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Town Eyes Shain Park Spruce-Up

The whole town is interested in the reshaping of Shain park. The planners must feel lots of support from the citizenry. It will be a happy day when the master plan is executed, step by step. Why don't you let your councilmen know about your interest?

Business places, like gas stations, groceries and real estate offices, have a great challenge to beautify their sites. Good landscaping of business places improves the appearance of the whole town.

THE LOCAL chamber of commerce should give an orchid to Allene Hanna, interiors, for the beauty of their new landscaping job at 500 Parly. It is in such good taste that it fairly beckons people of good taste inside. The front of the display room has a large colonial window. Beneath it is a hedge of Hicksii

yews with a border of white petunias. Two evergreens in tubs grace the lawn. To one side of the entrance is a large maple tree, surrounded with ledge rock. The parking lot adjacent to the show room has an interesting colonial fence which shuts off the view of the service area. A wall



Mrs. Burlingame view of the service area. A wall

proportioned colonial lamp post stands at the end of the fence. On the street side of the fence is a hedge of six American arbutus with white petunias in front. The evergreens can easily be trimmed to control their height and give a dense all-season effect.

RESIDENTIAL SECTIONS can do a lot too, to make the community beautiful. In Toledo recently I drove down Cheltenham road, in the Sylvania and Central avenue area. Cheltenham road homes are all colonial, rather like those in Westchester village here.

One block was stunning with purple leaf plum trees placed a measured distance apart with narrow (about 3 by 15 feet) flower bed of yellow marigolds between. In addition to the coral pink plum blossoms in spring the trees have leaves the color of a ripe olive the remainder of the season. And they make excellent cuttings for flower arrangements.

Another block on the same street had flowering crab trees and beds of pink petunias. Westchester residents have recently invested in the future by buying flowering crabs—how about some petunias to go with them?

AGAIN THIS year I saw the exotic effect of a long cyclone fence with holly, red roses and a hedge of red barberry. This is at the Edison, substitution in Ann Arbor. The roses climb the fence and the barberry is in front. My, this is handsome.

HERE ARE a few tips for the July gardener:

This is the time for tall phlox to flower. Remember your phlox needs lots of water—but never on the leaves and will welcome an extra feeding of fertilizer.

Keep your delphiniums cut down to within six inches of the ground after they flower. Then, maybe you'll have four flowerings as so many fortunate local gardeners have.

A few tasks a day in your garden will keep it looking passable for visitors. This thought makes me chuckle when I recall how I used to look for a few spare minutes when the children were young.

When you go to your garden from the front border to the back, trimming, fertilizing and whatever else is needed. Carry your small tools in a basket and always have as your first step the edging of the plant bed. Easy does it.

Home Fruit Grower Gets Spray Help

Home fruit gardeners now have a simple, easy-to-use tool for waging their annual tussle with insects and diseases.

The tool is an "all purpose" spray tank and recommended by entomology, horticulture and plant pathology workers at Michigan State university. Application needs only be done once a week, making the job a weekend project, points out Alfred C. Dowdy, extension entomologist at MSU.

The spray, which contains captan, malathion and methoxychlor, gives the home gardener a control measure that is not as complicated or as expensive as that used by commercial growers, yet gives good control of the major insects and diseases.

When only a few trees are involved, growers will probably find it more economical to purchase one of the commercial mixtures that are available.

BUT IF the grower has several trees, he may find it more appropriate to prepare the spray using separate ingredients.

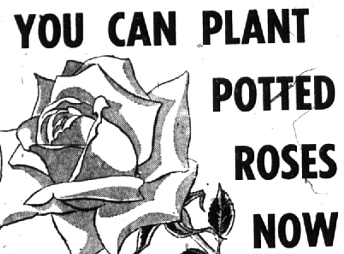
Here is Dowdy's recommendation for preparing the mixture: To each gallon of water add 2 tablespoons of 25 per cent wettable malathion powder, 3 tablespoons of 50 per cent wettable methoxychlor powder and 2 tablespoons of 50 per cent wettable captan powder.

Applications should begin soon after the emergence of the first egg but can be started anytime later and still help control insects and diseases. Dowdy warns that application should be stopped during bloom and again seven days before the fruit is picked.



May Neutralize Lime

When applying turf building and revitalizing compounds to a recently limed lawn, remember some such compounds may react with and sometimes even neutralize the lime. Check manufacturer's directions.



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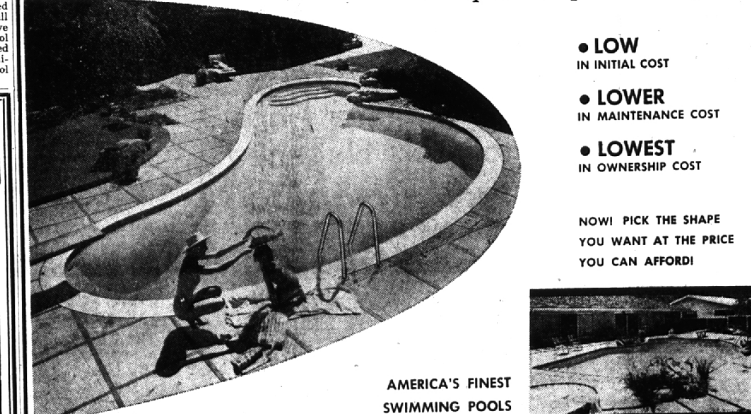
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