Border Planting Growing Popular

Border planting, either of shrubs, perennials, or annuals has taken a firm hold upon popular fancy. It looks easy, much easier than it really is, to be effective, and does away with the task of laying out formal beds and planning color combinations. It likewise relieves the garden of the monotony of all-summer beds of unchanging color.

The annual border consists of a strip of ground planted to colonies a blue border. Pale blues and pinks

A BORDER SURROUNDING A SMALL GRASS PLOT IS OFTEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN SEVERAL SMALL BEDS POORLY ARRANGED.

of different annuals in different shaped and sized groups arranged with an eye to pleasing color harmonies or contrasts and to give a show of bloom throughout the season. The most practical method is to plant the annuals in rather long narrow irregular bands known as drifts, one overlapping the other with the taller sorts towards the back and grading in height to colonies of the dwarf borderingannuals at the front, occasionally running a taller group to the front to vary the monotony and relieve too great regularity of planting.

A gardener may please his own taste as to color by having a blue, yellow, pink, or red border as best pleases him, the border for best effects not being confined exclusively to any of these colors, but with the favorite color the prevailing tone, relieved by smaller groups by way of contrast to bring out the tones. An occasional pale yellow or pink group is needed in a white border, oranges and yellow in a red border, and so on.

A very practical plan is to make the border an annual border the first year while a supply of perennials is being grown to make it a permanent planting. The perennials can then be transplanted into position in the fall when the annuals are done. Or it can be made a spring bulb border, planting the bulbs in the fall and then setting the annuals in place between the bulbs in the spring for a succession of bloom and to hide the dying leaves of the bulbs.

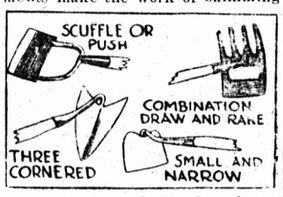
Your Garden Sundries

Garden tools and sundries multiply each year and the chief development is in making the work lighter, more efficient and speedier. New reels for garden lines to mark out straight rows tape lines that wind themselves up automatically, metal labels for rows that can be used permanently, storing each fallseed sowing apparatus which make it an easy matter to get an even distribution of the seed from the packet, and scores of other handy devices are in stock to tempt the gardiener, and all these little things help amazingly.

Best of all, strongly built trowels that will not snap off at too enthusiastic a thrust and pry into the earth have taken the place of some of the flimsy constructions of the past. Onepice metal hand cultivators that will not shed their handles after a few weeks of use are another improvement. Narrow-bladed and angular trowels for handling small plants in transplanting are a convenience that everybody needs.

Edging tools as well as machines are needed in the well-kept garden where there are grass paths. Little one-wheeled lawn mowers to clip the "whiskers" at the edge of grass bordered beds make lawn mowing a much easier task and sharp grass shears that will really cut are another useful addition to the garden outfit.

Wheel hose have become so well recognized as necessities for even the smallest garden that almost everyone has one. New attachments make the work of skimming

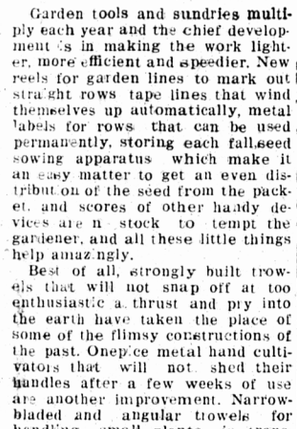


the weeds from the garden almost a pleasure. The tendency in garden tools is towards durability and permanency. It is a good time to look over the catalogues or the displays in the seed stores while the snow is still on the ground, and lay in an adequate supply of handy tools. It is a good plan to buy in pairs,so if one is lost there will be another handy while the lost one is being recovered. Trowels always prove elusive. Lay in a supply of strong stakes if you can't collect them. They are always needed.

Gardening A Continuous Performance

The ideal vegetable garden is a mass of growing things from early spring to killing frosts. This is accomplished only by a thought-out and well-studied system of follow and companion planting so that the gardener is ready with another crop to go in when one comes out. This is a development of modern gardening which is restricted to smaller spaces than it was a generation ago when enough space was readily available to plant every vegetable on its own individual space and turnips to follow peas constituted the chief attempt at follow cropping.

Now when the radishes are past their prime they are removed for beans, carrots, or some other later crop. Formerly they were allowed



Plan for earliest vegetable garden with suggestions for follow crops

to run to seed. The lettuce patch will support a late planting of peas, beans, corn, beets or carrots. Among the pea vines tomato plants can be slipped into place and started on their stakes to occupy the entire space when the pea vines are pulled up after yielding their crops.

A seed bed adjoining the garden is the chief convenience and mainstay to keep the garden continuously at work, transplanting from the seed bed crops of later-yielding vegetables to the places occupied by the earlier ones. Here peppers, eggplants and tomatoes may be nursed along until the settled warmth arrives, when it is time to put them into the garden where some of the earlier crops are on the wane.

Cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts and celery all can be started in the seed bed and be ready to move into the garden as soon as any vacancies occur. Make the garden a continuous performance and leave no ground idle if you would make the most of it.

A few trials will make the follow and companion crop idea a matter of habit, keeping in mind that the cabbage tribe and the bean tribe should not succeed each other or occupy the same space succeeding years for best results.

A Garden Editorial

An expert accountant who could not escape his trade has figured out his gardening operations on a cost accounting basis and finds that he lost money. He would have svaed money had he bought his vegetables at the grocer's, his figures tell him. Like much cost accounting logic, the conclusions failed fecause based on assumption of positive value to intangibles.

The accountant estimated his time in the garden at one and a half hours a day at his regular average hourly wage. Say, for instance, he made it $1 an hour for easy figuring. It is likely that $1.50 a day would more than supply the family with vegetables every day.

But he couldn't with all the money in the world, buy the quality in the market he raised in his own garden—freshness, without which most vegetables are mere imitations of their real worth, notably in peas and sweet corn. If a grocer sold his vegetables fresh picked from the garden to order, he would charge accordingly and some reliable figuring might be done. The economy would be overwhelmingly in favor of the home garden in this case. But gardening is a pleasant hobby, not a business conducted for profit. The home garden is the greatest economizer of health and the only source of first quality vegetables for the table.

The flower garden pays out nobly on the cost-accounting basis. The florist can't sell flowers as old as the vegetables the grocer may sell. They must be fresh. Their price shows it and the home flower garden profits in dollars and cents in cut flowers may be counted easily.

Put boxes over the rhubarb and bank it up with manure to thaw the ground and start the rhubarb for very early tender stalks.

Poultry manure mixed with gypsum is a powerful and effective fertilizer. You can get gypsum from the big seed houses. It prevents the evaporation of ammonia in the poultry manure, dries it out, and puts it in shape to handle.

REPORTS OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES OF P. E. ISLAND

ELDON Fourteen members attended the annual meeting of this Institute held in the Hall on April 27th. The meeting opened with the Ode and the minutes of the last annual and regular meetings wert read and approved. Satisfactory reports wert read by the President and Sec'y-Treasurer. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. West, Vice, Miss M. Martin. Sec'y-Treas. Miss Annie Smith. Directors, Mrs. F. Halliday, Miss Annie McRae and Mrs. A.D. Ross. Delegates, Misses Annie Smith and M. Martin. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for their splendid work during the past year. A vote of thanks was also tendered the teacher, Miss Annie Martin for her kindness to the late Misses Finlayson. Roll call will be answered at the next meeting, held in the Hall, with Garden or Poultry Hints and the uses of Wild Herbs.

WHEATLEY RIVER Fifteen members and two visitors attended the annual meeting of this Institute held at the home of Mrs Richrd Stead. The meeting opened with the Creed and the Secretary gave a report of the year's work. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Norman Ling, Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. James Wares. Directors, Mrs Nunn, Mrs. Stead and Mrs. Ling. Delegates, Miss C. Rattray and Mrs. Rackham. The Convenor of Agriculture gave a very interesting demonstration on the Grafting of Fruit Trees. Owing to the absence of the President, there was no other report of the year's work.

YORK The annual meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. E.J. Vessey on April 16th with ten members and two visitors present. The meeting opened in the usual manner and the minutes of the last annual and last regular meetings were read and approved. The Financialreport of the Secretary was highly satisfactory. It was decided to post-pone the Play until the Fall. A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to Mrs. McDonald. Three interesting papers on "The Handiest Feature of my Home" were read by the members. School prizes were discussed. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs Albert Proud.

SEA VIEW Nineteen members attended the annual meeting of this Institute held at the School on April 16th. The meeting opened in the usual manner and the minutes of the last annual and regular meeting were read and approved. The members answered roll call by paying dues for the coming year. Correspondence and various bills were read and accepted. Mrs. J.W. Pickering was appointed Convenor of Home Economics. Sick and school committees gave satisfactory reports. In the absence of the honorary President, Miss Ruth Matheson conducted the business meeting. The Secretary gave a very comprehensive and creditable report of the year's activities. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Jerry Adams, Vice, Mrs. J. H. Murphy, Sec'y-Treas. Gertrude Adams (re-elected) Auditors Misses Jean and Mildred Donald. Directors. Mrs. M. Bryenton, Mrs. Ray Burt and Miss L. Graham. Delegates, Miss Maud Donald and Mrs. L. H. Donald. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for their untiring efforts during the year. A new entertainment committee was appointed and the meeting adjourned to meet next month in the school.

PETER'S ROAD Nine members attended the annual meeting of this Institute held at the home of Mrs. Sam Butler. The meeting opened in the usual manner and roll call was answered with Hints on Gardening. Various reports and correspondence was read. The President's address was very inspiring and predicted a happy and prosperous future. The Secretary's report was very satisfactory. New officers were elected and two new members welcomed. It was reported that a coal scuttle had been supplied the school, and it was decided to have the school scrubbed. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Percy Johnson.

PORT HILL The annual meeting of this Institute was held on April 22nd at the school with eleven members present. The meeting opened in the usual manner and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Daisy Adams, Vice, Mrs. Archie Ellis, Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. Annie Maynard. Directors, Mrs. W. J. Montgomery, Mrs Sidney Birch and Mrs. David Ramsay. Delegates, Mrs. R. Birch and Miss Maynard. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers. The members decided to do some work on the school grounds. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Reginald Birch.

ST. COLUMBA The annual meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John J. MacIntyre with an attendance of eleven members and four visitors. The meeting opened with the Ode followed by the reading of the minutes of the last annual and regular meetings. Roll call was answered with "Hints on Housecleaning." Reports were submitted from the school committee and the Secretary-Treasurer. At this meeting a quilt, which was lotteried to raise funds for the Institute, was drawn for by little Mary Anne McInnis. The lucky ticket held by Angus Campbell, Gloucester. The following officers were elected: President, Mary Donovan, Vice, Mrs. Elizabeth McMahon, Secretary-Treas. Miss Mary Lannigan. Directors, Mrs. F. Garrett, Mrs. A. F. Campbell and Mrs. Peter MacAulay. The Misses Mary Donovan and Jennie Campbell were appointed delegates to attend Convention. The members decided to have the school repaired inside during the spring vacation. It was also decided to hold a Pie Social and dance in the school, to raise funds. A demonstration on Candy Making was given by Miss Lannigan. Lunch was served and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

GLEN VALLEY Eight members and one visitor attended the annual meeting of this Intsitute held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Nicholson on April 14th. The meeting opened with the Ode and the usual routine was carried out. The President gave an address and a report of the year's work was read by the Secretary. Reports of committees were heard and new ones appointed. The secretary was authorized to purchase locks for the school windows. A letter of thanks was read from the Matron of Mt. Herbert Orphanage for a quilt donated by the Institute. The following officers were then elected: President Mrs H. P. Abbott, Vice, Mrs. Carew, Sec'y Treas. Miss Pearl Abbott. Directors, Mrs.S. Blondon, Mrs Hugh Nicholson and Doris Abbott. Suditors, Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. McKenzie. Lunch was served by the hostess and the meeting closed with the National Anthem. The members will meet next month at the home of Mrs.A. Carew.

GREENVALE The annual meeting of this new Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ina Brown with thirteen members and eight visitors present. The meeting opened in the usual manner. A most helpful address was read by the president and a financial report of the year's work by the Sec'y-Treasurer. One new member was welcomed. The following officers were elected: Pres, MissTillie Smith, Vice, Mrs. A.D. McPherson. Sec'y-Treasurer, Miss Lilias Wonnacott, (re-elected). Delegates to Convention, Miss Wonnacott and Mrs Wm. Carew,with Mrs. Spence and Miss Smith as substitutes. It was reported that the Globe has been bought for the school, also that $8.50 was realized at a social eveinng held at the home of Miss Rita Waye. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John Spence.

BORDEN Nine members and one visitor attended the April meeting of this Institute held at the home of Mrs. Robert MacPherson. The regular routine business was carried out and the following officers elected for the new year: President, Mrs. John MacIsaac, Vice, Mrs. Neill Darrah. Sec'yTreas. Miss Venna Darrach. Directors, Mrs Cecil Stewart, Miss Alberta MacPherson and Mrs. Jack Gaudet. Auditors, Mrs Leard and Mrs. Field. Delegates, Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Darrach. Lunch was served and the meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. The members will meet next month at the home of Miss Kathren Howatt.

"RINGWOOD" The annual meeting of this Institute was held at the school, Rockey Point, on April 29th., with an attendance of ten members and two visitors. The meeting opened in the usual manner and a letter from a local Convenor of Immigration was read, also a short paper from "Social Hygiene. The Questionnaire on Canadian Industries was taken up. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs Angus McEachern, Vice, Mrs Joseph Dolron, Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. William Mutch. Directors, Mrs. N. Currie, Mrs. M. White and Mrs Campbell Delegates, Mrs. E. Currie and Mrs. James Smith. The next meeting will be held in the school.

ARMADALE The annual meeting of this Institute was held on April 27th at the home of Miss Christina MacAdam with eight members and one visitor present. After the routine business, the Secretary gave a very comprehensive report of the year's work including the financial standing. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Hugh A. McPhee. Vice, Mrs. Alphonsus McPhee, Sec'y-Treas. Miss Rita O'Henley. Directors, Mrs. John L. McPhee, Mrs D. J. McInnis and Miss C. McAdam. Auditors, Mrs. J. McInnis and Mrs. Kate McInnis. Delegates, Mrs. Hugh McPhee and Miss Christina McAdam. Mrs H. C. McPhee was appointed Convenor of Education and Better School. Miss Rita O'Henley, Convenor of Agriculture, Mrs Kate McInnis, Home Economics and Miss Christina McAdam. National Events and Canadianization. Mrs. Allan McInnis, Immigration. Luncheon was served in Miss McAdam's best style after which all returned home with memories of a pleasant evening. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Allan McKinnon.

SOUTH LAKE Six members and three visitors attended the annual meeting of this Institute held at the home of Mrs. A. A. MacDonald. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President after which the Institute Creed was read. The Financial statement for the past year was read by Mrs. Lewis MacDonald and the follwing officers were then appointed: President, Mrs D. L. MacDonald, Vice, Mrs. W. Fisher, Sec'y-Treas.Mrs Lewis MacDonald. Directors Mrs Leo MacDonald, Mrs. Reggie Rose and Mrs. Elmer Fraser. Auditors, Mrs. J. J. MacDonald and Miss Helen MacDonald. Delegates, Mrs. D. L. MacDonald and Mrs. J. . MacDonald. Two new members were welcomed. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lewis MacDonald.

CABLE HEAD EAST Ten members attended the April meeting of this Institute held at the Institute Building on the 27th inst. The meeting opened in the usual manner and reports for the year were read by the different officers. The following are the newly appointed officers: Pres. Mrs. D. D. McKinnon, Vice, Mrs. D. McIsaac, Honorary Pres. Mrs. Captain MacDonald. Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. H. D. McLellan. Directors, Mrs. Robert Lewis, Mrs. J. A. MacDonald and Miss Mary Gillis. Delegates, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs. J. A.MacDonald. The next meeting will be held in the Building.

"HARMONY" The annual meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Russel MacCarville, Lower Freetown with twelve members and three visitors present. The meeting opend in the usual manner and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Elton Cairns, Vive, Miss Mable Burns. Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. A. C. Gardiner, (re-elected). Directors, Mrs. R. MacCarville, Mrs. Jardine Stavert and Miss Lizzy Burns. Auditors, Mrs. Will Rogers and Mrs. Fred Taylor. Delegates, Mrs. A. C. Gardiner and Miss Ida Hammel. The members decided to get a Flag for the school. One new member was welcomed. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Will Rogers.

EMERALD Eleven members attended the Annual meeting of this new Institute held at the home of Mrs. Joe Hughes. The following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Austin Murphy, Vice, Mrs. W. Fife. Sec'y Treas. Miss Verna Mayne. Directors, Mrs. Wm. Clark, Mrs. Joe Hughes and Mrs. M. Clark. Auditors, Miss Dorothy Fyfe and Mrs. Harry Ford. Delegates, Mrs. George Mayne and Mrs. Austin Murphy. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Wm. Clark. During the meeting, the retiring President gave a very encouraging address to the members and predicated a successful and beneficial year ahead.

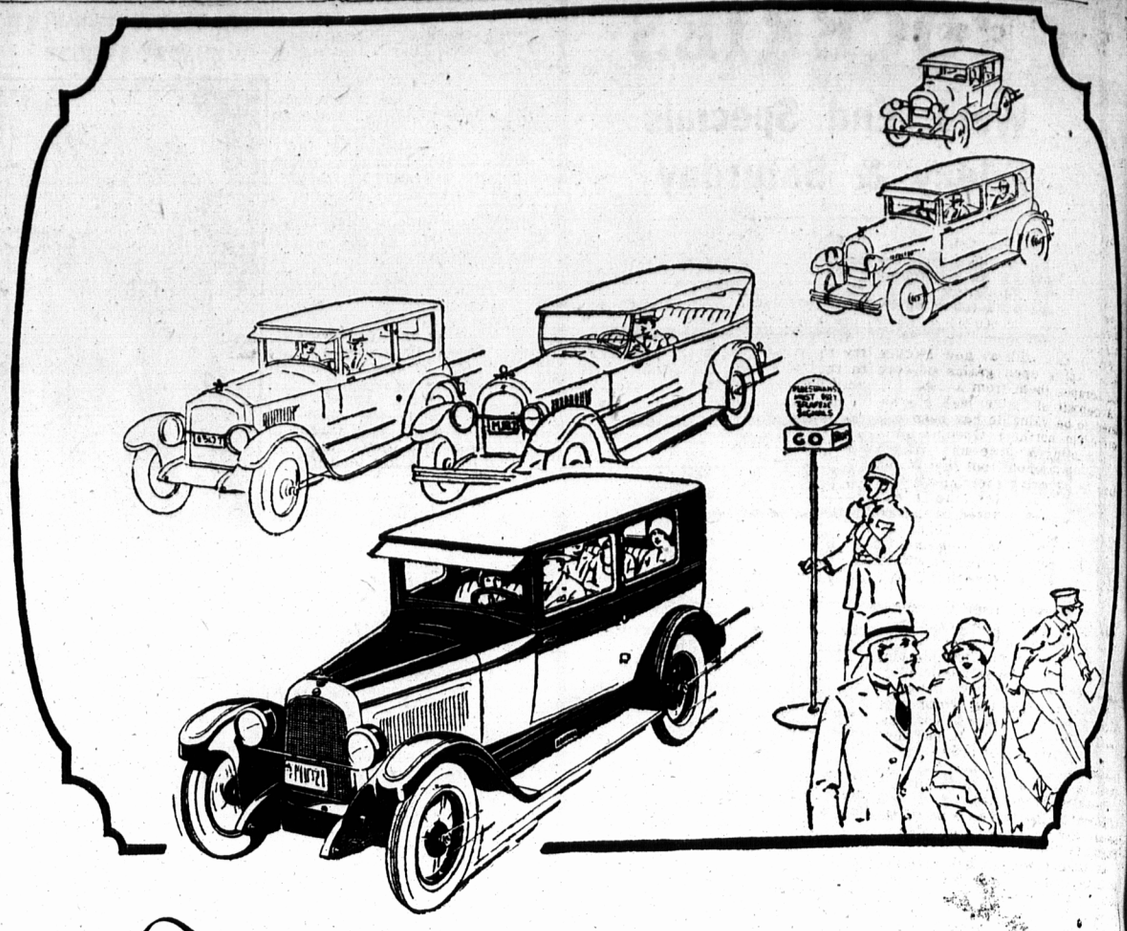
ROLLO BAY WEST The May meeting of this Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Angus McKenzie with eleven members and two visitors present. The meeting opened in the usual manner and there followed a lengthly business discussion. It was reported that the proceeds from the social held in the schoolhouse on April 14th, amounted to $49.38. It was decided to call for tenders for the whitewashing of the school buildings, and also to have the interior of the school painted. A sign-board is to be erected. After the business meeting, lunch was served and organ and phonograph selections were enjoyed by all. The members will meet next month in the school when roll call will be answered with "Conundrums".

MIDDLETON Institute met on May 4th at the home of Mrs. James MacCardle with eight members and seven visitors present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A Financial Statement was given and committees were appointed to visit the sick and the school. A unanimous vote of confidence was extended to Mrs Sutherland Wright who took an active part in getting up the Christmas Tree for the children and in consequence was falsely accused in a letter written to the Institute. The meeting closed with the National Anthem. The members will meet next month at the home of Mrs. Colin Craig.

MARSHFIELD Ten members attended the May meeting of this Institute held at the home of Mrs. Peter Stewart. After the usual opening, a committee was appointed to get prices on some school equipment before the next meeting. This Institute was organized in 1913 by Mrs. Dunbrack, and after some discussion it was decided to hold a celebration in June in the form of a Birthday Party, at the home of Mrs. Stewart. Further arrangements for same were left over until the next meeting. An interesting programme included several recitations, a contest and some Victrola selections. Mrs. Elmer Jenkins and Miss Emily Foster are the programme committee for next month. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. B. Darrach.

EMYVALE Institute held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. P. D. Hagan on April 30th with twelve members present. After the usual opening, various yearly reports were presented for approval. The following are the new officers: President, Mrs. P. D. Hagan, Vice. Mrs. James J. Murray, Sec'y-Treas. Mrs. Peter Clarkin. Directors, Mrs Patrick Murray, Mrs. A. J. Clarkin and Mrs. Peter Causack. Auditors, Mrs. Frank McQuaid and Mrs. Dan Woods. Delegates, Mrs. Hagan and Mrs. Murray. The next meeting will be held in the Hall on June 3rd.

NEW GLASGOW Institute met on May 3rd at the home of Mrs. E. McKay with twenty members and nine visitors present. The meeting opened in the usual manner and Margaret Stevens was appointed a delegate to meet with delegates from neighbouring Institutes to discuss arrangements for the Teacher's banquet in August. School and sick committees were appointed for a period of three months. Mrs. Preston Campbell and Mrss. J. B. Dickieson were appointed Auditors and Mrs. W. B. Bulman and Miss M. Stevenson delegates to Convention. A quilt was sold for $4.00, and $6.00 was voted from the Institute funds to be sent along with the $4.00 to the Orphanage. An impromptu programme was then given, consisting of old songs and recitations which was greatly enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Preston Campbell.



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