

Adult Dance Class second eight-week class this spring. Registrations must be made in person in advance of the Thursday night classes, which begin tonight from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

DOWN TO EARTH

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Spring in the Air Gives Forward Look

Spring is really in the air when the birds serenade you when you go out to get the morning paper. Spring in the air gives everybody the "Forward Look." Another indication of spring is the willow branches turning yellow.

It is not too early to spread fertilizer on your lawn. You can see the marks of your spreader wheels which makes the job easier now than later. Plan to put one pound on each 100 square feet if your lawn is established and you buy a good grade of fertilizer. We do not need lime on our lawns in this area.

At Cornell University on March 15 the centennial celebration of Liberty Hyde Bailey, the great botanist from England, Harold Fletcher, stressed that today we do not find the plant explorer of yesterday but the geneticist, pathologist, and physiologist joining together in new plant introductions.

In this new plant era we are conditioning plants by treatment with carbon 14 to by-product of atomic energy, antibiotics, and so on.

At this time plants are being conditioned to themselves to new sets of climatic conditions which will change the entire gamut of crop selections. I have scanned you in the past that horticulture is an exciting subject.

ONE OF THE favorite trees selected for use at the General Motors technical center is the sycamore tree or tupelo. It is used for shade, and as a vertical accent and will grow to nearly 50 feet. This tree does favor "wet feet."

and the dark blue berries in the fall attract the birds. It is also considered a disease resistant tree. The finest copper leaf beech tree in this area is on the front lawn at 377 Arlington. Any day I will crown this tree the queen of the trees in this area. It is sometimes called a purple leaf beech.

Another tree favored in the landscaping of Eastland has been the Juneberry or Amelanchier canadensis. This tree is a native of Michigan, and in spring has white flowers which "catch your eye" as you pass a woodland plot. It grows only around 12 feet high and likes to snuggle near other trees. The leaves are yellow and orange in the Fall. The edible berries which form are first red, then dark purple. This tree only likes to be transplanted in the spring, does not like "wet feet," and is not meant to be a specimen but a foil for a well chosen background of trees.

REMEMBER the three temptations. Do not go out and work in the garden the first time you are possessed with the idea. Do not go out in the garden and rake the second time you are possessed with the idea of removing all of the mauling dead twigs, etc. Wait for the third day, and then do not stir the ground around your perennials just "get busy" and enjoy the springtime.

IF YOU WANT an unusual effect you might like to grow an ivy tree. It is a 14 or a 15-inch pot with soil and place a 6-foot stake solidly in the soil. On each side of the stake plant an ivy vine and at the top of the stake attach a round wheel or circular wire arrangement. Twist the ivy stems in opposite directions as they grow up the stake and remove all of the

leaves going up the stake. As the ivy covers the wheel it will make a stunning effect in a north window or in any area where it won't get too much sun. The ivy tree can give you a fine terrace accent in 1/2 shade.

After looking over the spring catalogues I really wish I had enough space in full sun to grow a 20-foot long and 6-foot high planting of Steuben Blue Black grapes. This variety has the best flavor and no spraying is necessary due to its good heritage. Four plants would be sufficient and they make a wonderful fence for privacy.



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One proposal will be received, combining planting and miscellaneous landscape construction such as concrete flagging.

Proposals must be on forms furnished by the architect and be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposal submitted.

Plans and specifications may be obtained on and after Wednesday, March 12, 1958 at the office of the architect, Eichstedt - Johnson Associates, 15324 Mack Ave., Detroit 24, Mich.

A check in the amount of \$10.00 must be submitted as a deposit for each set of plans and specifications, same to be refunded upon return of plans and specifications in good condition within ten (10) days of the opening of bids.

Accepted bidders will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract, the total cost of which shall be paid by the accepted bidder.

All proposals submitted shall remain firm for a period of thirty (30) days after official opening of bids.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any informalities therein.

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Exposition vice chairmen include General Motors Vice President Robert M. Critchfield; Marcus E. Cunningham, president, Cunningham-Lamp Co.; C. Allen Harlan, president, Harlan Electric Co.; and William C. Newberg, vice president, Chrysler Corp.

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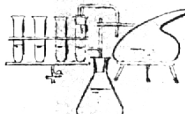
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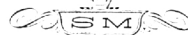
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