



BEAUTIFUL LAWNS AND GARDENS

Community Garden Club Is Organized

Organization of a Community Garden Club for the purpose of giving aid and instruction to those persons eager to prepare their own flower and vegetable gardens was announced yesterday by H. V. Boer, director of the local Community College.

Mr. Boer pointed out that there is a wealth of satisfaction to be obtained from such activity as it

enables one to promote his physical health by providing recreation and fresh air while at the same time enjoying the products of his own efforts. The club also will attempt to cultivate the growth of better quality fresh fruits and vegetables.

Those interested in joining the club are asked to consult Mr. Boer at the Baldwin high school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m.



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SELECTED GARDEN ANNUALS LISTED

Classifications Fit Every Condition And Need Of Planters

Evenings offer a fine opportunity to study the materials for flower border. Below is a list of annuals classified to assist you in making selections to fit your needs and conditions:

For edges and borders—Sweet alyssum, dwarf nasturtiums, lobelia, dwarf Marigold (tagetes signata pumila), ageratum, Virginia stocks and forget-me-nots.

Long stems for cutting—Asters, calliopsis, mourning bride or scabiosa and cosmos.

Short stems for cutting—Marigolds, snapdragons, calendulas, annual sweet pea, annual chrysanthemum, bachelor buttons, sweet sultans, ten weeks' stocks and gypsophila.

For color masses—Petunia, zinnia, marigolds, calendulas, phlox Drummond, verbena, stock, aster, salvia and poppies.

For light or poor soil—Nasturtiums, Clarkii, gaelicia, poppy, portulaca and zinnias.

For fragrance—Mignonette, heliotrope, nasturtiums, alyssum, ten weeks' stocks and poppies.

For shady places—Pansies, torenias or wishbone plant, yuletia, forget-me-not, nemophila, musk plant and other varieties of the handsome monkey flower (mimulus).

For hot situation—Sunflowers, heliotrope, portulaca, ice plant, petunias, balsam and annual gailardia.

To grow after frost—Sweet alyssum, bachelor's buttons, petunias, marigolds, calendula, candy-tuft, stock and phlox Drummond.

Vines—Morning glories, moonflowers, Japanese hop, climbing nasturtium, cardinal climber, clematis, cypress vine, balloon vine, seralate runner and hyacinth beans.

Color harmonies—For yellow and deep blue: white cosmos, annual sunflower, centaurea, blue larkspurs, Swan river daisies, lobelia tenuis and the dwarf (ornamental) orange shades in the zinnias and the California poppies.

Lavender, violet and orange—Ageratum, African marigold, aster, lilac, larkspurs, heliotrope and dwarf marigolds.

Pink and blue—Lustrous carnine larkspur and blue, shades the lighter blue lobelia, Swan river daisy, phlox Drummond and zinnias.

For a fragrant, all-season border, with material for cutting, you should include most of the following: Ten weeks' stocks, petunias, French and African marigolds, calendulas, annual larkspurs, cosmos, zinnias, sweet peas, portulaca, sunnyspry, or kochia, flowering tobacco, calliopsis, phlox Drummond, ageratum, sweet alyssum, poppies, aster, balsam, bachelor's buttons, sweet sultan, coxcomb and annual pinks.

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Leader Discusses Activities of Farm and Garden Units

Editors' Note: The following article, relative to the history and various activities of the National, State and local Farm and Garden Association, was written by Mrs. Sam Garber, president of the Birmingham unit, at the request of The Eccentric. Her story appears below.

The National Farm and Garden Association was organized in Philadelphia in the first President and is now honorary president. The purpose of the organization is to interest women throughout the country in horticulture and agriculture. State divisions have been created in various Eastern and Midwestern states. The New England and Michigan divisions are the most active.

The Michigan Division, organized about 1928, consists of branches in Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Plymouth, Farmington, Saginaw, East Haven, Mt. Clemens, Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham. All these branches work with the State in its particular projects.

Early in its life the Michigan Division was requested by the State Board of Agriculture to assist with work among the Farm Women. Miss Margaret Van Houten, home work specialist, had been sent out by the Board to investigate home conditions on the farms throughout Michigan. The needs which she found were more than the Board could handle so the Farm and Garden Association took over some of the responsibility. Through Miss Van Houten, it made contacts with the farm women, interesting them in raising the quality of their produce and in ways to market it. The association also urged them to take advantage of the Educational opportunities offered at the Michigan State College.

An annual scholarship award was established which enables a club girl to study for one year at the Michigan State College. Each branch contributes to the fund. The fund for leadership awards sending eighteen farm women to the College for Women's week there. The Bloomfield Hills

Identify Ten Outstanding Varieties Of 200 New Roses Introduced In Past Year

The past year has added over 200 new roses to the number of varieties in commerce, and it would seem unwise to attempt to recommend or condense these. However, a number of trials in our own Nurseries. A trial of the outstanding ones are identified below.

It is of importance to point out that no guarantee can be given that a good rose in Britain will be equally good in Australia, or elsewhere, as conditions abroad often cause many roses to be utter failures. Hence, readers must be prepared to take a chance with almost every rose they import, but in spite of this risk we advise the trial every year of a certain number of the novelties, as winners are certain to be found, and such roses are profitable to grow and soon recover the losses over the failures.

Probably the most severe and most capable critic of new roses is Mr. Harry Hazelwood of Epunga, Australia, who has made a world reputation for reliable novelties because he endeavours to try out every likely new rose, and test them thoroughly under his local conditions. His bulky catalogue is a masterpiece of honest opinion.

Here are a few new roses that are worthy of trial.

Mrs. Mary Laxton. Seedling from Shot Silk, but a grand grower and a lovely flower. Seedling from Shot Silk, but a grand grower and a lovely flower. Seedling from Shot Silk, but a grand grower and a lovely flower.

Same McGredy. This is a rose

for the grower who likes grand large full blooms, carried erect on strong stems. Colour yellowish cream. A fine rose.

Vincennes, a charming, but this Gold Medal rose is of great charm. Satin rose pink in colour, a true reminder of the Butterfly type. Very fragrant. Looks very good, although not a new break in colour of the rose.

Rex Anderson. A fine large pale lemon yellow of good form. There is room for this rose.

McGredy's Sunset. Chrome yellow shading off to bright scarlet. The late addition to the highly coloured roses for which this Irish firm is noted. There is certainly a place for this rose if it grows as well as it does in Ireland, but care is advised.

Dickson's Perfection. Shrimp pink. Bushed, orange, edged, fringed salmon. A magnificent grower.

Sweetness. A very pretty free-flowering, fragrant, heading rose. Light buttercup yellow, shaded light rosy cerise. Good bushy habit.

Perry Izard. Another of Mr. Herbert Robinson's carefully planned seedlings, of which Christopher Stone and Phyllis Gold are probably best known, but this otherwise good variety is not distinct enough to command a big sale.

Princess Marina. A charming variety, also raised by Mr. H. Robinson, but possibly too thin, although lovely in the bud and

ISSUES WARNING ON CHERRY APHIS

Growers Advised To Spray Now To Protect Buds And Leaves

Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, issues a warning to sweet cherry growers to be on the look out for black cherry aphid at this time.

Mr. Bailey states that as soon as aphid appears on the trees the latter should be either sprayed or dusted before the buds break into bloom. He warns that buds may weather earlier than expected if the weather turns warm following the recent rains.

The spray not only protects the fruit crop in prospect but also the leaves of the trees, enabling them to produce good buds for another year, Mr. Bailey asserts. He suggests, for the spray solution, using one pint of nicotine (just three or four pounds of cheap soap in 100 gallons of water). Dissolve the soap in hot water to avoid clogging the sprayer screen. Lime sulphur is not necessary for use at this time.

Mr. Bailey states that every two, fruit sprayer and water sprayer. Mr. Bailey asserts. If dusting, use four per cent nicotine dust, applying during the heat of the day when there is little or no breeze, or on a hot, still night.

half-open stage. Apricot and salmon, tinted scarlet.

Elmer B. Moe. Vivid cerise. These roses are all useful bedding varieties and worthy of a trial. The other three varieties available are Edith Mary Moe, a striking colour blend of orient red, scarlet and yellow; Jessie Seagrave, orange on chrome base; and John E. Slough, carmine red suffused with vermillion-orange.

From that celebrated American raiser, H. B. Woodruff, many new introductions may be expected that will cause a sensation as they become known.

Today there is an urgent and increasing demand by the general public for new decorative roses with a long flowering season and freedom from the fungoid diseases that modern roses seem to encourage.

According to the U. S. weather bureau, the recent winter was from 4 to 7 degrees warmer than normal in the eastern section, and from 4 to 8 degrees colder in the west and northwest.

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Chats With The Master Gardener

2. HOW TO RID YOUR LAWN OF WEEDS

I know lots of folks have given up hope of ever having a weedless lawn. And if I try to tell them that they really can have one. But the treatment I'm going to prescribe has cured lots of lawns that their owners had given up for lost, and I certainly want to urge you to give it a fair trial.

In trying to get rid of weeds, the first thing to consider is this: A weed and a grass plant just naturally can't grow on the same identical spot. If you have enough grass plants, if your turf is thick enough, the weeds can't get started. But when your grass is thin, when it doesn't completely cover the ground, every little spot of bare soil practically invites weeds to grow. So you see, the key to getting rid of weeds is to keep your grass thick and healthy. This is why it is that if your grass gets thin you're sure to have a healthy crop of dandelions and plantain and other pests.

Proper Feeding Essential The real answer to the thin grass problem and consequently to the weed problem—is proper feeding. Really a thin, spindly lawn is a half-starved lawn, almost every time. Here's why.

All through the growing season your grass roots constantly draw eleven different food elements from the soil, and every single one of these elements is necessary for healthy growth. If you let even one of them become exhausted from the soil, your grass will begin to die out. And right then the weeds get going! So the key to getting rid of weeds is to make sure that your grass has all eleven of these needed food elements.

"Very good," you say, "it sounds like a great idea. But how about the weed roots that are already in my soil just waiting to spring up and spoil my lawn?" Well, the answer is exactly the same! You see, grass roots start growing earlier in the spring than weed roots do. If you give your lawn a good square meal early enough—just as soon as frost is out of the ground—the grass will grow a great big head start over the weeds. And later, when the weeds do start up, your grass should be growing so strongly that lots of weeds will find no room to grow; they'll be choked out.

Feed Early Now, of course, I wouldn't want to promise that early feeding will

make the grass choke out all the weeds in one season. But if you do it right, and do it early enough, it will cut the number down so greatly that you'll feel like going after the rest by hand.

But remember—to be effective, it must be done just as soon as frost is out of the ground. And remember, too, that just any old plant food won't do. Manures, for instance, actually contain weed seeds, and putting them on your lawn just makes the problem that much worse. I'd recommend that you buy a complete plant food, one that supplies all eleven of the food elements your grass needs from the soil. Apply it to your entire lawn, 4 pounds per 100 square feet.

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