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DOWN TO EARTH

Consider Grapes for New Garden

There is nothing like the enthusiasm of folks as they embark on the experience of developing the home grounds of their first dwelling. It is this category of new gardener that warms the cockles of my heart.

The only word of warning which should be given them is to "simmer down" and be sure that they keep their garden plans within the pattern of their future hours of available garden time, and that the plan allows for the full pleasure of the children, if they are the most important crop of the moment.

IF THIS new garden has an abundance of sun, do consider the joy of growing grapes. They require loose soil, and a sweep of air, as assured ventilation around the plants. They will respond to frequent feedings with a complete fertilizer. The plants like to have their feet covered with a mulch and this mulch can be grass cuttings.

These vines can be trained on wires, trellises, fences and porches. You will like to consider the variety: NEW STEUBEN, which is blue black in color and is resistant to diseases.

If you have grape vines already established, this is the time of year to trim the vines. Be sure and feed them the same day so the roots can be pecking along with the break of the spring weather.

Even though your vines have been neglected for some time they can be brought back to prime by good grooming now. Your grapes this year will grow on the canes grown this year. You will know this wood because it is smooth and light chestnut colored. Now cut painstakingly to preserve as much of the 1956 canes as possible, but yet eliminate the "old fellows."

Perhaps it will appeal to you to build a patio adjoining a garage wall and design a grape arbor overhead.

You may be interested in establishing a hedge of raspberries, disciplining their behavior by using guide wires and a five foot hedge can be attractive if you keep the suckers trimmed in the summer time.



Mrs. Burlingame

Michigan State University has two and four year courses in floriculture, nursery and landscape management. The handling of commercial foods, research in food handling and the scrutiny of plants, for the unfolding of the mysteries in science, are additional fields of horticulture open to the trained person in plant sciences. This is a thrilling vocation for the young person coming along inquiring for a gratifying profession.

WITH LEISURE time, T V educational programs are becoming very important in teaching appreciation of life in a garden program.

B'ham YMCA Asks Change in Zoning

Taking another step toward its proposed new building, the Birmingham YMCA has asked the city commission to rezone the Y's property on Lincoln, between Floyd and Edgewood.

Now zoned income bungalow, the petition asks a change to multiple dwelling. The request was sent to the city plan board for study.

The Y hopes its new structure will be erected late this year or early in 1958.

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Returns to States

Rdy L Hankins, torpedoman's mate seaman, United States Navy, of 180 Webb, Troy, is serving

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