



TEENAGERS gathered at Linda LaMarre's home on Tilbury recently to bid farewell to Judy Kroeger whose family is moving to a new home near New Haven, Conn. Hostesses for the party are shown at Judy's side, left to right, Barbara Blish and Linda. The surprise party included badminton and record playing with refreshments provided by the girls and Sandy Shukart. Aiding hostessing for the 19 girls was Barbara Taylor. (Eccentric Photo)

DOWN TO EARTH

Tell BBB of Garden 'Fakes'

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Ohio State university has recently sent out a warning to community gardeners to be sure and report any "fake" plants sent through the mail to your local Better Business Bureau.

The U. S. government secured an indictment and conviction of a nursery in Bloomington, Ill., using the names of Owens, Marie Kruse, and Bob Richards. They were fined \$17,000 and the owner was given a one-year sentence.

Purchasers of many "fake bargains" have received bundles of twigs cut from hedges.

LOCAL BUYING lets you see what you are buying and allows prompt planting giving best results.

Today I will take you to "visit" the garden of one of our fine senior citizens, E. B. Newton, 851 Oakland.

This gentleman retired from active business many years ago and now centers his active hours around his garden, which is truly a "heaven on earth."

Newton checks the daily progress of each plant as he patrols the flower beds with his cultivator. Roses are Newton's "number one" flower. Just name a new variety of the last few years and in this garden you will see a top performer.

Along his driveway at the back of the home are 12 golden salmon palyanias roses which glow like bright copper all through the season. This type is nearly disease resistant.

THE DAY I visited Newton it was chilly and his Peace Rose with the flowers a good six inches in diameter had a pink hue. This variety changes its color with the temperature and seems to be a rich cream when the day is warm.

The Newton garden is in one of the older established areas of our town and this gardener has over two-thirds of his backyard designed in a series of paths lined with very colorful flowers from the earliest bulbs until the mums bow out the season. His roses remain to keep them company for the final curtain call.

Among the perennials the rose colored lythrum was outstanding. This plant is nearly four feet high, has a display of rose-colored roses from June to September. In the fall the foliage turns a reddish purple. It is perfect for cutting.

THE CLIMBING roses gave a wonderful display and at once you notice the sturdy trellises. Newton

has made. All supported in such a way so that roses are kept four to six inches away from the wall. The climber, summer snow, gave a wealth of flowers. This plant, in a sunny spot, would be outstanding against a brick wall.

The Vogue and Ma Perkins were high on the list for show.

Here is a retired member of our community, who can be termed an "expert" in gardening, and who is anxious to aid new gardeners. One of his greatest pleasures is to always have extra plants so he may share with new garden friends.

THE HIGHWAY will soon back on many of you. Don't overlook the pleasure of visiting the world famous Arnold arboretum 25 miles west of Chicago on U. S. At. Route 30. Its 835 acres has wind-curved roads with well-labeled plant material. It is a testing ground for every category of plants that thrives in the middle west.

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wick road from Bay Village, Ohio, on June 10. Chope is associated with General Motors in their program of educational grants and scholarships. He was a member of the Rotary club and his wife a member of the Bay Women's club at their former home.

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