



A SINGLE SEED pushed into the earth in the crack of a rock wall resulted in this huge, attractive vine at the home of Mrs. W. D. Crawford Sr., 1882 Academy Street. The vine clung tightly to the rough rock surface and supported numerous other gourds in addition to these two of "Paul Bunyan" size that finally reached the ground. Billy "Butch" Barnett, 5-year-old grandson of Mrs. Crawford thinks grandmother is a good gardener.

QUIZZING THE GARDENER

Q—Our pussy willow is infested with borers. What can be done to eradicate them and thus save the plant?

A—There is no satisfactory control for willow borer. Cut the infested branches down to an inch or two above the ground every other year — just after the pussies have passed.

Q—What causes the leaves of the plantain lilies to turn brown on the edges? Otherwise the plants are healthy and blooms satisfactory.

A—The plantain lily (hosta) should be planted where it will be in shade during the hot noon sun. Plantain lily foliage invariably burns when planted in direct sun.

Q—Can you identify a silver foliage plant more or less commonly used in the home garden? It is about 2½ feet tall and has no flowers.

A—Sounds like Artemisia silver king, one of the showiest of the wormwoods. The leaves, white and finely hairy, are often used in dried winter bouquets. It requires considerable moisture for best results.

Q—Can native rhododendron and mountain laurel shrubs be cut back to keep them within bounds?

A—The mountain laurel can be kept to a certain height by yearly cutting back the leader of each branch. While rhododendron will tolerate annual pruning they are best used where they can grow as nature intended, to a height of 10 feet or more.

Q—Why are some trees more attractive to bolts of lightning than others?

A—The following trees are most likely to be struck by lightning, because of the nature of their bark surface, the apparent water content in their internal structure, and their height: oaks, elms, locusts, hickory, tulip tree, poplar, spruce and pine. The least likely large tree to be struck is the beech.

Q—How can we get rid of crickets and ants in the house?

A—DDT will control household crickets.

Flower Bulletin Available

Putting summer blooms into pleasing arrangements can add charm to your home.

And to help you learn to arrange flowers in attractive ways, the extension services of Oregon State College, Washington State College and University of Idaho have prepared a new bulletin, "Arranging Flowers."

According to the bulletin, flower care begins when flowers are cut. Daily water changes help keep them fresh. Practice is one

of the best ways to learn display techniques, the writers say. Select everyday arrangements as an experiment; as you find ones you like, use them for special occasions.

Containers and holders are pictured in the bulletin as important flower accompaniments and should be selected as carefully as the flowers.

Copies of the new publication are available on request from county extension agents and the OSC bulletin clerk.

Circular About Herb Uses

Use of garden-grown herbs to pep up salads, soups and gravies is suggested in a new Oregon State College publication.

Add zest to everyday foods by using herbs for variety and accent, but be careful not to over-season, OSC nutritionists advise. The trick with all herbs and seasonings is to use them sparingly so they don't overpower food flavors, they explain.

Seventeen common herbs are

suggested as seasonings in the circular. Tips for starting herb gardens, storage information and recipes are also included.

The new circular, "Herbs and Other Seasonings for Variety and Accent," is available on request from county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk.

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Extended Planting Gives Longer Blooming Period

We all have the tendency to say, "there, now, the garden is all planted." But the gardener who has the really impressive display all summer and fall keeps right on planting, a little at a time, through mid-summer. It is the planning of a succession of blooms that makes the garden a continuing pleasure.

It is true that some kinds of flowers, like alyssum and candytuft, come into production faster than others, like asters or tall marigolds, and this is a fortunate thing for the gardener who plants everything on one busy day.

But it is also true that late July and August are likely to bring a peak of bloom from such a planting, with everything looking wonderful for a few weeks and then dropping off rapidly to a gone-to-seed sadness.

There are three ways to extend the blooming season in your gar-

den. One is to plant seeds extra early indoors and transplant the started seedlings to the garden when the weather has become settled. But that is only one side of the coin.

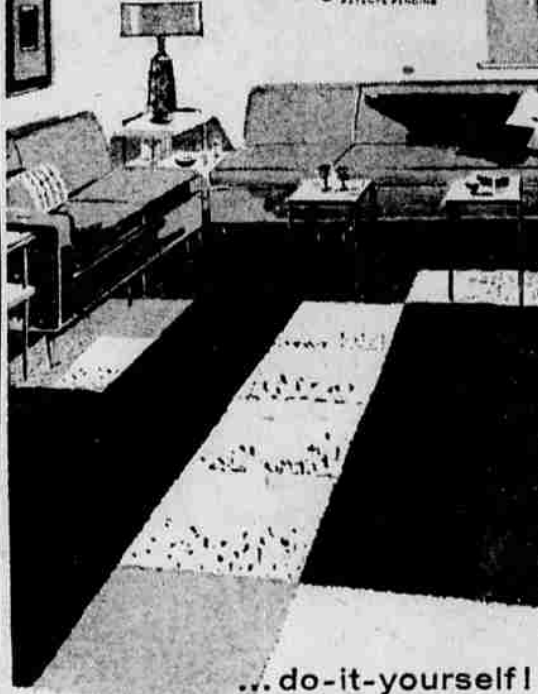
The third trick to keep the garden in bloom is to utilize quick-blooming things like alyssum and candytuft to follow spring bulbs or early blooming perennials. Seeds may be sown before the spring blooming flowers have faded, and only a brief period will pass between one kind of bloom and the next.

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