

Careful Transplanting Said Essential; Tips on Watering

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Some flower gardeners think transplanting is the best fun of all. Perhaps that is because the results are so sudden and dramatic. One day, all you have is a thick clump of tiny plants that look like little more than weeds. Transplant them, give them proper spacing, water and cultivation, and almost overnight they shoot up and begin to produce beautiful flowers.

There are several reasons for transplanting. Sometimes it is done merely to change a garden plan, but this is really a minor reason. Usually transplanting is a way to produce flowers faster (the original seeds having been started indoors or under glass) or to assure a plant in every space for which it is planned (each tiny seed planted does not always germinate, and it is easier and better to sow a few hundred from which perhaps only fifty will eventually be selected for transplanting).

After Rain
As we mentioned in a former column, the best time to transplant is when the first true leaves appear. You should select a time after a long rain, and when the sky is cloudy. Of course you can transplant in the evening, too, after the sun is well down. Lacking a good rain, you will have to substitute a thorough watering, and I mean thorough. Several hours is not too long to leave the sprinkler on.

Always transplant quickly and firmly, leaving enough space between each plant. How those spaces do fill up! Zinnias, for example, may be only a couple of inches high, and ready for transplanting—but you will need to leave at least 18 inches between each plant. If not, you will never enjoy the full blooms that this variety can produce.

As we have said, transplant quickly and firmly. While little seems to be known about plant "shock," it apparently does exist. Usually a percentage of transplants won't live. If they die within a few days, you can fill in their places with new transplants. Of course, after too long a time, refills can't catch up with the original transfers. Being so much smaller, they don't get their share of sunlight, and never reach full growth. Therefore it is better to leave spaces, which seem to fill in pretty well anyway, if a few transplants die more than three or four days after transplanting.

Not All Transplant
Not every variety can be planted. Among those that just don't take to being uprooted from the "old homestead" are annual poppies, Mignonette, candytuft, bachelor's button, gypsophila, nasturtium, sweet pea, Sweet sultan, and most of the annual vines such as morning glory. All these should be sown where you want them to blossom.

Naturally, if you take enough soil, you can transplant almost any variety. But why take a chance, and go to all that trouble? It's easier and better to plant these varieties where you want them in the first place. Then, instead of transplanting you need only to thin the plants. How hard it is to pull out sturdy seedlings and discard them! But without plenty of room for each plant, flowers are sure to be inferior. So thin away, and try to think of yourself as a surgeon who must cut out unhealthy tissue so that the rest will gain strength and extra vigor.

If you water—and many experienced gardeners almost do

—more about that later—be sure to water enough. The roots of plants do most of the drinking. A few minutes of sprinkling that just moistens the surface won't reach the roots, and does more harm than good. It causes the roots to grow up for the water, instead of down, resulting in unhealthy, unsteady plants that any strong wind can knock over, and that can't reach the moisture present in the earth further down.

Water Thoroughly
It is better, in fact, not to water the garden at all than to give it less than a thorough soaking. To be sure that the ground is well soaked dig down a few inches after you feel that you have watered enough. You may be astonished at what little impression you have made down more than a half inch or so.

Always water after the sun goes down, so the sun will not evaporate the water. The idea that watering in the sunlight will burn or wilt the plants is incorrect, but hot sun does evaporate the water before it can soak down to where it does some good.

Many of the most experienced and successful gardeners never (or almost never) water their gardens. Instead, they depend on careful and frequent cultivation. This prevents the surface from baking and caking. Light, well-fragmented (even powdery) soil on the surface acts as a mulch, and thus holds the moisture in the ground below. Plants really do much better if well cultivated. So—to have a garden that is the envy of the neighborhood, you can depend on the hoe instead of the hose.

Parents Extension Unit Announces Meeting On Garment Finishing

Medford Parents Home Extension unit has scheduled a meeting for the week. It will be held Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. Hertager, 824 Pennsylvania avenue. Members will study garment finishing.

Those who attend should take a half yard of material or scrap materials; needle, thread, scissors and zipper.

Baskets and lampshades for the annual Homemakers festival display should also be taken to the meeting and tickets for the festival luncheon will be on sale.

Project leaders will be Mrs. R. Fowler, and Mrs. J. Johnson. Hostess will be Mrs. H. Gifford assisted by Mrs. Hertager.

Mrs. Serena McMahan Gives Lodge Report

Mrs. Serena McMahan gave a report of a state convention of the Degree of Honor lodge held April 9 and 10 at Portland, during a meeting of the Medford branch of the lodge April 23 at Redman hall. She was the local delegate to the sessions.

All Degree of Honor lodges in the state were represented and a national officer spoke on work of the group.

The Medford chapter's next meeting will be May 14 and practice for inspection work will be May 14 and practice for inspection work will be conducted. The inspection will be held in June.

For an extra easy hors d'oeuvre, cut thin slices of canned tomatoes aspic and place on strips of bread spread with mayonnaise. Top with a few olive slices.

Sunshine Girls Hold Election

Officers of Pythian Sunshine Girls, Talisman Rosebud council, were recently elected and will assume their offices May 1 to preside through November 1, it was announced last week.

They are Miss Betty Kyker, junior past royal princess; Miss Rosemary Tokar, royal princess; Miss Darla Walker, charity; Miss Barbara Stamper, friendship; Miss Irene Rodgers, prelate; Miss Janet Langdon, recorder; Miss Betty Cline, guide; Miss Judy Tolle, excuquer; Mrs. Mildred Tolle, assistant advisor; Mrs. LeRoy Cline, Miss Irene Thomas, mystic one; Miss Annice Black, warder; Miss Kathy Smith, sentinel; Mrs. Ed Bostwick, musician; Mrs. Morley Lamp, advisor; Miss Patricia Peck, press correspondent; Miss Donna Lamp, Miss Layle Bostwick, Miss Dianne Taylor, trustees; Mrs. Tolle, installing officer.

At the last meeting of the group April 26 initiation was conducted and refreshments were served by Miss Walker.

The counselors are Mrs. Harry Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick, and Mr. and Mrs. Cline.

Following election, a skit was given by Miss Black, Miss Rodgers, Miss Bostwick, Miss Taylor, Miss Smith and Miss Stamper. Refreshments were served by the Misses Tokar, Langdon and Tolle.

Officers Elected For Reames Club

Mrs. Roy Nordwick was elected president of Reames social club at a luncheon meeting April 18. Miss Pauline Champlin is the new vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Harper, secretary, and Mrs. Lloyd Caton, treasurer.

Springtime furnished the theme for the luncheon and songs were sung in keeping with the theme by Miss Susan Baker, Miss Jacklyn Creager, Miss Roberta Sleeter and Miss Lou Elsa Voegtly, ninth grade students at Hedrick Junior High school.

Choir members and officers of Bethel 14, Job's Daughters, also furnished entertainment. Cards were played after the meeting.

In seasoning California large dry limas, it's handy to remember that a cup of dried limas need about a teaspoon salt unless some salty meat such as chipped beef or ham is to be used with the limas.

Sprinkle rolled out pastry with grated cheese and cut into inch strips. Wrap strips around pitted ripe olives and bake in hot oven. Serve these quick-to-disappear hors d'oeuvres while hot.

Read and Use Classified Ads. Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday

Townsend Club Director Visits Medford Group

F. L. Snodgrass, Portland, state director of the Townsend clubs, spoke to the local chapter members Wednesday. About 30 persons attended, including representatives from Central Point club.

He pointed out why the Townsend plan is succeeding and also explained how a similar plan was inaugurated recently by President Adenauer of West Germany.

Mrs. Charles Boussum, local club president, and C. E. Naffziger, treasurer, were nominated as delegates to a national Townsend club convention at St. Paul, Minn., to be held June 4 to 7.

The Medford Townsend Harmony club and auxiliary alternates meeting each Wednesday at 12:30 p.m., at the Carpenter's union hall, 123 1/2 West Main street. Visitors are invited.

Three PEO Chapters Announce Meetings; Supper Set Wednesday

Meeting have been announced by three PEO sisterhood chapters for this week.

Chapter CG will meet Wednesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. J. D. McPherson, 119 North Ivy street. Following supper, Mrs. S. R. Mosher will present the program.

Chapter BE will meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday May 1, at the home of Mrs. Orel A. Welsh, with Mrs. C. Mitchell as assistant hostess. Mrs. Robert J. Keeney and Mrs. Jack C. Harris will speak on the states of North Dakota and Colorado.

Chapter CP will meet Wednesday, May 1, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dolph Phipps, 4502 Crater Lake highway. Assisting her will be Mrs. Lloyd Parsons. Mrs. V. H. Wilson will be in charge of the program.

Combine softened cream cheese with shredded crab and finely chopped Calavo seasoning to taste with lemon, curry and onion. Spread on toast rounds and put under the broiler just long enough to brown. Serve at once with your favorite before-dinner beverage.

Eagle Point Club Changes Meeting

Eagle Point — The meeting date of Eagle Point Garden club has been changed to Thursday, May 3, due to the Homemakers' festival being held on the regular Garden club date.

The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles Cushman, Shady Cove, beginning at 1:30 p.m. with dessert luncheon followed by the business meeting at 2:00.

Mrs. W. L. Walden of Medford will give a demonstration on corsage making. Election of officers for the coming year will be held.

Demonstration To Be Presented On Bread Making

A demonstration on baking 100 per cent stone ground whole wheat bread will be given Tuesday, May 1 at Girls Community club, sponsored by members of the local Nutrition Study group. Mrs. Louise Williams, Grants Pass, will do the demonstrating which will begin at 1 p.m.

All persons interested are invited. Samples of various types of health foods will be offered and one of the members will demonstrate a home type flouring mill.

Gardeners Plan Tour in Ashland

Central Point — Members of Central Point Garden club will make a tour of several Ashland gardens Monday, April 30. The group will assemble at the home of Mrs. E. W. Jermak, 320 Hargadine street, in Ashland, at 10:30 a.m. from where the tour will begin.

Those attending are to take a sack lunch, and the hostesses will serve dessert.

Women planning to make the tour are asked to assemble at the parking lot of the Central Point Grange hall at 9:30 a.m. in order that cars may be pooled for the trip to Ashland.

She said farm dining rooms were being used for studying, reading, resting, ironing, sewing and lounging but were not adequately equipped for these activities.

Fried bean cakes are a delicious go-along to serve with hamburgers. Make them with mashed cooked large dry limas seasoning them as you wish with chopped onion, parsley or just plain salt and pepper. Brown on both sides in bacon drippings in hot skillet.

To remove light coffee and tea stains from plastic dishes, soak in a mixture of baking soda and water. Darker stains should be removed with one of the commercial cleaners. Other cleaners and bleaches can damage the plastic.

You'll get better results in washing corduroy if you lift it out of the rinse water and hang it up dripping wet. Pull the garment into shape, stretching the seams and all other lines of machine stitching. Wringing corduroy makes wrinkles.

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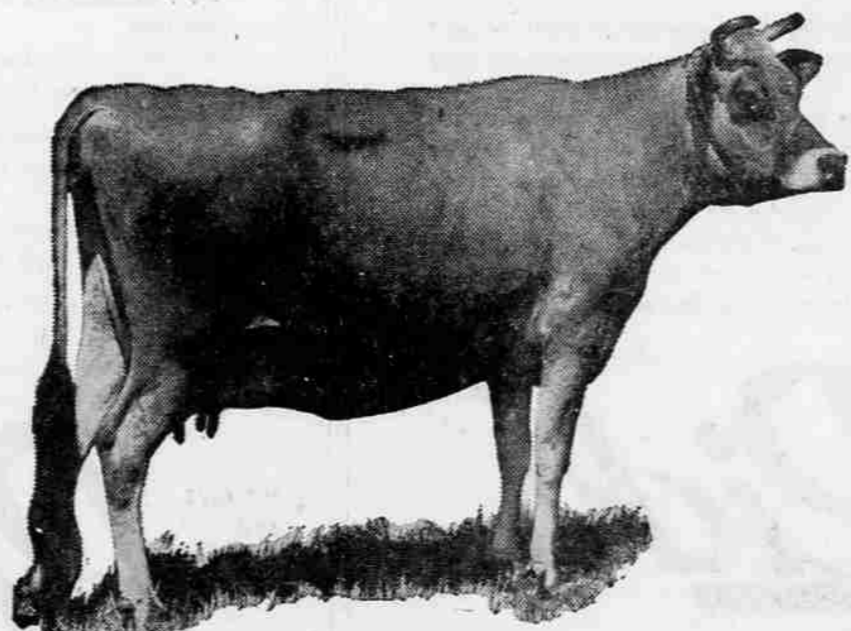
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