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WHAT IS HOME WITHOUT A GARDEN?

FLOWERS FROM FALL BULBS BEAUTIFY SPRING GARDENS

Continuous bloom in next spring's garden, from the time frost leaves the ground until the iris and peonies bloom, can be enjoyed by the home gardener who selects his fall bulbs according to their time of flowering, and plants them to provide a "succession of bloom."

The tiny white snowdrops which in most gardens will be the very first flowers of spring, give us as great a thrill as the magnificent peonies, three months later.

This pleasure may be obtained by planting a small group of bulbs preferably where they can be seen from a window. From such small beginning, in a well planned garden, floral beauty will unfold as the season advances, the blossoms increasing in size, number and variety of color.

After snowdrops come the scillas and chionodoxas. Scillas drop seed and spread, often covering considerable areas with their numerous blue flowers long before violets appear. Chionodoxas are almost as prolific, with flowers of brighter blue, some with white centers.

Crocuses, which come next, are not so easy to keep with us. They have white, blue, yellow and striped flowers, larger than the earlier bulbs; but never plant them in the grass, as some books advise, unless you are willing to let it grow uncut until the crocus leaves turn yellow and drop off. If their green leaves are cut off, the bulbs die. Better plant them with later perennials whose leaves will hide the yellowing crocus foliage and allow the bulbs to mature normally. Even so, be prepared to replace half your crocus bulbs each year.

Hyacinths blossom with the narcissi, bringing the first large flowers of red, pink and blue to the garden.

The first major flowers of spring are the daffodils or narcissi, which blossom after the crocuses, usually in March or April. Daffodils are usually planted in drifts, near shrubs, or in woodlands; but even formal gardens should have some of these lovely flowers, to preserve unbroken the sequence of spring bloom.

Tulips begin to flower before the daffodils are through. First there are species tulips, such as grow wild in Europe; then the highly bred early tulips, most popular type abroad, where their uniform height, and brilliant colors, make possible the planting of "carpet beds," long out-moded with us.

The climax of the bulb season comes with the tall, late, giant flowered tulips of the Darwin, Cottage and Breeder types, which bring to the garden a greater variety of colors including all the rainbow hues, than any other flower family can contribute. They flower in May, and are capable of presenting a beauty show which cannot be surpassed in any later month.

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Nude Paintings Out of Sight

LONDON (C)—For more than two years, Wansworth Council has been grappling with the problem of what to do with its controversial picture, "Triptych in Blue."

Valued at £6500, it was given to the borough by a Czech artist, Eugen Hersch, in gratitude for hospitality extended after he escaped from the Nazis during the war.

Measuring 24 feet by 12 feet, it shows 12 unclothed young men and women cavorting on the grass, some of them dancing. When the council accepted the picture it was insured for £2000. But council members were in sharp disagreement where to put it.

Some insisted it was a major work of art and should be given a place of prominence in the town hall or one of the public libraries. Others argued it was too indecent and undignified for public display. Certainly, it could not go to a library where children would see it.

So for more than two years the picture has remained in a secluded nook of a seldom-used town hall corridor. It is protected by a dust-sheet and the door to the passage-way is usually locked.

When public functions necessitate use of the corridor, the dustsheet is pinned down securely to hide the charms of the prancing dancers from prying eyes.

Communist Mati Hara

TOKYO—The case of Kim Soo Im, Communist spy, is similar to the story of Mata Hari, who was shot by the French in the First Great War.

Kim Soo, of Chinese origin, was raised by a missionary family. She was educated in the United States. She was clever and good-looking. She spoke English perfectly, and had vivacity and charm. Her husband was a Communist.

Colonel Baird of the American Army, senior adviser to the South Koreans and provost marshal, lived at the Banta Hotel in Seoul, where Kim Soo was hostess. They became friendly. The hotel was the U.S. Army's nerve centre. It gave access to all sorts of gossip and tidbits which she passed on to her Communist husband.

Finally, she was caught and executed by a firing squad. She had made Colonel Baird look silly. Since July he has been "on leave from the army."

PIONEER OF CITY (Continued from page 1)

frame roofing and board floor which provided comfortable shelter in all seasons.

Ex-Ald. Robert McKay, with family, came to Prince Rupert from Vancouver in March 1910, and for the first seven years was in the employ of Stewart & McKelvey, pioneer wholesale grocers.

In 1917, he purchased the Schaffer dairy, conducting this until 1942. Touching on the general growth of the city and future outlook he predicted that this generation would reap, where the last one, though abounding in optimism and confident of great developments, had been disappointed.

OPPORTUNITY HERE
As the situation looks today, Mr. McKay declared he knew of no community offering a more substantial future than Prince Rupert. Mr. McKay is a past president of the Pioneers' Association. The present president is Mrs. Viereck with George Johnston, secretary-treasurer.

W. J. Raymond, in a summarized review of how the city looked 40 or more years ago, described how there was no regularly established water, or power, or lighting, or transportation systems. Mention was made of Mrs. P. W. Anderson, who came as far back as 1906, and Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, wife of the city's first postmaster. The post office then was situated at the foot of what was known as Centre Street, near the corner of Rupert Road. Delivering the mail was an exacting duty, when some of it was addressed to men working on the railway grade. P. W. Anderson will be remembered as a man who took a deep interest in local activities when there was hardly anything other than a surveyor's camp.

Assembling at the club, dinner followed the saying of Grace by Mrs. R. L. McIntosh. In welcoming the gathering, Mr. Cheeseman made appropriate reference to Mr. Fuller's anniversary and the pleasure afforded through the presence of other old timers whose residence here had gone back such a lengthy period.

A happy feature of the occasion was an informal call from the president of Club 27, Oran Stuart, who extended a most cordial welcome. He felt it an honor to have them there. Mr. Stuart, in passing, spoke of veterans of the First Great War.

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many of which had helped in the erection of the Legion building. Later, those present were shown through the beautiful club and Legion premises, President James Nicol of the Legion giving a warm greeting, and showed them about. For some, this was the first time they had been there.

PROUD OF CANADA

The toast, "Canada," proposed by Robert McKay, in suitable words, was responded to by M. M. Stephens who, after speaking of the pride it gave him in being a Canadian, remarked that in the United States in particular, the esteem felt for this country was very high indeed.

Mrs. McIntosh drew the attention to a double drowning at Lake Shawatians in 1910, when Harry Gilroy of Regina and John Allen, engineers, perished, and suggested the erection, at the lake, of a small cairn or memorial. This was given support.

The dinner concluded about 10:00, much of the time being spent informally with reminiscences and recollections, most of them being of an amusing and genial nature, as the old timers kept living over again the occurrences of long ago. There was a feeling that, although life was new and rugged, there was a happiness and general goodwill long to be remembered.

There were two present who had been in South Africa, said the chairman. A toast to Jack Fuller, proposed by J. Raymond was duly honored.

A suggestion that Mr. Cheeseman, in view of his interest, efforts and energy in bringing about the dinner, be adopted as one of the originals, was adopted on motion of Mr. Stephens. A group picture of those who had been present at the banquet was taken by Jack Wrathall.

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