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WRONG-DOERS IN TROY TOWNSHIP from now on will have to answer to one of these two gentlemen. Troy's newly-created police department is now on duty on a close to 24-hour watch, equipped with radio and a new car. Police Chief David Gronapp (left) explains the schedule of the new department to Patrolman Willard Schwandt. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Down to Earth
 By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

Chrysanthemums are the glorious flowers which herald in the colorful fall. The time to buy chrysanthemums is in the fall when they are in bloom. Place them in all their glory in the dull spots in your garden.

First dig a hole of proper size and put the plant in, still in its tarpaper container. Then carefully slit the carton about four times, allowing it to fall away. Then, with your foot or a hoe, tamp the soil around the base. Water the plants daily for a week. Do not add fertilizer, as the plant has been fed all summer and must not have forced green growth to jeopardize its winter health.

The new color tones you will find on the market today will delight you and be a great addition to your yard. There are few chrysanthemum farms in this area.

If you have established plants in your yard remember that they can be moved around "like living room furniture" if you exercise care.

Chrysanthemums are the crowning reward to the busy gardener at the end of the garden cycle.

RASPBERRY bushes are often placed between the shrubs in a new planting to "regulate" young traffic. These should be placed one step forward from the shrub line to form a line of their own. In order to prevent their canes from taking over the garden bed be sure in the spring and fall to take a sharp shovel and cut deep around the raspberry bush to prevent extensive root growth.

"Michigan trees worth knowing," by Norman Smith, published by the Michigan Department of Conservation is the finest book and filled with pictures, that I have seen.

In the fall we become tree-conscious as the leaves give us a new show of color. Many of our local gardeners have a lovely collection of unusual trees and could receive a great deal of pleasure by attaching attractive labels to them for visitors to enjoy.

FALL COLORING in leaves is controlled in a tiny band of cells at the base of the stem of each leaf. At the end of the summer these particular cells loosen and dry out. Chlorophyll, which results from the action of light and gives us the green color, is unstable and has to be continually renewed in the leaf. Therefore, when the pipe line is cut off the green color ceases to enter the leaf. Trees can be identified in the fall by the color of their leaves. Many people, when they select trees for their new lots, keep in mind the fall coloring of the particular variety.

The brightest colored leaves are found when the fall season is bright and clear. This is due to the strength of the intensity of light reacting on the sugar chemicals.

LARSEN HAS huge floradale zinnias. The back of his yard has a horizontal ranch styled white fence and at the focal point which is the pivot of everybody's garden he has three blaze climbing roses.

Tuberose rooted begonias are along one side of the house. He says that after he has let them dry off after the first mild frost, he carefully packs them in vermiculite for the winter storage.

May I add that if they are placed in a square wooden box with an upright position, then covered with vermiculite, all you have to do in the spring is to begin watering them for early growth.

A four foot high dwarf delaware apple tree rewarded Bob Larsen with five apples this year. Its potential growth will be six feet.

THIS WEEK we visit the garden of Robert G. Larsen, 92200 Arlington Road, Beverly Hills. In this home we find a young couple who have discovered the joy of good gardening, and the wealth which is theirs as they eagerly share choice plants and flowers with neighbors and friends.

Red geraniums greet the visitor in their planted around the old fashioned lamp post in front of their colonial farmhouse home. The backyard is a lexy of color. "The flowers were all planted by seed, including the weeds," chuckled Bob Larsen.

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Mrs. Leavenworth, chairman of production and supply, and Mrs. Neff, staff aides chairman, met last week with Mrs. J. C. Walker of Pontiac, to formulate plans. The area chapter plans to provide 200 of these packages, through the cooperation of residents. The packages, of uniform size and content, can be prepared at a cost of \$2.50 each, Mrs. Walker explained.

Each will contain six basic items such as stationery, soap, cigarettes, small games, books, decks of cards, candy, gum or pencils.

"The donor's name will be included in each package," the committee said. "While the cost per package is really quite small it will mean a great deal to the man or woman who must spend Christmas on a ship, far from home and friends."

Takes Special Training Program at U of M

One of the officials of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield group insurance plans who "went back to school" at the University of Michigan Aug. 4-23 to take a special executive training program was Robert J. Koch, 358 Argyle, office manager of Michigan Hospital Service.

Courses in the actuarial principles of preparation plans, health economics, management principles and relations, and accounting for management control were studied.

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