

Local News Items...



First Jobs — It is impossible, and in any case most inadvisable, to attempt any outside planting or digging in the garden while the soil is in the "muddy stage." However, there are some active jobs that can be carried out weeks before that.

One of these is planting seeds indoors or in a hotbed. The latter is simply a bed of rich soil, protected by a wooden frame over which is a window sash and the whole thing mounted over a foot of fresh horse manure or some other material which will add artificial heat. With a hotbed one can start large quantities of vegetable and flower plants, things like tomatoes, cabbages, petunias, asters, etc., which will be ready for transplanting outdoors after soil and air have warmed up.

If only a smaller quantity of plants is wanted the seed can be sown in flat boxes placed on a warm window sill. Soil used in these flats, as in pots for any indoor planting, should be rich and also contain a fair proportion of sand and humus (rotted leaves or other vegetable material). For a while after seeds are sown the soil in the flat should be shaded with a cloth or blotting paper and it must not be allowed to dry out.

If only a few dozen bedding plants are needed, and it is possible to buy the same later from local professional sources, the amateur is well advised not to bother either with hot-bed or window-box. Under the best of circumstances these are rather messy, and they do require close attention.

Pruning—Another early job in the average garden is pruning. This can be done anytime from February to June with most shrubs, trees, etc. The general purpose is to remove dead growth, shape the bush or shrub and let in air and sunshine. Shrubs that bloom first thing in the spring like the Forsythia, Spiraea, etc., should not be pruned until after blooming so that flowering this season will not be spoiled. Grapes, also, need special mention. These must be pruned very early otherwise they are liable to "bleed" profusely.

Planning Garden Layouts—In planning layouts of flowers, shrubs and such things about the house an important point to keep in mind is the time of blooming, and also to a lesser extent the color. One does not want to have everything in flower at the same time, and then nothing later. Also one should try to avoid any clashing of colors, though this is not so liable to happen with flowers as with, say, women's dresses.

The seed catalogue will help materially in this planning. It will list all colors, of course, and also the approximate time each plant comes into flower, comparatively easy to have a succession of bloom from spring until freeze-up. In shrubbery, for instance, the succession can start (where it is hardy enough) with the Forsythia, which flowers almost as soon as the snow goes, and end with the Buddleia, or Butter Fly bush which blooms in September and October. With flowers the fall planted bulbs will be the first to brighten the garden and the spring planted bulbs — chrysanthemums, and other annuals and perennials, the last.

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CARD PARTY BY LEGION LADIES

Five tables of cribbage and whist were in play at the Canadian Legion Women's Auxiliary card party in the Legion hall at the week-end. Cribbage winner was Mrs. Alma Murray, with Mrs. D. Kerr winning the consolation prize. First prize winner at whist was Mrs. T. Morrow, while John Mostad received the consolation prize. Following the card session, a cake was raffled, winner being Mrs. T. Morrow. Refreshments followed. Convener of the function was Mrs. William Rothwell.

● Mission Band and Explorers Easter Tea, Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Church Hall. All parents and friends welcome. (80)

● The Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-op Assoc. invite their members and employees to their annual Fishermen's Farewell Dance to be held at the Civic Centre on Thursday April 7, 10 p.m. Music by Mike Colussi. Invitation cards can be obtained at your Coy Bay Store. (81)

Mrs. W. C. Nixon is sailing tonight on the Catala for a trip to Vancouver.

● Annual meeting Museum Board of British Columbia at Civic Centre, Wednesday, April 6, 8 p.m. All 1948 members please attend for voting. (s-l)

Mr. and Mrs. Al Manson are sailing tonight on the Catala for a two weeks' trip to Vancouver.

● S.O.N. Meeting Wednesday, April 6, 8 p.m. Installation of officers. Social for members and escorts. 10:00 p.m. (81)

R. C. Edwards of the Department of Fisheries is sailing tonight on the Catala for Bella Bella.

● NOTICE—To avoid disappointment place your Easter order early with Balagno Florist. (82)

● NOTICE—Hollywood Cafe is now open from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. (85)

● Lumberlost Lodge advises you to call the Union Steamship office at 568 and make your reservation for the grand opening of June 25. Limited accommodation. (83)

● C.N.R. Carmen's Dance, Oddfellows' Hall, Friday, April 8. Dancing 9:30 to 1:30. Everyone welcome. Refreshments. Admission 75. Good music. (83)

● SPECIAL MEETING Legion Members, 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, Legion Hall, to discuss building plans. (81)

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was advised in correspondence read at its meeting last night that the annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce would be held in Ottawa October 25, 26 and 27. The Ottawa Board of Trade offered its assistance in the way of arranging accommodation for delegates or appointments that might be desired.

Norman A. MacLean, for many years purser of the steamer Prince Rupert and during recent years with the National Selective Service in Vancouver, arrived in the city by air yesterday afternoon from Vancouver to assume a post with the personnel department of the Columbia Cellulose Co. here. Mrs. MacLean and daughter will be arriving later.

Ray Reflects... and Reminisces

It has now been explained why the grain elevator at Prince Rupert belongs to the unemployable class, the reason being that the geographical alteration of world wheat markets had made it impossible for the Wheat Board to use the plant and inability to arrange for full grain cargo shipments. With the sincere hope of causing no one the slightest embarrassment, we would like to inquire if there are other grain elevators anywhere, suffering from the same or similar complaints.

In keeping with the general rage for a change, so long as it is something different, this newly born interest in ministerial dress cannot be said to be surprising. The thirst for innovation has finally come to include the clergyman's collar—the kind the frivolous intimate is worn the wrong way around. They suggest it marks too direct and obvious distinction between the elect and the crowd. There is a difference, of course. And why not? Why become hot and bothered over which way a man puts on a minor article of attire? The impression persists that if he tries hard enough, one can find more urgent and serious subject for study.

The recent disaster at Praia, when 232 persons were killed under a falling wall was of comparatively little public interest. Praia is the capital of the Cape Verde Islands and the average Canadian might hesitate before being able to tell where the Cape Verde Islands are. But in the old sailing days, the isles, off north west Africa were important, and widely known. Ships called for fresh food and fruits. Whaling vessels recruited crews from Portuguese-speaking negroes. The Cape Verdes became headquarters for naval squadrons engaged in suppressing the slave trade. The latter was an onerous and difficult job as well as a constant threat to health. After months of cruising the steaming shores of the Gulf of Guinea where, to land usually meant fever and almost unbearable heat, sighting the tall peaks of the Cape Verdes came as a welcome relief. We saw the islands twice, once when bound south, and again while enroute to Southampton. Nowhere else, did it seem, could sea and sky be such a rich, flawless blue, or surf and sands, so white. Buildings, from a distance, in design and hues reminded one of a theatre stage, after the footlights had been turned on. The bare, parched-looking mountain slopes could not have been so dry. Here and there, though miles away, were groves and green patches. A small boat, filled with Portuguese boys came to our ship, and smilingly held up Cape Verde Island pineapples and oranges. Business was not brisk. Enteric convalescents were not having any fresh fruit. The ships doctor saw to that. Pennies were flung over the side, to vanish in the deep, clear water. But each shortly re-appeared, clutched in a small, streaming hand. Sharks were everywhere, but no one worried over a trifle like that.

D. B. Walker of Montrose, Colorado had a letter before the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night expressing appreciation of courtesy of the secretary, E. T. Applewhite, in responding to requests for information in regard to Prince Rupert. Indicating his intention of visiting here, Mr. Walker asked about the possibility of obtaining a boat for a day's fishing while here.

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Announcements

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Women of the Moose spring tea and sale of home cooking, April 7, at Moose Temple.

Card Party, Catholic School Hall, 8 p.m., April 7.

Pre-Easter Concert, Lutheran Church, Friday, April 8, 8 p.m.

Orange Spring Sale, April 13, 2 to 5 p.m., Oddfellows' Hall.

Apr. 14, Borden St. P.T.A. Sale and Tea.

Queen Mary I.O.E. Tea, April 18.

Presbyterian Spring Sale, April 21.

Anglican Spring Sale, Saturday April 23.

Legion Auxiliary Spring Sale, April 27.

Rotary Club Daffodil Tea, Civic Centre, April 28.

St. Peter's Y.P.A. Musical Show, "Spring Fantasy" Civic Centre, April 29.

The United Church Spring Sale, May 5.

Gyro Klondyke Night, Civic Centre, May 6.

C.C.F. Spring Sale, May 7, Sons of Norway Hall.

Presbyterian Missionary Tea Church Hall, May 12.

Eastern Star Tea, May 19, Mrs. L. W. Kergin.

H.M.C.S. Haida Chapter L.O.D. E. Tea, May 21.

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