

Garden Fruit Trees Discussed

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If you have a new home, this is the time of year to plant a fruit "tree to remember" for each of your children. They will be very enthusiastic over your Arbor Day ceremony if the tree bears fruit. Have them help plant it, and even plan a ceremony followed by refreshments.

Be careful about your selection of variety, being sure that it is a good performer in this area and a good "freezer" for use in your deep freezer.

You can't go wrong with the Bartlett pear, and most apple varieties are a good bet around here. Still the best performer is the Hale Haven peach. Montmorency cherries are good.

ALL FRUIT TREES should be in full sun, where the soil is fertile and well drained. Dwarf fruit trees have become very popular.

An illustration you can have six kinds of apples on one tree, start picking them early and continue until late fall.

If you are sure you plan to keep in mind if you plant fruit trees, they are shallow rooted. They bear at an early age.

DUE TO THEIR height they are easily pruned, sprayed, etc. It is easy to stand on the ground and harvest the fruit, and generally the fruit is above average size for the variety.

It is essential that you mulch them in the winter season to avoid root injury. That is easily done in two minutes.

When you buy any kind of a fruit tree it is advisable to soak it in a bucket for a few hours before planting. It is essential to stake the newly planted trees, because sometimes the grafted dwarf stock is weak until it can become well established.

IT IS IMPORTANT that the plants be so placed at the ground level that the scion or joining area is just below the surface.

You will find that the lowest branches will begin about twelve inches from the ground, which gives a different profile than we receive from the normal size fruit tree.

When planting a group of them, they should be 12 feet apart. Normal size fruit trees can be even 20 feet apart, if you can spare the space.

BIRMINGHAM IS the town of flowering crab trees, and you will agree this year as you see nearly

which is very showy.

SPECTABILIS is a very gay Chinese introduction with rose-colored buds and pink flowers. The Scheiderkerri crab has pale pink flowers and yellow fruit.

The Sargent crab has white flowers with branches coming down near the base and is ideal for hiding a view within a home with large picture windows.

Among the red crabs, which have dark foliage and red fruit, you will like niwedwatsiana, cleyi, dolga and hopa.

Five thousand in flower on the large highways and on the home grounds.

The local garden club has sponsored this tree selection for years. So Birmingham gardener, please give this 20-foot tree a priority rating on your planting schedule.

The variety needs full sunshine and a well drained location.

HERE ARE SOME choices to intrigue you. Bechtel has a round profile with clusters of pale pink fragrant flowers.

Florida came to us from Japan in 1862 and the flowers open pink and fade to white. I like it because flowers in all stages are showing at the same time. Even the buds seem dark pink, so the variety looks very gay while in flower.

Arnold crab has yellow fruit



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MRS. THOMAS E. SHANNON

300 Guests Witness Henry-Shannon Rites

Nancy Ann Carol York Henry and Thomas Edward Shannon were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at First Presbyterian church, Birmingham, in the presence of 300 guests. The Rev. W. Glen Harris performed the ceremony before an altar banked with palms and baskets of white flowers.

The couple, whose parents are Dr. and Mrs. Richard Henry, Pleasant Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Shannon of Ferndale, are honeymooning in Florida and Cuba. On their return, they will reside at Orchard Lake.

A CASABE bouquet of white orchids, stephanotis and ivy was carried by the bride. Her traditionally styled gown was fashioned of chantilly lace over white satin and fastened a sweetheart neckline with long sleeves and cathedral train. A chantilly lace and net Juliet cap secured the fingertip-length illusion veil.

Ballerina length dresses of aqua peau de soie were worn by the bride's attendants. Styled with off the shoulder necklines and bouffant skirts, they were accented by matching hats and shoes and bouquets of American beauty roses. Miss Shannon, sister of the groom, was flower girl and Anne Henderson served as maid-of-honor. Bridemaids were Rae Crutcher, Jill Kent, Janet Story and Marie Crossen. Their white kid gloves and pearl necklaces were gifts of the bride.

MRS. LOUIS BEEMER traveled from Ontario, Canada, to attend her granddaughter's wedding. For the ceremony she pinned an orchid corsage to her bridesmaid cape which was fashioned of black velvet overlaid with beading and taffeta cutwork. The bride's sister and brother-in-law, the David Kirby Minors, were present from New York city.

Local Students Tour With Singers

Two Birmingham freshmen at Kalamazoo college will accompany the college singers group on this year's spring tour. They are Janet H. McKnight and Lloyd H. Stephens. Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. McKnight, Puritan avenue and Lloyd's father is Lloyd H. Stephens, Sr. of Southfield road. Itinerary of the 50-voice chorus will include Detroit, Saginaw and Grand Rapids. The group leaves Kalamazoo Apr. 22.

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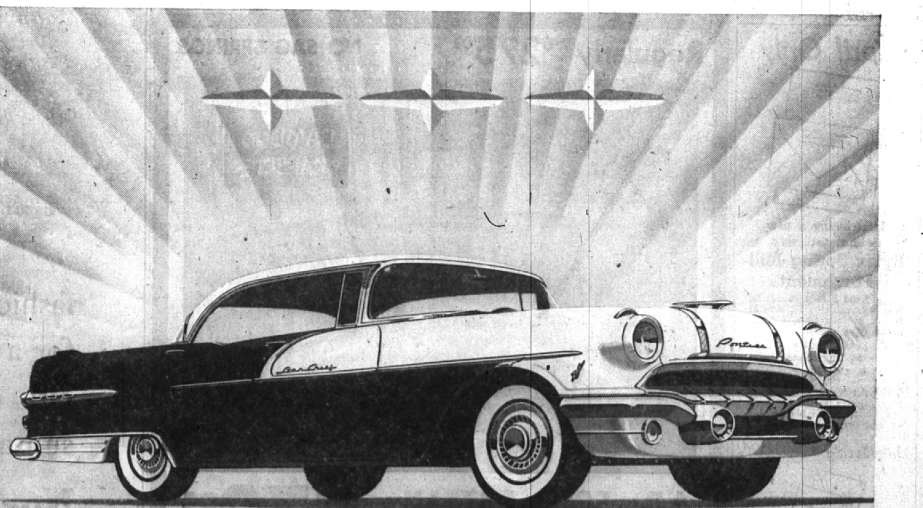
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