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There is a growing use of hose water in home gardens for the application of plant food during the growing season; and some gardeners use it to apply insecticide sprays. It performs these tasks for a minimum of work by the gardener, saving many hours of his time.

Whenever plant food is to be applied to a growing plant, it is a problem how to get fertilizer down to the roots. Digging may disturb the roots and perhaps do more harm than the plant food will do good. But when a soluble plant food is dissolved in water, it is carried down through the soil to take immediate effect.

It has recently been established by experiment that the leaves of plants will absorb plant food in solution more quickly than the roots and actually use a higher percentage of the nutrient, making it go farther. So it is actually more efficient to feed plants through the hose water, sprayed by a sprinker, than to spread it on the ground dry.

Various devices are offered to mix plant food with the hose water. Most satisfactory are siphons which lift the nutrient solution from a pail or tub and mix it with the water that passes through the hose in a ratio of 16 to 1. It is important that the solution be too weak to burn green leaves, and directions for this are given by the manufacturers of the soluble materials.

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Complete soluble plant foods are now offered, which will supply all food elements. Standard dry plant food mixtures contain a high percentage of soluble



Spraying hedge with insecticide mixed in hose water.

materials which can be used to form a nutrient solution.

To apply insecticides in the hose water requires special applicators which mix the chemicals with the water in proper proportions for use on the plants. By using the water pressure, pumps are eliminated. Both insecticides and weed killers can be applied with a minimum of work.

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SHIPS AND WATERFRONT

The halibut boat White Hope was in Vancouver at the end of the week with a load of cod and halibut, the catch totalling 25,000 pounds. For black cod 18c and 95c was paid and for red cod, 4c. The incidental halibut brought 23c.

Southbound to Vancouver after a cruise voyage to Alaska, CPR steamer Princess Kathleen, Capt. Graham Hughes, was in port from 10 to 12 o'clock yesterday morning. Passengers disembarking here included Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hicks who made the round trip.

Union steamer Camoun, Capt. John Boden, arrived in port at 3:45 yesterday afternoon from Vancouver and waypoints and sailed at 11 p.m. for Alice Arm, Stewart and other northern points whence she is due back here to sail at noon on her return south.

Well laden with passengers was Union steamer Coquitlam, Capt. William McCombe, which sailed last night at 8 o'clock for Vancouver and waypoints. Among them were a goodly number who had been making the round trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Len Crozier left at the end of the week for Calgary to attend the Stampede.

Aussies Wanting More Canucks to Visit There

Written for the Canadian Press
By MARGARET ECKER FRANCIS

SYDNEY, Australia (CP)—Several hundred Canadians annually visit Australia as tourists, but Australians are looking to the day when the number can be greatly increased.

"An influx would mean more than the bringing of tourist dollars to Australia," says Les M. Lewis, public relations director of the British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines. "It would increase understanding between the two dominions, and that understanding and the affection it would bring could be very important to all of us if trouble-some times should come to the Pacific."

Australians want very much to see a steady flow of Canadian visitors south-west across the Pacific by plane and ship. But they seem to feel the services they offer are not up to North American standards, and that the scenery here has not the magnificence of the Rockies, for example.

Here, Australians are the first to criticize regulations that reduce night life to a minimum even in cities such as Sydney, with a population of more than 1,500,000. They realize that to most Canadians a holiday in Australia appears a lengthy and expensive undertaking. And they hasten to explain that such is not the case.

By sleeper plane across the Pacific, with berths more comfortable than the average train berth, Sydney is only 30 hours' flying from Vancouver. There is only about \$100 difference in fares between Vancouver-Sydney and Vancouver-London, England.

Canadians who turned south and west to Australia rather than eastward to the United Kingdom and Europe would find the experience a new and rewarding one. They would find a continent that differs as widely in scenery, atmosphere and climate as does North America.

Lower costs of living and a high rate of exchange for the Canadian dollar (\$2.35 buys one Australian pound) allow luxury they couldn't afford elsewhere. A steak dinner in a good restaurant, with more food than the average Canadian can eat at a meal, can be found easily for

under \$1. Good native wine is as low as 50 cents a bottle, with excellent Australian champagne at \$1.50.

A room with bath and breakfast in a medium-priced hotel would be about \$3 a night. The breakfast could be fruit, steak with eggs and fried potatoes, toast and marmalade, tea or coffee.

The catch would be to find the room and the hotel. Hotel accommodation hasn't kept pace with Australia's growing population and reservations have to be made months in advance. Booking offices in Canada of course make this possible.

The private hotel is an institution in Australia and accommodation is easy to find in these. A clean, attractive one in Sydney, plus a hearty five-course breakfast, is usually about \$2.50 a night. Accommodation is even less expensive and easier to find away from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane. Travel organizations are providing hotels in less crowded areas as modern as anything in Canada.

LEISURELY CITIES
Australians cities fascinate the Canadian visitor. All of them are attractive, modern and leisurely. The larger ones are all set in beautiful surroundings with golden beaches a few minutes from the city centres.

Sydney, sprawling amongst the endless bays and bluffs of Sydney harbor, with its wide, palm-lined streets, likes to interpret itself as the most North American city in Australia. A Canadian may find it more England than that. Even at its heart there are glimpses of the harbor and acres of parks bright with semi-tropical flowers.

Melbourne, a town-planned city, has even wider streets, more parks. Since in both cases public drinking ends at 6 p.m. neither offer a very vigorous night life.

Brisbane in the north is the tropical city starting point for the luscious tropical islands of Barrier Reef. Far south, Tasmania is a green miniature of

Pulp Mill Is Visited

Col. Harry Price and K. C. Loughlin, vice-presidents of the Celanese Corporation of America, from New York, were here at the end of the week in the course of a tour of Celanese Company of America mill operations at Prince Rupert and woods operations at Terrace.

With them were a party of representatives of large textile firms with which Columbia Celanese deals: Reed Anthony of New York, associated with Greenwood Mills; J. Self jr., Greenwood, South Carolina, of Greenwood Mills; George Boughton, New York, of Deering Milliken; Alan Sibley of Greenville, South Carolina, of Deering Milliken; Frank Matthews of Greensboro, North Carolina, Burlington Mills, and Harry

England where Hobart sits lazily beneath Mount Wellington on another endless harbor.

Canberra, the federal capital, rests amongst blue hills in the clear, dry inland air. It's a city in the making where town-planners have created a complete harmony of garden, woods and metropolitan area.

Fishing, surfing, horse-racing, boating, are all easily available to the seaport cities.

Australians, fanatically fond of their own country, provide inexpensive and excellent methods so they may see it. Internal airlines fly tourists at rates as low as under \$20, for example, from Sydney to Brisbane.

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Baldwin of Brunswick, of Verney Mills.
Miss Lois Stevens of the public relations department of Celanese Corporation was with the party and guided them on their trip which included a fishing expedition to Lakeelse Lake. Miss Stevens, who had been here for some time in connection with the official opening of the new mill here, left yesterday afternoon's plane on her return to New York.

Funeral of Mrs. Snidal

Funeral of Mrs. Samuel Snidal, 39, who died July 1, was held at 2:30 Saturday afternoon from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Rev. H. C. Olsen officiated.

Peter Lien played the organ. Hymns were "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Rock of Ages."

Funeral services were Jack Paul, Barney Kristianson, Walter Johnson, Victor Duplessis, Ole Olafson and Thor Bjornson.

Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery. B.C. Undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

hotel arrivals

(Prince Rupert)
Miss L. Heney, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Heney, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McEwen, Victoria; F. Edwards, N. Newman and F. Bryan, Vancouver; J. S. Kennedy, New Westminster; R. M. Purdie, Vancouver; D. Moquin, Burns Lake.

Blackwood on Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

This is the sixth hand in a rubber involving that weird partnership of Miss Brash and Mr. Meek. At this point both sides had got vulnerable. But the score was far from even. Brash and Meek had taken two sets totalling 1600 points.

Miss Brash was just as cheerful as ever but Mr. Meek was bidding in such low, strangled tones that Mr. Champion had to ask him to repeat each call.

Poor Mr. Meek made one little bid on this hand—a response of one spade to his partner's opening diamond bid—and a few seconds later found himself playing four spades redoubled.

Mr. Champion's double was a gamble. He couldn't be sure of setting four spades. But he had that 1600 "cushion" on his score and he was willing to take some risk to increase it.

Miss Brash's redouble was entirely out of order. Her hand wasn't good enough for a jump to four spades and after the

West dealer			
Both sides vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
(Mr. Meek)	(Mr. Champion)	(Miss Brash)	(Mr. Abel)
S-K Q 7 2	S-J 10 9 8	S-A 6 5 4	S-3
H-A 10 4	H-K Q 9	H-8 2	H-J 7 6 5 3
D-7 3	D-4	D-A K 10 8 5	D-Q J 9 6 2
C-9 7 3 2	C-A J 6 5 4	C-K Q	C-10 8
The bidding:			
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Pass	1 S	Pass	4 S
Pass	Pass	Dbl.	Redbl.
All pass			

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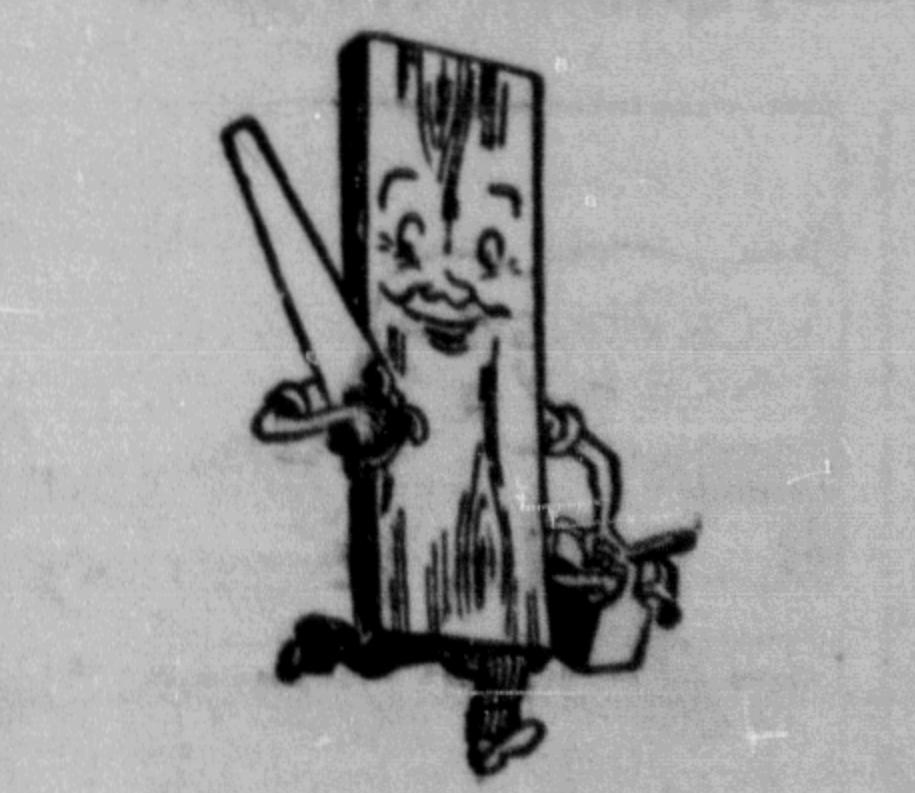
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double warned her that the trumps were bunched she should have been glad to pass.

Mr. Champion opened the king of hearts and Mr. Meek won with the ace. He led a small club and Mr. Champion went in with the ace and promptly shifted to the jack of spades. Mr. Meek won this trick with the ace of spades on the board.

He laid down the king of clubs and then led dummy's last heart, playing the 10 from his hand. Mr. Champion captured this with the queen of hearts and led another trump, the 10.

This defense made things pretty tough for Mr. Meek. He won in his hand with the king of spades. He was doing as well as he could, so far. But now he made an error which cost him a very important trick.

He led the seven of clubs and Mr. Champion played the five. Mr. Meek was rattled. He hadn't noticed the play of the 10 and eight of clubs by Mr. Abel. In other words the seven of clubs would have won—but Mr. Meek trumped it in dummy.

Next he led the ace of diamonds, then the king of diamonds. Mr. Champion ruffed and came out with the brutal lead of his last spade, taking the last trump off the board.

Mr. Meek won with the queen of spades, but he had to lose a heart trick and a club trick for down two—1000 points.

"You know," said Miss Brash, "when I bid game freely and get doubled, I always redouble—especially if I'm vulnerable, because then extra tricks are worth 400 points each."

Mr. Meek was too dazed to comment.

Art Teacher Is Engaged

Miss Isobel Magee, formerly teaching school at Burns Lake, has been engaged by the School Board as teacher at Booth Memorial High School next term.

Miss Magee is an art specialist and will teach art in senior high school and general subjects in junior high.

Several openings for teachers still remain here and applications are slow in coming.

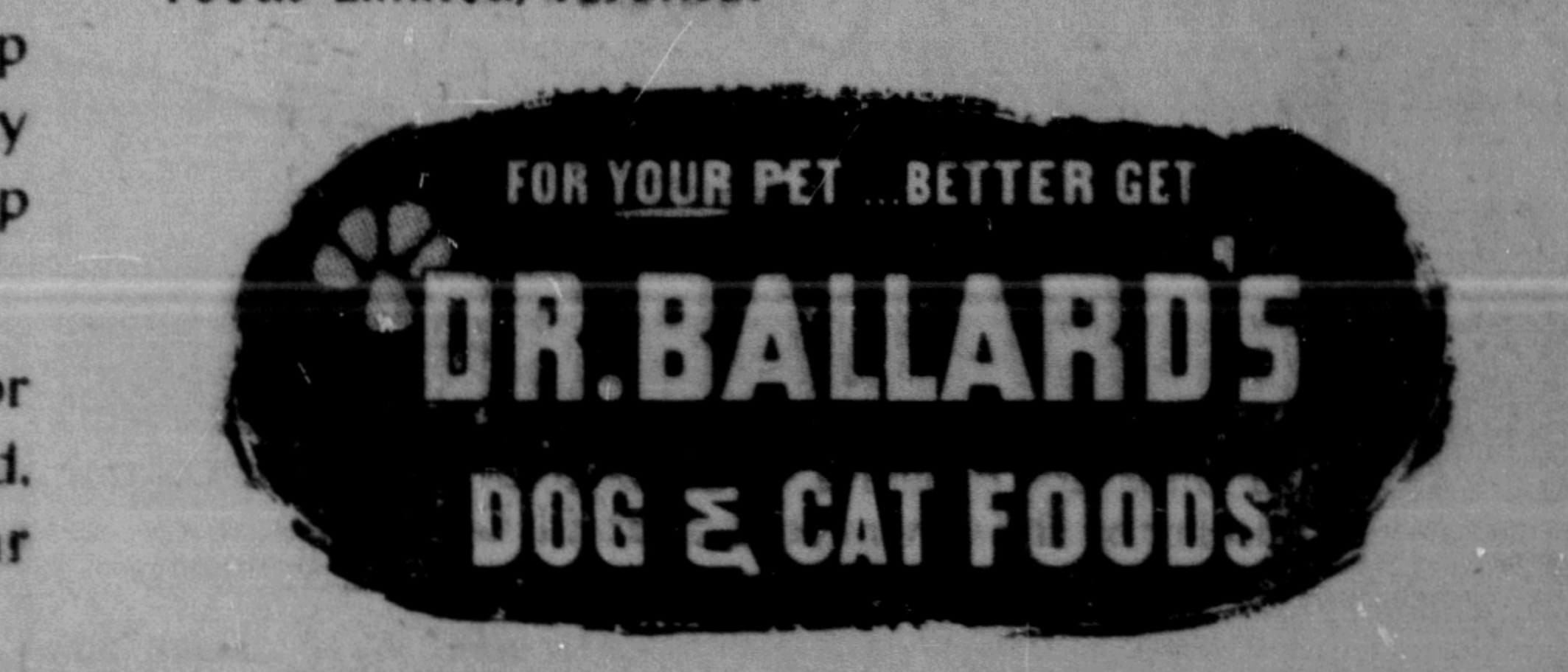


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