

15 Club Members Tour Area Gardens

WALNUT LAKE — Despite the inclement weather, some 15 members of the Walnut Lake branch of the WNFGA toured neighborhood gardens Monday to view a galaxy of beautiful blooms and lovely landscaping.

The group met at the home of Mrs. E. S. Maund, of Darramoor road, who planned the tour, and returned later for welcome cups of hot coffee and cake.

Serving on the team committee were Mrs. Carl Layman, Mrs. John A. Bell and Mrs. Parker Rockwell, landscaping.

Grapefruit are so-called because they sometimes grow in clusters.

DOWN TO EARTH

Retired Men Are Happy in Their Gardens

Many of our local townsmen have retired within the year or have their retirement coming within the next few years. Your writer has visited many homes of those who have already retired and has found that the happiest men are those who enjoy working in their gardens.

There is Al Hopkins over on Herwyn who enjoys all facets of gardening on their property. Last year he built an attractive patio. Down the street there is Roger Emmert who has a beautiful greenhouse where he grows orchids, carnations, and many fine cut flowers for the home. He enjoys trying the new methods of

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WNFGA Members Attend Rose Tea

BLOOMFIELD FARMS — The annual Nichols, Mrs. Clifford Hunt and Rose tea held at the Meadowbrook, Mrs. John Lassaline. The branch held a workshop June 12 at the E. Dartmoor road home of the Regional Rd. Brees, with both Mr. and Mrs. Rice talking on home of the WNFGA.

Serving on the hospitality committee were Mrs. Geo. Brummitt, Mrs. Tyler Perkins, Mrs. Al-

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fertilizing plants as well as "bug chasing."

The other day the gardening class visited the R. L. Shugg garden at 9250 W. Surrey. Here you have a mature garden where husband and wife enjoy fine horticulture in their retirement cycle. I like their here you have a landscape plan where the areas of interest are created into "separate rooms" which have been formed by good specimens of evergreens and deciduous shrubs.

THE TEXTURE created by the plant selection gives a three-dimensional picture from many vistas. The designer was clever not to have all of the rear garden on one level. East Lansing is an interesting area to interest area.

They have enjoyed travel in Italy and have some fine art of sculpture. Last year they decided to make a patio under a maple tree, so the owner to a junk yard and purchased old broken marble for the surface which was placed upside down close together like a jig saw.

MRS. SHUGG is rightfully proud of a wax plant (boya carnosus) which she has growing in a west window. It gives a lacey profile against the window. The plant is in flower now. These flowers are a coral pink cluster of flowers which always seem to have a drop of dewy sugar on each flower. One never cuts off the flowers as for many years ahead the flowers will be formed on the petiole which supports the bloom.

THE OTHER DAY "yours truly" stopped at the gift shop east of East Lansing which has the sod roof. The contents of the shop are devoted to Scandinavian wares, and the owner is from Sweden. This will be the second time I have told you how to make a sod roof. As the owner said: "The roof gives insulation and conversation."

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The BUGS have taken over. We don't know why but we do know what to do about it.

Before we begin may we suggest the possibility that "those who did use CHLORDANE to control CRABGRASS may have fewer ROSE CHAFERS than those who didn't use CHLORDANE". If this situation is not true please tell us.

We have learned a lot in the last year—along with M.S.U., the County Agricultural Agent, the Federal Dept. of Agriculture, landscapers, people, etc.

The problems...

- 1) European Pine Shoot Moth
- 2) Spruce Gall
- 3) Danthonia
- 4) Soft Brown (Lecaniums) Scale
- 5) Other Scales
- 6) Aphids
- 7) Rose Chafers (Rose Buttes)
- 8) Area Control of Mosquitoes and Gnats

WE are serious tonight and don't know just how to have any fun with these subjects, but here we go!

No. 1 and 2
While it may be too late to administer the maximum control, results will be obtained by spraying once a week for 3 more weeks with—**BONIDE'S OUTDOOR GARDEN SPRAY** or **DD-DIE** with MALATHION.

No. 3
All broad leaved weeds may be kept under reasonable control with two sprays a year—now and again September 15th. Use **DU-PONT'S LAWN WEED KILLER** or **ORTHO'S WEED-B-GONE**.

Spray the entire area. It is a waste of time and money, material, nerves, etc. to run around spraying the one you can see and leaving untouched the hundreds you cannot see today but can see in a week.

No. 4 and 5
These scales, as well as Terrapin, San Jose and Oyster Shell are hatching hungry offspring.

Spray UNDER the branches once a week for 3 weeks with **BONIDE'S OUTDOOR GARDEN SPRAY**.

No. 6
Spray every 3 or 4 days with the material in No. 1 and 3.

No. 7
The **ROSE CHAFERS** are eating all the roses, peonies and Iris and are beginning on the people—**from what we hear**.

The County Agent recommends three steps for the control of this beast—

- 1) Spray the ground in the garden and 20 feet beyond with 72% **CHLORDANE** to kill the grubs, larvae, pupa or what have you.
- 2) Spray the plants every 5 days with **BONIDE OUTDOOR GARDEN SPRAY**.
- 3) Spray the flowers of roses, peonies and Iris every day with No. 2 stuff until the chaffer is under control. This is because each day new petals form or unfold—each with a sign on it saying "EAT ME". And these modern bugs can read.

No. 8
To reduce the menace of mosquitoes in your terrace and yard area spray everything with **BONIDE'S DD-DIE**. Hit flowers, shrubs, lower branches of trees and grass.

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