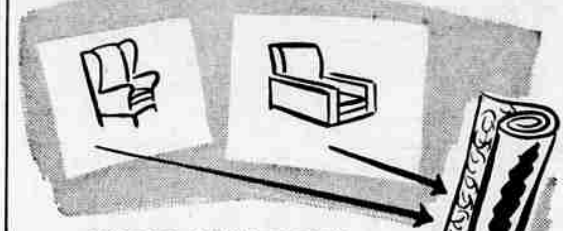
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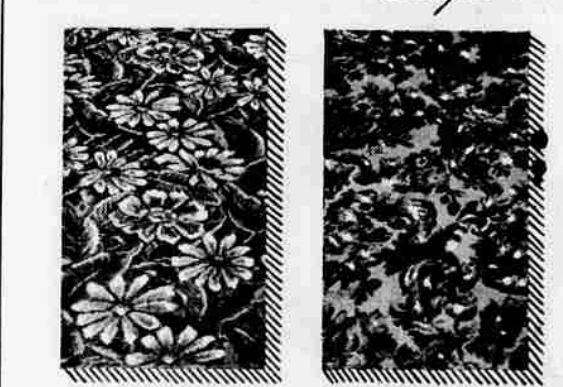


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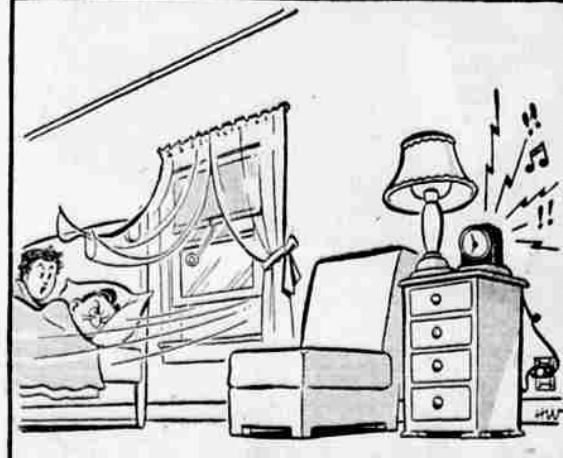


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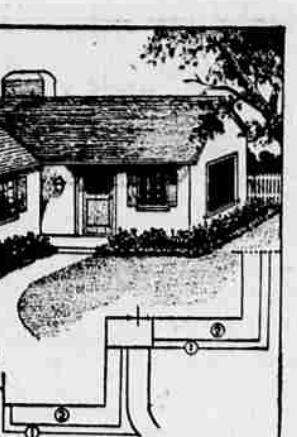
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FOUNDATION LANDSCAPING NOW FLOWS—By emphasizing the horizontal line, flower borders such as the one shown above, make small houses appear larger. Low, gay flower beds have largely replaced higher shrubs, particularly since the elimination of basements in many homes has brought lower foundations, with less concrete "to hide."

"Foundation planting," long considered a first step in landscaping American homes, is being rapidly outmoded by the disappearance of the foundations which they were formerly planted to conceal.

When most homes stood upon a belt of brick or stone, out of harmony with the superstructure, the landscape architects advised that this belt be hidden by green plants, to "tie the house to the ground."

Since high building costs and modern heating plants, have caused basements to be omitted from most new homes, the visible foundation line has disappeared and the houses sit close to the surface with nothing to conceal. Shut Off View

In front of modern houses, shrubs and evergreens planted in the older fashion, quickly grow so tall as to screen the house from view, and shut off the outlook for the picture windows.

Landscape planting about a house should be a decoration, carefully planned to enhance the beauty of the building, completing an attractive picture as it is viewed from the street.

When tall trees dwarf the house, and over-large shrubs and evergreens hide it, and prevent the occupants from seeing out of the windows, the planting has not achieved its purpose.

Advise Low Plants
Only low growing plants should be planted in front of low homes; and the brightly colored annuals of dwarf habit are becoming popular as the most suitable plants for this purpose.

Their color gives a welcome touch, and they leave the view from windows unobstructed. Seed may be started early in seed boxes indoors, and grown to a size suitable for transplanting by the time the soil can be prepared. There are many varieties which will grow quickly from seed sown directly in the border where the plants are to grow, and they will bloom until freezing weather comes in the fall. Besides providing a decoration for the house, many annuals are suitable for cutting, to be used in the house.

Dwarf single and double French marigolds, as shown in the illustration, come in tones of orange, yellow and maroon, with several two-tone blends of these colors. Cynoglossum, or Chinese forget-me-not, used as a ribbon planting in the background, blooms freely all summer, retaining its lovely blue coloring in hot weather.

Building Materials Sales on Increase

San Francisco, Apr. 12.—(U.P.) Building materials sales showed a substantial gain for February in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle over the same period a year ago, the department of commerce reported today.

Sales of automobiles, furniture, and food were higher than the national average or compared favorably over February, 1949.

Department store sales were up five per cent in Seattle, but Los Angeles reported a similar drop for the period.

Los Angeles lumber and building material sales climbed to 20 per cent, while San Francisco showed a 16 per cent gain and Seattle 15 per cent.

In planning your vegetable garden, make the width between rows for root crops, leaf crops and bush peas and beans, just wide enough for your wheel hoe to cultivate it with one trip.

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Northwest Gardening

By John H. Hanley, PhD

Dahlia planting time is with us again. West of the Cascades, the increasing numbers of men and women who are putting in more dahlias each season usually reserve the first week in April for setting the fat roots in enriched soil, alongside a stout stake. On the east side of the mountains, dahlia planting time may be delayed from one to three weeks depending upon the onset of good weather. Visitors from other parts of our country always marvel at the earliness with which dahlias flower for us here in the Northwest. First show of color from your plants almost always begins in July, about a month in advance of the usual dates in similar latitudes.

Long In Flower
The long flowering period, from July to frost, is one of the main reasons why the dahlia has become so popular. Of course, it has such a wide range of colors, sizes and forms among the flowers, both of which build up the popularity of the dahlia.

Even the small-flowered dahlias are pretty heavy feeders, so the matter of enriching the soil to a good depth before the roots are set is important. Some of our best growers rely to a great extent on plenty of organic matter like well-decayed manures, leaf molds and composts, working it into the area immediately below the planting depth so that the roots can get into it quickly. It is in this lower section that a good organic base fertilizer should be mixed, too.

Need Help
Most dahlias need help, in the matter of support and, since one can do a lot of damage if the heavy stake is driven through the root zone after growth has become advanced, the first operation in the planting should be to drive a stout stake into the bottom of an ample hole which has been dug out to a depth of approximately eight inches. Set the dahlia root so that the stem ends rests close to the stake, for it is from the stem end that the new shoot or shoots will spring.

The dahlia root looks for all the world like a sweet potato. Note the thin neck, at the end which is attached to the clump. You must not break the fat root off at the neck when you are in process of splitting the clump. Be sure you have (1) the fat root, (2) the thinner neck and (3) a small section of the main stem with at least one bud attached, on every piece that is planted. With some varieties which normally produce massive, jam-packed roots in the clump, it is often impossible to get a bud with every one of the roots. Those which do not have the bud should be discarded. You can often make it easier to divide the clump if you put it somewhere where it can be warm and moist for a week, thus enabling the hidden buds to swell and become easily recognizable. Plant at the six inch depth so there will be a good

Cold Frame Need Seen For All Size Gardens, All Year

The smaller your garden, the more you need a cold frame. It will multiply your harvest of both vegetables and flowers.

A cold frame is useful the year around. It will carry over the winter safely pansies, delphiniums, and other perennials and biennials sown in the late summer and early fall. There is no way you can use the few square feet of garden space required for it, to better advantage.

Any Can Build
Anyone who can drive a nail, and operate a saw, can build a cold frame. The boards can be cut this winter in the basement or garage, and put together in a short time as soon as possible to work outdoors.

Since inexpensive electric heat will turn a cold frame into a hotbed, the older manure-heated hotbed is seldom seen. Heat is not needed for most of the uses to which a cold frame can be put, and being without objectionable dirt or odor it can be placed near the house, where steps will be saved.

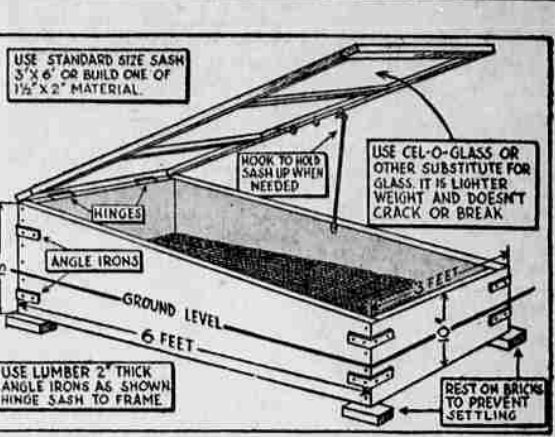
Any Dimensions
The illustration is a practical working-drawing of a standard one-sash cold frame. Standard glazed sash is 3 by 6 feet; but a frame can be made any convenient dimensions, if sash of a suitable size is available. Sash covered with transparent plastic materials will be much lighter than glazed-sash, and also will allow ultra-violet rays to pass through to the plants.

The usual practice is to sink the frame into the ground about six inches, and to pile earth around it outside, for insulation. Inside it may be filled to ground level with the best top soil available, or the floor may be covered with two or three inches of cinders or gravel, on which shallow seed boxes (flats) are placed. Many prefer sowing the seeds in flats, which can be carried to the garden at transplanting time.

A location in the full sun all day is required for best results and shelter from cold winds is beneficial. The sash should incline toward the south. Heavy boards of cypress, white pine, or redwood are preferable, since the frame will often be wet and must resist decay.

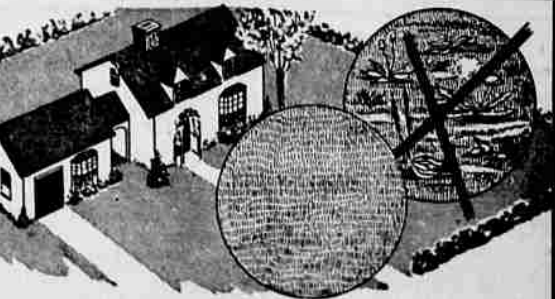
Because leaf lettuce is demanded by hotels and restaurants for fine salads, it is grown extensively in greenhouses all winter. Home gardeners may enjoy it all summer at small expense.

If your window does not give enough sunlight for a seed-box, you can supplement the daylight with artificial light. Suspend above the box a mazda lamp, high enough to the night temperature of the box is not above 60 degrees, and let the lamp burn all night. A 40-watt fluorescent lamp, suspended a foot above the box, will serve the same purpose.



COLD FRAME FOUND USEFUL—A cold frame, similar to the one shown above in the working drawing, is useful even for small gardens, and at all times of year. It will multiply your harvests of both flowers and vegetables, and more than pay for itself in increased yields and satisfaction. Any man handy with tools can make one.

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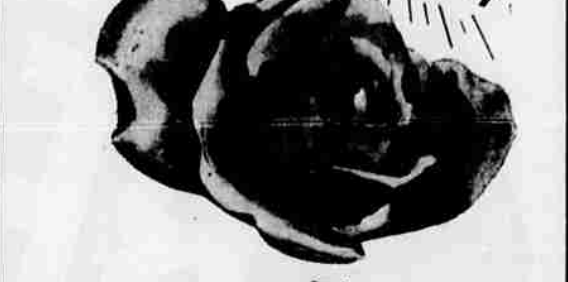
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