

Do It Right; Make Hard Work Easier

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Recently I examined a booklet from the General Motors employee information rack service which was entitled "Back Talk". It was so well presented that I would like to salute the company for distributing such a timely booklet to their employees and friends at garden time.

This small booklet tells how to save your back when doing home tasks and this is the time when home gardeners daily wish that they had a back with a hinge on it. Here are some highlights from the book which I would like to share with you:

We have 24 movable vertebrae separated by discs which serve to absorb the shocks and strains of activity. If one of these is severely compressed, a disc will slip out of place.

Tip given for avoiding back trouble, and as gardeners, you should welcome a refresher on these tips for your 1954 garden program, say lower an object and entire body to address the direction before easing down the object.

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border plant that will flower right through to the killing frost. Verbenas come in a great collection of colors and grows close to the ground which makes it a good first border.

Zinnias should be placed in the second row due to being anywhere from one to four feet high. Try some of the new types.

If you need a climber try the moon flower whose huge white trumpets which will come into full flower at night and give "glamour" to the view of your garden at dusk. The flowers are very fragrant.

You can buy nasturtiums which will climb and remember that this flower always wants poor soil to have the most flowers and no fertilizer.

THERE IS another vine which attracts humming birds, called cardinal climber. It is a rapid grower and will attain a height of 25 feet with beautiful fern-like foliage. The flowers are cardinal red coming from July until frost. Soak your seeds for eight hours before sowing. This climber likes a warm, sunny location with rich soil.

If you have a small child who seems to tag along beside you as you garden and shows indications of being a Burbank you might let him with his own hands, plant some sunflowers and castor bean seeds. Each of these should be three feet from a boundary line and will attain a height of 8 feet plus, giving a good example to tie up with the story of Jack-and-the-Beanstalk.

SUCH ADVENTURES with the children or grandchildren are the things they build their memories on for all of their lives. You will enjoy planting clove. As it grows four feet high, give it the right location in the full sun. The pink queen variety is lovely. Place plants at least three feet apart.

We are at the end of the column and the annual story has only begun. If you have a new home and feel that the development of your yard to fulfill your dreams must go slow, this year invest in a few envelopes of seeds and with a little planning you can have a panorama of flowers, the envy of all your neighbors.

If you are one of these people who "live dangerously", remember it takes three layers of newspaper over a plant to protect it from the frost.

Don't overlook the pleasure of sowing seed and the abundant flower show that will be your reward. You may sow the following seeds about the tenth of the month. Ageratum, in blue and white, which you will want to use for a primary border because of its low height.

Sweet Alyssum, in the carpet of snow variety, will pay you dividends if you sow the seed, then thin it out, placing each plant a trowel apart in your border. When plants mature they will be round and the size of a dinner plate.

AVOID BALSAM, it does not cut well and the general appearance with the florets up the stem doesn't do too much for a garden. Few folks try brodiaea which I think is a beautiful blue, 10 inch

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BARGAINS GALORE are being put into boxes by Birmingham area members of the Junior Friendly League as they gather items for the rummage sale to be held Saturday, May 8, at the Farmer's Market in Royal Oak. Participants include (left to right) Mrs. Homer V. Finch, Mrs. John Dunkel and Mrs. John H. Sutton. (Eccentric Photo)

Women's Sporting Activities Take Highlight at BCC

Ladies' opening golf breakfast was held this morning to advise all golfers and would-be golfers of plans for the season at the Birmingham Country Club. Everyone was invited whether they were a regular golfer in the past or one of the new members who plan to start this year.

Ray Maguire is going to give free group lessons starting May 13 for beginners as well as others who wish to review the fundamentals of the game.

Annual bowling banquet for the

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. "Peis" Smith and children, Jimmie, age 4, Susan, age 3, and Tommy, age 1, former residents of LaGrange, Ill. 7. They now reside at 755 Madison. Smith is employed in the central office of General Motors.

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