



# In Birmingham It's ANNUAL CARBOL 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 gardening plans—we've planned this Special Page... check full of news, facts and figures about growing gardens most successfully.



## Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted by The Eccentric's readers, by Mrs. Marj T. Patten, Box 116, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patten and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner or directly by mail.)

**Lilacs**  
The buds of lilacs already show color. Some have even burst open. Picking lilacs for the house is one pleasant way of pruning the bushes. Pick enough to shape the bushes the way you want them; after the flowers have faded in the garden, cut off the spikes before they

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## Broccoli Is Easy To Produce

Broccoli is easily grown in the home garden, requiring only the same treatment as cabbage. There is no necessity for tying up leaves as in cauliflower and the stalk leaves a main head and when cut develops a number of side branches with edible heads. Seed of Italian green sprouting broccoli should be sown now for producing edible

**Sawflies Attacking Short Needle Pines, City Forester Warns**  
People who own short-needled pine trees should inspect them for sawflies, according to Fred Olson, city forester.  
Olson brought to The Eccentric office a sprig from such a spruce and the end was covered with the larvae, eating the needles.  
"Unless they are killed, these worms will strip the whole tree," Olson said. "This year the infestation seems particularly heavy."  
Infested trees should be sprayed with arsenate of lead.

## Plant Gladioli As Late As June 15

Gladioli bulbs may be planted until June 15 in our northern states with reasonable assurance of getting flowers before frost, and this assurance becomes a certainty when bulbs of the primulina type are planted.  
The primulina varieties are not so large as others. They have slender stems, and the flowers are small, but they excel in daintiness and in exquisite colorings, especially in salmon shades. Some of the salmon tints in which they abound are exquisite in the border, planted in small groups, with blue flowers as a foil. These bulbs in mixture will always harmonize because all of them have a hinting touch of yellow in them.  
The most economical speed to drive a car is 25 miles per hour, according to exhaustive tests conducted at General Motors Proving Ground.

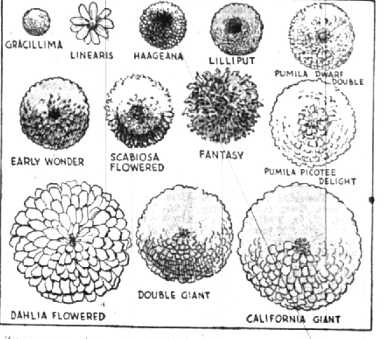
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## Types of America's Popular Flower



Zinnias are the most popular flowers in America. In making their way to this country, they have overtaken sweet peas, asters, and petunias, which still are popular, and they are trading zinnias in the race.  
The merit which contributes most to the zinnia's success is probably the ease with which it grows. A typical plant, which endures the hottest weather, it is the beginner's ideal flower, germinating quickly in warm weather, growing rapidly to flowering size, and when the flowers are abundant, until frost kills it.  
Late planted zinnias are best sown where they are to remain, and late planted zinnias are best sown where they are to remain, and late planted zinnias are best sown where they are to remain.  
To encourage large flowers, apply a teaspoonful of plant food around each plant after the buds appear. Stir it into the soil, taking care not to allow it to touch stems or foliage. If it should get on the foliage, wash it off.  
Small flowered zinnias are some ways better border flowers than the giant flowered ones, they produce more flowers, hold above the foliage, on bushy plants, and their variety of forms makes interesting texture effects.  
The shaggy Fantasy type, and the ruffled double zinnias, make pleasing cut flower arrangements, while the small flowered singles are excellent for low and medium culture, and all show remarkable ability to withstand rigorous treatment, while responding generously to good care. Progress has been made in breeding the various strains true to type, and developing more brilliant colors.

## Some Tips on Growing Beans

Beans should not be planted until the ground is warm. They are very tender to frost or to cold cutting winds in their younger stages. Gardens with light warm, sandy soil can get an earlier bean start than those with heavy colder soil.  
The first crop, in which we take a gamble with the weather, should be given the warmest, mellowest, and best drained patch in the garden. Later on the frost danger is past it will make little difference, as the string bean is the most hardy of vegetables and will even grow in a fair soil in positions much more shaded than some other vegetables will tolerate.  
If whether you want to grow green beans or wax beans. Both types their advocates as to superiority of flavor. Then you may choose whether you want a round, saddle or a flat podded bean. Some claim the round type is more tender than the flat, although there seems no sound basis for the argument.  
There are numerous excellent varieties from which to choose and almost any sort offered by a reliable seed house will give excellent results. The stringless greenpod is offered by all, a standard variety.  
**Walleye Pike Fry Very Cannibalistic**  
Walleye pike fry are planted promptly soon after hatching, because they are exceedingly cannibalistic. After they have grown enough to absorb the food, they attack each other with such rapidity that they are "cleaned" by the attacker himself, attacked before the first victim can be swallowed. Such "cleaning" may have as many as 25 heads and one tail.

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**Mother Bear Ends Misery of Cub**  
CRYSTAL FALLS—A forest tragedy is reported by Conservation Officer Walter Nelms which was witnessed on a coyote trap in which was pinned a half grown cub, dead from a blow on the head. The evidence was plain to the officer who read it. The mother had come upon her offspring, dead remained by its side two or three days when she made a factual effort to release it, then had freed it from its suffering.  
Followed His Country's Lead  
Mother (carrying home late)—I hope my little cub has been as good as gold all day.  
Nurse (a fat political)—No, ma'am. She cut off the gold standard about tea time.

## 42-Pound Bobcat Causes Speculation As to Their Growth

**SUDDENLY SUMMER**  
Cold days, wet days, half-cold dank miserable shivery days, long dull dreary days, with hangerover memories of winter making the unpleasant days appear more miserable than they are, endless days of waiting and waiting and waiting... with maybe a trifling handful of half-nice days sandwiched in here and there... and then suddenly, oh so suddenly, all in a minute, summer arrives...  
Bloom on the trees just over night, rows of glorious green leaves where there were mere suggestions before, everywhere shoots of mysteriously puzzling growing things, grass getting a deep quiet green, birds in the leafy trees looking things over, lots and lots of crocuses and violets and tulips everywhere, Forsythia and flowering almond ornamenting the landscape, a single lily patch of green, rarer snakes sunning themselves along the roadside, toads and frogs and whatnot croaking and delightful golden sunshine pouring down, flooding everything and everywhere... summer again dear, dear below... longed-for, beautiful summer returning to earth.

**BEATRICE M. McDONALD**  
Sharpen up the tools. Digging time is upon us. A clean sharp rusty one twice as easy as a dull rusty one.  
Give the best fruiting pepper plenty of room. Export growers allow them two and a half feet in the row. Give them plenty of water. They are hot and thirsty.  
Mustard will grow in any soil. Sow a row of it for greens. It will be a welcome change from spinach and beets.  
In transplanting any of the onion, take up half the leaves.

**Cardinals Extend Homes Northward**  
LANSING—Increase and steady northern extension of the range of cardinals in Michigan of the last 25 years are still in progress, conservation department ornithologists report.  
The bright red bird with the attention getting whistle note, a familiar sight throughout southern Michigan. Since the cardinal is not his back by its front feet and its hind paws would touch the ground.  
More knowledge is comparatively worthless unless digested into practical wisdom and common sense as applied to the affairs of life.—Tryon Edwards.

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