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The GARDEN

This week of very fine weather has given gardeners a great opportunity to get their digging done and some of their planting ahead. Many people have their dahlias planted and a few people have them showing above ground. The morning frosts do not seem to have done any damage unless possibly in the low part of the city back toward the mountain. People who live there know enough to cover anything tender that comes up early.

There are a few of the pink flowering currants in local gardens. They are in fine bloom now and make a splendid showing. They seem to be perfectly hardy in Prince Rupert and will grow anywhere. I have two trees, both of which are in full bloom, one a little earlier than the other.

As many of you know, I have been trying out several of the lilies. Last year I had two large stalks of regal lily, one with twenty flowers on the stalk. This year they are coming up very small and spindly. Evidently the strain of last year's blooming weakened the bulbs. The same thing happened with the lillium auratum. One almost died but the other three are coming up very strong and are growing rapidly. To be a success these bulbs must be planted in very well drained soil.

Those who are interested in rock gardening should take a look at William Longwill's garden just now. It is a mass of color, mostly arabis and aubretia. Aubretias wintered well and are now either blooming or about ready to bloom. This is a good time to sow seeds for next year. Strong young seedlings are more likely to winter than the older plants. They tell me Dr. Hankinson has a fine display of spring flowers. I must go round that way soon and give it the once over.

A number of people have mentioned to me that they lost their pansies or violas last winter. I noticed the same thing in my own garden. I had some rather good low pansies and they have all disappeared. Only the hardier varieties seem to have come through safely. Those who want strong pansy plants to winter for next

SUITABLE FOR PRINCE RUPERT



House building is commencing in Prince Rupert and with the surety that the city will make progress, war or no war, those needing homes will be likely to build for themselves. The house shown herewith seems a suitable type for local conditions. Steep roofs are much less likely to leak than flat roofs.

spring's early blooming would do well to sow their seeds soon and be sure to thin them out. They will probably bloom this fall a little but, if they are given plenty of room, they will have a good chance of wintering, especially if covered with brush or litter during severe weather.

Those who are not used to gardening in this part of the country should be notified that we are soon likely to have an invasion of small birds passing through on their way north. While some of them are harmless and even helpful there is one that scratches long and deep and can very soon spoil a bed of young radishes or lettuce or turnips. Sweet peas sometimes have to be protected.

By the way, sweet peas should be coming up now. It might be well to buy a few seedlings if you have not already sown the seeds. A dozen early plants are worth fifty sown later. Sometimes the late sowings are just as productive of flowers as the early but usually they should be sown early for best results.

Don't bother with zinnias, portulaca, or any of the flowers that need sunshine and dry weather. Occasionally on a south slope zinnias will develop but not well. Choose instead such annuals as stocks, asters, clarkia, alyssum and similar plants but ageratum is not usually successful.

In conclusion I suggest that good use be made of this dry spell to get work well advanced for we never can tell what tomorrow will bring. Also do not forget to co-operate next week in cleaning up the garden. The Horticultural Society is pledged to do its part.

QUIT FILMS; DON'S KHAKI

Women From Many Walks of Life Join Auxiliary Territorial Service

LONDON, April 19 (CP)—Before the war Pat Langton "bossed" a galaxy of stars around an English movie lot. Now she's in khaki, member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service's officer cadet training unit at a south coast town.

She "chucked" her job as a film continuity executive when war started and joined the A.T.S. Along with 50 others she was chosen from the rank for an officers' course.

Only one member of the unit has not served a minimum of three months in the ranks. Canadian war veterans recall Mrs. G. A. Grimes who was selected because she had served in France for two years during the First Great War.

"I was attached to the Canadian Army Service Corps at Etaples," he said. "I was the only woman on my job, dealing out the men's rations."

Mrs. E. A. Baring-Gould, another cadet with a war record, wears two unfamiliar ribbons on her breast—the blue, black and white of the Red Cross of Estonia and the orange, green and yellow of the Lithuanian Red Cross.

She was in charge of a mobile relief clinic during the last war, working among peasants in Estonia and Lithuania. Later she went to Venezuela with her husband, visiting places where white women had never been previously

Man in the Moon

Clean-up week is with us again. Who is going to be first in the race to clean up their premises?

Jake says he hates this period. It means that he has to clean his kitchen.

Buy a broom, buy a shovel and then get busy and make the city spick and span.

If you don't want a visit of inspection from the juniors, you had better look your place over and do it quick. They may have to do it for you.

If you happen to be one of those cursed kind who refuses to co-operate with the decent citizens, it is suggested by Jake and the other renegades that you go and bury yourself.

"If this is an all wool rug why is it labelled cotton?"

"That, madam, is to fool the boys."

"Can I kiss you?"

"What am I, a mind reader?"

Teacher: Jimmy, you are looking very pale this morning. Are you ill?

Jimmy: No, Miss, mother washed my face herself this morning.

Friend—Jones, you were quite a success on that radio quiz program last night.

Jones—Oh, the questions were simple—you see I'm the father of five small boys.

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Hospital Activity During Last Month

Statistical Data Presented to Board Last night by Miss Jamieson, Lady Superintendent

During the month of March, according to statistics presented to the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital at the regular monthly meeting last night by Miss Margaret Jamieson R.N., lady superintendent, in her monthly report, 109 patients were admitted to the hospital and 130 discharged. Of the patients admitted during the month 87 were men and 42 women. The admissions for this March compared with 140 in the same month in 1940, 131, in 1939 and 105 in 1938.

There were fourteen births during the month, seven being boys and seven girls. Deaths in the Hospital for the month numbered three.

In the pathological laboratory operated by Dr. R. E. Coleman there had been 577 examinations during the month, 359 civilian and 218 military.

The x-ray department had handled 25 in patients, 109 out patients and sixteen pneumothorax cases during the month.

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