

From Winter To Spring Is Busy Transition

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Irrespective of what the groundhog saw last month, March on the fringe of winter, seems to be behaving very well. Seldom has the last week in February and the first week of March favored the Klamath Basin with such cheerful weather. Spring may "burst out all over" any time now. Be ready for the stirring excitement of spring, with its strange urgency to be out of doors and to plant.

If the winter clean-up of spraying and dormant pruning has not been done, there is still time if you hurry. Winter spraying of fruit and some of the flowering trees is almost a must in this locality. Many insects and scale insects live through the winter in crevices and under the bark of deciduous trees, and to control these enemies it is necessary to give the trees a good spraying with a proper formula of insecticides, to kill the larvae and eggs which have survived the cold winter and are ready to produce a new crop of insects in the spring. The dormant spraying should be done before the leaves or flower buds are too far advanced, so as to prevent their being injured by the strong spray solution.

OLD CUSTOM
Pruning is an important part of horticulture and is an old habit of the Children of Israel were told, in Leviticus 25:3 and 4, to prune their vineyards and gather the fruit during six years but on the seventh year, to let the vineyard go unpruned.

As a rule, most pruning should be done while trees and shrubs are dormant, but there are numerous exceptions to the rule. Flowering shrubs may be thinned out and irregular branches removed while they are dormant; but if they are to be topped and cut back, that should wait until after they bloom in the spring, because the flower buds form in the fall and, if cut back then, will cut off all blossoms for the next year. New growth does not produce flowers until the second year.

It does not seem to hurt certain shade and fruit trees to prune them after the buds begin to swell. We cut off apple blossoms and flowering tree branches for bouquets and think nothing of it. In fact, there is technical evidence that trees in mid-summer, but it is not generally followed.

We do not recommend heavy pruning of trees at the time of planting. Any pruning then should consist of removing too low branches and shaping the tree. There must be enough branches left on the tree to make sufficient leaf growth for the tree to breathe. Trees take nourishment from the air through their leaves, as well as from the soil through their roots. A sizable shade tree, properly pruned and well rounded, is a joy to behold, but a butchered tree, with uneven snags of limbs and peeled bark, disfigures the landscape and skyline. A good tree is too valuable to be mutilated. If shade trees are to be topped and trimmed, it should be carefully done.

EVERGREEN CARE
Not the least of the landscaper's work is the shearing of evergreens. It takes expertise to do this really nicely; but any one can learn to do it. It does not injure coniferous evergreens to shear them any time of the year, but a spring "hair cutting" seems best because the new growth will soon cover up the clipped edges. The reason so many evergreen beauty plantings lose their beauty after a few years is that the most important part of their upkeep has been neglected by not tying up in winter and shearing from time to time to keep them compact and within bounds.

Now is the time to take stock of your shrubs and remove or transplant those which have become too large for their space or ragged or worthless. Set new and more suitable ones in their place. It is just as reasonable to replace old shrubs which have grown out of proportion and lost their beauty as to replace old worn out furniture. The shrubs were all right when planted and for a period of years, but shrubs grow old and wear out after a time.

Right now is a splendid time to plant trees. The soil is in good condition and trees are dormant, so that large size trees may be moved without danger of loss. The advantage of buying large sized trees is obvious. Fruit trees may be purchased which are bearing size and thus save several years of waiting for them to get old enough to bear fruit. A ten to twelve foot, well branched shade tree, will give some shade the first year. The additional cost of larger trees is offset by the less time it takes for them to become useful.

Plan your garden now. The success of your summer garden depends upon planning and planting this spring. A wise way to start the season is to clean up all the gar-

Women Of Moose

Chairman of the Academy of Friendship, Ida Westin and publicity chairman, Hazel Pulley of Women of the Moose, will serve "Legion Breakfast" to members of the Moose and invited guests at Moose Hall, Sunday, March 14 from 9 a.m. until noon. Committee members assisting are Maude Holleagworth, Daisy Douglas, Marie Hawkins, Helen Wilson and Olive Thomas.

"Legion dinner" will be served following Legion meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., the same day. Other entertainment for the members is being planned by Harry Mason. In charge of the dinner will be Mooseheart chairman, Jackie Pool, and her committee: Ila Douglas, Millie Cook, Lillian Carr, Lee Fulton and Christina Clark.

The Academy of Friendship will serve the annual birthday chicken dinner at Moose Hall Tuesday March 30 at 7:00 p.m. In charge of this dinner is Doris Benedict. Committee assisting: Mary Morris, Nora Fage, Julia Williams, Henrietta Horn and Hazel Pulley. Members are requested to call Lillian Carr, phone 2-1103 or Millie Cook at 3980 on or before Sunday, March 28 for reservations.

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GARDEN GOSSIP

Al Baker, of the Suburban Flower Shop, Klamath Falls, was guest speaker at the March 5 meeting of the Poe Valley Garden Club in the Community hall, with 11 members present. Mrs. Wilbur Reiling, president, was in the chair.

Baker spoke on "How, Why and When to Prune."

The next meeting will be April 1. The subject will be "Transplanting Jobs and How to Do Them."

PTA

ROOSEVELT
Troop 3, Boy Scouts, opened the March 9 meeting of the Roosevelt PTA with the flag salute and led in group singing of America.

Fifth, sixth and seventh grade choruses under the direction of Mrs. D. E. Van Vactor, presented a lively musical program including numbers by McNamara's Band of nine fifth grade boys, a tap dance number by Jane Ann Craig and a vocal duet by Penny Lee and Jan Baxter.

Mrs. Art Moore, presided over a short business session and announced that Mrs. Lear's third grade and Mrs. Paul DeLair's fifth grade, had won the room count. Mrs. Raymond Tice was tea chairman, assisted by second grade mothers.

HENLEY

By Mrs. WILLARD DUNCAN
"Our Responsibilities to Our Young People," was the subject of a panel discussion Thursday evening, March 4, when the Henley PTA met in the high school gym. Elton Fishback, principal at Shasta School was moderator. Mrs. Wallace Thompson spoke about parents' responsibility; Earl Graham discussed the educators' role; the Rev. William Ainley presented the responsibilities of the church, and Kaye Robinette spoke on the interests of youth. Audience discussion showed keen interest in the subject.

The business meeting was opened

EVERGREEN

Mrs. J. Walter Browning, Maize, guest speaker for the Evergreen Garden Club, gave a recipe for a garden club as follows: "Take one garden club meeting, add spring sunshine, a bed of scarlet tulips blooming in the midst of blue for-get-me-nots, stir in a few soft breezes slipping through the branches of green trees; add a generous amount of warm hand claps, gracious hospitality and mutual interest. Mix in a challenging program together with wee sandwiches and tiny cakes. This recipe is sure fire."

Other announcements included a March 25 meeting sponsored by the Fairhaven Home Extension, to

Oregon State Flower Show School June 28-30 Brings Garden Writer

Two outstanding instructors are on the roster for the third course in the Oregon State Flower Show School, scheduled for June 28, 29 and 30, in the city library auditorium. Mrs. Scott McKendree, chairman of the school, has secured the service of Mrs. Orrin Hale and Rae Pennington.

Mrs. Hale is more commonly known in garden club circles as "Aunt Emmy," who with her husband is editor and publisher of "Pacific Gardens and Homes," the official organ of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs published in Seattle.

"Aunt Emmy says," a regular column in the monthly publication, is known to gardeners throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California for the valuable and entertaining tips on homes and gardens.

In addition, Mrs. Hale is a nationally known horticulturalist, and is outstanding in her fields of instruction locally—horticulture and flower show practice.

Instructor for flower arranging, with emphasis on scale and proportion, and analogous colors and harmony is Rae Pennington, fore-

to be held in the exhibit building under the direction of Oregon State College in cooperation with local nursery men. Weather permitting there will be demonstration tours.

Jo Schuh, president appointed Alma Uppendahl, Hallie Miller and Leila Thurman to serve as a nominating committee.

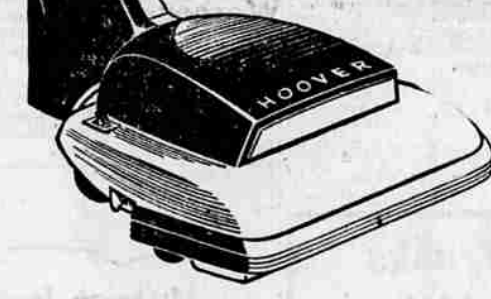
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