

DOWN TO EARTH

Garden Catalog Season's Here

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This is the season for garden dreaming. Be sure not to buy such an abundance of seeds that you can't possibly find space to plant them. Just charge the experience off to good therapy because there isn't any phase of gardening which can put your soul at peace more than looking over garden catalog. You at once once become an arm chair explorer.

If you have lots of sunny space, be sure and plan to buy the new purple raspberry. It was developed by the Illinois agricultural experiment station and possesses the best qualities of the red and blue raspberry. Last August I saw it in the test gardens in Chicago. They have been crossing and crossing the generations (Bristol and Indian Summer) so that now the shrub itself behaves and it should be handy. I bet it doesn't sucker very much... plus large lush berries!

ANYTIME NOW you can start from seed the beautiful Jewelite

Fibrous Rooted Begonia. This plant is ideal for a house and placed outdoors in half shade you have a striking small flowered plant. For 50c you have enough plants from seed to make a wonderful border in your garden. The leaves of this begonia are deep bronze red with flowers which will come in all shades of deep pink.



Mrs. Burlingame that we do not start seeds for regular outdoor use until the first or second week of April. If you start earlier, the seedlings will be too spindly. The above mentioned begonia plants could be started any time as they have the status of houseplants.

THERE IS A new blue morning glory which has large flowers with white stripes. It is stunning. If you want to stop traffic at your house, plant three shrubs of Viburnum Maries in a group six feet apart. This Viburnum will give far more splendor than a flowering dogwood and you won't have to wait for it to flower. The flowers extend right to the ground of this seven foot shrub and are white, white. The leaves have a heavy veined structure and are wonderful as a background for the multitude of berries which will form to attract the birds.

A beautiful garden could be made if you just specialized in collecting Viburnums. This category of shrubs is always beautiful and lends itself to form a bird sanctuary.

IN FRONT OF a shrub border you may wish to have a low border planting in sun or half shade. By creating this effect your customer will excuse you from having a flower border three feet high and know easier gardening. Your answer is the varieties of Double Cresta Prandla will grow three feet high and be covered with a snowstorm of completely white flowers in large clusters.

Don't put in a lilac unless you can assure it full sun away from tree and house shadows. The variety Edith Cavell which is double and white is good. Esther Staley is the best of the pinks. Plan to place your lilacs six feet apart.

IF IN PLANNING for a lilac you just want lots and lots of flowers, quick growth and dense, then select a persian lilac with panicles of purple flowers. Plan on its diameter being eight feet. Syringa Falibinnana Standard is

a pink flowering lilac grown like a tree or "on an umbrella." Let's use more standards in our gardens to provide conversational pieces. You would use this lilac where you would a tree rose. It could be an accent at the entrance to a garden or provide an accent for a low growing flower bed.

Fastest Rifle...
GRAUSHEIM, Germany—Army PFC Timothy J. Wheeler, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wheeler,

240 Ravine, Birmingham, recently qualified as expert in firing the automatic rifle while serving with the 4th Armored Division in Germany.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" column in this issue of The Birmingham Eccentric.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local Man Is Guest Speaker

W. E. Mulholland, 1808 Latham road, addressed the meeting of the design and product engineering section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Monday night.

Mulholland, manager of application engineering at Formsprag company, Waukegan, Ill., discussed the use of spring clutches by industrial designers.



ARTHUR J. BECHTOLD
New Manager

Arthur J. Bechtold, 6625 West Dartmoor, has been appointed systems and procedure manager of Radio Specialties Co. The firm is engaged in the distribution of electronic components for television and industrial electronics.

Local Resident Named Director

Appointment of John H. Garwood, 464 McEwen drive, Bloomfield township as director of organization planning, Vickers Incorporated, was announced by J. F. Forster, president.

Mr. Garwood, who has been with Vickers for almost 20 years, formerly held a series of administrative posts with the company.

Insurance Agent Attends Meeting

Frank M. Minninger, 1965 Crosswick road, Bloomfield township, agent with the Detroit branch office of Connecticut General Life Insurance company, was invited by company President Frazer B. Wilde to attend a special Leadership Assembly in New York City.

Minninger is a member of the company's Honor Table, highest award the company gives its agents.

Named Man of Year

George E. Griscom, 256 Abbey road, has been named Man of the Year for the second consecutive year by The Sullivan Agency, Lincoln National Life, 1844 James Cozzen.

His plaque was presented at the annual banquet given by managers for the outstanding life underwriter in each agency.

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