

## DOWN TO EARTH

## Some New Methods For Planting Annuals

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

Have you been trying some of the new ideas this summer for planting annuals?

Mrs. Paul Robertson, the mother of six children who lives at 2566 Franklin Hills drive in one busy city. The children like flowers and she bought a roll called Flowerama and spread it on top of a raked flower bed. She watered it down well initially—as well as the following days.

The strip was 18 feet long and today she has a real carpet of flowers. In the display were zinnias, portulacas, poppies, salvia, calendulas, marigolds, asters and celosias. There, busy mothers, you have a colorful garden. The seeds were meshed inside a cellulose which acts as a mulch to keep out the weeds. Congratulations on an interesting solution to your problem; six children, wanted flowers and every minute filled to the brim with priority assignments.

A couple years ago I had to seed a book and found this strip method with grass seeds in it a real good idea. Don't hesitate to try the new and be equally quick to discard old habits as "being the only way."

HERE COME SOME more questions which pass over my desk and some ideas for handling the problem. We want to build a large hospitality terrace. Should we set the surface material in sand or cement?

Well, it is sort of a toss up. Slate should be placed in cement. They go together like sugar and cream. I have seen some wonderful jobs of hard brick where the bricks have been placed in a pattern. They rise and fall with our climate.

We have a large terrace of grey ledge rock placed in sand. Maybe 20 minutes is spent once a month to take out some weeds which like the location, but I have placed some humor between the stones

and have begun to see rich dark green stripping of moss between the stones. If the terrace was watered down everyday, we would have a splendid accent with the green, velvet moss.

You might say, "How about ants in the sand? Aren't they a nuisance on the surface?"

"No, if I had too many anytime I would use Terro and they would be gone in a few minutes."

If you have a terrace set in cement, you can't make adjustments when needed so easily. You could have a bad crack develop which wouldn't be the workman's fault.

"WHAT CAN I DO about the children who run across our lawn?" That is as easy to handle as it is a problem. It can be cared for by better design. If you live on a corner, plan on a planting strip which goes from the corner of the house out to the sidewalk which will be 7 feet wide. It will be too big for hopping and every once in a while plant a barberry. Now, don't ask me why. One house in town enclosed their yard with a hedge of multiflora roses. The hedge is now 7 feet high and I defy man or beast to

cut through their yard. Also if you have trouble with a cut through the house out to a tree to discourage house to house traffic. Glorify these planting areas with good plants which flower and use bulbs in the spring. All will be forgiven when you develop a worthwhile landscape feature.

If you want to handle the detail around a circular drive, be sure and see the job done at 608 Westbourne drive, off Cranbrook.

## Douglas Reinhard Studies in Germany

Douglas Reinhard, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Reinhard, 577 Kimberley road, Birmingham, will return home next week following a four-week summer course in German language and culture at the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

Reinhard left in June on a University of Michigan chartered plane for professors and students. He visited England, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden before studying in Germany.

He will continue his studies this fall in the graduate school of chemical engineering at U of M. He will work toward a masters degree under a fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

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## Ambassadors for Freedom

Ambassadors for Friendship were entertained at lunch recently at Oakland Hills country club by George R. Fluhr, president of Kuhlman Electric company. The group, sponsored by American Motors, Esso Standard Oil and Reader's Digest, is one of four tours that were scheduled this summer by Harry Morjan, who initiated the program three years ago. The group was escorted by David G. Fluhr of Kuhlman Electric's international department to Flint where they

were given a conducted tour of A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors. The ambassadors are (from left) Tim Hannah of New Zealand; Mark Willes of Salt Lake City, Utah; Joo Han-Liu of Rangoon, Burma; George R. Fluhr, president of Kuhlman Electric company, Birmingham; tour guide, Geoffrey A. Thompson of Central Valley, N. Y.; Thomas Chang of Taipei, Taiwan; and Ben Osborne of Harden, Australia.

## Cranbrook Prints Booklet on Birds

Bird watchers and Audubon Society members, plus a large group of bird amateurs, will be interested in a booklet just published by Cranbrook Institute of Science: "A Field List of Birds of the Detroit-Windsor Region."

Authors are Ralph A. O'Reilly Jr., a G.M. executive who lives in Davisburg, and T. Kelly, who lives in Alice H. Kelley of Bloomfield Hills, who based their compilations on a ten-year study made by the bird survey committee of the Detroit Audubon Society from 1945 through 1954.

DURING THIS TIME, 215 observers contributed 14,000 observations which were organized and tabulated by 34 members of the committee under the direction of Mr. Kelly.

From this great amount of data the statistical details were compiled for the 286 species included in the booklet, which was supervised by Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director of Cranbrook Institute of Science.

THE BOOKLET includes practical suggestions for bird study, including a Detroit area calendar, areas for bird study, aids for the bird student, a marked map of the

Detroit-Windsor region, common names of the 286 species including clearly marked data on the months each is to be found in this area and a second page with blank spaces where bird watchers may keep a record of birds seen, where and when.

## U of M to Offer Extension Classes In Hills, B'ham

Classes under the University of Michigan extension service and graduate study program will be offered this year in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

Five courses will meet at Cranbrook school for boys, Lone Pine road. Pre-registration for all classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22.

THE COURSES include anthropology—the people of Asia and their civilization; education—elementary school curriculum, mental and physical education of children and adolescence and audio-visual methods

and materials. English—major American authors II; library science, audio-visual methods and materials; psychology—socialization of the child.

PROBLEMS IN teaching and supervision of mathematics and a course in real estate business will be offered in Birmingham. The education class registration is at Cranbrook high school. Real estate registration is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Seaborn.

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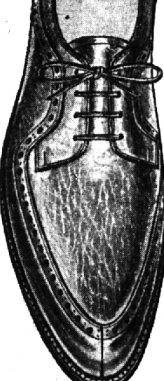
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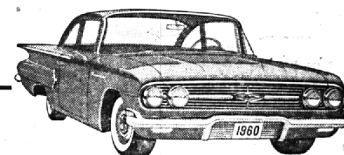
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