

Plant Patents Encourage Experiments

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Recently I had the good fortune to attend the garden symposium at Williamsburg, Va. My goal was to meet interesting growers and study the possibility of adapting some of the good garden design there to our midwestern gardens.

Mission accomplished, and from time to time this column will have interesting ideas seen in Williamsburg and also will contain information from plant scientists interviewed in Washington.

As Birmingham is truly a large home garden center, perhaps interesting ideas seen in Williamsburg and also will contain information from plant scientists interviewed in Washington.

WHILE IN Washington before the conference I went to the national flower show which, well staged with a high fountain where colored lights played on the water to form a keynote for the many garden displays.

One of the most careful exhibits was placed by the patent office of the department of commerce.

Few people realize that their job has just begun. Their aim is to develop a strain of roses which will live for decades, like other items in the protection runs for 17 years.

The law, enacted in 1930, does not give you a year to get your patent. The returns for patent holders expires or others grown in states. This law

developed in the Denver area gave its owner over \$2,000,000 in 1954. This is a well known florist variety. Mrs. Gordon Fisher, a rose hybridizer, was in Washington to be decorated at the national flower show for her fine work.

WE HAD breakfast together when she told me she began rose hybridizing in 1925. Since that date she has patented many roses. "Love Song" took seven years from the time she crossed Peace with Orange Nasau until she had this gem ready for introduction to the commercial market.

"First Lady" is her introduction this season. It only took two and one half years from seed to the patent stage. It is a true lavender. After two varieties of roses are crossed there can be at least 20 seeds in the seed case (hip) and each seed will produce a different rose.

THESE SEEDS are planted and placed in a refrigerator for three months at 41 degrees. This simulates a year of waiting for a season of the seeds. They are closely watched and the best results are carefully guarded.

Mrs. Fisher said that she considered it all right to buy southern grown roses if you use selections in the varieties selected known to prosper in the north.

This is a success story of a widow who took over her husband's greenhouse business and each day is exciting as she faces her tomorrow with a spring to her step.

SINCE 1911 our civic minded garden club has encouraged all home owners to plant flowering crabs with the result that there

Southfield Zeta Chairs Workshop

Mrs. Edward Bergman, province director for Delta Zeta sorority, and a Southfield township resident, chaired a recent workshop for active members at a State Day meeting at a State Day meeting in Kelllogg Center at Michigan State college.

The group of workshops were part of the program that honored Mrs. Russell T. Costello, national president who lives at 2550 Pine Lake road, Pontiac, and other officers.

James Denison, administrative assistant to Mrs. J. J. Hanrahan, was main speaker on "A sorority's role in the public relations program of a university."

Tree Planting Chairman Named

"The City of the Flowering Crabapple Trees" is the descriptive name for Birmingham which members of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association have been encouraging for many years.

In 1941 through their efforts over 1000 trees were planted in the city and vicinity. There has been an average of 200 every year since. Hunter boulevard, with its masses of spectacular springtime color is an example of the effects which can be achieved with suitable landscape planting of the trees. A single tree in a smaller yard can be equally effective as a beauty spot.

You can be a part of this beautification program by placing two or three crabapple trees on your property.

THE COMMITTEE is urging new home owners particularly to consider the advantages of including specimens of the Malus Florida in the planting on their property.

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Elected Prexy Of Muskingum WAA

Dianne Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Rathbun, 1807 Banbury, has been elected president of the Women's Athletic association at Muskingum college, New Concord, O. A Junior, she will be installed with other officers of the W.A.A. one of the college's three largest groups, on April 16.

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