

Above all, we in this nation have no right to become pessimistic over the European outlook; we should be grateful that we, at least, have the right to sustain freedom.

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Now Is the Time to Buy, Build or Remodel

Gardeners' Corner



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SUMMER CARE OF ROSES

Attention given to roses during the summer falls into three categories—efforts to avoid and fight insects and diseases—feeding and cultivation—and disbudding and cutting.

In order to avoid disease (black

spot and mildew) the plants must be sprayed regularly. Use a dust like Massey dust or a special preparation put out by the rose growers. One dust is a shade of green that is practically invisible on the leaves. It is most important to spray or dust under the leaves for that is the starting point of the fungus diseases. If a leaf is found that has black-spot it should be removed and burned at once. It begins as dark grayish spot that spreads. It finally shows a yellow edge around the spot. Dust before rain if possible. Insects are killed with arsenate

of lead or nicotine depending whether they are chewers or suckers.

Summer feeding of roses is especially important if the beds have not been prepared with sufficient food value. A complete commercial fertilizer can be used as the buds are beginning to show color, or liquid manure water.

Most important is the constant cultivation of the soil. This keeps out weeds and keeps in moisture. Using a mulch to aid the task is a help but be sure that the mulch is not absorbing the moisture from the roots. As explained before in relation to other flowers, one must choose in disbudding whether one wishes many flowers or few specimen blooms. If the small side buds are not removed when they are very tiny, one may as well leave them because they have already taken the vitality from the end rose. Leave two leaves on the stem when you cut as roses unless the branch is very sturdy; then you may leave three.

If cutting at night, cut half open buds; if in the morning, buds that are further open. Place in water at once. Never cut in the hot sun. If the ground is stirred constantly little water is necessary, but in periods of drought the ground should be soaked thoroughly once a week.

Question: How does one make rose cuttings? Answer: Use for the cutting a shoot that is ready to open its bud. Cut off the bud just above the top leaf (which is left on the cutting). Remove all other leaves. The cutting should be about five inches long. Insert three-fourths of the cutting in firmly packed sand or soil and peat. Cover with an inverted fruit jar. Keep shaded and well watered. Plant in a bed next spring.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS Iris—cut stems of dead flowers to the ground. Feed with bonemeal.

Peonies—Cut dead flowers but leave foliage until after frost. Work bone meal around roots. Hollyhocks, tomatoes, cucumbers need to be sprayed with Bordeaux mixture.

Poinsettias that have been resting should be started. Make new cuttings from the shoots or grow on the old plants. Lawns need a dose of plant food; beware of burning with an overdose.

Perennial and biennial seeds should be sown now. Chrysanthemums should be pinched back.

Don't be afraid to transplant seedlings. To transplant twice establishes a vigorous root system.

Things to Ponder In Buying Lot Told by Broker

By DONALD D. NIMMO (Max Brock, Inc.)

The age old saying "buyer's beware" is especially true if it is a home you have planned and built around. Before acquiring it, however, there are a number of things which contribute to the successful completion and full enjoyment of one's residence.

In looking for a home, which is the first step, an attractive location that has a pleasant view should be borne in mind. When one builds a house in an old district it raises the value of the surrounding homes and the reverse is just as true. Another point there should be the selection of an area in which the homes already built are new or nearly so.

Conditions of improvement. He should keep in mind the improvement of the subdivision. Are they adequate? Will they be adequate in ten years or after the district is built up to a certain extent? Will it require an additional disposal system for which property owners will be assessed? For example, the Birmingham City Engineering Department has through the past years that a number of original improvements have become inadequate because of the number of new houses being installed throughout the area. In order to avoid this in the future, the present city engineering department has adopted a rigid rule that is to be opened to the public has to be equipped with improvements that will serve an efficient 100 per cent capacity for all time to come.

Protection. Then too, the prospective home builder must consider fire and police protection. Fire insurance is a nice hedge against destruction of your property. A fire department that gives adequate protection is far better as insurance rates show. With this protection, the rates are lower and fire has little chance of completely destroying the home over which you have spent so much time planning and waiting for.

The builder of a new home must look about him in desirable neighbors who have children with whom he would be proud to have his family associate and grow up.

He should also keep in mind the possibility of resale in case a business change should move him from the community. Important things to remember in resale are the following: (1) The proximity to schools and transportation, (2) the building restrictions, (3) the age of surrounding properties.

All these are to be considered

Economy Difficult With Cheap Paint

In selecting a domestic and are features that should be brought out by the conscientious real estate broker who is aiding in the selection. They should not be dodged but laid before the purchaser so that he may weigh the advantages and disadvantages of any community and the result should aid him greatly in making a decision.

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Remove Wax Before Repainting. All wax should be thoroughly removed before floors are refinished. If the floors were previously treated with the kind of wax that requires rubbing to polish it, the floor surface should be cleaned with turpentine or mineral spirits. After the wax has softened, wipe it completely away. Clean again with the solvent. If a non-rubbing wax has been used, a good household chlorine mixed with warm water should be sufficient to remove it.

The trouble with the man with the "deep rich voice" is that he is always using it.—Athens Globe

Real Estate Sales Take Upward Swing In Birmingham

According to Myron E. Snyder, president of the firm of Snyder, Back & Bennett, real estate sales have taken an upward swing during the past few weeks. With an expected industrial activity greater than this country has ever known, together with an existing housing shortage and inevitable higher prices pointing to inflationary tendencies, many people

are "rushing to shelter" in a home of their own.

During the week ending Saturday, June 22, there were deposits made on eight Birmingham homes, involving total sales of approximately \$100,000, stated Mr. Snyder.

The way things are going, it won't be long before we'll be pinning for the good old days when we had only depression to worry about.—Kansas City Kansan.

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