

Little Items Of Lively Interest About Folks And

# Flower GARDENING

By Mrs. S. R. Harrington

Run to your garden, and down to the brook;  
Search for the flowers in each secret nook;  
Trim little baskets and fill them all up  
With violets, pansies, sweet lily-cup;  
Hang them on door knobs  
and then run away,  
That's what you do on the first day of May!

—Eakman

I think no one will have trouble finding flowers for their "May baskets." Of all years I believe 1953 has produced the most flowers. I've never seen the gardens and the woods so enchantingly beautiful. God has certainly been generous with flowering plants and trees this year.

Weeds should not trouble gardeners now, for we have certainly had the ideal weather for weeding—cold and dry. I trust you have taken advantage of it. I have.

Dahlia lovers can continue planting this grand flower until about the middle of June. So don't think it's too late.

If you were fortunate enough to get one of those lovely potted Easter Lilies, take good care of it.

When the bloom fades, and before it dies in the pot, plant the bulb outdoors between shrubs, or at the base of a shrub, and much about two inches with decomposed compost or leafmold.

Some gardeners prefer to start flowers from seeds instead of plants. For those who do, outdoor sowing now includes marigolds, zinnias, cosmos, asters, celosia, callendulas, morning glories, scabiosa, alyssum, and any kind of annual. As they sprout, keep the seedlings well watered and weeded (by hand pulling) so that they will have no check to their growth.

If you're tired of morning glories (and I doubt it), try the cardinal climber, an annual vine of great vigor with brilliant flowers.

For a pleasant change in the garden, plant "flowers for fragrance." Mignonette, heliotrope, night-scented stock and nicotiana will delight you.

Winter is a long time off, but if you like dried flower arrangements, plant some statice and strawflowers now to cut and dry for those arrangements.

Seeds of perennials can be sown now in special seed beds. The young plants can be transplanted in the fall and will be ready for flowering next year. Saves lots of money and really gives you a fine collection.

Give peonies a dressing of fertilizer or water with liquid manure. Plant some of the gorgeous and exotic-looking tigris in full sun. For shade, try the lovely calla lilies. Tuberoses also go in now.

Continue to plant gladiolus every two or three weeks to give a succession of bloom all summer.

Flower reporting should start with the garden at the Brown Carr's. Despite the hard freezes and frost, the garden has been a glory of bloom for two months now. It's a magnificent garden in every way, and is lovely every month in the year.

Ignoring the unseasonably cold weather are the enchantingly colorful tulips at Mrs. Neva Page's, Mrs. Ben Montgomery's, Mrs. Susie Coleman's, Mrs. Keith Wright's, Mrs. Henry Henderson's, Mrs. Chas. Dunlop's, Mrs. Few Lyda's, Mrs. Rachel Graveley's, Mrs. J. C. Wike's, Mrs. Beecher Mull's and the D. T. Abercrombie's.

The pearl bush (exochorda), at Mrs. W. M. Melton's is eye-arresting with its shimmering white beauty. In Rosman a galaxy of marvelous tulips can be seen at Mrs. George Galloway's. So long, gardeners!

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From The Bookshelf

## True Personality Of Mary Lincoln Revealed In Biography By Randall

Having Family Fun And Meeting Problems Subject Of Book

By RUTH RARNARD County Librarian

MARY LINCOLN, BIOGRAPHY OF A MARRIAGE by Ruth Painter Randall.

Mary Todd Lincoln is probably the most maligned of famous women in our nation's history. The truth about the president's wife has for years been hidden under a mountain of myth built up largely by Lincoln's biographer and law partner, William H. Herndon. Now for the first time the true woman warmly is presented in a genuinely sympathetic biography based on new research. When the veil of legend surrounding her is torn aside, an entirely new picture of a woman and a marriage emerges.

People said Lincoln really loved Ann Rutledge, that his marriage was a cross he had to bear, that he tried to avoid it, that his wife hurt him politically though she drove him to the presidency, that she embarrassed him financially as well as socially and inflicted on him the agony of adjustment to her psychopathic personality. Here is the evidence which restores Mary Todd Lincoln to her rightful place in history and in the affections of the American people—as a wife and mother who possessed, and fully earned, the love and admiration of her husband.

Through the eyes of the people who knew the Lincolns, through the long-lost telegrams and letters they sent each other, this is the story of their day-to-day family life together. It begins with Springfield, Illinois, and the stormy Lincoln courtship. Then they are married and neighbors come to the door in shirt sleeves, wearing an apron. But often he is off riding the legal circuit and Mary sits at home alone. Lincoln is elected to the presidency and the Lincolns enter the excitement and fear of wartime Washington.

Now Mary must entertain not her Springfield friends, but the official friends and opponents of the administration. She furnishes the White House and spends more than her \$20,000 appropriation—much to her sorrow and Mr. Lincoln's. And a far deeper sorrow overwhelms the Lincolns when their beloved son Willie takes sick and dies. Mary

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FIRST PARCEL: BEGINNING on a sourwood standing south approximately 400 feet from the East Fork Road and runs S 75 deg. E 233 feet to a stake; thence, S 3 deg. W 187 feet to a stake; thence, N 75 deg. W 233 feet to a white oak; thence, N 3 deg. E 187 feet to the BEGINNING. Containing 1 acre, more or less.

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And being all of that certain parcel of land described in deed from Eliza King, widow, to Charles M. Weirick, dated September 25, 1946, and recorded in Book 90, page 249, Records of Deeds for Transylvania County.

SECOND PARCEL: BEGINNING on a sourwood and stone, Charles Weirick's corner; thence, C 75 deg. E 132 feet to a stake in a branch; thence, along the branch the following courses and distances: N 11 deg. 20 min. W 94 feet to a stake; N 20 deg. W 44 feet to a stake; N 19 deg. 15 min. W 68 feet to a stake; thence, leaving the branch, S 82 deg. 20 min. W 209 feet to a stake; thence, S 19 deg. 30 min. W 152 feet to a stake; thence, east 161 feet to the BEGINNING.

And being all of that certain tract of land described in deed from Mrs. Eliza King, widow, to Charles Weirick, dated June 16, 1847, and recorded in Book 94, page 130, Records of Deeds for Transylvania County.

This the 2nd day of April, 1953 RALPH H. RAMSEY, JR. Commissioner

is grief-stricken; the days when Mr. Lincoln reports that she "is not well" become more frequent. Finally, Ford's theater, and the presidential couple sit holding hands in the last minutes of Mr. Lincoln's life. Alone, Mary travels to Europe and back. For years congress delays giving her the pension she feels she deserves. And even her son Robert turns against her and she is tried twice for her "insanity." Then at last she returns to her home in Springfield.

About The Author At one minute after midnight, July 27, 1947, Mrs. Randall—wife of J. G. Randall, our foremost Lincoln scholar and author of "Lincoln The President"—was present at the opening of the Lincoln papers. In addition to consulting this original evidence, she made full use of the Herndon-Weirick papers, the notes which were the basis for Herndon's biography. Mrs. Randall also had access to little-known manuscript

collections and to private safe-deposit boxes which yielded letters never before used. The result of these researches is a biography which answers once and for all, the charges leveled against Mary Todd Lincoln for nearly a hundred years.

ALL IN THE FAMILY by Rhoda W. Bacmeister.

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rents how to have fun with their children, how to share both gala occasions and household tasks with equal pleasure, how to enjoy being a homemaker rather than a housekeeper, how to shoulder the responsibility of parenthood and remain untroubled by its demands.

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When William was getting ready for college he told the family, "I wish you all would stop calling me 'Big Bill'."

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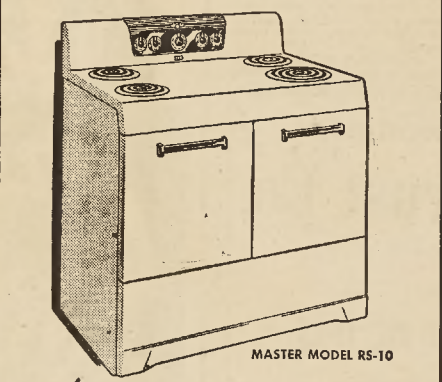
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