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DOWN TO EARTH

Evening Strolls Pay Gardener for Labors

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Strolling through your garden after dinner is the real reward for creating a garden. Near the door to your garden you might like to hang a pair of long bladed kitchen shears. Then when you go on these expeditions you are reminded to take shears to snip off dead flowers and assure your plant of a longer life.

This is especially true of panicles because as soon as their own life is completed by the setting of seeds, they are only interested in curling up and dying. Speaking of panicles, you might put some peat moss around them at this time to assure them of better blooming during the hotter days ahead.

sun. Many of them do such a good job of flowering in the cool spring days that the plants become exhausted and die early.

IF YOU HAVE a spot in your garden available for a project you might like to grow your own plants, starting the seed the second week in August. They are transplanted when they have two true leaves and these giant Swiss panicles (the best type of seed) are ready to bring you dividends next spring.

You can transplant a small plant most any time if you remember one thing—be sure and water the seedling before moving it, work

fast, and place a berry box or a suitable size cover over the transplant after generously watering it. It is said that a good gardener can move any plant large enough to have good luck moving two evergreens in July. I was very careful to water them every day and kept a cover over them for a week.

This is garden visiting time so let's glean some ideas from those gardens shown on the pilgrimage. Dr. H. E. Hanna had three ideas I want to pass along. He had used Norway spruce as a wind-break for his country setting, had trimmed them to a compact six foot hedge.

A NEW FORMAL garden was being developed with three steps down to enter it. The Hannas had used purple flowering thyme around the stone steps to make them appear natural and it was a picture in flower.

The William J. Spierers have an English cottage style home which is set on many acres and seems to rise out of the earth. Here are some points from the Spier estate.

They used honeysuckle to hold a steep bank. The creeping variety, it had a yellow-green coloring for the all over effect. Pitzer junipers are placed on the embankment to give emphasis and the darker green accent was most welcome among the masses of honeysuckle. Those junipers with their low spreading habit should be planted 16 feet apart and, of course, in full sun.

THEY HAD DECIDED just how much of this rural setting they wished to keep well groomed and then selected interesting boundary shrubs which would have a potential mass of height of from six to eight feet. Here is the smart trick—the Spierers built a hand split rail fence just in front of these shrubs, allowing for their potential circumference. The "refined" grass came to that fence boundary and why worry about trimming under the feet of the shrubs, etc? The fence gave an attractive finish and cut out hundreds of work hours.

The Lumen W Goodenoughs have a mixed rural setting which they shared with garden visitors. The fence point of this garden is a long path down rather a steep hill, where wide steps invited you to stroll.

On each side of these long steps were hemlocks placed at an estimate of 35 feet apart. Their noble branches were pendulous, giving a weepy effect.

ALONG THE steps myrtle had been planted and the beds of this ground cover had been parted at measured distances where tall phlox had been planted. When they were in bloom they look like spindles in a banister.

I know that this peaceful garden was planned and planted with love many years ago as in a couple instances slabs of stones, placed flush with the ground, had the following engravings: "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, whence cometh my help," and "Oh, thou who hast given me eyes to see and love this sight so fair, Oh, give me the heart to search for Thee and find Thee everywhere."

Ending this column at this high note seems appropriate because as our gardens at this date assume their role of beauty we know that it has been created with the help of a Great Partner.



MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

WHAT ABOUT 1952 DEER LAWS?

Following the recent publication of final results of the 1952 deer hunting season sportsmen are beginning to wonder what's going to happen next fall. Will there be another widespread legalized kill of "any deer" in the lower peninsula? Will the "any deer" areas be specially designated? Or will we go back to the one buck regulation?

Big Percentage of Does and Fawns Killed

From a survey the Department reports that the total kill hit the 162,000 mark last fall, with 465,000 persons licensed to hunt. That means one out of three got a deer. About 52,000 bucks were killed during the regular season, and 110,000 during the last three days when it was legal to shoot any deer, any size, any sex. However, 103,000 were either adult does or fawns—a figure that alarmed a lot of people. But our game division sees little or no cause for alarm because of this. As a matter of fact they looked for a much larger kill in most areas.

Plenty of Deer in Evidence

They point out that the spring showing of deer in the lower peninsula, even where the last fall kill ran high, is widely satisfactory. The past winter was apparently easy on the animals, the food supply was adequate for the existing herd, and at the moment all is well. BUT, a couple of hundred thousand

fawns—maybe more—will soon be born to create another problem. Will there be enough food to see them thru next winter? Or should the ranks be thinned again next fall to assure a herd of healthy animals? There's no definite answer as this is written.

Upper Peninsula Kill Light

No special laws are likely to affect the upper peninsula. Only 19,000 deer, all buck, came from that area last fall, out of a total state kill of 162,000, a figure that bears out hunters' stories of seeing fewer deer across the Straits this year.

Problem Complicated

Wherever game management is practiced the problem is quite involved. It's especially difficult with deer because of persistent public pressure. People love to see lots of deer in the north country all summer, and have little concern with what they can't see; the misery and cruelty of slow starvation in the winter months. So bear with our Department. They're trying to make a better Michigan Outdoors for all of us, including the deer!

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No. 55,941.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—in the Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of ALBERT SMITH, Deceased.

All persons interested in the said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, on the 21st day of June, A.D. 1952.

Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Good H. Smith, Administrator of said estate, having filed in said Court his Final Account and petition praying for final settlement and allowance thereon, in determination of the legal heirs of said deceased, and the discharge of said said estate and the discharge of said said estate.

It is ordered, that the 17th day of July, A.D. 1952, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court in the County of Oakland, in the State of Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and published in said County, and that notice be given to the interested parties in the petition for administration filed in this case, and to creditors whose claims

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