

## Telling Ideas Of LWS Wins Nine or More

Presenting ideas that League of Women Voters seek to put into practice through their voters information, water and sewers and other "find out and tell the people" committees, the league had nine new members at the end of last Thursday's tea.

And most of the 45 guests indicated they would be interested in joining the league. At the Community House, the program consisted of details of each committee, told informally by the individual committee heads. "I'm not in on this rivalry between committees, said the unit chairman after project chairman had explained their work. She sought women to join "get acquainted" units as well as the "specialized groups."

NEW TO THE group are Mrs. James Chenoy, Mrs. George Malone, Mrs. Francis Butler, Mrs. A. G. Dennison, Mrs. Arthur Hinkley, Mrs. W. Wilson Eardley, Mrs. Glenn Kyker, Mrs. Dale Rust.

## DOWN TO EARTH

# See Masses of Gold And Mirror Use In Oregon Garden

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Massed golden flowers, mirrored begonias and plum trees silhouetted against white walls are ideas that I acquired while visiting Lambert Gardens in Portland, Ore., of which began telling you last week.

During our recent visit there we were the guests of the founder of this garden, Andrew Lambert, who thirty years ago began to design this garden on its 25-acre site. As we walked through the garden rooms of fountains, statuary, and plantings, he passed along many ideas on garden culture, which I relate to you.

Coreopsis, variety Shower of Gold, with its very small yellow flowers, gave a striking massed effect 18 in. high. Silver Metal pelunia with its shell pink coloring and heavy veining on the petals was the annual which gave the splash of color as a foreground for the choice perennials.

ONE STUNNING flower bed was achieved by using the annual begonias, the tender kind with small flowers we use for house plants, combined with the dwarf purple asters.

One garden room had a mirror on a flat wall which reflected the existing garden and it had several rows of tuberous begonias mounted on steps in front of the base. The use of mirrors is a foil used in many of the most famous gardens.

After full flowering of the tulip crop, this top gardener gives the plants fertilizer, cuts off the tops, and emphasizes application of water for the next month to assure good formation of next year's tulips. In the interim he has the use of the ground for the next spectacle of beauty.

In the planning of bulb use, Lambert plans on a ratio of one daffodil for three tulips.

WHEN I INQUIRED of this master gardener about the use of roses in a public park, I was thinking of Birmingham. He said only one to use with a minimum of care and a variety which thrives in public parks is Carolina Testout which is a pink hybrid tea rose three feet high and is stunning in masses.

As our area is known for good roses and their care, I asked Mr. Lambert for his rule on the cutting of roses. "When a rose is through flowering, do not snap off the old flower head but use a knife and cut the stem down far enough until the remaining stem will have the sturdiness to hold the next bud, then cut just above the joint. In six weeks you will

have a new rose and that is the secret of good all season flowering."

THIS MASTER gardener says that the best fertilizer is barnyard manure and plenty of it. The Mexican marigold was used abundantly with its eight-inch height, and was a gem because you don't have to keep picking off old flowers. Combined with crystal palace libella it is ideal.

There was a white wall in the garden and a purple leaf plum had been explained against it for a stunning effect. Why couldn't this idea be copied here? We have plenty of garages with white walls and purple leaf plum surely does well for us here. Clipping keeps the tree compact and controls height. The tree would be planted eight inches from the wall.

THIS GARDEN host specializes in dahlias and devils new variety. Birthdays, anniversaries, guests, births, parties are all new—the society editor about them.

has do not want much fertilizer and go sparingly on the water for best results. Be sure and consider this beautiful city on your "wish list" of future trips.

This fall hold back on active moving of any plants until there has been a series of good rains to assure you of a healthy condition of the roots for best results.

PLAN TO PLACE some more evergreens for winter interest. A ratio of three "leaf falling" shrubs to one evergreen is what you see in the finest plans.

Plant always with the potential size of the plants allowed for in your planting space. Don't be impatient. It takes three years for your shrubs to "shape up" and begin to look mature.

## Bloomfield Women For Word on Elms Turn Eyes to U-M

"Dutch Elm Disease" will be a turned from research in Alaska, University of Michigan professor's will be at the 1:30 p.m. meeting at Hills branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association.

Prof. Don V. Baxter, expert in forest pathology who has just returned from Mrs. Shaw's home on North Woodward Monday. Mrs. Louis Savage, who has just moved into her new home on Franklin road, will talk on Dahlias and Mrs. Flint's group will conduct a fall market at the meet. Mrs. Flint is just back from a European summer.

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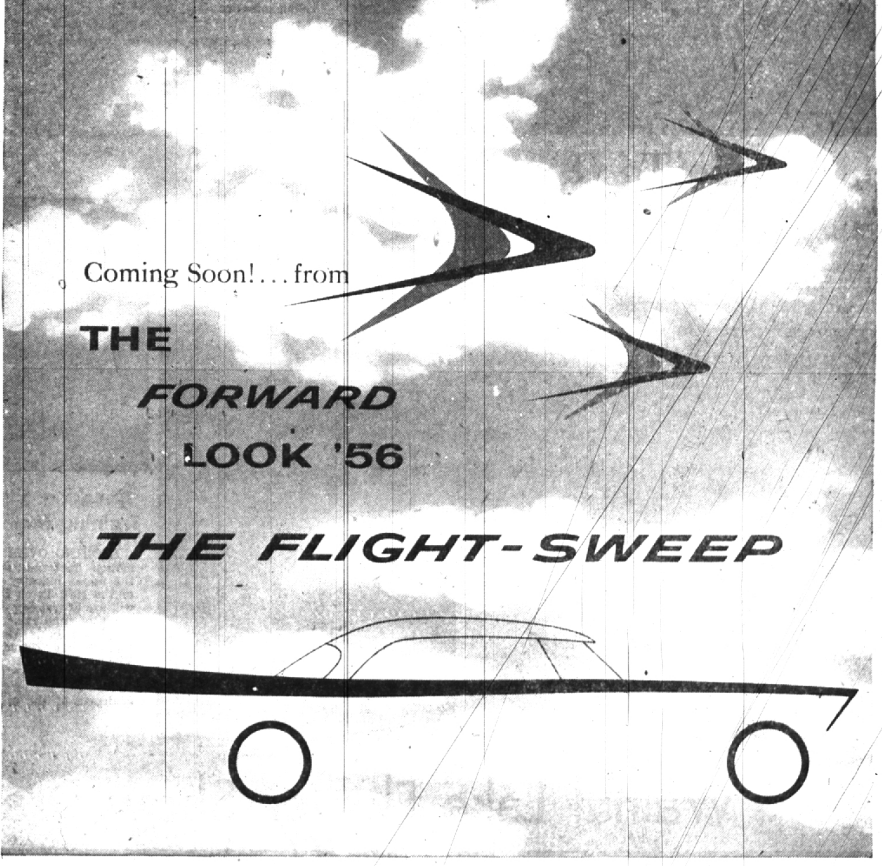
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