

# Coolness, Water Force Flowering

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It is now time to ring the bell for the forcing of flowering shrubs and trees. The rule goes that the closer you begin your project to the normal flowering date, the earlier they will come into full flower when forced.

There are two methods that you might like to try. Hardwood branches can be placed in a deep container of water in a cool location and sprayed with water "when you think of it," at least once a day. The second method is to wrap the branches in damp burlap and keep that burlap damp until the branches begin to show color.

Writers comment: "These efficiently designed ranch houses without basements don't allow you an inch to spare for the sundry projects which tempt an explorer in gardening."

REMEMBER, that you force the early flowering trees and plants. Mock orange and beauty bush flowers too late for forcing. As you cut your branches for forcing, don't stop until you have cut enough for at least two or three extra people. Let your friend or neighbor have the pleasure of watching the buds swell and form. The time to give the gift is right after the cutting. Homebound daily progress with growing plant material.

In this area we have many sources of water. Often, even though water is water, it doesn't benefit plant life.

RAIN WATER as it falls is essentially pure. The rain water which falls in the country, away from manufacturing areas, is purer because it lacks the concentration of spoke and gases.

River water has some mineral content, dependent upon the rocks over which it has run. Lake water is the same as the rivers which we feed it. If there is a slow current the mineral content will be higher.

Well water has a high mineral content. Softened water is spigot water which has passed through a bed of materials which does not reduce the total mineral content. Boiled water contains less hardness salts, because they have been precipitated out. Hard water raises the pH content of the soil. There you go . . . have you pegged the water you use in your house?

IF YOU USE softened water for houseplants, you will find that they will love you if you draw off water for that purpose at least 24 hours before using it so that the gases can escape. The big issue is to

remember to water the plants, in my humble estimation, we have flower arrangers in this town who can match and win in the stiffest competition. In August, 1960, in Rotterdam, Holland, there is to be the International Olympic of Flower Arranging.

It will be a year-long World's Fair of gardening in a 105-acre park. The show is being called "Floriade" and all nations are participating in all facets of horticulture.

Members of the Olympic team of flower arrangers will be selected from competition among the nation's garden clubs. Already I can feel the draw of the magnet to see the spectacle. Or maybe it is my Dutch blood yearning for the "old country."

## Fraternity to Stage 'Paperback Fair'

Detroit Chapter, Theta Sigma Phi, national fraternity for women in journalism, will stage a "Paperback Fair" Feb. 24 in the ballroom adjoining the Detroit Press club.

Used books of the paper and hardback variety will be resold at a fraction of their cost. Proceeds will go to Theta Sig's hospitalized veterans writing project which encourages patients to develop creative writing abilities.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 27th day of January, A.D. 1959, the following was presented: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARIE KIMBALL, deceased. Ethel H. Kimball having filed in said court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Stanley J. Church or to some other suitable person, and for determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1959, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, be and is hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties as shown by the records in this cause by delivering a copy of this order to each of them personally, or by mailing such copy to each of them by registered mail with return receipt demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses as shown by the files and records in this cause.

And it is further Ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eclectic, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate, 48, 49, 50

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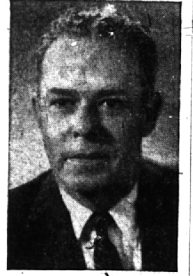
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### M.P.A. President



New president of the Michigan Press Association is E. C. (Ted) Hayhoe, publisher of the Hillsdale Daily News. He was elected at the 51st annual meeting of MPA, held at Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

Other officers elected are Jack C. Sinclair, publisher of the Hartford Day Spring, first vice president; Dale Stafford, publisher of the Greenville Daily News, second vice president; James F. publisher, Alma Record, treasurer.

Robert S. Marshall, publisher, Ogemaw County Herald in West Branch is Immediate Past President.

The state meeting was climaxed by an "All Michigan Dinner" co-sponsored by the publishers' association and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Main course was beef from steers specially bred to produce tender meat. It was referred to as "Billionaire's Beef."

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