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DOWN TO EARTH

Summer Has Special Gardening Problems

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
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Even at this date it is not too late to place a rose in your garden if you secure a plant in a paper wrap. Be sure that the selected location is in the full sun for six hours a day and is well drained. After planting, do not water, do it when the sun is out, water well. Do not wet the leaves, but soak the soil well. Place a bushel basket over it for five days.

Be sure and look up the Floradora, floribunda rose. It is a heavy bloomer, and the flowers are either red or pink and have enough yellow in the color so that their coloring goes in front of natural brick.

If you have a dull spot in your yard that is in the sun you may want to spruce up the effect with a bright geranium.

At this date keep it in the pot but bury the pot flush with the soil level. The Richard geranium will give the greatest flash of color while the English geranium is that "heavenly pink" which always complements a white background.

Some of you already have noticed some of the evergreens turning brown. Some perennials have mottled leaves. Chances are that you have had spider. A hard daily spray with the hose for a week will bring a case under control and will help a case which will assure you of good results.

ON LILACS, ornamental and fruit trees you may have an oyster shell-like scale. It should have an oil spray before the leaves are open in the spring, but here we are in the summer, so use the insecticidal spray for that oyster scale, now.

A great many of you are plagued at this date with crab grass. Now that you are "in the soup," your best bet is to go to your supplier and secure a spray to eliminate the pest.

Promise yourself that early next April you will begin a pest-control program—be generous with fertilizer to encourage early root growth. Cut your grass so that it is two inches high, encourage a thick carpet of grass. This due to its height, will cast a shadow on the soil, not allowing crabgrass to germinate on a sunny bald spot. Of course it is important to scratch open spots and replant with seed.

IF YOU ARE in doubt as to the presence of red spider, shake some of the branches over a white piece of paper. If, after you rub the paper, the result is a brown smudge, roll up your sleeves and get to work.

Right from the beginning of the season aim to grow the healthiest plants "in Birmingham."

Now I contend if they are planted in the right location for their needs, in well drained soil, and get fertilizer three times a season, you

enrichment for the flower of the next year. This artificial feeding by you to end with the same results is one we should avoid.

REMEMBER HOW Mrs. Anderson had a nice lot in her garden for those precious minutes of rest? It was always untidy due to her "feathered friends" but since she placed an artificial frog on it, her problem is solved.

Going back for pleasure is always question, cut off lily flower stalks as you generally are not interested in buds and forget about the attractive green leaves of the lilies.

Different roses have a cycle of flowering determined by the variety. Therefore you cut off old rose hips or seed pods, and when you cut roses for pleasure be always aware of the number of leaves you allow on the specimen.

Midsummer cutting of blooms affects the fall production as it reduces the foliage area and plant's balance. It takes from five to seven weeks for new blooms to flower where the stems have been cut off.

New Books at the Baldwin Library

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With the 5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM IN KOREA—Pvt. Donald L. Parks, whose wife, Joy, lives at 15600 13th Avenue, Southfield township, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 5th Regimental Combat Team. Private Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Parks, Royal Oak, is a welder in Headquarters Battery of the Team's 55th Field Artillery Battalion.

Attend Summer Camp

Bill Huke, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Huke, 283 Ravine, and Tom Huke, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hinar, 621 Park, are attending the summer school-camp at Shattuck School, Fairbault, Minn.

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