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DOWN TO EARTH
New Aids, Techniques
Extend Planting Season

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME

We used to think that every little annual, perennial, shrub and tree had to be in place by Decoration Day, but with new aids and methods of packaging, we know that we can safely do a great deal of planting until July 1.

For transplants you will be using transplanted to that the plants will not feel shock, like a post-operative treatment. It is still wise to remember that any plant will need your watchful eye. Supply water for at least two weeks after planting so a plant has time to develop secondary roots. These roots range many feet from the base of the plant, requiring moisture for their life lines.

Prof. T. C. N. Singh of the Department of Botany at Annamalai University, India, has shown that the sound of an electric bell will cause some seedlings to germinate faster.

He has experimented with sweet potatoes and tapoca, and found that he can increase the yield by 40 per cent when constantly playing recorded music. Classical music was played to rice and it yielded up to 50 per cent more volume than a comparable plot. Dr. Singh explained that the vibrations in the plant cell agitate the sensitive protoplasm and nuclei to accelerate growth.

TWO NEW SHRUB introductions are making their debut this spring. You may wish to chalk down this information for your future planning.

There is a new pink deutzia with pom-pom-like clusters which flower in late spring. It will take light shade and grow only three or four feet high which would be ideal in an enclosed courtyard, beside a terrace in a grouping of three or more shrubs. It requires little clipping maintenance must be kept at a minimum.

The second new introduction is the Clematis, Mrs. P. T. James, which has a double blue flower. The leaf effect is like an exploding star.

The clematis vines give a beautiful detail where you have half shade on a wall or they can be grown as vertical accents in a garden on a center pole. The sophisticated gardener is the person who incorporates clematis into the garden scheme because with this selection you have the "Cadillacs" of vines.

IF YOU ARE blacktopping your driveway you might like this suggestion as seen in California: White gravel (dolomite) is applied along the edge in a stripe after the hot asphalt is put down but not rolled. This stripe would be an invaluable aid for the person backing out of a drive after dark.

Good remarks should be shared with others. When we were in colonial Williamsburg, the director of the office of Parks & Northrup Co., was honored with a farewell party by his colleagues on his retirement after 32 years with the instrument and controls manufacturer.

Burnett was presented with a combination of a tie case, a brief case, and a scrapbook, containing tributes from many customers and friends.

Burnett Retires
After 32 Years
With L&N Co.

F. Dean Burnett, 3156 Weather-vane, Birmingham, manager of the Detroit office of Leeds & Northrup Co., was honored with a farewell party by his colleagues on his retirement after 32 years with the instrument and controls manufacturer.

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BURNETT
A native of Holyoke, Mass., Burnett graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in electrical engineering. He joined L&N in 1928.

Burnett is interested in flying, amateur theatricals and ham radio operations. He is a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham. He and Mrs. Burnett, the former Mary Louise White of St. Louis, have two daughters.

Glover Is Winner
In Writing Contest

George Howard Glover, 1144 Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills, has been named among 21 winners of the Annual Avery and Jule Hopwood Contest in creative writing at the University of Michigan.

Glover received one of two \$1,000 awards in the major fiction contest for a collection of stories entitled "The Springs of the Sea." He is a graduate student at U of M.

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Science Institute Employs Coleman

Laurence Vail Coleman, who recently retired from the directorship of the American Association of Museums, has accepted a temporary appointment for three months at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

He will serve as advisor and consultant during July, August and September, giving special attention to promotion of the publication program.

Coleman has authored several books on museums: The Museum in America, Museum Buildings, College and University Museums, Historical House Museums and Museums in South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, who have been residing in Italy, will live at Milles House, Cranbrook, for the summer.

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