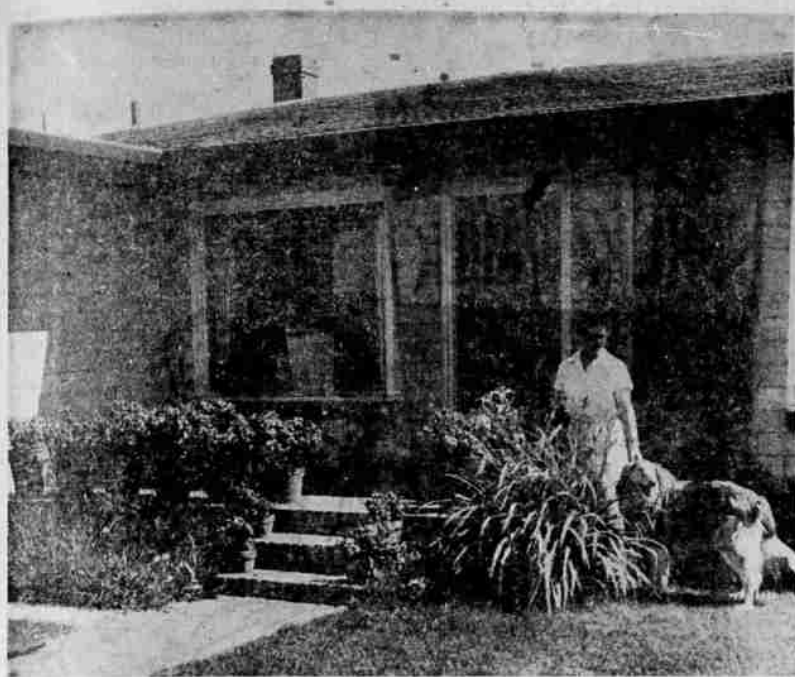




BRIGHT RED COMANCHE PETUNIAS in terra-cotta pots are reflected in the big window at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neil on the Merrill Highway east of Merrill. A cluster of day lilies and a trailing philodendron beside the door balances the arrangement. Mrs. O'Neil and collie Laddie were enjoying big garden space and green lawns at rear of house when the Herald and News photographer arrived. High redwood fence surrounds rear lawn where family spends leisure hours.



Over the GARDEN GATE

By RUTH KING

Time is nearing when the first early fall frosts will nip the beans and the cucumbers, the still-loaded green pepper plants and the tomato vines.

Back in grandmother's day she centered her menus around "end of the garden," and some granddaughters and great-granddaughters still follow her thrifty planning to use up every "smidgen" of garden goodness.

One dish that our family likes is "succotash," made from the "leavings" of the bean row and the corn patch. Big, plump beans, not yet ripe, should be hulled even though the pods are yellowed (not dry). Hunt for the last little ears of sweet corn, "nubbins," to some of us and cut from cob before cooking. Immature green peppers and a red one if it has escaped eagle eyes, and stray onions that may not "cure" are the ingredients for this succulent treat.

Use equal amounts of beans and corn (lima beans are wonderful), add finely chopped peppers and onions to individual taste, cook until all ingredients are tender in salted water, drain, add a bit of bacon fryings and couple of slices of bacon, cut fine and fried brown, pepper, and serve piping hot.

There is something special about this time of year to most gardeners . . . the hurry of hoeing and watering is past, most of the excess crop has been canned or frozen and the garden is just marking time until winter.

This is the time to get in some extra ticks. Lucky ones who raise tomatoes can be fortified with newspapers and bushel baskets to turn over vines to assure ripening of the big tomatoes still green unless the nights turn really cold.

Try a few green ones fried (pre-dipped in cornmeal) and covered with a basil-flavored cream sauce and do make a few pints of green tomato pickle to be served with roasts of beef and leg of lamb.

If you want to ripen a few in a cool place to hold perhaps until Thanksgiving, be sure to leave a little of the stem on the fruit to slow down ripening. Use small containers to pack the newspaper-wrapped green fruit in, makes it

easier to check on progress of ripening.

Maybe these leftover tomatoes from the patch are not as tasty as those luscious red globes of summer but certainly they have a better flavor than the pale-pink, hothouse ones that cost a king's ransom after the snow flies.

Don't forget to make a jar of sauerkraut for winter menus and have you ever tried cooking those little second growth cabbages that sometimes grow on a stalk after the first head is cut? They have a flavor all their own.

If you were lucky and escaped late frost damage and the summer hail that riddled some gardens, you'll be thinking about storing your banana and hubbard squash. It took years for us to learn from a neighbor gardener, that every bit of fall sunshine adds to the flavor of squash. Even though the vines are nipped, the squash can still cure if, before the first cold weather, you tuck a bit of heavy paper and a drift of straw or dried corn stalks under your prize ones you want to keep and cover them with a similar blanket without cutting them loose from the vine. This makes them "harden," assuring better keeping qualities.

And don't forget to take in the pumpkins for the grandchildren's Jack-o-Lanterns nor to dig the carrots and store in boxes of sand before the ground freezes.

Happy harvesting to you!

By HOPE N. BRADER
GILCHRIST

Last August the Gilchrist Garden Club held its annual flower show with exhibits in the recreation room of the Methodist Church. Mrs. K. W. Rolison was flower show chairman and under her skillful guidance and supervision the show was a great success.

The exhibits included many contemporary and modern arrangements and old fashioned bouquets, dry arrangements, miniatures, small, coffee table, mantle arrangements, twin arrangements and houseplants. Juniors, boy scouts and Camp Fire Girls each had a separate display and prizes were numerous in each group.

Mrs. Irell and Mrs. Rolison presided over a beautiful tea table

QUIZZING THE GARDENER

Q—We have some strawberries in back of the garage which grew tall and spindly, and developed poor, soft berries. Can you advise?

A—Strawberries require lots of sunshine and a well-drained, enriched soil in order to produce good fruit. Shade during a portion of the day, together with a soil probably strong in nitrogen and lacking in phosphorus, would produce spindly growth and poor berries.

Q—Do you believe that earthworms are necessary in the soil to make it fertile?

A—Earthworms have many arguments in their favor. Actually scientists do not know whether earthworms are any more beneficial in decomposing organic matter in the soil than are the other organisms present, such as bacteria. We do know that many soils do not have earthworms and still produce good crops.

Q—Our gladiolus blooms were spoiled by thrips. What should be done to prevent infestation next year?

A—Dust gladiolus bulbs with DDT after digging them and again before planting next spring. Spray plants weekly with DDT next season, starting when growth appears and stopping when flower buds show color.

Q—Last year my gloxinias grew very spindly, and some even trailed all over the pot. The blossoms were at the end of these long stems, not at all like any I've seen pictured. What caused this?

A—Your gloxinias most likely suffered from poor light, too high temperature or both. It is also possible you were rather liberal in the use of water and fertilizer. However, lack of light seems to be the more likely cause.

A—What causes blossom-end rot on our tomatoes? They have been well watered.

A—The trouble is due to a highly fluctuating soil moisture supply—generally too much moisture followed by a sudden dry spell. Unmulched and severely pruned, staked plants likewise suffer from this ailment.

centered with an arrangement of pink roses grown in Gilchrist.

Next meeting date will be September 19 when Ranger-naturalist Brown will come from the Crater Lake Park and show his fine collection of slides of the wonderful scenery and flowers of Crater Lake.

Klamath District Gardeners Announce Garden Show Plans

"Ode to Autumn," is the theme for the Klamath District Garden Club's Flower Show to be held in the Henley Grange Hall, Saturday, September 22. Hours for the show will be from 2 to 5 p.m. The Mt. Laki Garden Club is hostess club.

Tom Horn, manager of the Tulelake Wildlife Refuge, will show slides of birds of this area with commentary remarks.

A regular business meeting of the district will be held, starting at 9:30 a.m. in the hall, followed by a noon luncheon served by the Ladies Aid of the Mt. Laki Church.

The schedule for the show follows:

Decorative Division:
1. Harvest Moon—arrangement with yellow predominating. 2. September Bounty—using a basket in a composition; fruit and/or flowers. 3. Farewell to Summer—dried arrangement with or without fresh flowers. 4. Naked Woods—featuring weathered wood in any combination.

5. Wayward Winds—windblown arrangement; any material. 6. Autumn Glory—colored foliage predominating. 7. All Hallow's Eve—Halloween arrangement for a dinner table. 8. We Give Thanks—a Thanksgiving arrangement for dinner table; b. Luncheon table arrangement featuring chrysanthemums.

9. Junior Arrangements—a. 8-12 years: foliage and berries; b. 13-16 years: foliage and berries.

Horticultural Division:

Perennials: 1. Chrysanthemums—a. Button, one spray; b. Cushion, 1 Spray; c. Garden variety, 1 spray. 2. Michaelmas Daisy, 1 stalk—a. Pink and red; b. Blues, lavender, purple; c. White.

3. Halenium, 1 stalk. 4. Phlox, 1 stalk. 5. Roses, 1 bloom. 6. Berried shrubs or vines, 1 spray 12 inches minimum. 7. Goldenrod, 1 stalk.

Annuals: 8. Glads, 1 stalk. 9. Petunias, 3 blooms. 10. Nasturtiums, 6 blooms. 11. Marigolds, 3 blooms. 12. Zinnias—a. Pompon, 3

blooms; b. Large, 1 bloom. 13. Asters, 3 blooms. 14. Pansies, 5 blooms.

Educational Feature: Display of books and magazines on gardening and flower arrangement.

Rules: Entries will be received from 8-9 a.m. The committee will not be responsible for containers unless special arrangements are made upon entering exhibits. Accessories and foliage are permitted in all decorative classes. Horticultural specimens must be grown by the exhibitor. Only one entry in a class may be made by an exhibitor. Specimens must be uniform in size, color and type. The decision of the judges is final.

CHEMULT

By HOPE N. BRADER

The Chemult Garden Club will hold its first flower show Wednesday, September 26 in the Chemult Community Club House at 7:30 p.m. Theme of the show will be "Indian Summer" and any flowers or material from the woods that is locally grown may be used in making up the arrangements for exhibit.

This will be the first meeting after the summer vacation and the program for the coming year will be presented.

Members have planted lawns and had fair success with flowers in spite of the chilly mornings and evenings that are the rule in this little community.

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