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H. P. Garden Study Class Hear Paper by Mr. Bahr on Gardens

A very interesting meeting of the Highland Park Garden Study Class was held Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the home of Mrs. Percy Prior on Wade street. "My Garden in the Fall," a paper written by Fritz Bahr, local florist and well known garden authority, was read by Mrs. Heine and Mrs. Pratt during the meeting. No one is more qualified to write on this subject than Mr. Bahr, and his paper which is published below, gives excellent advice to the home gardener.

"My Garden in the Fall"

No matter how large or small the garden, there is hardly ever time enough during spring to attend to all of the work connected with it. No more it seems, has the last snow disappeared before Summer is upon us, and it is on that account one should attend to whatever can be done during Fall in the way of clearing the beds and borders after the first heavy frost has blackened the Dahlias, Zinnias, Cosmos and Marigolds. Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Snowdrops, Crocus, Scillas or some of the hardy lilies, all have to be planted during the fall if we are to enjoy their blossoms next Spring or, as is the case with the lilies, during summer.

Not as yet do we pay sufficient attention to the many gorgeous flowering bulbs which can be planted during Fall, in fact, up to the time snow and ice make planting impossible.

Some of the most showy of the late flowering Darwin, Breeder, or English Cottage Tulips can be purchased at the rate of five cents per bulb. Six of the most showy are: Pride of Haarlem, of rich American Beauty color; Rev. Ewbank, a soft heliotrope; Farcombe Sanders, a dazzling red; Bronze Queen, Clara Butt, a DayBreak pink; and Inglecomb Yellow, the finest of all the yellows. In Daffodils, King Alfred is one of the largest flowering varieties of deep yellow, but that doesn't mean to make us think less of the smaller flowering Jonquils, or the Poet's Narcissi with its white petals and reddish center; any of them as well as the tulips will thrive and bloom in even the stiffest clay soil as long as planted with the top of the bulbs about four inches below the surface of the

soil. All of them are most effective when planted in clumps or groups of from seven to ten or twelve each and about six inches apart, in front of the shrubs or among perennials in the hardy border.

The Perennial Border

If not attempted too late, Fall is by far the best time to lift and divide quite a number of so-called perennials to which the Peony, Iris, Phlox, Shasta Daisy, Gaillardia, Coreopsis, Garden Pinks, and ever so many others belong. No matter how hardy almost any of such plants, if allowed to grow and left undisturbed for three or four years will gradually peter out, while if lifted every so often, the clumps divided and replanted during Fall, the plants will become re-established before winter sets in and give a good accounting of themselves the following summer. Every hardy or so-called perennial border, should be replanted at least every third or fourth year. Here, again, it is always best to plant three, five or seven of any one variety in groups by themselves, arranged according to their heights, leaving sufficient space between the individual groups for the planting of spring flowering bulbs to be followed by annuals such as Petunias, Zinnias, and others. Only by so doing can one expect a showy flowering border during the summer.

By the most careful selection of perennials you will find that nature is lavish in the bestowing of blossoms in a perennial border during late Spring and early Summer. However, we have to depend upon annuals to give us flowers, that is, a mass of them during summer and early fall.

In replanting a hardy border lift all of the plants, then apply a three inch thick layer of well decomposed manure and a one-inch layer of lime phosphate and dig over deeply before replanting.

Among the few perennials which can remain four or even six years undisturbed are the peonies - but after that they should be divided and replanted.

There are a few perennials, which, if new ones are to be purchased, are best planted during the spring. This holds good, in particular, with the more tender or half hardy varieties such as Anemones, Chrysanthemums or biennials like Canterbury Bells or Foxgloves, while most of the others including rock garden sorts are better off if planted in the Fall, and as soon as Winter sets in are protected with a good layer of straw, manure or light covering. By light covering is meant any material which, for instance, not like decomposed manure, will lay too heavy on plants and cause them to rot or drop off as would be the case with Sweet William, Shasta Daisy or others retaining their foliage more or less during the winter months.

Shrubs

Here again, Fall is a good time to replant a border, and this holds good in particular with plants in a crowded condition. Almost any of such, transplanted, cut back severely, and given more room, will make new growth from below and quickly develop into fine specimens again.

As to pruning during Fall: never attempt this with Lilacs, Bridal Wreath Spiraea, or any of the early summer flowering shrubs, for the reason that all flowering buds on such plants form during late summer. Pruning them during Fall will deprive the plants of blossoms the following season. All such varieties should be pruned during early summer, or directly after they are through flowering.

Evergreens

Evergreens, or conifers, whether planted in groups or made use of as a foundation planting, should never be allowed to be crowded. As soon as the plants begin to touch each other, it is time to plan and give them more room. In a crowded condition they will soon lose their needles, which with most varieties, can never be replaced; and after becoming bare at the base of the plants, they will grow tall and straggly, worthless for what they were originally intended.

All Evergreens can be transplanted during Fall, as well as any other time. If new ones are to be planted, the present is the proper time. By the way, an Evergreen planting as a foundation covering, or setting against a building can at best be called only temporary. Even the most suitable for this purpose will before long out-grow themselves or be affected by red spider ruining their needles. An Evergreen wants to be out in the open with plenty of room for development. Here we behold them at their best, developing into beautiful specimens, more stately with

each succeeding year, and there is nothing more charming for a winter effect.

Roses

Even the tender hybrid tea roses, which by the way, are the most free-flowering ones in our section, will over-winter in good condition if each plant is banked up with a twelve inch thick layer of soil surrounding the plants, on top of which is placed a layer of manure. Never mind about the top sticking out - it will have to be pruned back anyway the following spring.

With climbing or rambler roses there is only one way to over-winter them properly, they should be carefully taken down from the pergolas or trellises they are fastened to, laid down on the ground, and all of the wood covered with a heavy layer of soil and this followed up with another foot-thick layer of leaves or manure. It is the wood the plants have made during this past summer which will produce new shoots, or breaks, next spring from which buds and flowers come next summer. This wood, if allowed to freeze down to the ground by being unprotected during the winter, will probably give you a fine growth from the base of the plants next summer, but no flowers.

The Rock Garden

It is not advisable to do much replanting in the rock garden during the fall, for the reason that the usual elevated surface of such a garden newly transplanted stock, if not thoroughly established before winter sets in, is very apt to freeze out - therefore such work can be done to better advantage during the spring.

What may, however, receive attention now, is the planting of a few bulbs that will flower during early Spring. Grape Hyacinths, Snowdrops, Scillas, Crocus and the others, even dwarf Iris, give us a profusion of blooms during May following Snowdrops, and the blue Siberian Scillas flower at times during early April.

It is always well to protect the rock garden with a good covering, as a winter protection, but this, as is the case with all other covering for rose or perennials, should not be applied until the surface of the soil, for several inches deep, is in a frozen state.

To cover before the soil is frozen, means to invite field mice to make their winter quarters and oftentimes they do more damage to the plants than when left unprotected during the long winter months.

The Lawn

A good dose of Milorganite, manure, or lime phosphate, is always well to apply to a lawn during fall. A good dose of lawn seed, given during late October or early November, will frequently result in an earlier stand of grass the following spring, than is possible to obtain from seed sown during April or May.

Don't cut the lawn after October 15, and the more leaves protecting the lawn during winter the better. You may as well make up your mind to the fact that in order to have a good lawn with our clay soil as a foundation, constant feeding and fertilizing is necessary.

D. K. McMillan Will Speak on Gardens at Ravinia Garden Club

The November meeting of the Ravinia Garden Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert M. Cobb, 921 S. Linden ave., Friday, Nov. 13.

Mr. D. K. McMillan of Vaughn's Seed Store will speak to the members on "Neglected Phrases of Fall Planting."

Though Mr. McMillan's subject might seem to come a bit late in the season, in view of our early fall, the work he recommends in the garden need not be done until late in November, giving the gardeners still a chance to make their gardens ready for spring.

Armistice Day to Be Observed in Deerfield Nov. 11

Armistice Day, one of the newest and greatest anniversaries in American history, will be appropriately observed in Deerfield, again this year. Fitting ceremonies will be conducted in the local schools, under the direction of William Cruickshank, Americanism chairman of Deerfield Post No. 738, the American Legion.

The community observance will be conducted at eight o'clock, Wednesday evening, Nov. 11, 1936, at the Masonic Temple. An informal program has been arranged, which will include reminiscences of the first Armistice Day; community singing of 1917-18 songs; and special music by the Auxiliary Juniors. Miss Frances Biederstadt, who gave up her musical talent to cheer those who marched away in '17 and '18, and who has not failed to give us that same talent to cheer those who listen, now, from hospital beds, will preside at the piano on this, the 19th Armistice Day, and Mrs. Edna Orsborn, soloist, will enlighten the group with her rendition of one of the A.E.F.'s best-loved songs. Lieut. Robert W. Hartness, Chaplain for 10,000 youths in near-by COC camps, will be the speaker of the evening.

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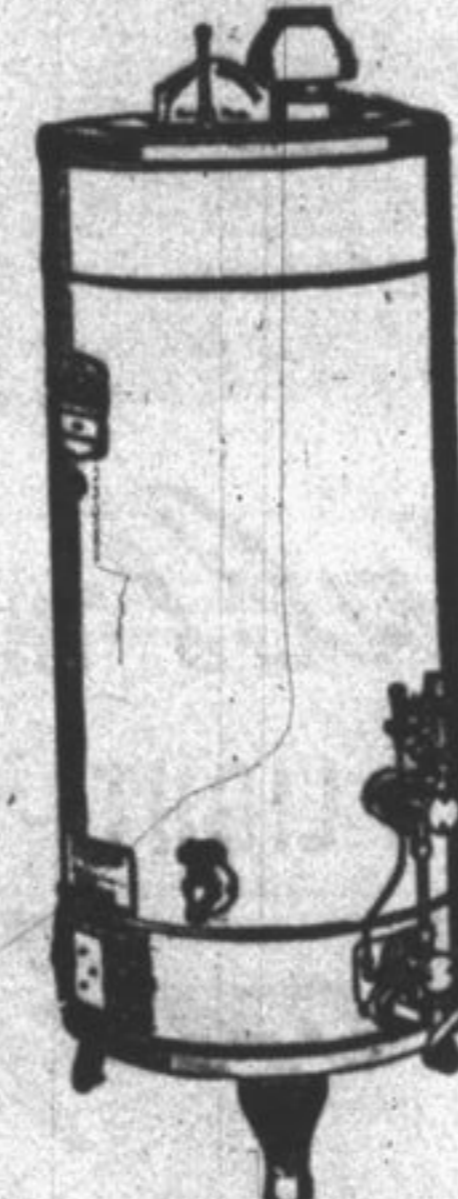
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