

**DOWN TO EARTH**

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**Spring Thoughts Turn to Flats**

Some of you have succumbed to the purchase of many packets of seeds. I would strongly advise you to plant the common flowers directly into the ground at the suggested planting date as given on the seed package.

"Hurry, hurry, hurry. Really, the difference in flowering time is not too different from the time they would gain by culture earlier in a flat. Remember their flowering rate is determined by the length of the night hours." With our compact homes, many flats can pretty well crowd out the family and make the nursery a den of in-laws.



Mrs. Burlingame says you will find your best results will be a mixture of equal parts, and the kind a builder uses, sharp and neat one. Reason is, because the seeds will cross best in a seed from the fifth consecutive year are Chrysler Imperial, the vivid crimsoned by also a fine red rose, Peace, the beauty of them all which has a

wide range of dawn-like colors which change with the temperature and time of day. The leaves are beautiful themselves, as they are so sturdy, thick, and a waxy green. Therefore, you will want to be sure to have these three favorites on your roster of good roses.

Paul's Scarlet climber leads the parade for the fourth year of the climbers, and how nice it looks against a white surface in the sun. By experience I know that after the first flush of heavy flowering you can plan on cutting a bouquet of roses from the vine up to the date of the killing frost.

As you sit back in your chair these days and plan that Utopia garden for 1957, roses will be on the plan. Here is one item to remember: roses come in all colors and in especially heights. Keep this factor in mind for your selections.



RELAXING on the Crow's Nest sun deck atop the Jolly Roger hotel on the beach in Fort Lauderdale are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams, 3566 Burning Bush, Birmingham. Williams is District Manager of Reynolds and Reynolds Co., Detroit.

**Sun Life, Canada, Reports Record in Policy Payments**

'56 new insurance an all-time high; \$7 billion now in force; United States business up substantially.

Another all-time record in the history of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and a new and increased dividend scale that will further reduce the cost of insurance to policy holders, have been announced by George W. Bourke, President, at the Company's Annual Meeting. Total new life insurance sold in 1956 amounted to \$24 million, largest amount ever sold by Sun Life and an increase of \$20 million over the previous year. A substantial portion of the new business originated in the United States, where the Sun Life has 37% of its insurance in force. Included in the 1956 figure was \$27 million of group insurance, or 30% of the total. Sun Life's insurance in force has now passed the \$7 billion mark, also a new high. Policyholders' dividends are again being increased, and in 1957 the Company will pay policy dividends amounting to \$41 million more than in any previous year and \$2,700,000 more than the amount paid in 1956.

The Sun Life Report also reveals that \$17 million was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries during 1956, the largest amount ever distributed by the Company in one year. Of the total, \$94 million was paid to living policyholders and annuitants.



HONEYMOONING AT SEA ISLAND, Ga., are Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Zimmer. The bride is the former Barbara Bertling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Bertling of Ardmore drive, Bloomfield township. They are playing a game of shuffleboard at the Sea Island Beach club.

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