### It Takes Moisture As Well As Right Temperature For Seed So, before you decide the seeds you planted aren't going to grow consider whether there has been

Are your flower seeds sprout- get things started. ing nicely? Chances are they are coming up promptly and thickly (maybe too thickly), because in can be soaking wet in the ground might not be one of the kinds general spring is the season when for months during the winter, but which take a little longer to start conditions are best for making they won't begin to sprout until then others. Replanting all too

and nothing has happened then spur, for instance), while others ing conditions are favorable. reasons for a slow start.

of conditions to make seeds begin to grow. The first is moisture, without enough moisture in the soil to stimulate growth activity the seed will simply lie dormant until such moisture is available. weather, then, you might this some whole with the seed will simply lie dormant until such moisture is available. since you sowed your garden, it fungus diseases which rot the seed before it begins to grow. For this

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growth is the temperature. Seeds germination, and whether But, if a couple of weeks have point. Some kinds of seeds sprout number of plants you need, both passed since you planted the seeds at a fairly low temperature (larkthey go into action (for instance, It takes a certain combination celosia). If you've had pretty cool of conditions to make seeds begin weather, then, you might find some until such moisture is available, burst into activity. The only dan-So, if you have planted in fairly ger here lies in the possibility dry soil, or if the soil has dried that very long exposure to cold, out rapidly through wind and heat wet soil might permit attacks of for a rain or supply moisture by sprinkling the garden in order to until the soil is desirable to wait until the soil is warm before you plant such things as zinnias, marigolds or sunflowers.

> One other reason for certain in the fact that some seeds just naturally sprout quickly while others take a long time. For instance you might, under the very best of conditions, see zinnia seedlings starting through the surface in only three or four days, and germination could be complete in less than a week. On the other hand, seed of the perennial sweet pea (Lathyrus latifolius) is invariably

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slow to start, with the fastest germination seldom accomplished in less than a month.

steady and ample moisture in the soil, whether the temperature has The next factor in beginning been high enough to stimulate the temperature rises to a certain frequently results in double the sowings coming up when sprout-

### GARDEN TIME

If you have read this column from week to week, I hope that you have a speaking acquaintance with colorful morning-glory. the more common bugs which hayou trouble.

One other reason for certain pillars, maggots and grubs, should and Jacob's ladder. rows being up and growing while be placed in small bottles filled Seek to identify others show no signs of life lies with 70 per cent alcohol, rubbing alcohol or shaving lotion. Insects in or on plants may be placed in lighted. A garden is too pretty not moisture proof containers with to enjoy at night. Use a coforful enough of the plant material to bulb to keep insects away. Many prevent shaking. Insects in wood and soil should be sent in a small quantity of the material on which they have been feeding. Again, do not leave empty space in the containers. Dead insects may be sent in either a preservative or in crumpled tissue in a box.

ner Hall, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

and I found a generous number on my spireas. These pests attack so many crops that you want to keep a close watch. They are sucking insects so your spray must come in contact with their bodies to be effective. Spray thoroughly, especially on the undersides of the leaves. Use Lindane or Malathion accord-

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Aphids (plant lice) have hatched

ing to directions.

Stake and mulch your tomatoes. Keep your vegetables free of weeds and sidedress quick maturing crops such as lettuce with nitrate of soda. Mow the lawn regularly and not too close. Topdress with nitrogen as needed to promote good

growth and color.

Much emphasis is being placed on the slogan, "Grow a Square Meal Around the Home." You cannot afford not to do this if you have the land available. Production of your home food supply will not only result in much personal satisfaction but will save you money and assure your family of a well balanced diet. Ask your county agent for a home garden manual and recommendations for insect and disease control.



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# Buds

## Blossoms

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"Flowers may beckon toward us, God."-Henry Ward Beecher.

us. Start new ones. They may be won't have to water it so often. used for blossoms of beauty, or fust screening.

We have Dutchman pipe, silver fleece vine, hydrangea vine, cucumber vine, and clematis, cathedralbells, scarlet-runner beans and our

The woods are now colorful with rass you and your plants. I feet wild flowers. In this locality we rather sure, that some puzzlers still find alum root, blood root, blue come to your attention which give bonnet, columbine, pasque flower, Solomon seal, tooth-wort, gentian, Soft bodied insects such as cater. Jack-in the-pulpit, lady-slippers,

Seek to identify each. Most of the wild flowers have medical uses. See that your garden is well hours may be spent eating out in the garden, and much time may be saved. Many friendships can be shared under such pleasant surroundings.

Our outdoor fireplace may be made from old drums or we can have a portable outdoor grill.

While the weeds and but they speak toward Heaven and grow, cut and save all the clippings to put in a compost pile. Make your Enjoy the beautiful vines around compost pile in shade, and you

Clip the buds of the chrysanthemums, so they will be larger next Fall. Sow a new crop of zinnia and marigold seed. This will give you a continuous crop of flowers. Place more fertilizer around flowers, and this will produce more blossoms.

"He was as the flower of roses in the Spring of the year, as lilies by the rivers of waters; and as the branches of the frankincense tree in the time of Summer."-Ecclesiastes 50:8.

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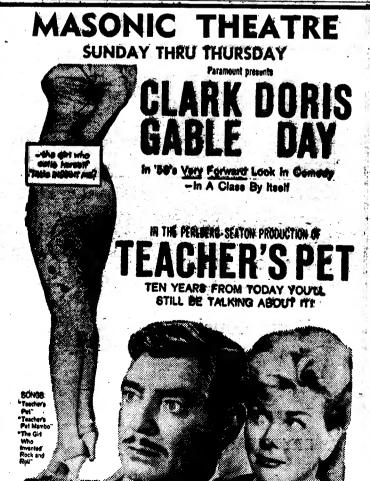
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