



MR. AND MRS. VINCENT VAN FLEET (right), Cranbrook road, Bloomfield village, shown on the stone stairway of the Weathervane inn, Charlevoix, Mich., with Mr. and Mrs. Al C. Watson of St. Clair Shores, at whose Lake Charlevoix summer home the Van Fleets are spending three weeks.

DOWN TO EARTH

Try Using 'Home Grown' Seed

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In the Walnut Lake area at 2081 Lakeshire road we have an active businessman, James R. Sanborn, Sr., who really enjoys his garden. He receives one of his greatest pleasures from trying new plant material and growing perennials and biannuals from seed.

Here on this quarter-acre site you see fine growing, where one of the greatest aids is a good compost pile. Perhaps Sanborn's history of good gardening could be dated to the period in his youth when he raised flowers to sell, which necessitated good standards of constant care.

Here are some of the tips and techniques I observed to pass on to you.

DELPHINIUM seeds are planted as soon as they ripen on the plant as they do not need a "seasoning" period.

Regal lilies were planted from seed. It takes three years to reach the flowering stage. The Philippine varieties take two years. Biannuals are best if they are placed in their permanent bed in the fall. Seeds in July, and then in the middle of October place them in their permanent location," Mrs. Sanborn says. Mrs. Sanborn is anxious to have a pastel garden off their enclosed rear porch as the plant selection for this is Sanborn's challenge this year.

THIS HOME has the old fashioned rain barrel and cucumber vines are trained to cover this source of good water. They have a mimosa from Occoquan, Va., which they have wintered over and hope to try other southern plant material.

At the southeastern corner of their home is a purple clematis and on the south side a long bed of huge pansies partially shaded by a fruit tree.

Every year a pilgrimage to the L. A. Southard home at the corner of Red Maple lane and Maple (the yard laborer) is a "must" for all garden classes. Other years I have described details of their garden and have some emphasis to pass on at this time.

They have employed Austrian pine as a view blocker. It also serves to block noises as they are on a thoroughfare.

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College Gift Recalls Old Family Here

The Mendelssohn Trust of Detroit is reported to have presented \$25,000 to Bennington college.

Mrs. Harry L. Winston, who is attending a board meeting at the Bennington, Vt., college, is a college trustee.

The fund is a memorial to the late Aaron Mendelssohn, whose family includes former Bloomfield Hills resident, Gordon Mendelssohn, now of New York N. Y.

Aaron Mendelssohn was one of the founders and original stockholders of the Fisher Body Corp., Bennington, for which Mrs. Winston was instrumental this spring in staging an "Arts for Leisure" tour of numerous local homes with local artists as honor guests, is a four-year undergraduate college for women.

AMONG MICHIGAN girls now attending are Sara Colbert, daughter of the Lester Colberts of Martel, Bloomfield Hills, and two girls from Ann Arbor.

The Mendelssohn gift is for scholarships and loans for Michigan girls attending the college, aimed to boost number of Michigan girls enrolled.

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Have You Met

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Peschell and their 9-month-old son, Robert William, formerly of Foyal Oak and Cleveland, who have moved to 1651 Latham drive? The Peschells are interested in training dogs to run in field trials and their two springer spaniels have won so many blue ribbons and cups that the Peschells will have to build a rack in their new home to display the trophies. They are members of the Southern Michigan Springer Spaniel club. Peschell is an engineering representative for Ohio Crankshaft company, Detroit.

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