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DOWN TO EARTH

Christmas Cactus Time Is Nearing

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

At this time of year many house plant growers aspire to have a Christmas cactus flower for the holidays "like the one mother had." These factors will determine your success with a Christmas cactus.

In the fall keep your pot "on the dry side" and avoid having the plant in a room where there is electricity at night as it is a short-day plant. If the room is too hot, it will drop its buds just before the flowering cycle. This plant does like lime and you can add it by making a mixture of one teaspoon of potassium chloride to one quart of water and use this mixture to encourage the formation of flower buds.

WHEN I RECALL my grandmother's parlor, the room was grand with the lamp in the center of the room and I don't think very much of the stage existed; no wonder so many house plants prospered as most plants like to relax during their cells away from light for a portion of the twenty-four cycle. Mrs. Burlingame

After all what would you look like if you were awake in the bright lights for days and months?

to turn a different color and this tree will be as vivid as an old fashioned Christmas tree. This is a slow growing tree but definitely on the list of the choicest varieties. It will have the profile of a maple.

THESE DAYS we are enjoying the bulbs which have come to us from Holland and have been delivered at our own ocean port. Before these bulbs leave Holland they are inspected by men from here who are engaged to specifically, carefully investigate the bulbs for disease. This is important for their reputation as good plantmen. Golden Harvest will not Holland \$600,000 per year.

IF YOU ARE planning a trip to Holland in the spring, be sure and see the special tulip shows at Lisse, Limmen and Hillegom. It is a real problem to export these bulbs all over the world where in some areas it is winter while simultaneously in others it is summer. There is a climate laboratory at Lisse, Holland where climatic shipping requirement as well as light factors and their relationship to bulbs is studied for every area of the world. In my notebook goes the memo to write Dr. Van Slooten for an interview.

THIS IS THE month when the eager arrangers of plant material are roaming the fields gathering "stuff" for winter art work. If you want a maximum glamor to fruit, shellac crabapples, cranberries, and nuts after you have wired them into clusters. The most nondescript weed from the field takes on the men of an artist's eye for holiday arrangements.

OFTEN THE index of autumn beauty is determined by the beauty of the leaves. Our best coloring of leaves will occur if this weather cycle has warm, sunny days with cool nights and not much rain. Leaves do not drop from the trees when it is a specific time but the dropping of leaves is caused by a special layer of cells which develop at the base of a leaf stem which cuts off the flow of sap. It is the sugar trapped in the leaves which gives the vivid colors.

ON YOUR HOME grounds you will select red and sugar maples for outstanding fall coloring. The sweet gum tree is outstanding because it seems as though each one of its star-shaped leaves decides

LEGAL NOTICE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN: The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in and for the Estate of MARY S. CROCKETT, Deceased.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 23rd day of September, A. D. 1959.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing file written claim therefor, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate under each, containing sufficient detail as to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is further Ordered that notice be given to all interested parties in said estate by publication of this notice in the Birmingham Eccentric for three consecutive weeks commencing the 1st day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric and thereafter in the Birmingham Eccentric and in the Birmingham Eccentric in said county.

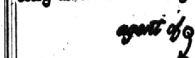
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company, the city treasurer and a collection agency had tried for better than a year to collect the bills, all of them for emergency rides to hospitals.

Only two of the nine accounts have Birmingham addresses. City Manager L. H. Gare said this is the last erasure the city will make. Last June, Birmingham contracted with a local ambulance company for emergency service.

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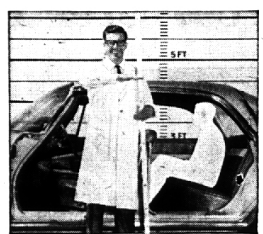
Engineers put it this way: "University wind-tunnel tests show that the fluid dynamics of the new designs reduce the drag coefficient 14%."

This means that the engine doesn't have to work so hard to push the car through the air. If you drive at speeds of from 20 to 60 miles an hour, the savings on gasoline are equal to a price cut of a penny a gallon.

The car surrounds you with silence. You travel so quietly that, until you get used to it, you think you're going 10 miles per hour slower than you actually are.

Briefly, giant electronic computers predict performance before the car is built. They make computations in a few weeks that would take an engineering staff years of full-time work to figure out. As a result, we know just where to locate the engine mounts, just what spots to weld, and what gauges of metals to use. Electronic engineering has given us a better way to build better automobiles.

Quietness also comes from the way the engine is mounted. A rubber shelf soaks up high-



1960 cars from Chrysler Corporation are higher or longer outside, but you get more room inside. The reason? Unibody Construction—our new way to build cars.

frequency noises. A specially mounted heavy-duty spring reduces noise in the low-frequency range. Any little noises left over are muffled by the most lavish use of insulation yet.

But Unibody Construction does more than surround you with silence. It permits more room inside without raising the roof or stretching the car.

Framed like bridge trusses, the new bodies give you twice the torsional strength of previous

models, along with 40% greater beam strength. Nearly a billion miles of road tests indicate that any model could have a life expectancy almost twice that of any car built in America in the past decade. Think what this is going to do for the re-sale value.

The whole body is treated to prevent rust. One of the big reasons for the marked increase in the life expectancy of these cars comes from the extraordinary precautions that Chrysler Corporation engineers take to prevent rust.

Not only is all metal specially cleaned to remove oil traces but the body is dipped a total of seven times.

Salt spray tests proved that panels treated this way remained rust-free five times longer than otherwise identical methods.

This means that you can drive one of these new cars years longer and rust won't mar its beauty. Think what this is going to do for the re-sale value!

Any one of these available features would make these new cars news

When the engine starts, all doors lock. Driver-controlled door locks are available on most 1960 cars from Chrysler Corporation.

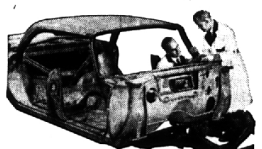
The Driver's Back Rest is 2 to 3 inches higher than rest of the front seat. Cuts fatigue.

Swivel Seats—1960 seats automatically swing out when you open the door.

New Ram-Induction Engines using the principles of a supercharger give greater passing power. (Available in high-performance models.)

Safety-Blinkers give you blinking lights front and rear, in case of an emergency stop.

The next step to take is down to your dealer's, Plymouth ... Dodge Dart ... Dodge ... De Soto ... Chrysler ... or Imperial. A drive will bring out the difference great engineering makes.



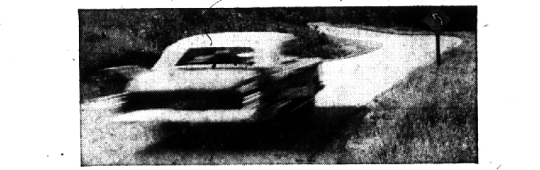
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