

Fall Hints on Summer Gardens

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In Birmingham we are lucky to have as one of our senior gardeners, Clarence Vliet, 476 West Brown. With his background in the educational field he is enjoying his "easy years" penetrating different fields of study which have always held

his interest. Gardening comes high on the priority list. He has a large open garden on the outskirts of town and is always trying better ways to grow plants, both vegetables and flowers.

For instance the other day he told me if you want to have a fine crop of peas next year, fall is the time to turn over the soil and prepare the bed for seeds. Then as soon as you can work on the soil, plant the pea seeds. Early frosts will not damage the planted seed, and an abundant crop is assured by early planting. Also the ground is ready for following crops at an earlier date.

HE TRIMS his red raspberry bushes in the fall, cutting off one third of canes because "they will winter kill anyway." Then he appraises the canes coming out from the base and cuts out the old ones. He has found that sunlight is important to penetrate to the center of the plant to assure a large crop. Mulching is very important for winter care.

A couple years ago Vliet reported the use of sodium molybdate as a growth promoter for the garden. The chemical is a trace element brought from Germany and looks like baking soda. Buy it at the drug store. Use an amount the size of a navy bean dissolved in two quarts of water and water seeds, perennials and shrubs with it once a year.

Many users of this, noticed Mr. Vliet in a German scientific journal, have reported that flowers and perennial sticks to hold some of the snow around the base of your plants as your number one mulch. Too many mums winter kill, I think due to cutting off the stalks in the fall so that the snow can't snuggle around the base of the plant.

DON'T Tidy up your flower beds too well because you are dependent upon dry annuals and perennial sticks to hold some of the snow around the base of your plants as your number one mulch. Too many mums winter kill, I think due to cutting off the stalks in the fall so that the snow can't snuggle around the base of the plant.

By all means gather leaves for that compost pile so you will have bushels of black dirt to enrich your flower beds and lawn next spring. Don't overlook the importance of tossing shovelfuls of any old soil over the leaves to provide the bacteria for breaking down the leaf fibers. Fertilizer and bonemeal accelerates the process of decay, too. This is a good time to add evergreens for winter interest. One third evergreens to two-thirds deciduous (drop leaves in the fall) shrubs is the perfect goal for the homeowner.



MARCIA McCORMICK

Plans to Wed William Stump

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McCormick, of Barrington, R.I., have announced the troth of their daughter, Marcia Salisbury McCormick, to William Case Stump, son of Mrs. Arthur P. Bogue of Bates, Birmingham, and the late Clarence H. Stump.

Miss McCormick attended Francis Shiner Junior college, Mount Carroll, Ill., and Greenbrier college, Lewisburg, W. Va., and is a member of Providence Junior League.

Her fiancé attended Kenyon College, Gambier, O., Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., and was graduated from Michigan State university.

Localites Aid At Panel Tea

When Detroit Panhellenic association gave its formal reception from 2 to 4 p.m., three Birmingham women took active part on committees. The meet was at Mrs. George M. Ingram's Detroit home.

In receiving line was Mrs. Hermann D. Mysing, of Riverdale, retiring president of Panhellenic; Mrs. Allen R. Teague, of Foxcroft.

Four Are Pledging Albion Sororities

At Albion college, four residents of Birmingham have pledged sororities.

Pledged to Alpha Chi Omega is Sandra Mae Keene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Keene, 31510 Evergreen, Southfield.

Alpha Xi Delta pledged Nancy Irene Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge T. Brown of 18378 Bedford, Southfield, Gail Harriet Welter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles G. Welter of 4255 Broadway, Birmingham.

Affiliating with Kappa Delta is Marion Yoki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Yoki of 22500 11 Mile, Southfield.

Party Benefits Mercy League

With almost 18 months of helping children and their parents in weekly stints, the 50 women, mostly from Birmingham, who form the Mercy league of Oakland county, entertained their husbands at a party as milestone Saturday night.

"It's been a wonderful experience, and the members have cooperated so beautifully since we started back in June, 1934," says Mrs. William J. Riley, who opened her Glengary home in Bloomfield village for the buffet supper.

Besides the office work, where

the red tape that attends adoptions is one of the leaguers' tasks, the women in their half or whole day weekly do motor corps and hospital visit duties.

THEY MAY take a baby to the hospital, take children to foster homes or to dental trips, visit one week at Women's City Club of Detroit.

Jarvis accompanied her mother, Mrs. Jared Warner Stark, of 1321 Puritan road, to the tea.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Jerine Chairmans DC-College Tea

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