

### A Country Garden

and definite than they are in this country. There, after a winter that can be extremely cold, spring comes quite suddenly and in a matter of days, almost of hours, the rocky barren hillsides are a blaze of colour with the Rose of Sharon, blue Anemones, Narcissus and Scilla. It is also the "time of the singing of birds," but if Solomon had ever heard the spring chorus in our orchards he would not have emphasized this point. One cannot have everything in this world. Palestine, better off this spring and riot of color. "For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of birds is at hand."

Flowers in the home are now more beautiful with bloom than at any time of the year, or so it seems after the dark days of winter. More moisture will be needed every day and every corner is crowded with plants being made ready for outdoor planting. Have you ever tried bringing dahlia roots to the light and planting in good rich earth so growth will make them ready for early blooming? If you have any prized varieties and wish to multiply them, this seems a good thing to do. They can be divided and carefully planted outside when danger from frost is past. Early flowers will result and anything to prolong their season is all to the good.

More folk ask for information on shady gardens than any other garden, and the gardener with problems of shade need not be frustrated. There are plant candidates aplenty to fit successfully into a variety of shade pictures. To be sure, shade has its many variations and to measure them with any precision is practically impossible.

The gardener studies his shaded areas during the summer and in the spring to determine the depth of shade he has to reckon with. He examines the soil, perhaps it needs to be enriched. He notes whether the offending tree branches may be judiciously pruned to let in more light. The trees may create a high cheerful shade, or they may overhang in a gloomy way. Is there destructive drip from house roof? Are tree and shrub roots matting the soil?

Perhaps the most sensible approach to the problem is in the choice of the plant material after the wrongs have been righted insofar as is possible. Of course the shade remains, but it is pleasant to note that there are at least 500 plants that tolerate or even thrive in varying degrees of shade. In this account we are not considering woodland planting schemes, but ideas for a cultivated and landscaped property.

Sometimes the house facade faces north or is blocked by both evergreen and deciduous trees; or the house may be so angled that the foundation planting must lie in perpetual shade. Lovely native ferns and Astilbe in several colors will do well here and Hosta or plain rain-lilies make pleasant late-summer bloom. Fuschias have been beautiful on the north side of the house here in the garden and with colorful tuberous begonias are lovely for the summer season. Foxgloves in variety give a spire-like flower that does especially well in shade and with violets and early bulbs prolongs the flowering period.

Because bloom is often less prolific in the shade than in sunshine, the gardener considers not only flowers, but the plant structure and texture, autumn foliage, and interesting seed pods. There is this also to be said on the flowers in shady places: plants in the shade, though less floriferous, remain in bloom and are less likely to fade in color; and of course the soil dries out less rapidly. There are many flowers not mentioned which do very well in shade. A little experimenting will show up the flowers suitable for shady places in your garden.

No greater test of the designer's skill can be found than the selection and arrangement of plant material immediately adjacent to the house. It may be a dooryard garden enclosed by a small wall or fence, or it may be occasional handsome specimens of plants in strategic positions near the house wall. A living terrace outside the livingroom or dining room of the house may be one of the most important areas on the entire property.

Whatever the over-all design, the plants selected must have certain characteristics. They should be presentable at all times of the year; they should be hardy and free from disease so they can be depended on to grow continually handsomer as the years go on; they should have interesting fruit, foliage, or flowers, and (if possible) two or more seasons of particularly fine effect. Some woody plants are handsome at a distance but untidy seen at close range.

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### Dorothy Dix's Column

I want them and become very indignant if someone else monopolizes the television or radio. I don't want to be like these older women; how can I avoid it?

W. W.

#### OLD MAID OF PAST

ANSWER: You are setting the cause of womanhood back two centuries assuming the fact of "old maid" as it was lived in the dim past. Fiction (and fact) of the early years of the century was replete with sketches of the unmarried female relative who had a passion for orderliness, an acrimonious tongue and a closed mind. The opening of so many new fields in industry and the professions to women, and also incidental hobbies, supposedly did away with this type; but, apparently, such spinsters are heard of now and then.

With your realization that the "old maid" characteristics are creeping up on you, you certainly should be able to do something about it. You are mixing with the wrong kind of people and you are not enjoying any of the fun that should be available. You need friends, some interesting activities to provide the mental, emotional and physical stimulation that will rescue you from the little world in which you feel you should reign. The prescription sounds easy; fortunately, it's equally easy to fill. You live in a large city with every available source of entertainment and education. Though you say nothing about the type job you hold, my guess would be that it's more or less routine work offering no intellectual challenge. A change of work offering better personal contacts and more stimulating activity would be beneficial for you. It wouldn't hurt to interview a few employment agencies to ascertain what positions might be available. Then sign up for a night course or two in subjects you have always found interesting. One immediate advantage will be that you'll come home at night too tired to worry about whether the sofa was moved or not. The ultimate good will be the substitution of active thinking for the meaningless round of trivia that now occupies your mind. You are much too young and intelligent to become prey to pettiness. Just do something to break away from the present monotonous grind and give yourself a chance to become a really worthwhile person.

DEAR MISS DIX: My fiancé is an only child and he feels he should take his parents out every Sunday and holiday. While I like them very much, I think it would be nice if my beau and I went out alone occasionally. Am I unreasonable? Mona

ANSWER: Your contention is certainly fair enough, but at least you are being shown what to expect from your fiancé when he becomes a husband. His reluctance to set a wedding date, plus his devotion to his family, make it fairly obvious that he's not in a marrying mood.

bute to my father who loved the land, and bequeathed it to his daughter that same love...

Epitaph  
How he loved the smell of loam  
And all things that earth will bear,  
Now that God has called him home  
It is always April there.  
Everything the glad Spring weep  
Will be his to love and keep  
Draw the blind and close the door  
Do not weep.

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### Local and Vicinity

Mr. Arthur Blaxland who has been employed on one of the public works dredges for a number of seasons left here for Sydney, N. S. to re-join his ship for the season. Arthur is a war veteran of World War II and one of the seven Blaxland brothers who served at one time in the war.

Mrs. John R. O'Brien has returned from a flying visit to Halifax, N. S., where she spent a week with her husband who has been employed there. Mrs. O'Brien making her first trip by air says it's a wonderful way to travel and a fast way at that.

Mr. Anslam Lapierre has returned home from a motor trip through New Brunswick. He spent some time with his sister, Mrs. Evelyn Richard at Eel River Bridge, outside Newcastle and reports the roads there very bad, worse than the clay roads.

Miss Rosella Kane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Kane, has joined the staff of the Charlottetown Hospital as a student nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Kane moved to the city to reside but kept their old home here as a summer residence. Mr. Kane is employed on one of the Dominion Government dredges for many years now.

It is regretted that Mrs. James MacDonald has entered the Charlottetown Hospital for treatment. All hope her stay there won't be too long.

Miss Bertha MacDonald, arrived home from the city on Monday to keep house for her brother Jim, while his wife is in Hospital in the city.

Miss Geraldine Barry who has been home for sometime house-keeping for her sister returns to her duties at the Charlottetown Hospital this week.

Some of the skeleton crews have gone to the shore to get things in readiness for the fishing season. Others will go this week. There is less trap repair this spring as most of the gear is new but the packing plants have their usual fitting up to do.

Mrs. Leo Rossiter was a visitor to the city for a couple of days last week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lenius Rossiter and Teresa.

Mrs. Vincent McGrath was in the city on Saturday on business and social calls.

It is regretted that Mr. John C. Peters is a patient in the vet's section of the Charlottetown Hospital with an old arm trouble that has kept him down for quite sometime. John C. resides at Canavoy now but resided here for some years

and is well known and remembered.

A large flock of wild geese dropped anchor here last week, apparently seeking food and rest on their journey up north. The birds were very tame and many travellers stopped their cars to look them over.

The old ice in the Bay still refuses to break up and some fishermen say there is plenty of it yet and still save to travel on despite the lateness of the season.

Miss Alic McCarthy, teacher at Mermad, spent the week-end with her mother here, Mrs. John C. McCarthy.

Mrs. Charlie Mosher returned home last Thursday from Halifax where he had been for a week under

medical care. Charlie has been suffering a severe sore back and with the fishing season at that. He is making a last ditch fight to get in shape for the season and all hope his Halifax trip will bring him a cure.

Mr. Roddie O'Hanley, who resides in the city now was here last week for a short time en route to Souris on business. Roddie resided here for some years and since has spent some time in the Sanatorium. All are happy to see him back to good health again following a serious operation.

With the roads here, especially the clay roads, closed to cars, doctors who have scores of calls off the highway take every means of getting to the sick and on Thursday this scribe noticed one doctor

### SINNOTT ROAD SCHOOL

(February report)

- Grade VIII — 1. Joan Sinnott; Leo Malone.
- Grade VII — 1. Kevin Phelan.
- Grade V — 1. Gerald Trainor; Freda Deveaux.
- Grade III — 1. Olive Trainor; Mervin Phelan.
- Grade II — 1. Paula McCarthy.
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Teacher, Mrs. Mary Malone.

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### SOUTH LAKE SCHOOL

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- Grade X — 1. Hazel MacDonald.
- Grade VIII — 1. Charles Stewart.
- Grade VII — 1. Marilyn Dixon; 2. Robert Bruce; 3. Cyril MacDonald.

Teacher, Mrs. Mary Malone.

(February report)

- Grade VI — 1. Kevin Phelan.
- Grade V (a) — 1. Gerald Trainor.
- Grade V (b) — 1. Freda Deveaux.
- Grade III — 1. Mervin Phelan; 2. Olive Trainor.
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- Grade I — 1. Gary Phelan, Leo Sinnott (equal); 2. Evangelina Trainor; 3. Edward McCarthy.

Teacher, Mrs. Mary Malone.

(February report)

- Grade V — 1. Genevieve MacDonald; 2. Rupert Stewart; 3. Gerald MacLean.
- Grade IV — 1. Jean Bruce.
- Grade II (a) — 1. Stirling MacDonald.
- Grade 2 (b) — 1. Joyce Bruce.
- Grade II (c) — 1. Charles MacDonald; 2. Lemuel MacVane; 3. Doris Ann MacDonald.
- Grade I — 1. Margaret Stewart; 2. Blair MacDonald, Doris MacNeill; 3. Brian Oickle.

Teacher, Anne Hennessey.

### PUGWASH, N. S. (CP)

Three-year-old Ronald MacLeod toddled under the wheels of a truck his father was driving away from the house Saturday and was killed. An inquest decided death was accidental.



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