

GARDEN NOTEBOOK

IMPROVING THE SOIL

Practically everyone knows that a rich, open loam which is easily cultivated, makes the best garden soil. But not so well known among beginners especially is the fact that even the toughest and most barren soil can, with a little skill and care, be made into fine gardens too.

The secret in both cases is cultivation, plus the incorporation of rotted vegetable matter. One of the best treatments, of course, is plenty of barnyard manure, but this is not always available and especially in urban localities. Good substitutes are vegetable refuse like tops of beets, carrots, pea pods, lawn clippings, etc., or specially sown green oats, rye or clover dug or plowed under.

Many experienced gardeners make a regular practice of sowing part of their plots with oats, rye or some other quick-growing crop, and when this is up six inches to a foot, plowing the whole thing under. Strange enough the same works well with sand, putting in some badly needed humus which makes this light soil spongy and more retentive of moisture. Where the soil is very poor, a liberal application of some good chemical fertilizer is advised and a dose of garden lime will also help.

Garden Layouts

Nine times out of 10 an informal layout of flower gardens, lawn and shrubbery about the house gives the best results. The formal garden where there are straight rows, straight paths, and everything is just so is a matter for professionals and large estates. With the average lot in town or country there are too many straight lines in any case, like driveways, foundation walls and fences. The main idea in gardening is to break these and soften them. To do this shrubbery is planted in irregular clumps around, but not too close to, the house, with biggest

groupings at the corners and around the front porch. Variety may be added by the odd climbing vine.

Unless the lawn is generous in size, experts advise leaving the centre fairly open, with flower beds and shrubs around the edge and in front of the fences and driveways. Generally the bigger and taller flowers are planted at the back but, for the sake of variety, a few of these should be brought forward. Instead of single plantings groups of individual varieties are advocated. For continuous bloom, consult a good Canadian seed catalogue where such details as season of blooming, color, height, hardiness and other essential facts will be listed.

Vegetable Groups

Vegetables divide themselves into three main planting groups. In the first are the hardy things, those plant just as soon as the soil can be prepared regardless of the weather ahead. These will stand lots of frost and in fact for best results they must make their first growth while the weather is still cool and wet.

In this class are peas, the first onions, carrots and beets, radish, spinach and lettuce. These can be planted just as soon as the soil has worked up nicely and is no longer muddy. Experienced gardeners make a practice of sowing beets, radish, spinach, etc., at least three times, about two weeks apart.

Then there are the semi-hardy things like potatoes, the beans and cabbage. These will stand cool weather but very little frost. At the end of the line are very tender plants that can stand no frost at all.

ONCE PART OF ASIA

Egypt was considered part of Asia until Ptolemy made the Isthmus of Suez and the Red Sea the boundary between Africa and Asia.

Hockey Scores

WEDNESDAY

American League
Indianapolis 1, Buffalo 0.
Hershey 5, Pittsburgh 0.
Cleveland 5, St. Louis 5-tie.

THURSDAY

National
Detroit 2, Montreal 1.
Boston 5, Chicago 3.

American

St. Louis 4, Providence 2.

More Light and Air In Post-War Houses

Safer Stairs, Floors and Baths Recommended by British Group

LONDON, March 16 (AP)—Here are the recommendations of the National Home Safety Committee of the Royal Society for ensuring safe homes in post-war planning:

Adequate natural and artificial light and easily-controlled ventilation; carefully planned staircases with no "odd" steps and with gates at top and bottom; non-slip, easily-cleaned floor coverings; handrails in baths and avoidance of sharp corners in furniture; permanently fixed or sliding guards for open fires and guards for all portable fires or stoves; safety devices for gas and electrical fittings; kitchen utensils designed without long handles which can project over the edge of the stove.

"Badly constructed and poorly equipped houses cause overwork, worry and fatigue," said a committee report. "Until the whole population is properly housed and housewives less overworked and worried, generally on financial and security grounds, accidents will continue to happen."

Sport Chat

Hamilton Tigers went on strike after winning the National Hockey League championship 20 years ago. The club executive refused a bonus to players to meet Victoria Cougars in the Stanley Cup series. Toronto St. Patricks and Montreal Canadiens, second and third place teams in the N.H.L., met for the championship with the Canadiens winning. Cougars defeated the Montrealers.

Rookie Syl Apps of Toronto Maple Leafs drew into a point tie with Marty Barry and Larry Aurie of Detroit Red Wings at the top of the National Hockey League scoring list eight years ago. Sweeney Schriner of New York Americans placed first in final statistics with one point more than Apps.

Babe Ruth took his first salary cut in baseball 13 years ago and agreed to a decrease of \$5,000 a year for his services with the New York Yankees. However, that still left him \$75,000 a year. Three years later he retired.

DAY FOR FEASTING

In France people used to celebrate the day before Ash Wednesday by parading a fat ox through the streets, then killing it for the feast. This custom gave rise to the name "Mardi Gras" or Fat Tuesday.

LONDON, (AP)—Five-year old Ann Lloyd Hughes, daughter of the rector of Llandreusant, Anglesey, has passed the preliminary of the Royal Schools of Music with 80 out of 95 marks.

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W.A. MEET CONCLUDES

Mrs. J. B. Gibson Re-elected President of Women's Caledonia Diocese

Concluding business of the two-day annual meeting of the Anglican Women's Auxiliary of Caledonia Diocese included the election of officers which was held yesterday afternoon. The office of Honorary President, ordinarily filled by a Bishop's wife, was left vacant. Other officers elected were as follows: Honorary Vice-President, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh. President, Mrs. J. B. Gibson. First Vice-President, Mrs. C. J. Norrington. Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. P. Cade. Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. P. Tinker. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Scott. Treasurer, Mrs. I. Martin. Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Helen Henderson. Girls' Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Holtby. Junior Women's Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Smith. Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. C. J. Currie. Living Message Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Greer. Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. J. M. McCormack (Vanderhoof). Reports presented at the various sessions of the meeting showed continued activity and good work throughout the great diocese. Delegates came from as far away as the Peace River country and involved airplane travel for Mrs. Fynn of Pouce Coupe and Mrs. Hill of Taylor Flats. The memorial roll of the meeting include the names of such prominent leaders in church work as Mrs. G. A. Rix, Mrs. Thomas Andrew and Miss N. L. Bird who had passed away during the year and for whom silence was observed. Miss A. M. Hilliard of Vancouver, vice-president of Western Canada for the Dominion Board, was the principle speaker, dealing largely with home and foreign mission work and telling graphically of the experiences of missionaries under trying conditions of war in the Far East. Mrs. J. B. Gibson presided. The address of welcome was by Mrs. R. L. McIntosh with Mrs. C. A.

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- FRIDAY—P.M.
- 4:00—Words With Music
 - 4:15—G. I. Jive
 - 4:30—Waltz Time
 - 5:00—Cavalcade
 - 5:30—Sports Review
 - 5:45—Raymond Scott
 - 6:00—Aldrich Family
 - 6:30—Intermezzo
 - 7:00—CBC News
 - 7:15—"Here's Your Health"
 - 7:30—Eventide
 - 8:00—Soliloquy
 - 8:30—Vancouver Playhouse
 - 9:00—Burns and Allen
 - 9:30—Morgan and Brice
 - 10:00—CBC News
 - 10:10—Elmore Philippott
 - 10:15—CBC News Roundup
 - 10:30—Sophisticates
 - 11:00—Silent
- SATURDAY—A.M.
- 7:30—Musical Clock
 - 8:00—CBC News
 - 8:15—Pick of the Hits
 - 8:30—Operatic Gems
 - 9:00—BBC News

Hinchliffe of Dawson Creek responding. Special events included a luncheon at which Rev. T. Bailey, naval chaplain, was speaker. There was a reception Wednesday afternoon at the home of Dean and Mrs. J. B. Gibson and a tea yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. L. McIntosh.

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