



THIS GORGEOUS orchid cactus has been grown by Mrs. Don (Dorothea) Nolan of 4708 Laverne Avenue. Its deep red blooms have lavender stems. The plant, 15 years old is fertilized once a year, grows in the family bedroom. Mrs. Nolan, co-owner with her husband of the Driftwood Cafe, is an ardent cactus fancier, does much of the actual work in a well-kept yard in addition to caring for her modern home and assisting in business details.



A SPREADING APPLE TREE, as full of buzzing bees as it was pink and white blossoms when the Herald and News photographer passed by, is believed to have been one of many trees in an orchard once owned by the historical Applegate family of Oregon. The tree, in the rear yard of Miss Nona Hall, 915 East Main Street, is a disappointment to small boys who love green apples. Its fruit is tart when eaten raw, even when ripe, but the pies that it makes would make a connoisseur of apple pies ask for a second helping. Miss Hall has lived in Klamath Falls since 1909 and the tree was a large one when they bought the home where she now lives, soon after she arrived.

Over the GARDEN GATE

By RUTH KING

There isn't a do-it-yourself project on earth that has so much free and helpful advice as gardening. You can learn a lot from seed catalogues, the garden columns of newspapers and magazines, radio, TV and friends.

There's an easy way and hard way to go about most garden tasks. The hard way, when it comes to weeding, is to wait until the weeds get really big and tough and are crowding out the tiny plants if you have planted seeds or are entwined with your perennials.

The easy way is mostly a matter of timing, the key is "get them while they're small." When that carpet of green starts to spring up go into action like a bird dog after quail.

First sharpen that hoe. A few minutes with a file will make the job so much easier. A sharp hoe will also nick your knuckles if you don't watch out. If the hoe gets

dull before you finish the job, stop and file again instead of depending on brute strength. Save energy for dolling up for dinner.

The trick is to cut the weeds just below the surface not to root them out like Pansy the pig. Deep hoeing just wastes brawn and if you get too close to your flowers, you are likely to cut off roots of your posies. Getting down on your knees for the close work is a must. This close cleanup may do for whole season as the sages say, but we've yet to see a summer when it didn't need to be done more than once.

A little touch of fertilizer, liquid kind is most potent, poured around the flower plants after the cleanup job helps the roots take the shock of weeding in stride, if they have been disturbed by removing weeds too.

Took off over the mountain Sunday for the Rogue River Valley. The white dogwood, was exquisite against the forest green . . . the wild lilacs clung to banks by the wayside in lavender beauty, and the lacy shadows of a cut leaf birch danced upon a sunny eddy close to the bank where a lush lawn curved to meet the river.

Ran some rapids in the Rogue in an outboard motor boat, the spray whipping above the bow . . . down and back, the motor pounding while the churning water tugged against the craft's smooth sides . . . an exciting trip.

Watched litterbugs, high upon the mountain, toss off refuse from the car with abandon, the papers floating down, down toward the neat green farm below in the hollow of the hills, and it brought to mind this little poem, sent me by an anti-litterbugger. . . .

TO A LITTERBUG
O, Spare this spot,
Dispenser of discarded pasteboard box
And empty can whose brew rides recklessly
With you! May you pass on and linger not
To mar this view.

Bessie Berg
Happy weeding!



EYES ON THE STARS — Capt. Mary Converse, 86, has turned to space research. She is the only woman in the United States licensed to command ships on the high seas.

Captain Mary Converse, 86, Has Her Sights On The Moon

DENVER — Denver's great-grandmother sea captain is cultivating a new hobby—space.

Capt. Mary Converse, the only woman in the nation licensed to command craft of any size on the high seas, says she has been struck by moon madness—at 86. Space is no stranger to Capt. Mary. She taught astral navigation to more than 2,500 Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine students during World War II. The school room was in her Denver home.

Now it's rockets. She is a member of the research association of the High Altitude Observatory of the University of Colorado, working in the International Geophysical Year program. Her interest at present is research on the ionosphere.

In between IGY articles, Capt. Converse is working on her autobiography—but she admits it's pretty slow going with her other interests. In fact, she said, she hasn't been able to get past 1910.

Capt. Converse was born Mary Parker in Walden, Mass. Her husband, Harry E. Converse, was a wealthy Boston shoe manufacturer and yachtsman. He died in 1921 and Mrs. Converse moved to Denver four years later.

When she was 67, Capt. Converse again turned to navigation and won her master's papers. Her

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license was renewed for five years after examination in 1955.

She spends much of her time now with a son Elisha in Camarillo, Calif. Two other sons live in Massachusetts, Parker in Marion, and Roger W. in Boston. A daughter, Mrs. John Buller lives in Winnetka, Ill. Capt. Converse's 47th great-grandchild arrived recently.

Capt. Converse grants that she may have slowed down a bit. "I haven't played tennis since I was 80," she said.

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Farm flocks in the United States laid 5,495 million eggs during April—3 per cent less than in April 1957 and the lowest April production since 1941. Total egg production, January through April 1958, was 4 per cent below the same period last year. Laying flocks averaged 295,054,000 layers during April—3 per cent less than April 1957.

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