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on Monday, we have one
day less to produce the
next issue of The Eccentric.
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early as possible will be
of great help to us.

DOWN TO EARTH

A Tiered Bed of Lettuce—Pretty!

This season I have been playing with an experiment, and maybe it's a new idea for you too. I made an elevated flower bed with stainless steel strips forming circles of various sizes stacked one on top of the other. It looks like a tiered wedding cake.

Lots of people use this form for a strawberry bed, but I made mine for lettuce and bright annulus. I divided the three lower levels into sections and put lettuce in alternate sections. In between I planted seeds that would grow into bright, controlled plants.

ON THE lowest level I used bush morning glories (they grow like petunias) but I wouldn't plant them there again because they didn't give enough color for the space they took.



Mrs. Burlingame
admired the effect—bright green let-

ture forming a geometric pattern with the annulus.

THE LESSONS I learned from the project are to use plants in ball of seed, omit the morning glories, and concentrate on butter ball marigolds, ageratum, sweet purple alyssum and compact, low growing annulus. Another idea would be to call the whole thing a "salad bowl" and plant it with not only lettuce but other ingredients for tossed salads.

MRS. DALE O. Miller, Jr., 6015 Snowshoe circle, makes cooking interesting dishes a hobby. So she has grown edible pea pods, which come from a specific type of pea seed. The peas are light green and the pods thin and tender. These are the pea pods you get with Cantonese cooking at Trader Vic's in San Francisco or other good Chinese restaurants. Mrs. Miller planted hers at two week intervals and has been trained to

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SECOND SECTION

A BUNCH OF NOTES AND TIPS
Canvas soakers are excellent—BUT—they cannot be left on fertilized areas unless running. They must be removed and hung up to dry. We will not make any more refunds unless you can prove you tried to take care of it. So there!

Beginning September 3rd (Wednesday) we will again be open for business from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon—and not a minute later.

COLCHICUM bulbs, which produce lovely pink-lavender blooms without the aid of soil or water make a superb gift for friends who do not have green thumbs.

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SECTION THREE

The character of your lawn is made and retained not by the kind of seed you use but by—

1. The fertilizing program
 2. The mowing technique
 3. The watering procedures
- Have hope—will discuss

TULIPS & DAFFODILS—
They are not yet in but when you plant them. DO NOT use fertilizer other than BONE MEAL. Bulbs have an enormous amount of food already in them. Extra fertilizer simply makes them multiply sooner and produce many bullets which cannot produce flowers.

WINTER SQUASH—
The book says to wait until frost threatens. (This is a small problem). Don't bruise them as they rot easily.

We suggest turning them under and with the turnips & parsnips they will produce a fine organic contribution to the soil in which you can raise something gooder.

We suggest that you STOP FERTILIZING trees, shrubs, perennials NOW. Annulus, some roses, and all lawns should get food again.

LAWNS NEED FOOD
A big growing season for grass is beginning. The grass plants should be encouraged to become big & strong and you should help them now rather than in July & August when they want to rest.

The weeds (broad leaved) may be whipped about September 15th with 2, 4-D or 2, 4, D plus 2, 4, 5-T. Spray the ENTIRE area—and forget it until May 15th.

CRABGRASS—
1. Kill plants going to seeds NOW.
2. Watch this column for reports on overall control of crabgrass by use of PRB-EMERGENCY chemicals. The reports may be GOOD or EXCELLENT.

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WNFGA Lists Officers, Committees

Although regular meetings are dropped for the summer, members of the Birmingham Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association keep busy with club activities.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr, Mrs. William McCallum, Mrs. Robert Webb, Mrs. Marvin Cate and Mrs. Davison attended the sixth annual workshop and garden party at Kelllogg Center in East Lansing. The day was filled with information, new ideas and humor.

Other busy workers were Mrs. Henry Beam, who completed the year book and Mrs. Robert Watt, who has set up the year's program.

When meetings start next month, Mrs. Alvin H. Knorr will head the group as president. Other officers assisting her are Mrs. Marvin Cate, first vice president; Mrs. Carl Abbott, second vice president; Mrs. George Dixon, recording secretary; Mrs. D. H. Goldsmith, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nelson Miles, treasurer.

COMMITTEE HEADS are Mrs. William McCallum; Mrs. R. S. Plexico, civic improvement; Mrs. Donald Stanton, conservation; Mrs. V. Di Pietro, education; Mrs. Carl Abbott, junior gardener; Mrs. Dale Miller, flower show; Mrs. Fred Henry, garden center; Mrs. Norman Berry, horticulture and Mrs. J. Reed Alexander, horticultural therapy.

Still others are Mrs. Horace Britelle, international cooperation; Mrs. Henry Beam, membership; Mrs. W. L. Lowrie, photography; Mrs. Robert Watt, program; Mrs. Ralph Schuel, publicity; Mrs. F. G. Davis, Revisions; Mrs. J. E. Rouier, Jr., social; Mrs. Fred Harney, finance; Mrs. J. Paul McCorkle, exhibits; Mrs. Elmer Wollert, hospitality; Mrs. E. E. Schaffer, historian; and Mrs. Nelson Miles, special classes.

Weed Control...

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