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Count 10 Before Planting Tulips

This is the time of year to add some bulbs to your garden plan. Here are some tips built on experience.

Count ten before you plant a large bed of tulips because you must consider the long drying off period needed after flowering before you can use the square feet again for those spring annuals. All right, you have decided you must have some tulips. If you plant early flowering varieties you will have their cycle of leaf dropping reached earlier than the late

types. The water lily tulip (Kaufmanniana) is the gem for near the house. It is very early, has short stems, and caddles effectively among the rocks of a rock garden or in a small intimate garden near a house window.

Your tulips will look best if they are not strung out, but are placed in clumps with the bulbs about ten inches apart. If you want a mass effect with tulips, plant them at a distance from your house as a color accent and Mrs. Burlingame those drying off leaves won't annoy you so much. Don't plant until Nov. 10.

Beware of bargains with bulbs. Naturalized daffodils in large sacks produce the greatest collection of uninteresting bulbs. Take my advice and only buy half as many and buy good, bright yellow specimens. A strong yellow color is one of the finest heralds of spring.

Place a few grape hyacinths near the yellow daffodils and you have painted a picture. Remember, those daffodils will spread like wild fire, so plant them 15 inches apart, and at least six inches apart for the grape hyacinths, because they are spreaders, too. Buy lots of the small flowering bulbs for sprucing up flower beds near your home structure. It doesn't take them so long to shed their leaves.

YOU WON'T want to delay any more time in the planting of your tulip bulbs for next year. The mid-century hybrids of Jan de Graf are choice. They multiply rapidly and should be divided after the second year. This variety is free of botrytis due to their hereditary selection. The stems won't get stacking. Well, we have put the eager bulbs to work. Let's get back to those experiences in Denmark. Around Svenborj I visited a most beautiful cemetery. Each country has its own style of cemetery, just as home landscaping in various countries is different. This cemetery had each family plot designed like a private room. The graves and flowers were in fine proportion. Beautiful combinations of colored annuals looked

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like an Oriental carpet. Instead of grass between sections within the "family room", they used fine raked pea gravel.

I KNOW I won't be satisfied until I have returned to Denmark and I must go to the ocean-side village of Troense. There you see quaint guest houses on the wood banked with colorful flowers in architectural design. They have leaded windows, scrolls on the wood exterior beams. Descriptive English words cannot do justice to this village.

In Odense you will enjoy visiting the home of Christian Andersen and then plan to eat at the restaurant Den Gamle Kro, with its courtyard dining room. Be sure to order those famous Danish shrimp, which are not bigger than the cutting of a fingernail from your thumb.

Back in Copenhagen you must plan to eat at restaurant 7 Smaas Hulen (Seven Small Rooms). There you will see food styled like you have never seen it before.

NOW I have saved one of the nicest parts of Denmark until the last resort—Tivoli. This is a park in the very center of the town and for fifteen cents in our money you can enter early in the morning and stay until after midnight. Here are the treats in store for you: free concert by the foremost musicians in the world, drama outdoors, often free fireworks which surpass any of our local Fourth of July displays, at least ten of the finest restaurants in Denmark (each with their gay umbrellas, tropical flora, and architecture to depict their specialty) and boating and out to one side is the amusement park.

BUT WHAT is exotic are the immense beds of annuals grown in patterns, and the white paths inviting strolling. There are benches galore. At night the trees and buildings are lighted in Denmark and you have stepped into fairyland.

Here we have a park. Tivoli designed and built for ALL PEOPLE. The masses do not scar the appointments of the swappers, but love it as their park. All ages in a family have a date together to share the fine cuisine, and boating and appreciation of leisure time which is basic in the fiber of the fine Danish people. This strength built within generations, gave them the emotional stamina to tolerate occupation during the war. Their TOGETHERNESS in their early family life, through the years, gives them the boiling strength to be mighty, the solid integrity to be great, though a small country.

North Woods Meet

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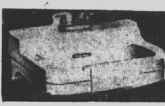


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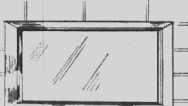


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