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## DOWN TO EARTH

# Yards Proclaim Love of Gardening

Our town abounds with successful gardeners, quiet folk who take their rear gardens and create a small heaven right here on earth. May I introduce to you Mrs. Arthur Padou, 1020 Pleasant, whose entire property emits a love for gardening.

Gardening has been a real hobby for her the last five years. She has more than three hundred tuberous rooted begonias—a breathtaking exhibit of color. They have to be watered daily and she sprays the leaves off with water at least a couple times a week.

At the north side of the ranch style home Mrs. Padou has a red-wood lath structure with shelves for the begonias, each in its own pottery saucer. The orderliness of the arrangement is beautiful in itself.

**IN THE REAR** garden there is an artistic red-wood patio which has been attached to the ranch home wall with a louvered roof. Around the edge of the patio are raised beds for more choice flowers.

A climbing Peace rose permeates the garden at a boundary fence, and I liked the large piece of driftwood Mrs. Padou has placed at the "feet" of the climber. Not only does it keep the roots from drying out in a drought, it is a pleasing arrangement to the eye.

Gemstones gain assurance the rear garden of strong coloring. Those of you who have choice varieties, remember you should be taking

cuttings at this time for early spring flowering. Cut at the "joint" and lay the pieces on a shelf for a few hours to callous a professional trick). Then place them in a pot of sharp sand (the kind builders use) with water at least a couple times a week.

**THE CORNER** at the rear of the Padou's between the porch and the house has a raised flower bed formed of medium sized boulders placed together to provide elevation. Raised flower beds do wonders for relieving the monotony of level design.

As the patio surface joins the lawn, our gardeners placed two flowering crabs to form pillars of beauty twelve feet apart. Their branches overlap providing privacy on the terrace for hospitality.

**ANOTHER** good gardener in the area is Mrs. C. R. Woodall, 1515 Fairway. She has placed her foundation material to especially enhance the architecture of the home.

This is an art, and not many commercial planners achieve it. The lines of the front of a house point out a certain type of plant material. Then it is important to select the specific plants with knowledge of the maximum growth to be expected.

**MAHONIA** aquifolia has been planted on the north side of the

Woodall house very successfully. It is Oregon holly and gives many dividends during the year. The yellow flowers in spring hang like bright tassels. The warm brown, waxy appearance of the leaves makes them invaluable for Christmas arrangements.

The person who has on Oregon holly will have many seedlings to give away. So keep on the right side of that owner.

In Mrs. Woodall's rear garden a Betty Prior floribunda rose in each corner assures all season pink beauty. The grounds of this home seem to have a sign out: I LOVE GARDENING.



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## IF YOU HAVE

**TOMATOES**, you better spray them with TOMATO-TOX every seven days to control (not cure) early and late BLIGHT. This is a bad year for blight due to the humidity, rains, and coolish sort of evenings.

This is a preventative and control—not a cure. WEEDS growing in your gardens and borders you can reduce your labor by cultivating them well and doing one of two things:

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TO GO on a vacation this month and are afraid of the condition of the flowers when you return you should—

- 1) Water all plants heavy and as soon as the soil is sufficiently dry, hoe it well and mulch with BUCKWHEAT HULLS or PEAT MOSS
- 2) Plants needing support should be tied to the support with TWISTERS as near the tops of the plants as practicable.
- 3) Just before leaving spray the plants with BONDE'S OUTDOOR AND GARDEN SPRAY or ORTHO'S ISOTOX.

ROSES be sure to give them a bit of STADLER'S ROSE FOOD (3 oz. per plant) and DON'T cultivate it in. Let the sprinkling or rain take it down to the mouths (roots).

CRABGRASS you should knock the spots off it with—CRAB-NOT—for crabgrass only (powder) CRAB-NOT SPECIAL—for crabgrass and broad leaved weeds (powder) ORTHO CRABGRASS KILLER (liquid) NOTTS CRABGRASS KILLER (powder) VAUGHAN'S CRABGRASS KILLER (powder for spreader)

BLACKSPOT on ROSES—hit it with ORTHO-CIDE (caption) or FERMATE.

WEAK looking evergreens—fertilize them with 10-6-4 about August 15th, the nutrients are taken up and stored for next spring's growth.

RASPBERRY canes that have already fruited, cut them TO THE GROUND.

NO GAMES to play in the yard—try; FRISBIE (Varsity Shop, Birmingham) HORSESHOES—Us

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A LIKING for buckwheat pancakes, rye bread, or corn bread. We have these materials as WATER GROUND MEALS. ALSO WHEAT HEARTS or WHEAT GERM MEAL.

THOUGHT that we seemed vague lately—it is because we have had a wedding in our family. Please forgive our aberrations.

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"Bye"

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## Irrigate Home Garden With a Deep Soaking

If you need to irrigate your home garden, it's best to do it well or not at all, advises Fred Widmoyer, extension horticulture specialist at Michigan State university.

A shallow watering will cause the roots of the plants to grow near the surface and be subject to drought damage. On the other hand, a long soaking that goes down into the ground several inches promotes deep growth of roots, making the plants more resistant to drought.

The specialists suggest that the sprinkler or hose be allowed to operate in one place until the soil has been soaked to a depth of at least six inches. Apply the water only so fast as it can be absorbed by the soil. Water soaks into sandy soils much faster than clayed soils, so it can be applied at a much faster rate for a shorter time. But you'll need to apply water much more often than on finer-textured soils.

FOR FINER-TEXTURED soils, apply water slowly and for a longer period of time. It might also be a good idea to cultivate or hoe the surface of finely-textured soils after they have dried sufficiently after irrigation. These soils often tend to bake or crack.

You can apply water to your garden with an automatic sprinkler by removing the hose nozzle and letting the water run onto a flat board or stone, thus preventing washing. Shallow furrows running along the plant rows can distribute the water where it is most needed and can be arranged to cover large areas at one setting.

Widmoyer says that if you don't get one inch of water per week by rainfall, you should apply the difference by irrigation.

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