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DOWN TO EARTH

Growing Mums Simple As One, Two, Three

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You, too, may have a striking show of color from chrysanthemums any place in your garden at this date. It is simple as one, two, three.

Mums have to have a good location in the sun to form buds. After they are bidded you can lift them on your shovel after they have been watered and take them to any new place you wish.

Many far-sighted gardeners start cuttings from favorites in the spring, place them in flower pots and now have an easy way to move them around.

THE USDA reports that there were 75,000 accidents with lawn mowers last year and 50 per cent were with rotary mowers. Thirty per cent of these accidents were caused by flying objects. These statistics should give a firm warning to keep others away from the area when a lawn is being mowed.

There has been some testing with color sprays on lawns, especially for important areas where a good green appearance is necessary regardless of the watering.

Tests have shown that grass areas sprayed green were more attractive the next spring. It has been analyzed that there is more absorption of light and heat by the dark green paint. The grass has not been harmed by the treatment.

THERE IS AN interest in studying the effect that certain light rays and sound waves from television sets have on plants and animals. It has been found in Germany that some houseplants stand near a TV set started to show brown spots, which they received attributed to the rays.

In Belgium, specialists recommend that babies and young children be kept away from sets. Canaries now affected by the sound waves from a TV and continued exposure can cause them to die.

FOR TODAY'S chuckle listen to this: For the gardener indoors or out who must have something different, a new product is on the market. Known as TPIM (Thorough Perfumed Horse Manure) it comes in polyethylene bags containing 100 cubic inches at one dollar.

Now, from the West's greatest race tracks comes a new dimension for the discriminating home owner. The ad reads: "When through using TPIM, stand look, stop, look, smell and admire your work."

MAYBE YOU prostrated like Yours Truly and now I lay them at the city market to enjoy. Of course these purchased specimens are grown in your garden for future years of pleasure.



A good time to buy mums for specific coloring is in the fall when you can see what you are buying. Markets have the latest varieties.

Besides this trip to the market will be lots of fun as you join in the excitement of buying from the beautiful "goodies."

Be sure and take a tote bag with you.

SOME OF YOU will want to participate and become a part of the harvest festival which will be held at the Belle Isle Casino on September 18, 19 and 20 and sponsored by the Michigan Horticultural Society and the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.

Those who arrange flowers can choose from many categories by registering with the Michigan Horticultural Society, University of Michigan, Dearborn Center, Dearborn.

NATURE NOW

Fungus Plants Lay Carpet In Woods During Autumn

With the coming of late August and continuing through the autumn, our woods are carpeted with fungus plants. Mushrooms are included in one of the three divisions of this group.

Man's first interest in plants was a utilitarian one. His eye was tuned to survival. Will this plant feed or cure my illness. Through all the years of testing by trial and error he slowly learned which plants to cultivate and trust and which to fear and avoid.

But there is no single safe rule to follow.

After long practice in the field the student learns to recognize each species as one would know any plant, by learning its particular characteristics and habits of growth.

THE TWO families most often confused are represented by the

Select Bham Man As Army Arctic Personnel Teacher

James De Groot, 1921 Bradford, Birmingham has been selected as an instructor for the U.S. Army Arctic test board at Fort Greely, Alaska.

His departure was scheduled for Wednesday. He will spend approximately 10 days there instructing personnel on the aspects of winterization for ordnance equipment specifically for arctic use.

His assignment will cover the fuels and lubricants used in the operation and maintenance of all wheeled and tracked vehicles utilized for the winter test season of 1962-1963. He expects to return about Sept. 15.

De Groot is a materials engineer for the U.S. Army mobility command, where he has been employed for the past 15 years. He has been a resident of Birmingham for six and-a-half years.



BY ROMAN times mushrooms had been sufficiently studied by epics to warrant the inclusion of several varieties in their stately feasts. One species still bears the name of the great Julius Caesar—Amantia caesaria—because it was so cherished by him.

Many a Roman must have died from tasting this generally poisonous family.

Many superstitions still cling to these ancient plants and there are many rules abroad to distinguish the edible from the poisonous varieties.

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Good Quality Means Smooth, Easy Flow

The average home-shed plumbing system represents an investment of about 12 to 15 per cent of the value of the house. A smoothly functioning plumbing system is a protection to health, adds to the convenience of modern living and safeguards the investment in the house.

The fundamentals of good plumbing may be summed up in the word "quality" — quality in fixtures manufactured by firms of national reputation and quality in installation by an experienced plumbing contractor.

Trouble-free operation of the plumbing system is the test of quality. Whether or not the installation is a quality system is evident every time you turn on the water or use a drain.

Summer Soldier

FORT RILEY, KAN. (AP)—Cadet Roger A. Goldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving L. Goldman, 32500 Rock Ridge, Franklin, Mich., recently completed six weeks of training at the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) summer camp at Fort Riley, Kan.

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The Birmingham Eccentric Features

Vets Pension Drive Affects B'ham Men

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK: This year's campaign by World War I veterans to obtain a special pension of \$102 a month from Uncle Sam brings up the question of how many Birmingham residents would be affected by it.

And that, in turn, brings to the fore the question of how many veterans there are locally who saw service in that war and in other wars.

The first report ever made containing such detailed information was released recently by the Census Bureau.

IT SHOWS that 439 per cent of the local male population who are 14 years of age or older have served in the country's armed forces during wartime.

No comparable data is given for women, it is explained, because of the relatively small number involved.

Of the male population in the 14 and over age group, 3,991 are listed as war veterans and 3,996 as non-veterans, as of 1960.

The largest proportion of the vets, 2,344 of them, saw service in World War I. An additional 1,647 were in both that war and the Korean War. Those who were in the Korean War, solely, number 553.

THE WORLD War I veterans total 305. The remaining 343 locally listed veterans are listed under the heading "other service."

The objective of the pension drive is to secure the \$102 a month for all normally discharged veterans of World War I who served at least 90 days and have incomes, exclusive of Social Security, annuities and the like of no more than \$2,500 if single or of \$3,600, if they have dependents.

THE PROPOSED pension bill now before Congress, could affect up to 10.1 per cent of the veterans.

Expert Says Engagement Still Needed

In the engagement period before marriage an obsolete social custom?

A University of Michigan sociologist says No.

The engagement definitely has its value as "a ritualized transition," said Prof. Robert O. Blood Jr. "In any society ritualization of the transition from single youthfulness to married adulthood adds strength and stability to the institution of marriage."

Says Blood: "The engagement period lasts so long that so early that of it as a ceremony. However, the girl's ring on her finger, picture in the paper, and round of showers merit the use of the term even though the male partner is marginal to the process."

WRITING IN his recent book "Marriage," the U-M expert on marriage and family relations notes that the engagement fulfills three major purposes:

It serves public notice of serious intent. It not only gives outsiders parents, for example, a chance to intervene but also gives couples themselves a taste of what it's like to be almost married but not quite—seriously committed but not completely.

Finally, the engagement "sets the wheels of planning turning at full speed. Plans must be made not only for the wedding and honeymoon but also for the first year of marriage."

Red Cross Looks for More Singers

The Red Cross Canteen Volunteers are looking for others to join them in singing for patients at Pontiac State Hospital.

The sing-alongs take place twice a month with patients joining in freely.

The third Monday of a month, when birthday's of the patients will be celebrated, and the second Thursday of each month, is when the sing-alongs take place.

Persons who play a banjo, mandolin or guitar are encouraged to join the volunteers so as to make the times complete.

HEADING THE activity is Mrs. M. H. Spens, 1023 North Woodward, Birmingham, who is chairman of the Canteen Service of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross.

For those interested in joining or for further information call Mrs. Spens at MI 6-2628.



Future Editor?

James C. Fisher, 5805 Putnam, West Bloomfield Township, was one of 36 high school students from throughout the country who attended a two-week summer journalism workshop at the University of Michigan. Jim, winner of a scholarship, is a student at Groves High School and will be editor of the school newspaper, The Scriptor, this fall.

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