

be Bratt "Biltmore" home is a barn-red provincial structure highlighted by clever landscaping.

(Kerall photos)

GARDEN GOSSIP

the Time to Plant Your is; They Flourish Here

ever, the experts seem to agree that the growing of one central stock from the tuber will result in larger flowers.

There are many types of tuberous begonias and among them are the multiflora types. These are small single flowering begonias which are very useful and colorful as borders or in hanging baskets. They come in red, yellow, pink, apricot and white. The majority of begonias are the standard or certain double flowering types. These are the popular varieties which everyone likes to grow. Varieties of these can be found in the double carnation type, the Plectranthus, others, including the single and the single fluted.

Although the singles have never attained the popularity that the doubles enjoy, beds of single varieties are really very attractive. One reason for this is that the flowers of the singles will remain upright and don't fall over as the doubles sometimes do when blooms are especially heavy. The single fluted begonias offer a great selection of beautiful shades and forms. No

two are alike and they are perhaps the most exquisite of all begonia flowers.

NEW SHOW TYPE

The old fashioned hanging begonia that we grew many years ago was the Lloyd type. This was a very pendulous strain with mostly single blooms and in recent years as a result of crossing the Lloyd with the upright doubles, a very showy compact double hanging begonia has come into existence with hardly a trace of the Lloyd strain remaining.

In growing hanging begonias, one important rule is not to water the plants very heavily when first starting them, especially after they have been started and freshly planted in the hanging baskets, because once they are over-watered for a considerable length of time permanent damage can be done to the plant for the rest of the season.

A good potting mixture for tuberous begonias can be made as follows: three parts leaf mold, one part good garden soil, one part rotted barnyard fertilizer, and add a four-inch peat of bone meal to each wheelbarrow load of this mixture. A coffee can full of humusite added to this wheelbarrow load of mixture would be of great value in stimulating bacterial action in the soil and hastening the decomposition of the leaf mold and fertilizer. This mixture should be allowed to stand for a while before using, if possible.

Begonias are great feeders and as the plants grow and start to bloom they will require a constant source of food, so feed them at regular intervals with any good well balanced plant food, preferably acid. There are many liquid plant foods on the market which are very good, especially the fish emulsion types.

The trick in watering is to see that the plant receives the right amount of moisture for proper growth and it should never be allowed to go dry. On the other hand, perfect drainage is essential.

Approve Stock Sale

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—The Oklahoma Corporation Commission yesterday approved a corporate charter amendment granting Union Oil Co. of California authority to issue capital stock of \$187,500,000.

Local Garden Club To Attend Oakland Show

OAKLAND—The Monterey Peninsula Garden Club will arrive here Monday to tour the world-famed California Spring Garden Show which concludes its eight-day, 1953 run Friday (May 8).

Approximately 35 club members are planning to make the trip here, according to Mrs. Homer Martine, club chairman. The group is headed by Mrs. C. C. Brockman of Pacific Grove.

The Monterey delegation will augment a crowd of approximately 10,000 Northern Californians expected to visit the 21st showing of the famed floral wonderland. More than 150,000 spectators are anticipated for the annual event which provides four complete garden shows in one, each rich with "take home" ideas for the average gardener.

Built around the main theme, "Southern Azalea Gardens," the \$2,500,000 spectacle will be held in the Oakland Exposition Building, the Oakland Auditorium Arena and Auditorium Theater and adjacent outdoor areas, according to Ned S. Rucker, show designer-manager.

Wants Britain To Take Bigger Part in Talks

CANTERBURY, England (AP)—Mrs. Barbara Castle, a left-wing Laborite member of Parliament, said here today that Britain should take a more direct part in the Korean peace talks.

"The negotiations should be taken out of the hands of the soldiers and turned over to the politicians," she told a miners' rally. "It will be intolerable if the talks are allowed to become deadlocked over details."

Czechs Have TV Now

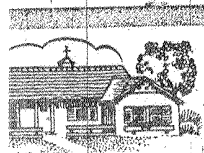
VIENNA (AP)—Communist Czechoslovakia transmitted its first television program yesterday, radio Prague said today.

The first broadcast was a political and cultural program including pictures of the May Day celebrations in Prague.

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Peninsula Gardeners' Check List

- 1—Protect young delphinium and other tender plants from snails by using a good snail bait.
- 2—Lawns mowed a little higher won't dry as fast as those mowed too close.
- 3—Feed fuchsias quite heavily at this time.
- 4—Proper feeding of roses will help prevent plants from becoming diseased as well as promote an abundance of bloom.
- 5—Feed lawns lightly every 30 days for perfect results.
- 6—Clean garden thoroughly of weeds, especially around plants, as they rob both food and moisture from your garden plants.
- 7—Spray all plants subject to aphids at frequent intervals with insecticides.
- 8—If hollies have black leaves, these may be an indication of scale. Use Volk to control this.



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of inexpensive purchases and programs so arranged and displayed that they have the luster produced when a high priced interior decorator takes over.

The living room is finished in natural wood which was treated with three coats of colored wax. The process eliminates washing walls, and Mrs. Bratt merely runs the vacuum cleaner over them.

BEAMS FROM BRIDGE

Ceiling is of plaster and beams which the Bratts obtained when the Garraupala Bridge was torn down. Mrs. Bratt remembers many an evening spent in hand-treating the timbers.

The kitchen features colorful designs which Mrs. Bratt has painted on walls and shelf doors. Beams of the dining room are also painted with a charming design.

A unique feature which the Bratts have found to be a great money-saver is their upholstered doors. Regular doors were too expensive and the couple have a partially paneled screen doors. Mrs. Bratt developed a plan of upholstering the doors with chairs to match curtains in the same room. The kitchen door is painted with a design similar to that of the shelves.

FOLDING SHUTTERS

Folding indoor shutters cover the upper part of all windows with Cafe curtains on the bottom. The half curtain plan saves a considerable amount on the cleaning bill because all of them can be placed in the washing machine.

The children's bathroom is decorated with a lively painting of a clown and their bedroom is papered with a toy design.

Mrs. Bratt advises the young couple of today to start out with a minimum house.

"We built the original portion, living room, kitchen and one bedroom, for \$2,100 back in 1935. Of course we cheated a little on the price because Bob was working for the painting contractor who decorated the house and he was paid \$4 a day for working on his own home," she explained.

ROOM BY ROOM

"Don't try to get everything at once. We built our double garage and kitchen, then our second bedroom, bath and dining room, including the second fireplace, during the inflation years, each as we could afford it."

Total cost of the additions is in the neighborhood of \$3,100.

"Of course Bob did all the work he could with the exception of the plumbing," Mrs. Bratt revealed.

The Bratts, in their early forties,

Living room of the Bratt home is highlighted by a huge fireplace and furnished in provincial style.



Colorful paintings decorate the wall and shelf doors in the kitchen.

advise younger couples to attend the auctions for furniture buys.

"Watch the experienced antique dealers," they advise, "and then bid just a little more than they do."

SET THEIR PRICE

Mrs. Bratt says she and her husband attend the auctions biweekly and decide then just how much they will pay for a particular item.

"We set our price and stick to it so we won't get 'auction fever' and lose out heads over some piece we particularly want."

This has brought the total cost of furnishing their home down to about \$2,000.

The secret of their success is simple, they say.

"Do as much of your own work as you can and don't try to have everything at once. Give yourself a few years and you'll soon get your 'dream house' just the way you want it."

Brazil Bus Accident

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (UPI)—Ten persons were killed and 3 badly burned late yesterday when a speeding city bus overturned and burst into flames.

Nine Men Given Carnegie Medal For Saving Pilot

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Carnegie hero medals have been awarded nine men who saved a U.S. Air Force pilot from his burning jet plane in Alaska.

The men pulled pilot Donald C. Suler, then 24, from the wreckage after his craft plunged into a wooded swamp near Anchorage Aug. 3, 1951. He recovered from multiple injuries.

In awarding the rescuers bronze medals yesterday, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission said the men braved gasoline fed flames and exploding machine gun bullets.

In all, medals were given to 22 persons in 30 states and Alaska. Funds for the commission were left by the late steel master, Andrew Carnegie.

Fewer Strikes in 1953

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Department of Labor said today strike activity during the first three months of 1953 was less than during the same period a year ago.

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