

GARDEN NOTES

MAKE CITY BEAUTIFUL

"A more beautiful place to park and shop" will be a primary objective of city trading areas in the next decade in order to help offset the drift of trade toward suburbia, the American Association of Nurserymen predicts.

Largely the plantings of colorful trees and shrubs in downtown areas will take on the complexion of New York City's "Salute the Seasons" crusade in which seasonal flowering plants, plus evergreens for winter color, beautify the main retail and office building areas of the metropolis. In this program, evergreens for "country green" color, tulips and daffodils for spring glory, plus magnolias, azaleas and many other flowering plants and trees grace the city's streets. Extensive shade tree plantings supplement these plantings to give full flavor to the movement.

Changing of the plants to follow the seasons is part of the plan. In the fall, colorful chrysanthemums brighten the big concrete urns used for plantings and wherever gardens cannot be planted because of space requirements.

DON'T NEGLECT NATURE
Overgrown, outmoded landscaping on the home property is an eyesore that reduces the value of land and homes in the immediate vicinity. Everyone has seen this in neighborhoods that have become rundown due to lack of attention to the grounds.

On the other hand, says the American Association of Nurserymen, homes in areas where the grounds are well landscaped not only maintain but increase their values in the real estate markets, and they provide better and more relaxed "garden living" for the family. Whole real estate developments or other residential areas can be upgraded or downgraded by the "looks" of the landscaping alone, a part of the quality of the home construction, it is said.

Remodeling of landscaping is a key step in home improvement. "People never before have realized this so much as today," say the nurserymen, "and it may be due in large part to the great surge of 'family garden living' in recent years." As families have begun to live on the whole property with garden-living rooms, they have realized more than ever the healthfulness of living close to nature; and the needs and joys of lovely plants of all kinds. Garden living is a wholesome trend that is expected to grow immensely in the coming years.

A "Shakespeare Garden" is one designed to display all the plants mentioned by Shakespeare in his plays. Several leading botanic gardens maintain such gardens, according to the American Association of Nurserymen.

The first municipal rose garden in America was established at Elizabeth Park, Hartford, Conn., in 1904, according to the American Association of Nurserymen. Today almost every large city and many smaller ones have their own public rose gardens, ranging from a comparatively few to many thousands of roses, Columbus, Ohio, for example, listing some 35,000 rose bushes.

PLANT FOR PRIVACY

From time immemorial, families have sought a fair measure of privacy in order to relax and play and live their lives as they see fit whether in the company of close friends, or as a family unit.

Privacy becomes a very important need for the average family when homesites are close together. Fortunately it can be achieved almost anywhere by planned planting of trees and shrubs, says the American Association of Nurserymen.

Trees and shrubs are both attractive and have the full approval of neighbors. They can block out a view of a property from any direction desired, without seeming to be

anything but beautiful landscaping. The garden-living, or the play and dining areas should be screened off; at least some area of the property should provide a delightful spot where the family can relax amidst lovely surroundings of evergreen and deciduous plant life, which provides flowers, as well as "green walls."

Two Ways Given

There are two ways to attain privacy on the property. The first is to plant a hedge. The second is to landscape in depth so that the view from outside is blocked off, while maintaining an "open" look. The latter easily is attained by planting specimen trees and shrubs at various locations in such a manner that each tends to complement the other in achieving privacy in the area desired, without being planted in a row like hedge.

Your nurseryman can point out the shrubs which are best suitable for the purpose of privacy. Most nursery catalogs list various hedge plants as a group. One precaution: If you wish privacy in winter as well as in summer, you should include evergreens, although some hedge materials which shed their leaves have such dense twig structure that they also afford a fairly considerable measure of privacy in winter.

WFA Board Holds Farm Tour Here

The Western Farmers' association board of directors here help the board learn of Oregon for two days recently to make a survey of farming areas, learn of farm member needs and consider locations and facility requirements for their association.

President M. F. Howley, Ferndale, Wash., indicated that these annual trips through Pacific Northwest Washington, "will be to study the area needs and existing WFA facilities. The board seemed pleased with development of WFA services in the Medford farming areas.

"Our next stop," commented Assistant General Manager Russell Rathbone, Seattle, Wash., "will be to study the potential of this large, fertile farming district enabling the association to determine the extent of the investment required to provide permanent service facilities."

The motorcade continued northward through Roseburg and Eugene. It visited the WFA's new quarters at Junction City, branch operations at Salem and Hillsboro and disbanded at Portland after inspecting the association's \$2 million feed mill now under construction near Swan Island.

GLASS REQUIREMENTS

The U.S. auto industry uses 75 per cent of the total U.S. plate glass output.

Forage Elements Affect Nutrition Of Cattle, Lambs

Corvallis—A diet that lacks copper or has an excess of molybdenum can cause a serious nutritional disturbance in cattle and lambs, research of the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station shows.

Copper is necessary in forage crops so animals will utilize iron to form sufficient quantities of haemoglobin, the red pigment of the blood. An excess of molybdenum interferes with the animals' use of copper.

Dr. J. R. Haag, professor of agricultural chemistry, said fortunately excess molybdenum levels appear largely to be confined to specific marshy grazing areas.

Symptoms in cattle of this nutritional deficiency may include lack of thrift, discolored hair coats, scouring and broken bones. When a black sheep has a copper deficiency, the color and crimp of the wool both disappear.

Checked Copper

This deficiency was uncovered by checking the levels of copper in the animals' blood and liver. The deficiency may be either a lack of copper, an excess of molybdenum or both.

Some 1,500 pairs of blood and liver samples were studied in Oregon in order to obtain evidence of the impact of regional facts on this nutritional deficiency. Different patterns of blood-liver relationships were found in Astoria, Squaw Butte and Klamath areas.

The molybdenum content was found to be most potent in the more succulent, young forage crops. When hay mature, the molybdenum content goes down. No serious problems have been encountered in any feedstuffs entering the market.

Molybdenum does not show any marked tendency to accumulate in eggs, meat or milk, Dr. Haag emphasized.

To maintain the proper amount of copper in forage, copper may be applied as a fertilizer in some parts of the world. This method has not met with much success in Oregon, Dr. Haag said.

Oregon Cities League Schedules Convention

Salem—The League of Oregon Cities will hold its 35th annual convention here Nov. 13-16.

Theme will be "Oregon Cities in the Sixties." Long-range developments in city government will be emphasized at the sessions.

SHIPPING FUEL

About half the Great lakes freighters burn coal as their operating fuel.

MARKET NEWS

Federal-State Market News Service
Med Bluff Livestock Auction Report, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1960
CATTLE: Saleable 850, including around 180 calves. Slaughter cows active; steady to strong; stocker and feeder classes only moderately active; calves steady; yearlings unevenly steady to weak. Around 87 percent of supply stocker and feeder classes, remainder mainly slaughter cows. Supply mainly of northern California origin, with a few loads out of southern Oregon.
Slaughter steers: 26 head lot average to high-Good 1054 lbs. \$22.10.
Slaughter cows: Few individual low-Standard 850-1050 lbs. \$16.50-17.25, individual and small lots Utility and Commercial 850-1300 lbs. \$14.50-16.50, individual Culler \$13.00-14.50, individual Canner \$11.00-13.00, few individual "shells" Canners down to around \$9.00.
Slaughter bulls: Few individual Culler and Utility 1300-1445 lbs. \$16.10-16.75.
Slaughter calves: Few individual Standard and Good 400-450 lbs. \$19.25-21.5, individual 245 lbs. \$23.60, 2 head Cull 300 lbs. \$10.25, Stocker and feeder steers: Small lots Good and Choice 300-440 lb. calves \$23.30-24.60, individuals and small lots Medium and Good 300-350 lbs. \$22.00-23.30, individual Common and Medium calves \$17.30-21.75, Small lots and individual Good and Choice 520-725 lb. yearlings \$20.75-22.90, small lots and individual 760-950 lbs. \$19.30-21.60, individual and small lots Common and Medium 550-650 lbs. \$18.00-20.60.
Stocker and feeder heifers: Individuals and small lots Medium and Good 300-450 lbs. \$19.00-21.10, Individuals and small lots Medium and Good 450-700 lbs. \$18.00-20.00.
HOGS: Saleable 6, Supply insufficient to test market.
SHEEP: Saleable 19, Supply insufficient to test market.
Federal-State Market News Service

County Hort Agent Sees Pear Decline In California

Jackson County Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy is back after a recent two-day tour of Central California orchards affected by pear tree decline.

Over 100,000 trees there are affected by pear tree decline, Cordy said. However, this figure was given following a survey of pear orchards 1½ months ago and is probably outdated now since the decline probably has increased rapidly since then, the county agent explained. This is mainly a graft union disorder with some cultural decline also occurring. The latter seems to be the main problem in the Rogue valley, Cordy explained further. Three months ago the California problem was not too serious, he said.

People researching the California pear decline problem are at the same position as researchers were here at the start of their study, Cordy said. California scientists have not yet differentiated between the types of decline but merely refer to the problem as pear tree decline. Main problem there is identification of root stocks planted throughout the orchards, the local county agent said.

Cover Wide Area
Chief pear producing districts covered in the California tour were Santa Clara, Placerville, Sacramento, Lake and Mendocino. Fifty persons made the tour. Most of them were either fieldmen or county agents, Cordy said. The tour also included the experimental station at Davis, Calif.

Cordy has been working with Prof. Henry Hartman, OSC horticulturist, to determine the cause or causes of the pear decline problem in the Rogue valley. Tuesday, the state board of higher education allocated \$11,000 for continuation of the pear decline study here. The Jackson County Fruit Growers' league has contributed the bulk of the funds for the previous two years and is giving matching funds this year.

Split Pits Stop Medford Peaches In California

Salem—About 80 per cent—much more than normal—of the early potatoes grown in Malheur county this year will go into fries, flakes, patties, hash browns and other consumer package products, reports the state department of agriculture.

Pat Murphy, federal supervisor for the cooperative shipping point inspection service, says harvest of the Malheur county red and white rose potato varieties was virtually completed by Sept. 7.

Potato shipments out of the Klamath basin started in a small way Aug. 31. The crop in this area, normally the largest potato district in the state, was hard hit by freeze Aug. 24. Estimates place the freeze loss at one-third of the crop. In central Oregon, potato digging will begin around Sept. 15, Murphy says.

Other developments in shipping point districts: **Peaches Refused**

Peach growers in the Medford area encountered some difficulties when California standards, which are tougher than the federal peach grades which govern the Oregon inspections, will not permit entry of any package of peaches which contains over 5 per cent of any one defect. Split pits in some of the Oregon peach shipments couldn't make this tolerance.

The department has surveyed for the OFM each year since 1945. In 1956 it was first found in the Willamette valley in trees near Salem and Portland. None has been found in the Portland area in the last three years.

Parasites were released in 1958 and 1959 to check the pest, the larvae of which damages the fruit.

Crater FFA Sets Light Bulb Sale

Central Point—The Crater Chapter of Future Farmers of America will conduct a light bulb sale Wednesday and Thursday nights through the Central Point residential areas.

Chapter members will use sales profits to finance various chapter activities and to spend two delegates to the national FFA convention in Kansas City in November, according to Don Denning, chapter member.

"Members visiting homes during the sale will be wearing official blue FFA jackets. They will be courteous and no high pressure sales tactics will be used," Denning said. "Boys selling the light bulbs will be doing so on a voluntary basis and all profits will go to the chapter."

Portland—(UPI)—Lighting may not strike twice in the same place but robbers apparently do, police said today.

Last Wednesday a gunman held up the United Finance Corp. in southeast Portland. Monday morning the office was held up again. Witnesses told police it appeared to be the same bandit.

Farm Notes

Washington—(UPI)—An agriculture department study has pinpointed three basic causes of economic distress in rural areas.

Economists B. T. Inniss and J. H. Southern found many persons in such areas without training for anything except the lowest-paying kind of work.

The investigators also said too many persons would not or could not borrow the money needed for modern farming. They found some businesses and industries reluctant to hire older workers, Negroes and Spanish-Americans.

Inman and Southern based their findings on research in rural areas of Florida, New Mexico, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas.

The experts recommended that rural re-development programs include better general education and vocational training for young people. They urged rural communities to try to attract new industries through special inducements such as reduced taxes or free buildings.

The Agricultural Marketing Service says a flavor improvement program has helped increase milk sales in Vermont. Retail and home delivery sales of fluid milk in Vermont have increased 11 per cent since the flavor improvement program began several years ago.

The marketing service does not claim the flavor program is responsible for all of the gain. But it points out that the increase came during a period when there was only a slight gain in population.

President Eisenhower signed a bill extending the Mexican labor program for six months to the end of 1961.

The extension will allow the Labor Department to make plans for bringing Mexican farm workers into this country next season. But it also means that Mexican labor will be an issue in the next Congress.

A steady decline in beef

prices may be leading to lower prices for dairy products, too.

Agriculture department economists pointed out recently that in recent years dairy production has been tied closely to beef prices.

When beef prices go up, dairymen sell off their low-producing cows, and milk production drops. When beef prices come down, more dairy cows remain on the farm.

The department reports that during the past year while beef prices have been falling, the decline in dairy cow numbers has been the smallest since 1954. Beef prices were expected to continue heading down for the next few years, which might halt the decline in dairy cow numbers altogether.

With dairy cow numbers relatively stable, milk production will go up. The average cow's production has been rising two per cent a year in recent years. Rising production may lead to lower milk prices.

Dogs Found Not Cop's Best Friend

Atlanta—(UPI)—Police dogs are not necessarily a cop's best friend. Chip, one of the Atlanta police department's canine detectives, cornered a burglary suspect in a restaurant Monday, but just licked him on the shoulder.

Storm, another police dog, lunged at the suspect after he was arrested, missed, and bit Patrolman J. R. Watkins in the leg.

Grain Unloads Up, Exports Decline

Salem—Nearly nine million bushels of grain were unloaded at Portland during August, according to state department of agriculture inspection reports. This is about 5 million bushels more than in July, but 4 million bushels less than a year ago.

Wheat accounted for 7.4 million bushels of the grain receipts last month. Of special interest in the wheat picture is the state report that only four-tenths of 1 per cent (0.4) of the wheat received at Portland terminals contained smut. This is the lowest percentage of smut recorded in many months.

Export grain loadings slowed to nine cargoes, down six cargoes from July this year and off just about half from August last year.

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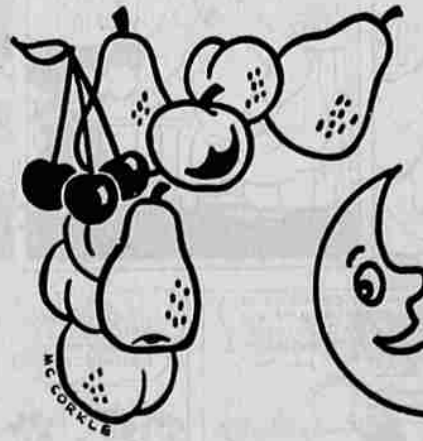
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