

**DOWN TO EARTH**

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**Gardening Hobby Leads to Earthquake**

Your columnist has often written about the challenges and adventures of following the interest of gardening as a hobby, but she really hit the jack pot in this pursuit of gardening when she was in the recent San Francisco earthquake which was the worst "shake" since 1906.

Yours truly at the moment was in the middle of a Japanese novelty shop with lots of trinkets hanging from its two story ceiling. At the time of the impact, it sounded like a B-29 zooming toward my head, with the earth moving horizontally.

The time of maximum growth so ugly rough tip ends can be quickly covered over by early Spring growth.

their help for emotional disturbances. As I approached the grounds I was very impressed by the wood chopping project which begins at 8:30 a.m., which is participated in by both men and women, and other scheduled activities fill in the day, each carefully prescribed by the attending physician to benefit the patient.

MANY times during the day there were repeated earthquakes with a surprise coming at 4 a.m. when I went tearing down the corridor of the Sir Francis Drake hotel with an empty purse in my hand.

THE making and maintenance of a garden is considered an important part of adjunctive therapy for a good share of the patients. One comment I noted especially was that the real difference between work and play must lie in the mind and not in the actual occupation.

The first stop was at the Menninger Memorial hospital in Topeka, Kansas. This hospital is located on the outskirts of town, and the various buildings which make up the entire setting are situated on acreage which gives you the feeling of walking around a campus in an atmosphere of tranquility. There, in this large setting, a large staff of professional technicians seek those individuals who seek

Each week I will write about various experiences I had on the trip as well as give the readers information for their garden program.

This is a good time to study "traffic marks" before your lawn gets a fast start of early spring growth. If you have visitors drive up in front of your home and have to step out on the lawn to get out of the car you may wish to place stepping stones along the curb area so that they can walk up the driveway and not have to walk across the lawn which is often damp.

The best time to trim your greens is in May and June during

**Second Exhibition For New Art Group**

On April 14, the Bloomfield Art Association will open its second exhibition at 361 North Woodward, Birmingham.

Paintings to be displayed have been selected from the fine arts section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

Included are works by Jane McIntyre of Birmingham, Stephen Davidek of Flint, Robert Barf knecht, Louise Jansson Nobill and Hughie Lee-Smith of Detroit, Jean Teague of Grosse Ile, Charles Culver of Huntington Woods, and Miller to Kennitz, Richard Sears, Jenn Paul Shesser, Albert Weber and Emil Weddige from Ann Arbor.

The show will continue through April 28. It is open to the public. The Bloomfield Art Association also announces the showing of a

**Cranbrook Artist's Work to be Viewed At Paris Exhibit**

CRANBROOK — The work of Fred Mitchell, painter and instructor at Cranbrook Academy of Art, which is included in Michel Seuphor's forthcoming "Dictionary of Abstract Art" will be shown in an international exhibition in Paris, May 9 to June 12.

Simultaneously with the publication of the dictionary, the Cranbrook Academy of Art, rue Beaujon, will hold the exhibition showing the work of each abstract artist mentioned by the author.

Under the aegis of Cranbrook Academy of Art Ballerina, Mitchell has been teaching community classes of amateurs two evenings each week.

film on Michaelangelo—"The Titan"—to be given April 16 for members at Baldwin public library.

**—NOTICE—**

Readers - Residents - Voters - Taxpayers

The entire Michigan Nursery Industry has come on record as opposing the building of another nursery in Southern Michigan by the Michigan Conservation Department, Forestry Division, for the following reasons:

Commercial nurseries in the same temperature zones can and will produce all the stock needed—without spending one cent of tax money! Michigan Conservation nurseries already sell over 75% of the stock produced by them to the public—some 30 million.

Private nurseriesmen feel it is a waste of money for the state to increase production one-third or to 40 million. The cost of a state-built nursery is too high: \$184,000 of State Bonds money thru the Clarke-McNary Act will be granted and government payrolls will be expanded.

Businessmen claim they can build the same production facilities for approximately 25% of the amount wanted by the state and some nurserymen can expand for \$10,000.

All the nurserymen want to do is to stay in business without government competition, while paying taxes.

If you don't feel you should help your neighbor plant trees with your tax money, write to your Representative, c/o The House, Lansing, Michigan and your Senator, c/o The Senate, Lansing, Michigan. A postcard will do too!

Behalf of: Michigan Seedling Growers and the Nursery Industry by Gordon McCurdy (Adv.)

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