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# In Birmingham It's ANNUAL CALIBUR

## Lawn and Landscaping Time

Now is the time when everyone of us can know the thrill of making something grow! It may be a flower pot geranium. It may be a sloping little rock garden at the side of the house. It may be a big, rambling garden of an acre or more. To guide you in your Spring gardening plans—we've planned this Special Page... chock full of news, facts and figures about growing gardens most successfully.



### Annual or Perennial Easier to Grow?

Which flowers are easier to grow, annuals or perennials? This subject will be the signal for debate among gardening beginners but seldom among those experienced in gardening.

"Perennials," the amateur reasons, "do not have to be started every year, while annuals must be grown from seed each season; therefore perennials are easier."

But experience teaches that perennials need care otherwise they deteriorate and die out. Many annuals, on the other hand, half-seed and come up again as dependably as the perennials.

Plant at least a few of the outstanding novelties this year. Many of them are improvements over old varieties, and will be a welcome change.

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### New Lima Bean A Prize Winner

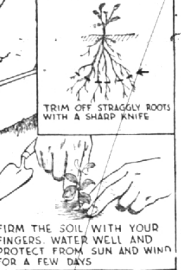
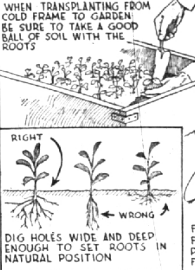
There is no crop more satisfactory to the home gardener than lima beans. They are so delicious and so easily grown, that it is a mistake to forget them in planning your vegetable plot.

Until this year one had to choose between two types of bush limas, the large seeded type, such as Fordhook, and the small seeded type, such as Henderson. The large kind was difficult to grow in some sections, where temperatures were high; it had to have plenty of room in the row, and white its yield was good, it was not as good as the Henderson type.

The small seeded type, on the other hand, would grow anywhere, in less space, and produced an abundant crop of small pods filled with small beans. They were delicious, but it was natural for gardeners to grow them to wish they were larger.

Prof. W. A. Hudson of the University of Illinois is larger the task of breeding a larger bean of the heavy yielding Henderson strain, and this year he won a silver medal in the All-American trials, for a variety which the judges considered had made great progress toward his goal. Baby Potato bush lima is the name it has been given. It grows 12 to 16 inches tall, is early and prolific like the Henderson type, and bears as well, while the pods are larger, with larger beans.

### When Transplanting



Transplanting is a task which one must perform throughout the garden year. So vigorous are the young plants when we move, so often do they survive carelessly, we are apt to neglect even the simple technique which will greatly reduce the proportion of failures.

Dig a hole large enough to spread out the roots without crowding. In the case of seedlings which have a long tap root, it will help promote stocky growth if this tap root is shortened. Avoid permitting air pockets to be formed among the roots. See that soil is filled in properly to cover the roots, and then firm the soil so

### Gardeners' Corner

*(This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marie L. Eaton, Box 175, Mount-Held Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Eaton and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner as directly as possible.)*

**The Soil**  
When the first garden work calls one into the garden, one is especially conscious of the earth. At first it is wet and sticky, then gradually it becomes workable until it arrives at that "just right" texture known as "friable." This state is described usually by saying that if you take a handful, you can see the imprint of your fingers; that is, the soil sticks together enough without sticking to your hand. When the soil does arrive at this point you have an ideal planting time. From now on anything may be planted that has been out of doors; it is still too early for plants brought indoors.

Wednesday, May 1, 2:45 p. m. "Spring Bulb Garden," colored moving picture of gardens of Mrs. John W. Sherwood, of Baltimore, with descriptions and music.

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### Plant Food Table

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Where smaller quantities are required, use a rounded tablespoon per square foot. For convenience, here is a table showing some common areas and the standard balanced plant food application for each:
25 ft. x 5 ft. equals 25 sq. ft. — requires 1 lb. (or 1 pint).
5 ft. x 10 ft. equals 50 sq. ft. — requires 2 lbs. (or 1 quart).
10 ft. x 10 ft. equals 100 sq. ft. — requires 4 lbs. (or 2 quarts).
20 ft. x 30 ft. equals 600 sq. feet — requires 24 lbs.
25 ft. x 100 ft. equals 2,500 sq. ft. — requires 100 lbs.

### Prize Sweet Peas Withstand Heat

The early flowering strain of sweet peas developed primarily in greenhouse forcing, bear fewer flowers on shorter vines, than the late type. Therefore the awarding of a silver medal in All America trials for 1940 to a new strain which is both large flowered and early, comes as good news to all hot weather sections of the country.

Spring Flowering Rose Pink is the name of the new variety which won the silver medal. In the same strain are Spring Flowering Blue (bronze medal) and Spring Flowering Lavender (honorable mention). All these have the characteristics of the new strain, which is: early flowering season beginning half way between the early and late runners, flowers as numerous and as large as the late runners, and a remarkable ability to withstand hot weather, prolonging their flowering season.

### QUESTION BOX

**Q. How can a garbage container be concealed?**  
A. An underground receptacle, properly drained and having a metal-operated cover, is a good arrangement. Containers of this kind can be included in a small lattice of hedge-screened service yard located on the same side of the house as the garage driveway, kitchen, and service entrance.

**Q. Every time it rains several of our windows swell, and we are unable to open them until they dry out. Is there any way we can remedy this condition?**  
A. Loosen the stop which holds the window sash in place. If this does not improve the condition, wait until the sash is dry and apply a thin coat of paste wax throughout the length of the window grooves with lined oil which will be helpful. If the windows are too tight when dry, it will be necessary to remove the sash and plane down the wood. Weather-stripping the windows will provide easy sliding of the sash and will reduce air infiltration.

**Q. Sowing seed of hardy annuals on the frozen ground in the garden for the earliest start. You can do this with any variety which self-sows freely.**  
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