

### It's About Time To Plant Those Bulbs

From September onward in the north is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. Daffodils go in first, then hyacinths and the little bulbs. Tulips can be planted then or later, October into November — even as late as the holes can be dug for them. In warmer climates, keep bulbs in the refrigerator until December, then plant.

Spring-flowering bulbs are so beautiful and so easy to raise that with a little care a long season of bloom is practically assured. Daffodils, narcissus, and jonquils, alone, can be planted to spread over many weeks. If one begins with snowdrops, the first harbinger of spring, and ends with the handsome Darwin and Ereder tulips, the bulbous flowering season will stretch from February into May with a constant unfolding of loveliness.

Following the snowdrops are the winter aconite, crocus, and chionodoxa. Then come scilla and grape hyacinths. Daffodils are going on at the same time, and the quaint species tulips, Kaufmannia and fosteriana.

By then, the colorful tulip parade starts, with the early singles and doubles, and on into the parrot and the Darwin and Breeder.

If you add some of the other "lesser" bulbs like scilla campanula (wood hyacinth) and Dutch iris, you have an exciting display — all for planting bulbs in the autumn.

It is better to get a few first-rate bulbs than many second-rate ones. Even when planting, dig the soil to a depth of 10 inches, and use the best soil for naturalizing. It is best to buy good bulbs. Some dealers sell them for naturalizing at quantity rates, specifying that they are top-quality but not named.

Good root development in autumn is important. Success calls for loose soil that can penetrate, plus enough moisture. If the ground is dry, soak it well before digging. Dig the whole area and place the bulbs where you are going to plant them. The bulbs are planted pointed end up.

If the soil is clayey a soil conditioner should be added. For the first year, the bulbs should already be formed in the bulbs, so fertilizer is not essential, although enriched soil is always a good idea. After blooming they should be fed so they can build up for the next season. Good drainage is important.

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And don't forget the "lesser" bulbs. Grape hyacinth, crocus, chionodoxa, scilla, and the species tulips and tiny fragrant jonquils and narcissus are too exquisite to miss. You will be glad next spring that you added them.

### DRIVE WITH CARE!



**CONCRETE CURTAIN** — An East Berlin girl (foreground), now living in the western sector, talks to her mother over the concrete wall that divides the city. Later Communist police used tear gas grenades to stop the people from fraternizing over the wall.

## Baptism of Fire for Red Cross Disaster Relief



Victims of the fire in Michigan's Thumb Country crowd floors and stairs of jam-packed Red Cross house.

The fire that swept the Thumb Country of north-eastern Michigan in September, 1981, brought first operation of what is now the American Red Cross Disaster Services. Artists for Harpers Weekly magazine at the time captured on best they could the scene of the disaster. More than 200 died, and some 15,000 persons were made homeless by the fire. The fledgling

### TABLE TALKS

One of the biggest U.S. makers of glass jars publishes a leaflet titled "Homemakers Earn \$150,000,000." It says "20,000,000 or more women get an average of 10 saved pennies for each quart of fruit, vegetables, and relish canned at home. Pennies add up to \$150,000,000 a year. And they get them tax free!"

Further on in the leaflet was this: "How is it possible to estimate the amount saved by canning?" Start with the assumption that a jar will give service for 10 years." Estimates were then given for cost of jar and fuel, and concluded with: "Add this to cost per quart for produce, sugar, and seasoning. Then compare cost of the home-canned food with the purchase price of the same amount factory canned."

The last paragraph in the leaflet asked: "What other than cash saved are the dividends of home canning?" Answer: "Good-tasting meals, well-nourished bodies, freedom from worry over food costs, opportunity to exercise or develop creative ability. But for many it is the fellowship and up for the next season. Good drainage is important.

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### Women's Opinions On Modern Packaging

If you ever have had to keep peace at the breakfast table by searching around in the cereal carton for a plastic premium, or if you ever have thrown the frozen food wrapper away only to discover that cooking instructions were on it, or if you ever have tried to select the sugar or flour bag—unsuccessfully—the packaging industry wants to know you better.

Already, the industry has found out a lot about people and packaging through a recent survey in Chicago, Seattle, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Kokomo, Ind.

If some of the findings seem obvious, they also must be seen as matters of important routine that too many may be taking too much for granted.

The study—sponsored by Chicago Printing Street Company which, as a manufacturer of packaging opening tapes and devices, has a special interest in packaging problems—shows housewives complain most about packages that are difficult to open, those that require use of instruments in opening, that tip or will fall on shelves, those that cannot be recycled properly, that give inaccurate, or obscure directions, and those that do not stay neat looking.

The housewives most like packages with spout and pull tapes; plastic containers and jars that can be reused easily; cereals and other packages with reclosable tops.

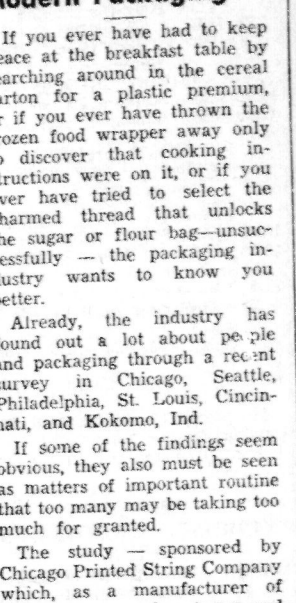
The women feel packaging has improved in the past 10 years, but 40 per cent of those surveyed (500 wives and husbands in total) contend that the nation is overpackaged.

There is a strong but definitely declining sentiment that years for the old pickle barrel manner of merchandising.

One major complaint concerning prepackaging has to do with the need for rewrapping such items. Nearly half the consumers said they have to rewrap many such items, and of those, 33 per cent said they do not like to do it.

As for coupons and premiums on packages, these rose mixed reactions. Premiums that come

### Fashion Hint



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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. R. B. Warren, D.D., Editor, a Christian Layman: Third John

Memory Selection: I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Third John, verse 4.

In today's lesson we have the portrait of three men, Gaius, Diotrephes, and Demetrius. Let us consider them in the reverse order.

Demetrius had a good report of all men and of the truth. He did things honest in the sight of all men. He represented the Christian faith well. Some professed Christians strive to please their associates but do not consider them in the reverse order.

Diotrephes assumed the position of church boss. It is a sad state when one man rules the church. He even talked against John and he decided who of the brethren would be admitted to the church. The editor of a church paper once wrote an editorial on Diotrephes, the church boss. Thirty men wrote in endorsing their subscription for what they termed "the personal attack on me." What makes a church boss so dangerous is the interference of so many members, when it comes to carrying on the business of the church. Indifference of voters in a democracy paves the way for a dictatorship.

Gaius was well-beloved. He was given to hospitality. In the early days in this country, the travelling missionary on coming to a community to hold meetings would be entertained from a home that was noted for its hospitality. Ministers and their families, as well as others, knew they would receive a warm welcome at any time. Three of the daughters married ministers.

John wished Gaius prospered and health, even as his soul prospered. There is more connection here than many realize. What would be the state of your health if it depended entirely on your spiritual condition?

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