

Greenhouse Is a Fine Hobby

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The power of an ad was demonstrated to me recently. A local gardener had purchased a new home with some large established shrubs which she wished to change. The task looked like too heavy a chore but she wanted to save this valuable plant material.

A new resident who had moved plants due to shadows from the into a recently constructed home read her ad in The Eccentric and winter it is maintained at 60-65 arranged to remove the shrubbery, degrees at a cost of about \$150.

When shrubs are moved in such a manner top growth and roots should be cut back on the shrub of moving will not be too great. It is essential that the plant be watered daily for at least two weeks. If the



Mrs. Burlingame
Mrs. Moses grows shade-loving



Mrs. Lee Moses at 1326 Buford, Bufilet by her husband the 19 x 16 structure is about 25 feet from the house. Mrs. Moses grows shade-loving

for early spring use which hasn't been promoted in this area.

IF THERE is any particular plant you want to specialize in you may be sure that there is a national society which puts out a bulletin of help to you.

It isn't too late to establish Christmas roses for next winter's pleasure. They like a moist, shaded location but in the winter at least a half day of sunshine. The soil should be woody and well rotted manure is their specialty.

As you work on your lawn and are dissatisfied with the uneven surface, plan to work in good humus as a top dressing in late August. Seed at that time.

If you are where the clay is getting you down, remember that sharp, coarse builder's sand spaded in will eventually change the texture. An inch of sand to three inches of clay is the right ratio.

IF YOU HAVE such sandy soil that, when a plant is watered, the roots don't have a chance to grab a drink before the water penetrates deeper, add around 20 per cent of bulk, clay, humus, leaves worked into the soil. Sawdust is good if you add a cup of all purpose fertilizer to a bushel of sawdust.

Peonies have been beautiful this year. Many disappointed owners have said, "Why don't I have flowers?"

Review the peony situation on your property. They need good drainage, fertilizer, moisture and nearly full sun. Maybe they need dividing.

As you work in the fall and do not have the peony eye more than two inches below the surface. When thinning clump, divide it after you have rinsed off the roots. Be sure there are two or three buds on each piece. Old clumps which are not flowering usually need dividing.

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