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"Time heals all things." This, too, shall pass. Time is ours for the immediate moment of living; it helps to ease much of the poignancy of our griefs and disappointments. Time brings us new joys, perhaps lesser sorrows. In the midst and peak of time there occurs that miracle of mental and emotional chemistry that does dull the barbs of grief.

SECTION D

Westchester Ladies Plan a Rosy Future

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WESTCHESTER—In springs to come, homeowners in Westchester are going to bless the foresightedness and enterprise of the ladies in the subdivision's branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association.

When the little community bursts into bloom next May and all the Mays to follow, its residents can remember the girls who sold 207 flowering crab trees as their 1956 project to beautify the raw young community that rose out of a farmer's cornfield.

For this is the stuff dreams are made of. A bare, scrawny twig, scarcely five feet long, may well be a magic wand, promising a perennial blaze of color that will grow and grow.

THE VISIONARIES who promoted the idea are the green-thumb artists, who under the enthusiastic spell of Mrs. Herbert Graebner, ways and means chairman, organized to encourage neighbors to buy and plant one or more of the three-year-old trees. Four varieties—red, white, pink and yellow—were suggested, red silver, dolgo, cophia and floribunda, and in the month of March every resident in the community was personally contacted. On the day of delivery in May,

Mrs. Robert Dewar turned her yard on Middlebury lane into a gracious garden party where coffee and gay sociability were served to reduce the commercial aspect of the transaction, as neighbors stopped by to pick up their orders.

Call it a fringe benefit, if you will, but along with the anticipated pleasure of having their subdivision abundantly dotted with flowering crab trees, the garden club also plans to use the profits from their sale for plantings to grace the entrances of the Westchester.

AN ARCHITECTURAL committee is designing suitable gateways, and will decide what evergreens and permanent plantings will lend just the right touch of welcome to Westchester visitors. Unhurried and seriously considered, the entrance plantings will probably get started in the fall.

Although it was the original hope of the garden club to induce their neighbors to plant the flowering crab trees along the roadways to create a boulevard and unity, some objected that this was a fairly low growing tree and might present a hazard to drivers and children who dart across the roads freely. So the crab trees have been planted according to individual tastes, and will be none-the-less attractive in seasons to come.

Mrs. Kenneth Oumette and Mrs. Robert Batchelor helped Mrs. Graebner organize the tree sale and members were assigned as "block captains".

WINDING up one year of activity, the Westchester group held elections recently and named Mrs. Earl Potter, president; Mrs. Robert Dewar, first vice-president; Mrs. Graebner, second vice-president; Mrs. Robert Gill, recording secretary; Mrs. Frank Wilhelm, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Robert Erwin, treasurer.

Many of the group's 65 members participated in the flower arranging course led by Mrs. Seth Slavson and organized by Mrs. John McCall.

In June the monthly meeting will be a trip to Cranbrook house. When the Michigan division of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association meets in East Lansing on June 6, Mrs. Potter will represent Westchester and its garden club, which is developing healthy roots for generations to come.



Both 'Tower' Five Feet

Five feet tall in her high heels, Mrs. Herbert Graebner, demonstrates the size of the flowering crab trees the Westchester branch of the WNGA expects to beautify their subdivision in years to come. The club members sold 207 of the trees to Westchester residents, raising enough money to provide plantings for the entrances of Westchester.

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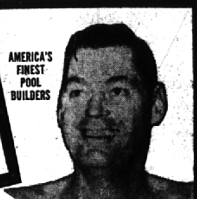
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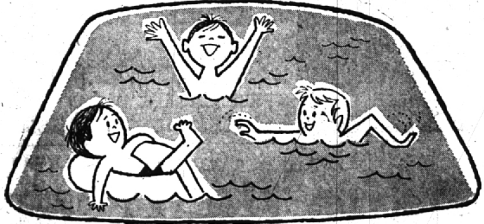
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IN OUR

... excitement about all the extra special things going on and the unusual stuff we have which we feel we should promote, we certainly have neglected the details—which, as you know, are the things that make and keep the yard and garden as you want it to be. So here are a few tips (following which is an announcement):—

1. BROADLEAVED WEEDS may be controlled by a thorough spraying with DIPONTOS-LAWN WEED KILLER, ORTHO'S WEED-B-GONE or DOW'S FORMULA 40. Spray the whole area involved and then forget it until the middle of September.
2. CRABGRASS has probably shown a few plants by now. You can still apply 72% CHLORDANE to inhibit the germination of the seeds which are still only seeds. This material is effective for 3 or 4 years so the ones you don't get this year will be controlled by this application during the next year.
3. A KILLER OF ALL PLANT GROWTH in paths, driveways, patios, etc. is HAMMOND'S WEED KILLER & ORTHO TRIOX.
4. INDETERMINATE—What is the matter with my evergreens? They look bad (ly). Please send a hundred feet of hose that will operate my sprinklers.
5. Rabbits are eating petunias, bean shoots, etc. Dust with NON-NIBL OR BLOOD MEAL or a small—that is—erect a one foot fence around the valuable area.
6. Keep spraying shrubs, ornamental trees, pines and firs with ISOTOX or MALATHION for two or three more weeks to knock off the offspring of the scales that are now hatching. Spray UNDERNEATH the branches especially.
7. Dust or spray ROSES REGULARLY with MILDUST, ORTHO ROSE DUST or DUPONT FLORAL DUST TO CONTROL blackspot, mildew and bugs.
8. PEONIES, DELPHINIUM, PHLOX need BORDEAUX as well as a MITECIDE for blackspot, rust, mildew and red spider and aphids.
9. If caterpillars are showing, SOCK them with BONIDES DD-IIE.
10. When cutting peony blooms leave some foliage on the base of each stalk.
11. GLADIOLUS CORMS may be planted for 2 or 3 more weeks.
12. We close at 12:00 M on Wednesday regardless of your desires in this matter.
13. Dust your gladiolus with NEUDUST until the buds show color.
14. DAHLIAS—Pinch off at the ground all but the main stalk. If large exhibition flowers are desired further DIBUDDING will be required as the season progresses.
15. By now we should have some new and lovely BIRD BATHS and FOUNTAINS in stock—maybe.
16. Sweet corn will make rapid growth if planted now. Another planting should be made about the middle of June.
17. Parsnip and turnip seeds should be burned in the incinerator unless you happen to like the other results.
18. BIG BOY GRILL DEMONSTRATION AT THE STORE ON JUNE 7th.
19. Thin your buds—that is, your hollyhock buds for larger bloomers—well, as you know, bigger but fewer flowers—or fewer but BIGGER flowers.
20. Apply DDT when corn is every inch a young every foot a ruler. Later dust the ruler's ears.
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23. SKIDOO.

If you can afford not to come to our shop on June 7th don't bother to read further—or (farther) if you are of the other school)

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The men will know that by 1:00 p.m., our STAFF will have had THEIR LUNCH. We are informed that they are not bringing their own sandwiches on this day.

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